

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

This is my final message to you as your President. It has been two exciting years and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

This year was filled with accomplishments. The Guild was able to again contribute \$1500.00 to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund. In addition, we held two special events this year. Our *Taste of Czech* was a big success and as I write this I am confident our *Cookie Walk* will be equally as successful. We now have our own aprons to help advertise the Guild during our special events. The Museum has a newer copier and a large capacity 100 - cup coffee maker. Without your hard work and dedication to the Museum, none of this would have been possible.

The Federation of Czech Groups is putting together a 2002 calendar of meeting dates and special events of the different Czech organizations. I was requested to provide the Guild's meeting dates and scheduled events for 2002. I have contacted Shirley Rosencrans, and the following dates have been cleared for next year.



This is your chance to mark your calendars:

Saturday	January 5, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	February 2, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	March 2, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	April 6, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	May 4, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Monday	June 10, 2002	6:30 p.m.
Monday	July 8, 2002	6:30 p.m.
Monday	August 12, 2002	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	September 7, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	October 5, 2002	tentative bus trip
Saturday	November 2, 2002	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	December 14, 2002	9:30 a.m. & Cookie Walk

\* All meetings will be held at the Museum except for the October 5 bus trip.

I want to thank everyone for your help and cooperation during my two terms as your President. You have made this a very pleasant and rewarding experience. My best to all of you in 2002.

Sincerely,

**Gary F. Dvorak, President**



## Welcome, New Member!

Marjeanne Jongjohann

## Change of Address:

Andrea Siebenmann

## New Acquisitions and Preservation at NCSML . . .

The program for the August 13 Guild meeting was presented by Carmen Langel, Museum Curator. Carmen initiated her presentation by discussing the responsibility and liability regarding items which are donated, as well as the expense involved. Certain guidelines are followed in a written policy as to acceptance, and strict rules are followed after each item is catalogued. The Museum cannot set values and the Board of Directors must approve anything being sold.

Most of the items in the Museum are donated or are on loan. The Museum acquisition fund is less than \$1000, but reference books have been purchased as well as a man's Kroj.

As part of her program, Carmen presented some interesting donations. These included an ornately carved musket donated by the Sokols from St. Paul, made in 1880; two paintings on wood by contemporary Slovakian artist, Ondrja Zimka; a small print by Slovakian artist Brunovsky; a ZCBJ cap; a crochet sampler from the early 1900s; two ceramic plates from 1963; and a costume from Hana, Moravia with very unusual sleeves, accompanied by a picture of a lady wearing the Kroj.

We all enjoyed Carmen's presentation and display of new acquisitions and we appreciate her meticulous care of them.

— Betty Truesdell

## Masonic Museum and Library . . .

Guild members gathered in the War Memorial room of the Masonic Museum and Library for the September 1 Guild meeting. Our tour guide, Museum Librarian Bill Krueger, began by pointing out the lovely painting by Edwin Bruns, who I remember from my grade school days at Van Buren. Mr. Krueger also directed our attention to the three stained glass windows with untimely death symbols by Robert White. We were informed that the original building was built in 1884, which pre-dated the public library by twelve years. The Masonic organization started in England in the 1700s. The present building was constructed in 1953 for just over a million dollars.

We proceeded to another room where it was explained that there are secret rites in Masonry as well as degrees, with the Master Mason being the highest. We saw stone bricks from the White House from 1790 donated by Harry Truman, who was a Mason. We saw many interesting aprons which the Masons wear as a symbol of their membership, rings and lapel pins and the first Mason altar used in Iowa. We discovered George Washington was a Mason as well as many of our other founding fathers. Other Masons of note include the Roosevelts, Gerald Ford and Dick Cheney.

We next toured the library with its impressive collection of over 100,000 volumes on many subjects.

In the fourth room we were amazed at the wonderful collection of wood carvings by John Stodola, as well as military items, Native American and Egyptian artifacts, and many items dating from 50 B.C. to the present.

The fifth room was smaller and held ornate chairs, jewelry and porcelain plates and pottery. Also displayed here were lovely figurines, including Royal Doulton.

The sixth room had a display of all the Grand Masters and the seventh showcased flags and more stained glass windows by Robert White. The final room depicted more of the Masonic history.

Mr. Krueger gave an extremely comprehensive and excellent presentation and we were all amazed at the huge collection housed in this beautiful edifice.

— Betty Truesdell

### Associate Editors Note:

Cynthia wanted to thank Betty Truesdell and Zula Oujiri for the wonderful write-ups they have been doing on the Museum Guild programs. Cynthia looks forward to being able work on the Guilded Page again soon.

— Marilyn R. Tucker

### TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2001

JULY 2001		AUGUST 2001		SEPTEMBER 2001	
Number of Guild members recording hours in <b>July</b> — 41		Number of Guild members recording hours in <b>August</b> — 47		Number of Guild members recording hours in <b>September</b> — 41	
Number of Guild hours recorded — <b>409.25</b>		Number of Guild hours recorded — <b>487.25</b>		Number of Guild hours recorded — <b>486.25</b>	
Dolores Usher	28.00	Dolores Usher	67.00	Dolores Usher	36.00
Leo Modracek	25.50	Marilyn Tucker	26.00	Alicia Jackson	25.00
ZuĽa Oujiri	25.00	Bob Stone	19.25	Irma Modracek	24.75
Bob Stone	20.25	Marjean Jungjohann	18.50	Inez Popelka	23.50
Milly Ortner	18.50	Betty Petrzalek	17.50	Mana Zlatohlavek	22.00
Helen Christophersen	17.75	Inez Popelka	16.25	Milly Ortner	20.00
Irma Modracek	17.50	Alicia Jackson	15.50	Bob Stone	18.50
Gary Dvorak	16.00	Irma Kelly	15.50	Evelyn Dvorak	18.00
Alicia Jackson	15.25	Milly Ortner	15.25	Gary Dvorak	18.00
Evelyn Dvorak	14.00	Helen Christophersen	14.25	Irma Kelly	17.50
Diane Lindhorst	14.00	Laverne Fisher	14.00	Lillian Kopecky	17.00
		Irma Modracek	14.00		
		Irma Rozek	14.00		

#### A MESSAGE FROM PATTY:

##### Thank-You

On behalf of the NCSML, I would like to thank the members of The Museum Guild for replacing our broken copy machine with the wonderful Konica copier. It does everything but make our morning coffee!! DĚkuji vam mnohokrat!

Thank you also for the wonderful, new, 100-cup coffee-maker. It is just great and we have already used it many times. It has its own special shelf in our big kitchen cupboard.

A big thank-you to Irma Kelly and her committee, Sylvia Rohlena, Marie Webster, and Mana Zlatohlavek for baking the cookies and hosting the reception for the Maia String Quartet on Friday, September 28th.

— Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator

##### QUERY

NCSML Curator Carmen Langel is researching the history of the Immigrant Home and documenting its renovation. She is looking for photographs of the house before it was moved, photos from the actual move and photos of the original renovation. She is also interested in speaking to anyone who lived in the house or has recollections of the family who lived in the house.

She is also seeking information regarding a brickyard that was located somewhere along A Street S.W. in the early 1900s.

— Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator

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## MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday  
November 3, 2001**

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## UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

**NOVEMBER 3, 2001**

9:30 a.m. at the

**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"The Prague Gift Market"**

*presented by*

**Joyce Langlas**

*Meeting hosted by Sister Christine Elias, Laverne Fisher  
and Sister Virginia Kremlacek*

**DECEMBER 8, 2001**

9:30 a.m. at the

**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Third Annual Cookie Walk"**

*presented by*

**Members of the Museum Guild**

*Meeting hosted by Guild Officers*

**January 5, 2002**

9:30 a.m. at the

**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Resources Available to the Researcher"**

*presented by*

**Dave Mublena, NCSML Librarian**

*as announced*



From the Board and Membership of  
The Museum Guild . . .

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**  
to the Family and Friends of Guild member

~EDWARD J. NEJDL~

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. ♡  
We will all miss Ed.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library needs as many volunteers as possible. Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving.

Please contact Patty Hikiji today at 362-8500. Give a little of yourself, and get a lot in return!