

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

As expansion reaches new heights--

NCSML builds even stronger, more professional volunteer corps

The volunteer management program of NCSML has been assessed to facilitate training and communication. As we move ahead with our new museum and its mission, exhibits, staff, and the future, we want our volunteers to become even stronger. We want volunteers to assist in making certain all visitors will want to return.



Carol Wohleben, Guild President:

"We work together for the common good of NCSML and enjoy one another. Your membership means you are a volunteer in good standing *but does not require you to participate* in Guild events, such as Cookie Walk and Taste of Czech & Slovak. Guild membership costs only \$10 per year, and that money eventually goes to NCSML."

Gail Naughton: President/CEO of NCSML:

"A new volunteer handbook has been drafted, and a dress code will be online soon. Beginning January, 2012, we would like all NCSML volunteers to be members of Museum Guild. Membership in Guild will allow for better communication through the Guild's monthly meetings."



Cyndi O'Brien, Guild Vice-President:

"Being a volunteer will become more and more exciting. I remind membership to take time to review our Bylaws, especially Article III, Sections 5 and 7. If you do not have a copy, let us know and we will give you one. It is important we all realize the full implications of membership. Please bring any questions or concerns to our attention."



St. Joseph Day in March, Houby Days in May!

Watch the news for dates and events associated with these upcoming festive holidays.



National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Spring, 2012

January Training Program
for NCSML Volunteers

Exciting Mucha Art Coming to NCSML Mid-July through December, 2012



Fern Fackler,
Program Reviewer

Czech artist, Alphonse Maria Mucha, created beautiful Art Nouveau designs that are known throughout the world. Although some may not be able to name Mucha, his art work in brilliant colors of beautiful women, scrolls and other images are familiar to most of us.

Stefanie Kohn, NCSML Curator, traveled to Prague to visit the artists' family and has gathered an unbelievable collection of his works and personal belongings for an exhibition at the Museum. Our museum was chosen for this special exhibition because the staff was open to showing more than just Mucha's art.

The self described Slavic artist created large posters to advertise the appearances of Sarah Bernhardt, the world renowned actress, and these are probably his best known works. Mucha also painted murals, designed stained glass installations, light fixtures, bronze medallions, postage stamps and bank notes. His work appeared on biscuit tins, soap wrapping paper, upholstery fabrics and other textiles. The exhibit will include some of these three dimensional items.

Mucha was born on July 24, 1860 in Ivancice in what is now the Czech Republic and died on July 14, 1939. During his long life his art evolved and his later work was described as having mystic interpretations. Visitors can experience the work and life of this painter and decorative artist at the exhibit which will be open from July through December of this year.



Stefanie Kohn,
NCSML Curator,
Program Presenter

St. Vitus Cathedral 1931



Le Pater (The Lord's Prayer)



Mucha at Museum Store-

Alphonse Mucha art is now available for purchase on notecards, postcards, invitations, wrapping paper, and journals. At the opening of the new museum, we will have Mucha-styled jewelry, posters, and music boxes, among other items..All for Mucha admirers!!

The President's Message

The Annual Museum Guild Report, 2011

Thank you to the Board of Directors and members of the NCSML for the opportunity to share the work of the Guild and our contributions to the continued success of the museum.

Our mission is to support activities, programs, and facilities of the NCSML. We are busy gearing up to meet new needs by intensifying our training sessions and building them into our monthly meetings, where we average 50 in attendance, recruiting new volunteers and communicating more effectively.

Monetarily, we gave the following contributions to NCSML:

\$5000 to NCSML for the Czech & Slovak Cultural Conference

\$3000 to BrewNost

\$1403 from sales of our cookbook

Taste of Czech & Slovak and the Cookie Walk netted the Guild **\$3206 and \$1894** respectively.

The Cookie Walk appears to have become so popular, we were sold out of the cookies and candies by 10:30 a.m.!

With both of these events we recognize new Guild members took on the leadership and demonstrated strong skills in moving each of the functions forward. The more experienced members gave newer members advice and information. New ideas all added to the success of the events.

The Guild has participated in BrewNost in the past, but in 2011 it took on a new dimension with Babi's Bakery. We contracted with other community entities to provide a large scale bakery where patrons could purchase traditional Czech/Slovak baked goods and favorite pastries. It was well received.

Support for the educational programs also included our volunteers being tour guides, including working with over 1200 middle school students who came to see the flood exhibit. One of our volunteers is a liaison for the Dir. Of Education in helping coordinate the events. Volunteers assist in the store, serve as host/hostesses for events, work with other groups such as Czech School and wherever needed. In 2011, **6,043.25** volunteer hours were recorded.

The second annual Heritage Luncheon was held this summer with many present.

The "Guilded Page," our quarterly newsletter, provides timely and up-to-date information for all our members, applauding the success of so many people and all of the committees.

In Oct., the Guild nominated and supported Marj NejdI to the Waypoint 30th Annual Tribute to Women of Achievement in our community. Marj was one of the finalists. The women are recognized for their accomplishments in businesses, churches, civic groups and personal lives. Marj's nomination was titled "Artist: Czech Decorative Arts." Her nomination recognized over 39 years of contributions to preserve and promote Czech art and culture, both here and nationally.

There is much ahead. We can hardly begin to imagine how many people will be needed. Please encourage all those you know to join us. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to my executive officers and committee chairpersons for their support this year.

Carol Wohleben, Guild of NCSML President, 2011

Fifth Education Question for Everyone

From Bob Stone

Part One: Who is currently serving as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic?

Answer is on page 7

Part Two: Who is currently serving as Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic?

Answer is on page 7

Minutes of the January 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, January 7th, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Vice President Cyndi O'Brian lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 46 members and 4 guests attending. We had 4 new members join.

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced Stefanie Kohn, NCSML Curator, who gave an extremely interesting and informative slide presentation of the Alphonse Mucha Art Exhibit that will be coming to the Red Roof Museum. It is entitled Inspirations of Art Nouveau and will be at the museum from 07/14/12 through 12/31/12. There will be over 200 pieces on display and it will exist of 6 sections. Each section covers a different aspect of who the artist was. It will be incredible when it is here and ready for viewing!

President: Carol Wohlleben mentioned some changes to the current monthly Guild agenda. The reports will be shortened to leave more time for training and possible Committee meetings during the Guild meeting. We will have a need to expand some Committees to accommodate the upcoming changes taking place with the re-opening of the Museum. She made a call for membership expansion, asking all Guild members to think of any organizations they may have ties to that would be a good source of new volunteers.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the November 2011 Guild meeting minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the minutes was made by Frank Edmunds and 2nd by Mel Holubar. The minutes were approved as accurate.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar said she had sent Christmas cards to Guild members that were housebound and received a Thank You and Holiday Wishes back to the Guild from Marie Cada and Charles Opatrny. She read the Top 10 volunteer hours for November and December. There were 531 hours for November and 568 for December logged by volunteers! Carol Wohlleben read a Thank You email she received from Douglas Smith. It was thanking all of the Guild members that volunteered at the Museum in 2011, stating he couldn't do it without them! She also stated that Marj NejdI personalized 446 ornaments for the Museum. 392 of those were done in the months of November and December!

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets stated we have 76 paid members and \$7301.26 in the bank. We received a \$20 memorial donation in the name of Helen McVay. The Cookie Walk grossed \$1841.75 and we still need 2012 dues.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar attended the November and December 2011 Board Meetings. He confirmed the opening of the new Museum is 07/14/12 and 07/15/12. The Museum staff is still working to try to get European and U.S. Presidents/Prime Ministers to attend an early dedication in May 2012 since they will be in Chicago for a NATO Conference. The Immigrant Home was moved in November and the Collection building was taken down. All outside work is either on, or a bit ahead of schedule. Inside painting started in December and admission prices were established. Cyndi O'Brien showed a slide presentation of a hard hat tour of the new Museum she and several Guild members had been a part of. It will be a treat and honor to be involved with the Museum when it opens!

Guild Business: Mary Van Houten gave an overview of the Cookie Walk. The bigger boxes and live music were factors in selling out so quickly this year. It was a huge success and she thanked everyone that helped. Suzie Long gave an overview of the Old Prague Christmas Babi's Bakery. It also sold out quickly. We need to make sure we meet health codes for serving going forward. A Thank you gift was presented to Mary Van Houten and will be given to Marie Webster and Jennifer Greve for Chairing these successful events. Thanks ladies! Cyndi O'Brien said we still need a Committee Chair for the History, Garden and Taste of Czech Committees. She suggested a Chair and 2 Co-Chairs for the Taste of Czech as it worked well last year. We will implement a "Greeter" as part of the Host/Hostess responsibilities going forward. She said the Guild has adopted a motto for 2012. It will be, "Lead By Example!" Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the Day.

Committee Chair Reports: Lavanda Woosley spoke of the upcoming Masopust-Czech Mardi Gras bus trip. It will be 02/18/12 from 11am to 10pm. She needs 25 confirmed attendees to proceed. She asked if the Guild would allow it's name as the coordinating party. This was approved by a 100% yes vote of the membership.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Chocolate/raspberry cake, donated by Mary Van Houten-won by Bob Stone. Czech reusable bag, donated by Marj NejdI- won by Irene Konecny. Snowman, donated by Jeanne Vogt-won by Mel Holubar. Spider plant, donated by Carolyn Holubar-won by Alicia Jackson. Shortbread cookies, donated by Frank & Barb Edmunds- won by Betty Gallagher. CD of the Mad Maggies, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Jeanne Vogt. Mystery gift, donated by Milly Ortner- won by Lavanda Woosley.

January Meeting Language Lesson

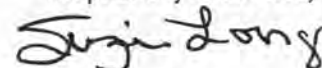
Family Relationships

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Slovak</u>
Grandfather	Dědeček	Starý Otec
Grandpa	Děda	Dedko (never Dedo)
Grandmother	Babička	Stará mama
Grandma	Babi	Babka

(never use Baba or Bába)

—Bob Stone

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long

2011 Year-End Guild Financial Report

~~~~Betty Sheets, Treasurer~~~~

|                            | 2010         | 2011         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance</i>   | \$ 7,947.41  | \$ 12,143.80 |
| <b>Receipts</b>            |              |              |
| Dues                       | \$ 1,000.00  | \$ 1,745.00  |
| Cookbooks                  | \$ 3,964.56  | \$ 1,980.60  |
| Donations                  | \$ 40.00     | \$ 200.00    |
| Aprons                     | \$ 105.00    | \$ 70.00     |
| Reception                  | \$ 363.00    |              |
| Miscellaneous              | \$ 50.00     |              |
| Taste of Czech/Slovak      | \$ 3,885.05  | \$ 3,934.00  |
| Heritage Tea               | \$ 91.00     | \$ 394.00    |
| BrewNost                   |              | \$ 1,122.00  |
| Cookie Walk                | \$ 2,054.95  | \$ 2,081.20  |
| Interest                   | \$ 13.72     | \$ 3.28      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>      | \$ 11,567.28 | \$ 11,530.08 |
| <b>Disbursements</b>       |              |              |
| Guided Page                | \$ 985.03    | \$ 646.90    |
| Printing                   | \$ 70.48     |              |
| Cookbook Expense           | \$ -         | \$ 5,375.00  |
| Aprons Expense             | \$ 208.80    |              |
| Houby Days Expense         | \$ 171.02    |              |
| Programs                   | \$ 75.00     |              |
| Reception                  | \$ 330.95    |              |
| NCSML                      | \$ 4,500.00  | \$ 5,075.00  |
| St. Wenceslaus Donation    | \$ 100.00    |              |
| Rental                     | \$ 225.00    | \$ 225.00    |
| Miscellaneous              | \$ 50.00     | \$ 192.00    |
| Taste of C/S Expenses      | \$ 535.41    | \$ 768.04    |
| Heritage Tea Expenses      |              | \$ 188.00    |
| BrewNost Expenses          |              | \$ 3,566.64  |
| Cookie Walk Expenses       | \$ 119.20    | \$ 336.04    |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b> | \$ 7,370.89  | \$ 16,372.62 |
| <i>Ending Balance</i>      | \$ 12,143.80 | \$ 7,301.26  |

### Recap Museum Guild Fund Raising Projects

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 Taste of C&S Expenses | \$ 527.81   |
| 2011 Taste of C&S Income   | \$ 3,734.00 |
| Taste of Czech Grossed     | \$ 3,206.19 |
| 2011 Heritage Tea Expense  | \$ 188.00   |
| 2011 Heritage Tea Income   | \$ 394.00   |
| 2011 Heritage Tea Grossed  | \$ 206.00   |
| 2011 BrewNost Expense      | \$ 3,366.64 |
| 2011 BrewNost Income       | \$ 922.00   |
| 2011 Cookie Walk Expense   | \$ 89.45    |
| 2011 Cookie Walk Income    | \$ 1,931.20 |
| 2011 Cookie Walk Grossed   | \$ 1,841.75 |

### Volunteers are the Heart of Guild- Totals compiled by Carolyn Holubar

( Record your hours promptly.  
Credit goes to you, individually,  
and to Museum for grants.)

#### Top Ten for November, 2011

**531.5 hours**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Jim Barker       | 44 hours |
| Donna Merkle     | 32.75    |
| Suzanne Charipar | 29       |
| Jackie Allen     | 28.5     |
| Marj NejdI       | 28       |
| Ann Kloubec      | 25       |
| Mary VanHouten   | 24       |
| Carolyn Holubar  | 23.5     |
| Pat Martin       | 17.5     |
| Marie Webster    | 15       |

**Total Number of Volunteers: 56**

#### Top Ten for December, 2011

**568 hours**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Ann Kloubec      | 59 hours |
| Carolyn Holubar  | 50.5     |
| Marj NejdI       | 44       |
| Carol Wohlleben  | 40       |
| Mel Holubar      | 33.5     |
| Jim Barker       | 33       |
| Suzanne Charipar | 31       |
| Marie Webster    | 30       |
| Betty Sheets     | 21       |
| Pat Martin       | 9.5      |

**Total Number of Volunteers: 37**



## Wilson Monument Dedicated to American-Czech 100-Year Friendship

Four days of celebration in Prague in October, 2011, accompanied the unveiling and dedication of a monument honoring Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the U.S.

American Friends of Czech Republic (AFoCR) is responsible for all funding and organization of the event.

NCSML is a AFoCR member, and 13 NCSML supporters attended. Former Czech President Václav Havel and former U.S. Secretary Madeline K. Albright participated in the events and Gala Award Dinner.



**Mel Holubar and Madelene Albright, at Gala Dinner. Mel is rep to NCSML Board.**

**Friendship between Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Tomáš Masaryk forged friendship between two nations.**

**— Photography by Carolyn Holubar**



### NCSML Guild Committees for 2012...

*Volunteers, we need you. Call chairpersons and join committees.*

#### **Taste of Czech & Slovak**

Chair- Beth Deboom-

Co- Chair\_\_ Dave Stauffer\_\_\_\_\_

Co -Chair \_\_\_\_\_

1.Cyndi O'Brien

2.Shally Garin

#### **Babi's Bakery**

Chair- Diane Hayes

Co- Chair \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Cookie Walk**

Chair- Mary VanHouten-

Co- Chair – Marie Webster

#### **Education**

Chair- Jeanne Vogt

#### **Garden**

Chair- Call for volunteers as needed

#### **History- Guilded Page**

Chair- Dave Stauffer

#### **Membership**

Chair- Jennifer Greve

Database- Donna Merkle

Greeter- Patty Thacker- Jeanne Vogt

Telephone tree-\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Program**

Chair- Shirley Alexander

#### **Publication-Guilded Page**

Chair- Pat Martin

Photographer-- Carolyn Holubar

Report- Fern Fackler

Circulation- Database@ Museum

#### **Public Relations**

Chair- Lavanda Woosley

Museum staff -Diana Baculis

#### **Social**

Chair- Diana Geoffrey

Baker's List

Host- Hostess( food) Monthly meetings

Special events



**February Training Program  
for NSML Volunteers**

*It All Comes Out in the Wash*  
&  
*Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art  
for Children's Books*

--Fern Fackler, reviewer

Two small galleries in the new Museum will inaugurate their spaces with two exciting exhibits.

The Petrik Gallery will open with an exhibit of about 20 Kroje and 70 photos of the restoration work needed to repair the damaged costumes. *It All Comes Out in the Wash* is the title of the show and describes one of the techniques used to refurbish the precious textiles.

The Smith Gallery will open with *Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books*. The art work is from a Bratislava competition and includes winners from all over the world.

Stefanie Kohn, NCSML Curator, is obtaining copies of the books in which the illustrations appear. These will be available for little visitors to examine and read.



### **Egg Classes with Marij Nejd at Hus Presbyterian Church**

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-9PM,  
register by calling Hus Church at 363-0067  
Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM & 1-4PM,  
register by calling the Czech & Slovak Museum at 362-8500.  
Cost for the classes are \$25.



### **February Hosts: Mel Holubar, Emil Koval, and Carolyn Holubar**

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Our Social Time at membership meetings is great for meeting and getting acquainted with other NCSML volunteers. Please call Social Chair, Diana Geoffrey, to reserve your host/hostess spot!

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From Bob Stone

### **ANSWERS TO EDUCATION QUESTIONS**

**Part One: Petr Nečas has been Prime Minister of the Czech Republic since June 28, 2010.**

**Part Two: Iveta Radičová has been Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic since July 8, 2010**



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Pat Martin, Editor



## Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 3, at 9 a.m.

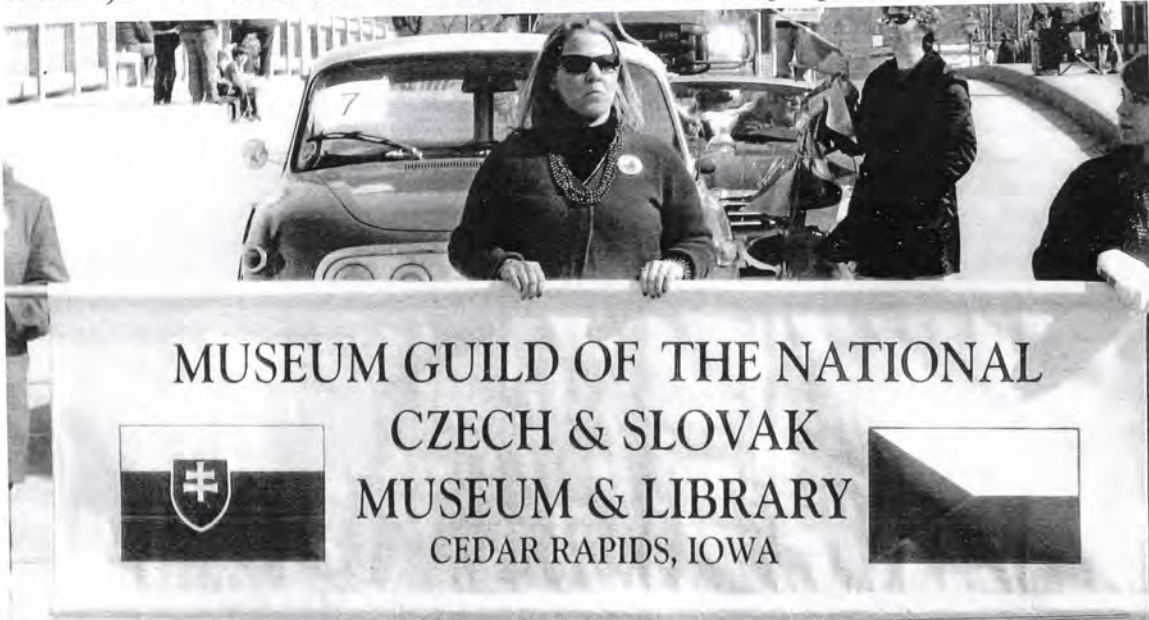
St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall

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March Program: Museum Store,  
Douglas Smith  
Rental Opportunities at NCSML,  
Amy Lyness

*Where, or where is the GUILD banner? We need it for parades and events this spring.*

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## CRST Sponsors Admissions at Museum through July 13, 2012

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library announces free admission for all visitors beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1. Sponsored by CRST International, all age groups are admitted at no charge to the exhibition, *Rising Above: the Story of a People and the Flood*. This free, sponsored admission continues through Friday, July 13, 2012.

"We are grateful to CRST's generosity in supporting admission for all visitors. Their contribution makes Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area a great place to live, work and play," said Gail Naughton, president/CEO of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

*Rising Above: the Story of a People and the Flood* opened in April of 2010 in the Kosek Building, at 87 Sixteenth Ave. SW. It depicts the story of the Czechs and Slovaks who came to Cedar Rapids overcoming wave after wave of adversity to leave their homeland. The multi-media exhibition then continues with the story of the epic flood of 2008 and the ongoing recovery efforts in the community.



Another food and fun fest--

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

*5-7 p.m.*

**St. Ludmila's  
Catholic Church Social Hall  
211 21st Ave., S.W.**

A celebration  
of Czech  
and Slovak  
cuisine



We hope you will participate as a volunteer in some manner...planning, cooking, greeting, serving. Interested in being a donor, with a monetary gift, or a sponsor, for advertising purposes? Please call Carol Wohleben, Guild President, at

Sponsored by the Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

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**Thanks, VOLUNTEERS!  
You made Cookie Walk 2011**

**another grand success**



***Shirley Alexander, Pat Martin, Irene Konecny, Dolores Blood, Barb Pulkrab, Carol Wohleben, Vera Plesek, Cyndi O'Brien, Marie Webster, Marj Nejd, Marge Pace, Hermina Rigel, Betty Sheets, Jan Stoffer, Gail Naughton, Diana Geoffrey, Diane Hayes, Fran Hanzel Johnson, Mary Van Houten, Carrie Van Houten, Allyson Wheaton, Dorothy Voelkers, Carolyn and Mel Holubar, Kylie and Ashley Holubar, Helen Sorensen, Bonnie Holubar, Betty Gallagher, Andrea Siebenmann, Laverne Fisher, Vera Conway, Milena Novosad, Lavanda Woosley, Jeanne Vogt, Andrea Jilovec, Alicia Jackson, Emil Koval, Joe Kurka, Donna Merkle, Jennifer Greve.***

***Cash Donations from Karen Vlasek, Lydia Elias, Mary Jo Langer, Arlene Dayhoff, Judy Antone, Leni Stastny***

***St. Wenceslaus Staff who helped us: Patty Jansa and Dave Martin***

***And, the stars! Sv. Mikuláš, Anděl, Čert***

***Cookie Walk co-chairs, Mary Van Houten and Marie Webster***



## **NCSML Volunteer Training Calendar – NEW**

In December, 2011, it was decided that all training sessions will be held in conjunction with the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's monthly meetings. Trainings will be conducted prior to the business meeting; though, everyone is welcome to stay for meetings. **Please see new dates and times below:**

### **2012**

**February 4 at 9 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church**

**Stefanie Kohn:** *It All Comes Out in the Wash* and  
*Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books*

**March 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church**

**Douglas Smith:** The Museum Store  
**Amy Lyness:** Rental Opportunities at the NCSML

**April 7 at 9 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church**

**David Muhlena:** The New Library!

**May 5 at 9 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church**

**Jan Stoffer:** Visitor Services and the Immigrant Home

**June 2 at 9 a.m. at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library**

Tour of the new facility

**June — Volunteer Boot Camp! Dates and areas to be announced.**

**July 7 at 9 a.m. at the NCSML**

**Jan Stoffer:** Visitor Services & the Grand Opening Celebration

**August 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the NCSML**

**Gail Naughton**

**September (date to be announced) at 9 at the NCSML**

**Kecia Boysen:** BrewNost 2012

**October 6 at 9 at the NCSML**

**Stefanie Kohn (tentative):** *The Truth about St. Nicholas*

**November 3 at 9 a.m. at the NCSML**

**Jan Stoffer:** Old Prague Christmas Market 2012

**December 1 Museum Guild's Cookie Walk & Old Prague Christmas**

**Changes to the training schedule will be announced at Guild meetings and printed in MOST. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Jan Stoffer at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Jan@NCSML.org"](mailto:Jan@NCSML.org), [Jan@NCSML.org](mailto:Jan@NCSML.org) or 319.362.8500 ext. 218.**