

THE GUILDED PAGE

The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



Winter, 2013

Cookie Walk includes Craft Market, Cafe: teamwork earns \$2592 for Guild Projects

Cookie Walk, an annual fundraiser of Guild of NCSML, promotes the delights of traditional holiday baking: creation and consumption!!!

Some 90 customers, many of whom arrived one hour before the "Walk" began, bought more than 214 lbs. of cookies and candy, for a total of \$1863 in profit for the Guild, and ultimately, NCSML. With proceeds of \$729 from Cafe and Craft Market, the successful event earned \$2592 for Guild projects.

Nineteen volunteers began Walk preparation Friday, and there were 35 volunteers working the Walk, the Cafe, and the Craft Market on Saturday.

Cookies fashioned after reindeer and mice, Czech and Slovak favorites, a variety of homemade candies, and bags of snacks were just a sample of the beautiful array of goodies available for purchase. Cafe provided coffee, cocoa, and cider, as well as koláče and potica, and Craft Market items drew much interest.



Many thanks to "Dueling Bakers" Marie Webster and Mary Van Houten, co-chairs of Cookie Walk 2013.

2014 Guild Officers: From left:
Linda Koehler, Historian; Sally Stejskal, Treasurer; Diana Geoffrey, Rec. Sec.; Diane Hayes, President; Ed Popelka, Vice-Pres.; Diane Moore, Cor.Sec.



The President's Message

Diane Hayes

Great Closings and New Beginnings



I cannot believe that this year as your Guild President is almost over. Together we have accomplished quite a lot this year, and I hope you are pleased.

We started the year by finishing up the Guild Membership Survey and reporting back to all of you. The results were positive in every aspect. It is always important to receive feedback from members, so please continue to let your officers know of questions or concerns you may have.

We then tackled the Bylaws and finished a complete revision which was approved by the Membership in June and the NCSML Board of Directors in July. What a task this was but so very important to have a current framework to carry out our mission and support the Museum. Next were the Policy and Procedures to reflect the day- by- day Guild operations. These were presented to the members in September. Copies of both documents are available from any officer and will be filed in the library after the first of the year.

We can't forget the beautiful pin the Madeleine Albright committee researched, handcrafted and presented to her during her visit here in May. What an auspicious occasion!

In June approximately 44 members traveled to Ely, Iowa, for an "On the Road" Guild meeting to help raise awareness about The Guild of The NCSML. The First Presbyterian Church Near Ely warmly welcomed us.

The Koláč Club is baking for all kinds of events, such as the "Faces of Freedom" grand opening, touring Museum groups, coffee cafe, and teaching the history of Koláč and demonstrations. What a group!

The 10th anniversary for BrewNost took place in October with the help of many willing Guild volunteers. The Guild was once again a financial sponsor. What an event it was and attracted the largest crowd ever.

We have a working budget in place for next year, thanks to our Treasurer's commitment to "follow the money." She also made sure we have a current inventory of kitchen supplies. The kitchen is now ready for use with induction burners, induction cookware, and a wonderful oven.

The first Guild public dinner since before the flood was held November 1. What a wonderful successful fundraiser it turned out to be. Lots and lots of planning, cooking and clean- up went into this project. The food was enjoyed by all with many asking when the next dinner will be.

Last but not least was Old World Christmas Market, featuring Guild's Cookie Walk, with delicious cookies and candy for sale. For the first time at this event, several members handcrafted items for purchase. Crafts have been made from wood, metal, oil paint, and fabric.

None of these incredible accomplishments would have been possible without all of you. You have gone above and beyond this year and deserve a big "pat on the back." I can't thank you all enough for all your support and willingness to volunteer in 2013. Nice job, everyone! Enjoy the holidays.

Hmm what will we do next year????

Diane Hayes,
The Guild of NCSML President



Our thanks to the Museum Guild of the NCSML for the bite-size desserts prepared for your enjoyment this evening and for all of the wonderful items donated to the Silent Auction.

BrewNost! 2013 Guild Volunteers

CHAIR

Suzie Long

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jennifer Greve
Diane Hayes
Barb Pulkrab

VOLUNTEERS

Shirley Alexander, Jan Axtell, Del Axtell, Dolores Blood, Barb Edmunds, Ginger Erger, Ken Erger, Charles Fisher, Laverne Fisher, Frank Gardner, Sheryl Kokoska Gardner, Diana Geoffrey, Helane Golden, Jennifer Greve, Diane Hayes, Barb Hill, George Hill, Bonnie Holubar, Carolyn Holubar, Linda Koehler, Joe Kurka, Suzie Long, Pat Martin, Marj Nejd, Marla Nikodim, Cyndi O'Brien, Ed Popelka, Sylvia Popelka, Barb Pulkrab, Don Pulkrab, Bonnie Rohlena, Elaine Samek, Lee Sedlacek, Marge Sedlacek, Betty Sheets, Leni Stastny, Sally Stejskal, Mary VanHouten, Dorothy Voelkers, Ellsworth Voelkers, Jeanne Vogt, Marie Webster, Carol Wohlleben

Members of The Guild Kolace Club

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the NCSML by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support, and to serve as an educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the NCSML.

Did you know the original Museum was founded by volunteers? In 1974 descendants of Czech immigrants founded the Czech Fine Arts Foundation to preserve Czech history and culture. The Guild of the NCSML is now 140 members strong. There is a long, proud history between the Museum and the Guild. There are volunteer opportunities for every ancestral background, male and female. Guild meetings are held the first Saturday of the month here at the Museum, 9 a.m. Check us out on Facebook too. Please consider joining our active Guild organization. For further information regarding the Guild please contact the Museum at 319-362-8500.

Diane Hayes
Guild President

The Guild's annual Cookie Walk will be held during the Old World Christmas Market • December 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.



Guild planned, promoted, made 1000 dessert bites, and washed beer glasses! From left: Jennifer Greve; Suzie Long, chair; Marie Webster, Elaine Samek.



Some 1092 party patrons enjoyed 10th Annual BrewNost, a 10-15 per cent increase over last year's attendance. Guild also contributed \$3000 and were among BrewNost sponsors.

Minutes of the August 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the First Presbyterian Church near Ely, Iowa, on Saturday, August 3, 2013, at 9:30 am. There were 44 members and 14 guests present. Church members Joanne Chadima and Sharon Furler provided music before the meeting. Pastor Julie Schuett welcomed the group.

Program: Joanne Chadima introduced Ed Vavra, who gave a very interesting and informative program on the history of the church and Czech immigration to the area. President Diane Hayes introduced Museum curator Stefanie Kohn, who gave a brief update on the Museum and its current exhibits.

Guild members Shirley Alexander, Jeanne Vogt, and Sandra and John Hudson each said a few words about what the Guild means to them and how they got involved in the Guild.

President's Report: Diane Hayes welcomed visitors and invited them to become Guild members. She mentioned that the revised by-laws have been presented to the Museum Board and they are pleased with the work the committee has done.

Diane told the group Jeanne Vogt will be the chair of the nominating committee and will find members for the committee. At the September meeting the Guild membership will vote on the proposed nominating committee. The nominating committee during the October membership meeting will present the proposed slate of officers for 2014. The vote for the election of officers will be at the November membership meeting.

Vice President: Fundraiser-Donna Merkle announced that our soup supper will be Friday November 1, 2013, at the Museum. We will serve from 5-8 pm and admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We plan to serve potato, liver dumpling, sauerkraut and chicken noodle soups.

September Meeting-Donna told the group that the program for the September meeting will be by Jason Wright, Vice president of Development, on the growth of the Museum.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey read the Minutes to the July 2013 meeting. Betty Gallagher made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. There were no additions or corrections and the Minutes were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read the top ten list for volunteer hours for June 2013. Forty-six volunteers volunteered a total of 793.75 hours. Bonnie Holubar contributed the most with 51 hours. Loreen also mentioned that she sent a thank you card to the Edmunds for their presentation at the July meeting.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal read the treasurers report for July 2013. The ending balance was \$10,586.17.

Membership: Betty Sheets reported that the Guild has 144 paid members. Diane Hayes mentioned that the membership fee is \$10 per calendar year.

Brew-Nost: Jennifer Greve told the group that the BrewNost committee will be needing volunteers for several different areas both prior to and the night of the event. She has sign-up sheets and asked for people to sign up after the meeting.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Ely Presbyterian Church donated cookbooks and koláče and Diane Hayes donated a photo album for the attendance lottery. Joanne Chadima invited everyone downstairs after the meeting for fresh baked koláče and drinks. The meeting was adjourned by Diane Hayes at 11:30 am.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary

Education Question: (by Bob Stone)

Who was the Czech military genius who led the Czech army during the first five years of the Hussite Wars?

Answer: Jan Žižka

Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for July, 2013

748.5 hours

Diane Hayes	43.5
Diane Moore	42
Marge Louise Sedlacek	39.5
Donna Merkle	37.5
Barbara Hill	35.5
Bonnie Holubar	34
Shirley Alexander	32
George Hill	31
Sally Stejskal	30
Carolyn Holubar	29.5
Pat Martin	29.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 44

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for August, 2013

705.5 hours

Bonnie Holubar	49.5
Diane Moore	40.5
Diane Hayes	40
Shirley Alexander	38
Barbara Hill	38.5
Donna Merkle	37.5
Sally Stejskal	37
Carolyn Holubar	29
Marge Louise Sedlacek	27
George Hill	25.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 124

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for September, 2013

934.5 hours

Diane Hayes	60.5
Donna Merkle	43
Diane Moore	40
Carol Wohlleben	39
Carolyn Holubar	36
Linda Koehler	33.5
Pat Martin	30
Marj Nejd	27.5
Shirley Alexander	27
Dolores Blood	27

Total Number of Volunteers: 58

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for October, 2013

941.5 hours

Marj Nejd	71
Diane Moore	70.5
Barb Hill	62
Bonnie Holubar	44.5
George Hill	42.5
Shirley Alexander	37
Carolyn Holubar	36
Pat Martin	32.5
Marge Sedlacek	32
Bonnie Rohlena	26

Total Number of Volunteers: 59



Greetings, Guild Members,

Hello! While I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you in person, allow me to introduce myself to all of you I have missed. My name is Jerry Campbell. I am the new Volunteer Coordinator. I was raised in Cedar Rapids, and have been working at museums for most of my life. When I was 12 years old I started volunteering at Ushers Ferry Historic Village and was hired onto staff when I was of age. I continue my involvement with the Village as a board member of their Friends group.

After college I joined AmeriCorps VISTA and served at a historical society in West Virginia. Most recently I lived in the Fargo-Moorhead area and worked as a manager at the Hjemkomst Museum (Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County) and as a docent at the Comstock House (Minnesota Historical Society). I also volunteered at the Fargo Public Library.

I am loving being back home in Iowa and feel incredibly lucky to be working at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. My first memory of the museum was attending the 1995 dedication, with Presidents Bill Clinton, Václav Havel, and Michal Kováč.

For years I stopped in every Christmas to get my Czech grandma an ornament. After the flood, I visited the temporary store at Lindale Mall. And last year I was amazed by the re-opened museum and the Mucha exhibit, coming to see it twice. Now that I am the Volunteer Coordinator, I am proud to be part of the staff team and family of volunteers—you are the lifeblood of this organization and it is your dedication that makes this museum the world-class site it is!

We are just a bit quieter at NCSML now that Madeleine Albright's "Read My Pins" exhibit has moved on, but there are still plenty of ways to help out. And more exciting exhibits and events upcoming! We need help with many activities and can use more volunteers in the museum store with the busy holiday shopping season. Consider ways you can be involved!

Do not hesitate to call (362-8500) or email
any time with any questions, concerns,
or comments you have!

Thank you! Jerry Campbell, Volunteer Coordinator

Minutes of the September 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 9 am. There were 46 members and 1 guest present. Diane Hayes called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and Donna Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Diane Hayes introduced V.P. of Development for the NCSML, Jason Wright. Jason told the group just how big and successful the NCSML is and talked about how areas of the non-profit organization are funded. Volunteers and their hours are very important to the Museum's budget!

An Invitation: Diane Hayes introduced Jan Stoffer, Director of Education and Visitor Services. Jan invited all the volunteers to bring family and friends to a volunteer fair on September 25. There will also be a tour of the Babi Buresh House following.

Jan also told the group that Sara Jacobmeyer has taken the position of Museum Program Coordinator and they are currently looking for a Volunteer Coordinator.

President: Diane Hayes read a letter from Abigail Ibsch, former Program and Volunteer Coordinator. Diane also asked the members if anyone knew where the Guild scrapbooks and volunteer brochures were that had been used at the opening of the Faces of Freedom exhibit.

Diane Hayes gave a summary of a meeting with the Public Health Department on September 5, 2013. It has been determined that this Guild may cook and bake items off-site when holding Guild fundraisers. Also, Carol Wohlleben will be holding a Safe Food Handling class for members in the near future.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey asked for additions or corrections to the August 2013 meeting minutes. There were none. Sylvia Popelka made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. Marge Stone seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 100% vote.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read the volunteer hours for July 2013. Forty-four members contributed a total of 748.5 hours with the most hours donated by Diane Hayes. Loreen read a card from Alicia Jackson and sent cards this past month to the Krall's (65 wedding anniversary), Ed Vavra (thank you), Helen Christophersen (miss you) and Jeanne Vogt (sympathy).

Loreen asked those who signed up for small groups meet after the meeting to organize the individual groups.

Museum Board of Directors Representative: Carol Wohlleben gave reports from the July and August NCSML Board of Directors meetings. She was happy to report that the Board of Directors approved the new Guild by-laws. Also that committees are being formed to work on continued Museum growth, including national initiatives.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal stated that the Guild's ending balance for August was \$11,183. Sally handed out the new Guild budget. Thank you Sally for all your hard work putting this information together! She also reminded members that dues are now due December 1 of each year.

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Greve made a motion to accept the nominating committee of Jeanne Vogt, Shirley Alexander, and Betty Sheets. Suzanne Long seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 100% vote. The committee will present its slate of officers for 2014 at the October meeting.

BrewNost: Suzanne Long stated that the Guild will be serving 1,000 dessert bites at this year's BrewNost. Volunteers for the evening are asked to wear red tops and black pants. Also she asked members who have Facebook to "Like" the BrewNost page in order to get the word out to friends and family.

Fundraising: Cookbooks- Donna Merkle told the group that 500 Guild cookbooks have been ordered and should be here by mid-month. She stated that Guild cookbook sales to the Museum Store from 2007 to date have been \$20,269.34. The Guild has sold \$15,837 in that time.

Pork Dinner- Donna Merkle said that the fundraiser of a soup supper has been changed to a traditional Czech pork dinner. The pork dinner is to be held Friday November 1, 2013, from 5 pm to 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the October meeting for those who want to sell them. The committee consists of Donna Merkle, Bonnie Rohlena, Karen Zacek, Karen Hospodarsky, Diane Moore, and Barb Hill.

Cookie Walk: Mary VanHouten asked all members to keep the December 7, 2013, Cookie Walk in mind and that sign-up sheets will be available at the October Guild meeting.

Policy and Procedures: Committee chair Sally Stejskal handed out the new Policy and Procedures to the membership. She defined policy and procedures and gave a brief summary. Any web content regarding the Guild will be decided in the future as the Museum is currently looking into a new computer system. Sally thanked her committee members Shirley Alexander, Mel Holubar, Carol Wohlleben, and Diane Hayes.

Attendance Lottery: The following people donated items to the attendance lottery. Diane Hayes, Jeanne Vogt, Betty Sheets, and Marj Nejd. Diane Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary



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**Pork Dinner Steering Committee:
Karen Zacek; Barb Hill; Chairman
Donna Merkle; Bonnie Rohlena;
Diane Moore; Karen Hospodarsky.**

Pork Loin Dinner fundraiser...another Guild success story

Thanks to Donna Merkle, her steering committee, ticket sellers, food preparers, and guests!!! Our November 1 Pork Loin Dinner held in the beautiful Heritage Hall "did us proud"! Some 138 happy diners added some \$900 to Guild Treasury. Advance ticket sales numbered 80, and this endeavor helped set the tone for dinner preparation. Thanks to all!

2014 Guild Meeting Dates

- January 11
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- July 12
- August 2
- September 6
- October 4
- November 1
- Dec. no meeting

Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month unless there is a holiday conflict. Changes to this practice are made at the discretion of the President.

*****NOTICE OF DUES*****

Dues for membership in the Museum Guild for 2014 are \$10 and are payable in advance on December 1, 2013. Any member who has not paid annual dues by January 1, 2014, will be removed from the Guild membership roster.

Give/Send payment to: Sally Stejskal, Treasurer

Guild Adds 'old world craft' team to BrewNost, Old World Market

Not all of our members join Koláč Club, so in an effort to include even more members in Museum events, our exuberant President Diane Hayes "activated" seamstresses and craft enthusiasts to become involved in making handmade items for BrewNost silent auction and Old World Christmas Market.

And what fun! And profitable! Preliminary figures show OWCM Craft Market added some \$400 to Guild's coffers!

Contributors to creating large and small Christmas tree skirts, wall hangings, table toppers, and other items enhanced Guild's Cookie Walk and answered the public's request for old world needlework and crafts.

Craft team included Shirley Alexander, Dolores Blood, Rick Filosa, Diane Hayes, Carolyn Holubar, Linda Koehler, Pat Martin, Donna Merkle, Diane Moore, Cyndi O'Brien, Bonnie Rohlena, Marge Sedlacek, Betty Sheets, Sally and Ken Stejskal, and Dorothy Voelkers.

Traditional ornaments adorn trees in Rozek Grand Hall, Library

Year 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of Dell Mills' Czech and Slovak ornaments adorning trees on display at National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Although Dell began researching these ornaments years before 2004, that was the first year they embellished trees at NCSML for public viewing.

This year, the 15-foot tree in Rozek Grand Hall features Czech ornaments, and a graceful tree in Skala Bartizal Library features Slovak ornaments.

Dell's personal heritage is Danish/English/Scots. However, he became intrigued with the culture of Czechs and Slovaks and began investigating holiday ornaments following "1000 Years of Czech Culture," a symposium sponsored by NCSML in 1997. Dell sought information about holiday ornaments and received nearly 400 replies, a number of which came from the Czech Republic.

His collection of ornaments includes some 300 traditional symbols of Czech and Slovak culture, and some 85 per cent of these have been created by Dell. On the Czech tree, gingerbread cookies enhanced by paper drawings were contributed by a bakery in Prague. Those were lost in the Flood of 2008, along with some 90 per cent of all the ornaments. Dell has re-created those lost, and securing replacements is an on-going project.

"We will continue to add to the tree until we have all replacement ornaments and more," Dell said.

Some ornaments are made of clay. Popcorn threaded on strings and apples are artificial. It takes Dell some 45 minutes to make one Moravian Star. All of the ornaments on the Slovak tree are straw. Dell has documented a list of ornaments and their symbolic origins.

This year's trees were decorated on November 19, and the last day of tree exhibition will be January 7.

Guided Page Staff

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Call one of us with story/photo ideas or suggestions!



**Guild Member Dell Mills...
dedicated to preserving Czech, Slovak
traditional holiday ornaments**

Santa's Elves decorate Christmas Tree



Minutes of the October 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 9 a.m. There were 42 members and 2 guests present. Vice President Donna Merkle called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donna Merkle introduced Museum Program Coordinator Sara Jacobmeyer who gave a presentation on the Old World Christmas Market. The market will be held on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, 2013. There will be many activities for kids and adults alike. Including the Guild's Annual Cookie Walk.

President and Vice President Reports: There were no reports from the President or Vice President.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey asked for any additions or correction to the September meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Corresponding Secretary: Diana Geoffrey read the volunteer hours list for August 2013. 124 volunteers contributed a total of 705.5 hours in August. Bonnie Holubar had the most with 49.5 hours.

Treasurer's Report: Sally Stejskal reported that the balance as of September 30, 2013, was \$11,226.00.

Sally told the group that the Executive Board had voted to send a \$25 donation in the name of Bette Krall to the NCSML. She also stated that the invoice for the cookbook order, which has been delivered, has not yet been subtracted from the total.

Kitchen Expense: Sally Stejskal told the group that Diane Hayes, Carol Wohlleben, and Museum staff have decided in order to rectify the kitchen situation two more induction burners and various pots and pans will be purchased. Diane Hayes is donating one of the burners. The rest will be purchased by the Museum and the Guild will contribute \$200 to the total expense.

Membership: Sally Stejskal reminded everyone that membership dues of \$10 are due by December 2013. The Guild goal for membership this coming year is 160 members. Betty Sheets has updated membership lists if anyone needs them. Also if anyone needs a copy of the new Policy and Procedures, see Sally. The membership decided to send a sympathy card to the family of Mary Jo Langer.

Museum Board of Directors: Carol Wohlleben stated that the Board did not meet in September. She did, however, announce that the Museum has hired a new Volunteer Coordinator. He is Jerry Campbell and will start October 16, 2013. The Museum would like to have a welcoming ceremony at a later date and has asked the Guild to participate.

Nominating Committee: Jeanne Vogt listed the officers on the slate for 2014. They are: President-Diane Hayes, Vice President-Ed Popelka, Recording Secretary-Diana Geoffrey, Corresponding Secretary-Diane Moore, Treasurer-Sally Stejskal and Museum Board Representative-Carol Wohlleben. The new office of Historian has not yet been filled. Jeanne mentioned that if anyone else is interested in any of the offices to let her know. The membership will be voting on the 2014 Executive Board at the November 2013 meeting.

BrewNost: Suzie Long reported that everything is in place for the 10th Annual BrewNost. She has pans and recipes for those who volunteered to make dessert bites and also schedules for those volunteering for the event. Dress for the evening should be red or white tops and black bottoms. Five people are still needed for the 7:30 to 9:30 shift. Suzie read a note from Kecia Boysen stating that volunteers that night may partake in the food either before or after their shift. But will not be able to have any alcohol unless you have an actual BrewNost ticket.

Pork Dinner: Donna Merkle reported that the menu has been set and advanced sales of tickets start today and ends October 25, 2013. Members may pick up tickets to sell from Donna after the meeting. Donna stated that Ed Popelka has submitted the press release for the event to Rob Merritt. Ed and Sylvia Popelka will offer a gourmet dinner to the person who sells the most tickets.

Aprons: Donna Merkle reported that Loreen Svoboda is ordering red aprons that are 24 inches long with pockets and an adjustable neck strap. Loreen is working with Marj Nejdil on a design to be screen printed on the front and they should be available for the pork dinner. The new aprons will be available for Guild members to purchase.

Cookie Walk: Mary VanHouten has sign-up sheets for bakers and workers for the Cookie Walk. She will have flyers available for members to pick up at the November meeting. The event will be Saturday December 7, 2013, during the OWCM. The Guild will also be selling handmade craft items during the Coolie Walk.

Small Groups: Donna Merkle stated that Dorothy Voelkers will be heading the Eating Out small group. Also the travel group is being led by Lavanda Woosley.

Attendance Lottery: The following people donated prizes to the attendance lottery: Frank & Barb Edmunds, Marj Nejdil, Barb Pulkrab, Linda Koehler, Betty Sheets, Marge and Bob Stone, and Jeanne Vogt. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary

'Vision for Future' includes broadening audience, traveling throughout U.S., enlisting more volunteers



"Vision for the Future" was the September Guild membership meeting program. The presentation by Jason Wright, Vice President for Development, gave members a backward glimpse of the origins of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library up to the present day, with NCSML's current Mission and Vision statements highlighted. From the "little house" to the "sign company building, to "the red roof" to today's "world class museum and library" ...Jason explained goals beyond opening a world class facility to being the leading educational resource for the culture, to engaging diverse national audiences, to the installation of the permanent Faces of Freedom: The Czech & Slovak Journey exhibition.

Broadening the audience of NCSML includes taking exhibits "on the road," going to festivals, participating in panel discussions, and attending important gatherings and events. All of these involvements take Museum staff to strategic cities through the U.S., Jason explained.

He also informed the group about areas from which income is derived and how museum monies are spent. The increasing importance of voluntarism was noted. The Endowment Fund, providing stable income, was outlined by Jason, as were the benefits of The Legacy Society.

**Jason Wright,
Vice President
for Development**

Old World Christmas Market embraces diversity, tradition

Museum Program Coordinator Sara Jacobmeyer presented an overview of Old World Christmas Market as the October program for Guild of NCSML. Sara explained that this two-day holiday welcomes all cultures, and this year's Market partners with festivities of Very Cherry Christmas in New Bohemia.

The December 7-8 event includes Guild's Cookie Walk and beverage station as well of the group's booth of handmade crafts. Trolley and horse and wagon rides add interest and fun, and there will be an outside, heated and lighted tent for vendors, she said. The 15-foot tree of Czech ornaments will be a focal point of Grand Hall, and the library will feature a tree of Slovak ornaments.

Guild's Marj Nejdil will be personalizing ornaments. Ticketed classes will feature artists making traditional ornaments and Czech gingerbread. Světlušky, youth group musical ensemble, will entertain, and the trio of Svatý Mikuláš, Anděl, and Čert will headline a Sunday family brunch.



**Sara Jacobmeyer,
Program Coordinator**

'Story Recording Booth' becomes another dimension of oral history

The library at NCSML has added another dimension to oral history: a "Story Recording Booth," a computer-driven method to record short videos that allow visitors to share their ethnic and cultural histories.

Dave Muhlena, librarian, explained the booth, its function and purpose, to Guild members at the November meeting.

Visitors may sit in the booth and be guided to share their thoughts orally, by prompts/questions that help one express one's ethnic views, personal experiences, or observations. Eventually, opinions may be posted on NCSML website or Facebook page.



**Dave Muhlena,
librarian,
Skala Bartizal Library**



The Legend of Svatý Mikuláš

According to custom, the meaningful legend of one of the most venerated saints, Svatý Mikuláš (St. Nicholas), is enacted during the Christmas season at NCSML. Svatý Mikuláš, accompanied by Angel (Anděl) and Devil (Čert) visit with children about their behavior the past year!

During Old World Christ Market, Sv. Mikuláš was dramatized by Chuck Nejd. Maddy Ford was Anděl and Brittany Schorg was Čert.

An elegant serving line at Pork Loin Dinner Nov. 1

From left: George Hill, Bonnie Rohlena, Diana Geoffrey, Joe Kurka, Ed Popelka, Karen Zacek, Dorothy Voelkers, and Dolores Blood.



Irene Hamous greets Jerry Campbell, new NCSML Volunteer Coordinator

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Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 11,
9 a.m., NCSML
See you there!!!

Greetings from...

Gail Naughton
President/C.E.O.
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



Greetings to all my fellow Guild members

Here we are entering the 2nd full year of operation at our new museum when it seems like only yesterday that we opened! Now we are finding our "new normal," and in 2014 we expect to see plenty of activity, especially surrounding the extra special exhibit from the National Museum in Prague about the wonderful traditions that make our own lives so rich. Sara is planning programs throughout the year to build on this theme, which we hope will include some culinary events - our favorites, of course! It will be an exciting year for all of us.

Thank you to the Museum Guild for all you do to make the museum a success. It never fails that visitors tell me how much they enjoyed talking with the volunteers who staff the museum. And museum and library staff tell me how much they appreciate the help behind the scenes in the offices, kitchen and even in the boiler room! We couldn't do it without you.

Here's to a rousing and successful 2014 of working together, caring, supporting, and even partying a little.

Warm regards, Gail