

THE GUILDED PAGE

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



Summer, 2012

Call to Action

Volunteers needed for NCSML Grand Opening events

NCSML Guild volunteers will be "front row, center" at all of the exciting events surrounding the Grand Opening of NCSML. Training sessions will precede Guild business meetings. "As we move forward with our mission delivery, volunteers continue to be critically important in the success of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library," according to Jan Stoffer, Director of Education and Visitor Services.

JUNE

Saturday, June 2, at NCSML, 9 a.m. Volunteer Training includes a meet and greet with the NCSML staff and a tour the new facility. A sneak preview for volunteers! Business meeting in the new WFLA Hall to follow. Throughout the month of June, the NCSML staff will train volunteers who want to be involved with specific areas of the organization. If you are interested in volunteering in one, or more, of these areas, please attend at least one of these sessions. Please note, those volunteering at the Information Station and in the Museum Store may wish to attend more than one session especially those who are currently unfamiliar with the cash register. Specialized Area Training for those interested in volunteering in the Business Offices, Library, Information Station, and Gallery & Sleger Immigrant Home Attendants will begin the week of June 11 on the following dates and times:

- **Business Office Training:**
 - Mondays, June 11, 18, & 25 at 2 p.m. in the new facility's upper level.
- **Library Training:**
 - Wednesdays, June 13, 20, & 27 at 2 p.m. in the new library.
 - Wednesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. in the new library.
 - Saturday, June 30 at 9 a.m. in the new library.
- **Information Station Training:**
 - Thursdays, June 14, 21, & 28 at 2 p.m. in the Kosek Building.
 - Thursday evening, June 28 at 6 p.m. in the new facility's Grand Hall.
 - Saturday, June 30 at 10 a.m. in the new facility's Grand Hall.
- **Gallery & Sleger Immigrant Home Attendant Training:**
 - Fridays, June 15, 22, & 29 at 2 p.m. in the Kosek Building.
 - Friday evening, June 29 at 6 p.m. in the new facility's Alliant Classroom.
 - Saturday, June 30 at 11 a.m. in the new facility's Alliant Classroom.

Specialized Area Training for those interested in volunteering in the Museum Store will begin the week of June 18 on the following dates and times:

- **Museum Store Training:**
 - Tuesday, June 19 at 2 p.m. in the new Museum Store
 - Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m. in the new Museum Store
 - Saturday, June 23 at 2 p.m. in the new Museum Store

Throughout the month of June, we will need volunteer support in the Kosek Museum Store and *Rising Above* Gallery. Those considering volunteering in the Museum Store, Information Station, and Galleries after July 14 will find it helpful to sign up for some shifts at the Kosek Building to deepen their understanding and facilitate learning.

Friday, June 30: Linn County Fair. Share the word about the new NCSML and the Grand Opening Festivities at the Linn County Fair. The NCSML is looking for volunteers to set-up, staff, and tear-down the display. Set-up time begins at 8:30. It's open from 9 – 3 p.m.. And, you'll be next to Marj Nejd – what could be better? Volunteers must commit by June 6

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Taste of Czech & Slovak... We did it again!

New and old friends/supporters of the Guild of NCSML and Czech and Slovak cuisine enjoyed the 12th Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak, the kick-off event for Houby Days held May 18.

New this year was the request for donations from patrons instead of the ticket purchase. The some 140 patrons were generous, as Guild earned \$2276 in donations. The event netted some \$1640.

Our co-chairs Beth DeBoom and Dave Stauffer were terrific, as were their team of Cyndi O'Brien, Carol Wohleben, Shally Garin, and Karen Hospordarsky. Thank You, Thank You!

A complete listing of foods served and volunteers will be published in the next issue of Guilded Page.



Betty Sheets, treasurer,, and Carol Wohleben, president....with our "contributions fishbowl" before it contained \$2276!



Pat Martin and Cyndi O'Brien ...all smiles... at the Taste staging, before Cyndi gave last-minute instructions to volunteers.

Photos by Carolyn Holubar

Guild bakers prepare dessert cupcakes for traveling exhibit in Chicago

Leah Wilson, Major Gifts Officer for NCSML, requested that Guild of NCSML provide 100 desserts for the traveling exhibit, "Leaving Czechoslovakia," a 20th century record of memories of Czech and Slovak Americans. The reception was held in the Oak Park Public Library and was co-sponsored by the library, Prague Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International, and the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago.

Some 124 poppyseed cupcakes were baked. As they required no frosting, easy transport was facilitated. They were baked in red, tulip-shaped cupcake lines, decorated with toothpick flags of the Czech and Slovak Republics, and dusted with powdered sugar.

Leah took "Taste of Czech & Slovak" flyers to the reception, along with news of upcoming NCSML events. Guild members baking for this project included Shirley Alexander, Marge Pace, Marjorie Stone, Jeanne Vogt, Mary Van Houten, and Diane Hayes.

The President's Message

"Dobry Den" Guild Members,

An old African saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together", seems a perfect fit for the Guild of NCSML! The Guild membership is a group of wonderful and dedicated people providing leadership, teamwork, and support, promoting the Czech/Slovak heritage. Our voluntarism is even more important than before. You determine our success

As July, 2012, rapidly approaches, we stress how urgent it is to get involved in learning about the changes/expansions in those events and services we have done, and the many new events ahead. The "boot camp training sessions" will be in-depth learning experiences essential for all of us. Participation is SO important! We welcome our new members and look forward to helping them become involved, sharing our experiences and learning from them as they bring their talents to share as well.

Having a new facility also means we will have needs for some new committees and new procedures, with more sophisticated features in the building. I hope you will also get excited about joining in these new challenges. There will be additional Museum staff and we will learn to work with them. There will be new activities, and some may very well be those our membership has worked to develop. Our list of Standing Committees will be expanded.

We thank the many area businesses and organizations that are helping and supporting us in events as the Taste of Czech and Slovak, and the grand opening where we will have again Babi's Bakery.

Upcoming training: familiarity with new electronic procedures as used in the galleries, store, library; location of all galleries and specifics of exhibits; museum tours, use of the classrooms and theatre, functions pertaining to the kitchen area, and the immigrant home. Our June meeting will be AT the new museum and the program will be a tour. Don't miss it. We need your knowledge and familiarity with the new building AND promotion of it.

Our mission is to support the museum. How easy to see this relationship:

- G - guidance, greeting, giving
- U - unification, uniformity,
- I - inspiration, innovation
- L - leadership, liveliness
- D - dedication, doing



Carol Wohlleben

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Guild Financial Report: May, 2012

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

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|                                                 | 2011               | 2012               |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>                        | \$12,143.80        | \$7,301.26         |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                 |                    |                    |
| Dues                                            | \$1,720.00         | \$750.00           |
| Cookbooks                                       | \$1,980.60         | \$1,318.00         |
| Donations                                       | \$200.00           | \$90.00            |
| Aprons                                          | \$70.00            | \$84.00            |
| Taste of Czech/Slovak                           | \$3,934.00         | \$2,276.00         |
| Heritage Tea                                    | \$394.00           |                    |
| BrewNost                                        | \$1,122.00         |                    |
| Cookie Walk                                     | \$2,106.20         | \$75.00            |
| Interest                                        | \$3.28             | \$0.54             |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                           | <b>\$11,530.08</b> | <b>\$4,593.54</b>  |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                            |                    |                    |
| Guided Page                                     | \$646.90           | \$111.61           |
| Cookbook Expense                                | \$5,375.00         |                    |
| NCSML                                           | \$5,075.00         |                    |
| Rental                                          | \$225.00           |                    |
| Miscellaneous                                   | \$192.00           |                    |
| Taste of C/S Expenses                           | \$768.04           | \$635.79           |
| Heritage Tea Expenses                           | \$188.00           |                    |
| BrewNost Expenses                               | \$3,566.64         |                    |
| Cookie Walk Expenses                            | \$336.04           | \$36.00            |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                      | <b>\$16,372.62</b> | <b>\$783.40</b>    |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                           | <b>\$7,301.26</b>  | <b>\$11,111.40</b> |
| <b>Recap Museum Guild Fund Raising Projects</b> |                    |                    |
| <b>Taste of C&amp;S Expenses</b>                | <b>\$527.81</b>    | <b>\$635.79</b>    |
| <b>Taste of C&amp;S Income</b>                  | <b>\$3,734.00</b>  | <b>2276.00.</b>    |
| <b>Taste of Czech Grossed</b>                   | <b>\$3,206.19</b>  | <b>\$1,640.21</b>  |



## Minutes of the February Meeting

### Minutes of the February 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice President Cyndi O'Brien lead the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Guild Mission Statement. There were 43 members and 7 guests attending. We had 4 new members join.

**Program:** Carol Wohlleben introduced Stefanie Kohn, NCSML Curator, who gave a presentation on 2 of the Gallery exhibits that will be available when the NCSML reopens in July. One titled "It All Comes Out in the Wash," will be in the 1749 square foot Petrik Gallery and will feature textiles that were in the Museum when it flooded. These items were cleaned and restored in Chicago and look amazing! The other is "Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books." It will be in the new 808 square foot Smith Gallery and feature 76 framed pieces along with copies of the Award winning books from across the world. Very exciting!

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long passed out copies of the January 2012 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 Shirley Alexander and seconded by Milly Ortner. The minutes were approved as accurate.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar sent Get Well cards to Jessie Stastny and Dorothy Voelkers. She mentioned Marj NejdI had wrist surgery, but is home now and doing well. She will have volunteer hours for January and February to report at the March meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$7475.39. A motion was made by Jeanne Vogt to approve the written treasurers report and seconded by Marie Webster. It was approved with 100% yes vote by the membership.

**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar attended a meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> at the CSPS Hall to discuss Penford Products interest in purchasing the Riverside Park property that is adjacent to their present facility. They are interested in developing Bio Products, to include starch, for the paper industry. They are hoping to partner with another Company and would want to show interested parties that they have the space available for the expansion. They state there shouldn't be much additional truck traffic or odor to the area. There would also be a guard shack, manned 24/7 so all entering Riverside Drive would be screened. He also attended NCSML board meetings on 01/19/12 and 01/24/12. Discussed were concerns about delivery's to the NCSML via Riverside Drive as well as how the view from the NCSML might be negatively impacted. It is agreed that Penford Products has been a very good neighbor, so no decisions should be made in haste. The new, 2 year Chairperson of the Board, Lu Barron was introduced as well as the slate of new officers. Three new Board members will be Kyle Skogman, Ted Townsend and Bill Stone. All important figures within the Cedar Rapids community. Bill Stone will fill the unexpired term of Ann Poe. Mel also attended the Annual Membership Meeting where background on all three that are to be elected to the Board was given.

**Guild Business:** Cyndi O'Brien reviewed a handout of the current Committees, and stated we still need Chairs for the History, Taste of Czech & Slovak and Babi's Bakery Committees. Before the end of the meeting, new member Dave Stauffer had volunteered to Chair the History and Co Chair the Taste of Czech & Slovak Committees! Beth DeBoom gave a quick overview of the upcoming Taste of Czech & Slovak event. Alicia Jackson stated she, Irene Konecny and Mel Holubar completed the annual Auditor's report and found all to be in order. Marge Stone motioned to accept the Auditors report, Betty Gallagher seconded the motion and it was approved with a 100% yes vote by the Guild membership. On request of Barb Pulkrab, the membership took up a collection and donated \$161 to the upcoming Jitro choir visit, sponsored by St. Wenceslaus Church. Jan Stoffer had a call for volunteers for upcoming events and showed a preliminary schedule of the 2 day Grand Opening of the NCSML. She also stated the June Guild meeting will be held in the new NCSML building and will be a "Show & Tell Tour" of sorts. Pat Martin reminded that there is free admission until 07/14/12 to the NCSML due to a very generous donation. Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the Day. He taught us Dobry den and Vitame Vas. "We Welcome You" and "Hello" respectively. Now we can properly greet guests to the museum!

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Cross stiched sampler, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Irene Konecny. Hand painted, Czech inspired napkin holder, donated by Marj NejdI- won by Jeanne Vogt.

A motion was made by Pat Martin to adjourn, it was seconded by Frank Edmunds and approved with 100% yes vote.

### February Language Lesson by Bob Stone

#### Greeting Visitors in Czech or Slovak

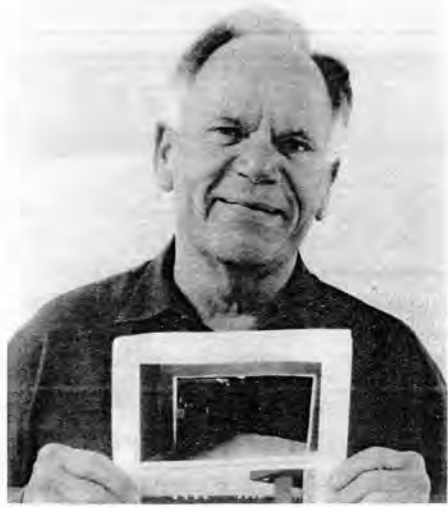
| <u>English</u> | <u>Czech</u> | <u>Slovak</u> |
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| We welcome you | Vítáme vás   | Vítame vás    |
| Hello          | Dobrý den    | Dobrý den     |

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Suzie Long

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*Douglas Smith,  
Director of Retail and  
and Business Development*



**March Training Program  
for NCSML Volunteers...NEW MUSEUM STORE**

The store in the renovated Museum will be an exciting place for visitors as well as staff. Douglas Smith, Director of Retail and Business Development, spoke at the Guild meeting about the interesting plans for the store space and its inventory.

The 1400 square feet of the new store is about twice the size of the original store. In addition to the new space, the Kosek Building will retain its sales floor as the staff felt it is important to have a storefront on the street.

Over twenty different vendors and manufacturers from the Czech Republic will have their goods for sale in the stores. Douglas will be adding to the inventory when he travels to Czech communities in the near future on a buying trip. During this visit he plans to contact several toy companies to obtain more of that type of product for the stores.

Items related to current exhibits will have a designated space in the new store and jewelry will have more space than the present displays. New items include cookie cutters in the shapes of Nativity Scene figures and St. Mikulas characters. Art Nouveau designs are part of the store décor and will also decorate the shopping bags.

The online store has been very successful and contributed in large amount to the overall record breaking store sales last December. Special efforts that contributed to the web success included enclosing a personal note with every online order.

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Training Program Notes  
by Fern Fackler



**March Training Program  
*Amy Lyness, Rental Hall Coordinator***

Amy Lyness was introduced by Jan Stouffer to the members and volunteers at the March Guild meeting. Amy will be responsible for renting the Museum facilities and will also work with groups who wish to tour the Museum campus.

Individuals or organizations renting space in the new building will enjoy a kitchen with a commercial oven, a warming cabinet, an ice machine, a dishwasher with an incredibly short cycle, a washing machine and dryer. Amy distributed a list of preferred catering companies to be used when food is part of the rental event.



*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 with Recorded Hours  
for January, 2012**

**498 hours**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Shirley Alexander                  | 41        |
| Cyndi O'Brien                      | 33        |
| Jackie Allen                       | 33        |
| Suzanne Chariper                   | 26        |
| Carol Wohlleben                    | 25        |
| Carolyn Holubar                    | 24.5      |
| Mel Holubar                        | 23.5      |
| Pat Martin                         | 23        |
| Mary Ellen Krotz                   | 16        |
| Donna Merkle                       | 14        |
| <b>Total Number of Volunteers:</b> | <b>54</b> |

**Top Ten with Recorded Hours  
for February, 2012**

**327.5 hours**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Carolyn Holubar                    | 29        |
| Jackie Allen                       | 27.5      |
| Pat Martin                         | 23        |
| Mary Ellen Krotz                   | 20        |
| Suzanne Chariper                   | 16.5      |
| Donna Merkle                       | 15.5      |
| Mel Holubar                        | 14.5      |
| Mary Dvorak                        | 12.5      |
| Suzie Long                         | 10.5      |
| Sally Shean                        | 10.5      |
| <b>Total Number of Volunteers:</b> | <b>45</b> |

**Top Ten with Recorded Hours  
for March, 2012**

**514.25 Hours**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Shirley Alexander                  | 47        |
| Carol Wohlleben                    | 40        |
| Carolyn Holubar                    | 39.5      |
| Christina Tollefson                | 32        |
| Mel Holubar                        | 29        |
| Suzanne Chariper                   | 21        |
| Bob Stone                          | 15        |
| Donna Merkle                       | 17.75     |
| Pat Martin                         | 14        |
| Suzie Long                         | 14        |
| Lavanda Woosley                    | 14        |
| <b>Total Number of Volunteers:</b> | <b>64</b> |



**Artist Mary Campbell...chalking Czech Village walks with Alphonse Mucha artistry replica during BrewNost weekend. She was phenomenal!**

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**Answer to Education Question**

The two missionaries were the brothers Constantine (Cyril) and Methodius, from Salonika. They were invited by the Emperor Rastislav. They arrived in 863 A.D. Cyril created a written language and alphabet to fit the oral speech of the Slavic people of the Great Moravian Empire.

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Wanted: A new Guided Page staff member for Meeting Program reporting: Please contact Pat Martin,  
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## Minutes of the March Meeting

### Minutes of the March 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met in the classroom at the Kosek Building, on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice President Cyndi O'Brien lead the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Guild Mission Statement. There were 53 members and 2 guests attending. We had no new members join.

**Program:** Carol Wohlleben introduced Douglas Smith, Museum Store manager. He gave a reminder of the Lamb Cake contest coming 03/24/12 and a presentation of the new Museum Store space. The new store will be 1400 square feet which is 2 times larger than the old store and 4 times larger than the current store and will have lots of windows and light. Jan Stoffer then introduced Amy Lyness, new Museum staff member hired as a Facilities Rental and Group Sales Manager. We saw floor plans of the entire building and grounds and spoke of the amazing rental opportunities in the new facility.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long passed out copies of the February 2012 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 Mel Holubar and seconded by Betty Gallagher. The minutes were approved as accurate.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar said she had sent a Get Well card to Marj NejdI and Diane Hayes. She also sent a Sympathy card to Joanne Buresh and a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday card to Marj Pace. She read a Thank You card sent to the Guild by Charles Opatrny for the generosity of his yearly dues being paid by Betty Gallagher. She also read a Thank You card sent by Lavanda Woosley for the Guild backing of the bus trip to Masopust in Protivin, IA. She read the Top 10 volunteers for January and February 2012.

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$8876.78 and explained the report and budget presented. A motion was made by Frank Edmunds to approve the written treasurers report and seconded by Suzanne Charipar. It was approved with 100% yes vote by the membership.

**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar attended the February 28, 2012 Board Meeting. Some highlights were a report on the Museum Store and it's record setting sales in the month of December 2011 and a report on the Museum construction. We are still on time and within budget! The Council of Higher education from Chicago is still interested in partnering with the NCSML and has 2 million dollars that they are wanting to donate. A proposal was submitted to use the funds for educational purposes or possibly to help match the grant from the Hall Foundation. They are hoping to have an answer back by May 31<sup>st</sup>. RAGBRAI will come through Cedar Rapids this year, approximately 12 days after the new Museum opening. Czech Village and new Bo areas could be highlights for many of the 15-1800 bike riders and assistants that will be in the area.

**Guild Business:** Beth DeBoom had sign up sheets and the menu for the upcoming Taste of Czech & Slovak event. A motion was made by Marj Stone to pay the bill for rental space for the event and was seconded by Betty Gallagher and passed with 100% yes vote by the membership. Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the Day. He reviewed Dobry den and Vitame Vas. A motion was made by Betty Sheets to approve \$140 to purchase a new Guild banner, it was seconded by Barb Pulkrab and passed with 100% yes vote by the membership. Kenny Fetter made a presentation to the Guild of 3 new flag pole walking harnesses that were purchased by donated funds from Kenny Fetter, Frank Edmunds and Suzie Long. He will also write a proposal to the Museum to replace the poles we currently use to carry the flags in parades. Betty Sheets will look into the possibility of purchasing a cash register for use at Guild functions and will have information on it at the next meeting. Jan Stoffer had a call for volunteers for upcoming events. All help is appreciated.

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Needlepoint picture- donated by Marj NejdI, won by Loreen Svoboda. Hand painted, Czech inspired napkin holder- donated by Marj NejdI, won by Frank Edmunds. Lamb cake pan- donated by Betty Sheets, won by Lijun Chadima. 2 spider plants- donated by Carolyn Holubar, won by John Shean and Cyndi O'Brien. Pumpkin bread- donated by Mary Van Houten, won by Marj NejdI.

A motion was made by Marj Stone to adjourn, it was seconded by Barb Pulkrab and approved with 100% yes vote by the membership.

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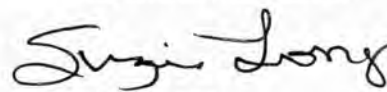
### Sixth Education Question for All!

*From Bob Stone*

Who were the two Christian missionaries who converted the Bohemian Slavs to Christianity? (Answer on page 6)

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Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long



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## We parade and pose with Czech-Slovak pride

Photo Feature by Russ De Hoedt



Guil of NCSD members in the St. Joseph Day parade

Czech School "floats" on St. Joseph Day



Czech Heritage Foundation St. Patrick Parade Entry, featuring Little Sister DaLynn Pokorny and Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa 2011 Samantha Hubler



Cultural Diversity Festival, Iowa City, late March... Little Sister DaLynn and Princess Kelsey Pokorny represent for Czech Heritage Foundation



## Minutes of the April Meeting

### Minutes of the April 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Vice President Cyndi O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 43 members and 4 guests attending. We had 2 new members join.

**Program:** Shirley Alexander introduced Dave Muhlena, NCSML Library Director. He gave us an update on the Library flood recovery as well as an overview of the new, expanded Library. With 8 ft of flood water in the old library, some materials were damaged beyond repair. However, with the help of The University of Iowa Conservation lab staff as well as a Disaster Recovery firm from Chicago, many items were salvaged, cleaned and restored. He showed "before and after" pictures of books, phonograph records and clothing that were unbelievable! He stated the new library will be 5400 square feet (the old one was 900) and will have a reading room, reference desk, research and media room, work room and room to store library materials that have been in storage for years. There will be a lot of volunteer opportunities within the new Library.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben said she came across a great deal on 3 chafer dishes that were for sale for a total price of \$270. A motion was made by Leni Stastny for the Guild to purchase the dishes and was seconded by Jeanne Vogt. The Guild membership approved the motion with a 100% yes vote. She gave a list of upcoming events and reminded us that there will be a huge need for additional volunteers in the upcoming months. She reminded everyone to be as flexible as possible and be as available as possible for upcoming training sessions and events. She also mentioned that a Kitchen Committee will be necessary once the new Museum is opened. It will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long passed out copies of the March 2012 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 seconded by Marie Webster. The Minutes were approved as accurate.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar read the Top 10 volunteers for March 2012. We had a total of 64 Members volunteer for the month of March with a total of 514.25 volunteer hours! Great job everyone!!

**Treasurer Report:** Carol Wohlleben gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$8817.05. No new bills were presented.

**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar attended the March 27th, 2012 Board Meeting. They enjoyed a presentation by Stefanie Kohn on the upcoming Mucha exhibit as well as a report on the Museum construction from Kyle Skogman. The project is still on budget even with 84 changes so far. Gail Naughton reported that the sponsorships for the opening are going well. The Museum staff should get the keys to the Museum on April 23, 2012 and they will start to move into the building shortly after that. Rinderknecht gave a quote on the cost to upgrade the outside of the Hurych building. It was announced that the Estate of Leo Modracek gave \$100,000 to the endowment fund. Mel attended a meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the purchase of the George Joens building from the City of Cedar Rapids. After much discussion, the vote was in favor of the purchase.

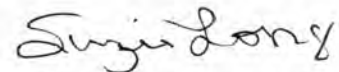
**Guild Business:** Cyndi O'Brien gave an update on the upcoming Taste of Czech and Slovak event. She said at least 54 volunteers will be needed and had sign up sheets for cooking as well as workers. She said volunteers will bake kolaches to be for sale at the event instead of being used for dessert bites. We also have numerous Business sponsors working with us to make the event a success. A motion was made by Mary Ann Kucera for the Guild to once again be a \$3000 sponsor for the BrewNost event. It was seconded by Diana Geoffrey and passed with 100% yes vote by the Guild membership. Bob Stone gave us our Czech and Slovak "Word of the Day" which reviewed our greetings and added salutations. Diane Hayes and Suzanne Charipar will co-Chair all Babi's Bakery events for the upcoming year and will start with the Grand Opening in July. Jan Stouffer stated that there is a new Facilities Manager for the Museum, and it is Grant Smith. He has a big job ahead of him and all believe he will be a great addition to the staff. Pat Martin reminded that the deadline for the upcoming Guilded page publishing is April 30<sup>th</sup>. She needs any call for volunteers at least 3 months in advance so they can make the mailings. Dave Stauffer said he is still looking for more volunteers to work with him on the History Committee. Thanks were given to the days Hostesses: Pat Martin and Leni Stastny.

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Czech inspired, hand painted flower pot-donated by Marj Nejd, won by Allyson Wheaton. Carrot cake mix- donated by Jeanne Vogt, won by Ellsworth Voelkers.

A motion was made by Leni Stastny to adjourn, it was seconded by Don Pulkrab and approved with 100% yes vote by the membership.

| <u>English</u> | <u>Czech</u> | <u>Slovak</u> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| We welcome you | Vítáme vás   | Vítame vás    |
| Hello          | Dobrý den    | Dobrý deň     |

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long, Recording Secretary

#### When Visitors Leave

|                 |                |                |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| See you later   | Na shledanou   | Dovidenia!     |
| Have a nice day | Mějte se hezky | Majte sa pekne |

## JULY

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**Saturday, July 7, at NCSML, 9 a.m.** Volunteer Training prior to Guild Meeting will focus on Visitor Services & Grand Opening Celebration information. Presented by Jan Stoffer, Director of Education & Visitor Services.

**Saturday, July 14 & Sunday, July 15: Grand Opening Celebration for NCSML.** Calls to Action for this event, will be issued at the May, June, and July Guild meetings. We will need additional assistance in the following areas: Babi's Bakery, gallery, Slegar Immigrant Home, Information Station, Museum Store, Library, Kosek Building, beer tent, food tent, parade, facilities, etc. Please note, we will need more volunteers than we currently have on our roster. This would be a good time to recruit friends, family, neighbors, recent retirees, high school students, and other civically minded individuals to get involved. Thank you for signing up!

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Starting Monday, July 16, the NCSML needs daily help in the following areas:

**NEW HOURS ALERT!** Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. AND Sundays noon – 4:00 p.m.

Jiruska Gallery (Mucha) – 3 gallery attendants/shift

Smith Gallery (BIB) – 1 gallery attendant/shift

Petrik Gallery (Wash) – 1 gallery attendant/shift

Slegar Immigrant Home – 1 attendant/shift

Kosek Gallery – 1 gallery attendant/shift

Library – TBD volunteer/shift

Museum Store – 2 volunteers/shift

Kosek Museum Store – 1 volunteer/shift

Business Office – 1 volunteer/afternoon shift (noon – 4:30)

**Thursday, July 26 & Friday, July 27: RAGBRAI at the NCSML.** The NCSML is partnering with Breakfast on the Bridge on Friday from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be needed in the Museum Store, Information Station, Library, Gallery, and Slegar Immigrant Home both Thursday and Friday as well as at the outdoor event on Friday to accommodate these special guests.

Calls to Action for this event will be issued at the June and July Guild meetings. Thank you for signing up!

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### May Training Program *Visitor Services and the Immigrant Home*

**Jan Stoffer, Director  
of Education  
and Visitor Services**



Visitors and volunteers will be inspired by the exciting spaces and attributes of the new NCSML building, where so many things are new, including the address:  
1400 Inspiration Place SW

Jan Stoffer, Director of Education and Visitor Services, gave Guild members valuable information they will need to work in the renovated facility and also spread the word about "our wonderful place."

Ease of parking is an important first impression for guests, and they will be able to use the surface lot across from the former building site as well as the underground ramp accessed from 15th Ave. Glass vestibules enhance the entrance doors and, upon entering, visitors will be in the Grand Hall viewing the iconic chandelier.

The Welcome Desk will be staffed by volunteers selling exhibition and special event tickets, offering information about the Kosek Building facility, area restaurants, and helping guests find their way into the area around the Museum site. The beautifully-designed desk has the capability of being folded up to provide more room in the Hall when events are staged there.

Jan said store volunteers will be trained to sell tickets as well as store items. The Slegar Immigrant Home will be a guided exhibition. Guests will see the original floors that survived the flood and renovations that include original paint colors, inside and out.





*The Volunteer Lounge is lovingly dedicated to Betty Pulkrab-Gallagher By her family In recognition of her tireless and joyful volunteer support of the NC&SM&L*

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*Here is the Pulkrab-Gallagher family, gathered at the hard hat tour. On Betty's lap, center, is her grand-daughter Allison Gallagher.*

## ***Volunteer Lounge at NCSML dedicated to 'Volunteer Extraordinaire' Betty Pulkrab-Gallagher***

*What a gal! That Betty!* In May, Betty's family arranged for the "naming rights" of the volunteer lounge for Betty, and they were conducted on a "hard hat" tour of the area by Jason Wright, vice president for development.

Among her Czech volunteer affiliations: NCSML and The Guild of NCSML; Sokol Gymnastics; CSA; Czech Heritage Foundation; Světlušky, board member; Czech Heritage Singers; Czech National Cemetery, board member; Federation of Czech Groups; Damska Matice Skolska (Czech Ladies Education Society), president.

And Betty is credited with motivating children, grandchildren, and their families in Czech group voluntarism.

## **Hosts for "social" time at NCSML Guild meetings... Always appreciated!**

**March...** Lavanda Woosley, Don and Barb Pulkrab, and Barb and Frank Edmunds

**April...**

Pat Martin and Leni Stastny

**May...**

Jennifer Greve, Suzie Long, Betty Gallagher





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Pat Martin, Editor

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**Next Membership Meeting**  
Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m.  
At the *NEW* NCSML  
Tour the new facility!

See **BELOW** for directions  
regarding June Meeting.

David and Mary Pat Muhlena

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**About the June 2 Membership Meeting**...Park in one of 65 parking spaces under the building and take the elevator to the Grand Hall, where the staff-guided tours will begin at 9 a.m. sharp!

**The doors of the underground garage will open at 8:40 a.m.**  
This experience will be a good introduction to all volunteer training sessions to be individually offered.

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**April Training Program**  
*The New Library*

*Dave Muhlena, Librarian*

The library in the new Museum building will offer exciting opportunities for members and visitors to explore any type of activity related to a complete library. Librarian Dave Muhlena spoke to Museum Guild members and Museum volunteers about the expanded space and added services. The new library includes a Reading Room, a Research Room, a Media Room, a recording station and added services which include an online catalog, improved access to sources to help with genealogical research, etc.



The larger space for this department of the Museum will allow consolidation of all materials now housed in off site locations. Although some library materials were lost in the 2008 flood, a great deal was rescued and restored with the help of the University of Iowa Conservation Lab. A well thought out floor plan and extraordinary designs for the décor will give visitors a thoroughly enjoyable experience.