

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild members,



By the time you hold this newsletter in your hands, the year 2005 has been in its full swing for at least 30 days... and we already had our first meeting of the year! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me, Shirley, Carolyn, Betty and Alicia with leading our organization for the next term. As you may know, a new Board member, Ms. Alicia Jackson, was elected to replace Virginia Wilts in the role of the Guild's Treasurer. Thank you Virginia, and welcome on board Alicia!

I'm sure many of us already forgot about the holidays and all the frenzy surrounding them. But we all know that holidays mean we had one our big fundraisers: 5th Annual Cookie Walk. Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find an account from Irma of how many people baked and how many cookies were brought in – hence I'll say it briefly to those who contributed: **Vel'ká vd'aka!** **Děkujeme!** for all your time and effort in making this event another success for the Guild. If some of you were not able to bake cookies or help with the sale, and still would like to make a donation for this event, please feel free to do so – any amount is greatly appreciated. Our fundraising goal was missed this year, but we are grateful for the funds we were able to collect. An indepth analysis of this event is due to make sure that in 2005 we meet our fundraising goal.

As stated in the 2004 Annual Report on the next pages, the Guild was able to provide financial support to the Museum in the amount almost equal to the previous year. Therefore, our efforts in the first part of this year need to focus on finishing the production of the



WINTER 2005

new Guild cookbook. It will be an important source of pride and income for the Guild, especially because this year, the Museum is bringing two major exhibits from both Czech Republic – Garnets and Slovakia – about Jews in Slovakia during WWII. Each of the exhibits will be one of a kind display, and hence our support, as small as it may be, can help offset the cost of bringing those special exhibits so close to us.

Just like many of you, I cannot wait to see the green tips of the leaves or grass unfolding into their full lush color ...By the time you have another issue of this newsletter in your hands, we'll be all surrounded by the beautiful colors of the spring and early summer. I'm looking forward to it very much! Our Garden Committee is ready and completely signed up, but the other Committees still need help from you. Please watch for the 2005 Committee sign up sheet at the next meeting, or call any of the Board members before the meeting, if you'd like to volunteer for any of the Committees (listing is provided elsewhere in this issue).

I look forward to hearing from you (those of you, who cannot come to the meetings, feel free to email or call me if you have questions, concerns, suggestions regarding the Guild and its function), or seeing you at one of our next meetings! Happy Spring everyone!

S pozdravom,
Andrea Kováčová Siebenmann

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COOKBOOK UPDATE

The Cookbook Committee continues to work on collecting, editing, and sorting out family stories and recipes for the new heritage cookbook. It looks like the timeline might be delayed somewhat, but the intent is to have this a really great cookbook that we will be able to market nationally and even internationally.

If you have not submitted a favorite heritage story or memory or recipe, **please contact Beula or Andrea immediately.** We could use more heritage stories or celebrations with pictures as well as recipes.

We encourage all of you to be a part of this new cookbook. Just remember that our focus is on "Czech and Slovak ethnic and old family recipes". This will not be a cookbook of recipes that appear in every other cookbook on your shelf. That is the uniqueness of this project. We hope you will still become a part of it if you haven't already done so. THANKS for your support and contributions.

— *Beula Dvorak*

2005 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

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| President | Andrea Siebenmann |
| Vice President | Shirley Alexander |
| Treasurer | Alicia Jackson |
| Rec. Secretary | Carolyn Holubar |
| Corres. Secretary | Betty Truesdell |
| Museum Guild Rep. | Leo Modracek |
| Ex-Officio | Beula Dvorak |

Museum Guild Program

November 6, 2004

"Dux, Dolls and Automobiles: 30 Years of Collecting"

By Jan Stoffer

Jan Stoffer, Director of Programs and Education at the Museum gave a brief synopsis of the new exhibit and introduced Edie Blanchard, the Museum's new curator. We were treated to a premier visit of the new exhibit in progress. Edie proved to be an energetic guide and the members were impressed with the beautiful and interesting artifacts.

An extensive supplemental booklet was give to each member giving additional information on each collection piece as well as including a brief history of Czechs and Slovaks and businesses in Cedar Rapids, the legend of the "Two Tailed Lion", and a dough art recipe.

We thank Jan and Edie for the educational program and for sharing their expertise with us.

— Betty Truesdell

Guild Committees:

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| Education | Membership |
| Fund Raising | Program |
| Garden | Publications |
| Cookbook | Public Relations |
| History and Property | Social |

..... CORRECTIONS

Please correct the telephone number for Dorothy and Ellsworth Voelkers from to in your Guild Membership Yearbook



2004 Museum Guild Annual Report

Presented by Andrea Siebenmann, Guild President,
at the NCSML Membership meeting on January 17, 2005

Last year marked an important hallmark in the Guild's history – in April, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary. We had a very fine celebration with a birthday cake, and a special issue of the The Guilded Pages newsletter was dedicated to this occasion and to one of the five founders, Patty Hikiji, as well.

What a very busy year we had! We held our regular monthly meetings as scheduled, and with the assistance of Zula Oujiri and her Program Committee, we had an opportunity to hear good speakers and learn more about our neighbors, the city and a variety of activities or programs available in the area.

Last year, the Guild fiscally supported Museum through the purchase of presentation equipment in the amount of \$2,299; and contributed \$1,000 to the Spring temporary exhibit. The total amount of this support was only a few hundred dollars less than the previous year's combined contribution to the Exhibits and Museum Endowment Fund. On the income side, our two major fundraisers brought in needed funds in 2004, but overall, the expected income was lower than in 2003 by about \$1,500. In addition, the new Guild cookbook project was launched in the spring, and the first marketing phase cost more than was initially budgeted for. But with the new funding stream from the cookbook sale, expected to begin as early as May 2005, the Guild will be able to return back to the level of contribution which it pledged in 2003.

The Guild's main mission is to support all aspects of the Museum's functioning, its activities and programs. The Guild members do so generously every year through their volunteer work. In 2004, total of 9,765.50 volunteer hours donated by 74 Guild members helped support the function of the permanent as well as both temporary exhibits, the History Conference in March, many musical performances including the visit of the Silesian choir and the Quarteto Telleman, exhibit opening receptions, new Museum fundraiser "Brewnost", the Dance festival in July, the Museum store's "Cooking in Babi's Kitchen" program, and many others. Well, above this all, the Guild events such as the Taste of Czech and Slovak, Cookie Walk, the Ethnic Fest, hosting of the meetings, were also generously supported by many of our Guild members, who certainly deserve to be saluted for such dedication.

The number of volunteer hours mentioned earlier indicates that the Guild members put in over 3,000 hours more compared to the previous year! Such statistic certainly reflects a truly generous spirit of our members as they sold goods at the Museum store, greeted and sold tickets to the Museum visitors, taught the public how to bake fine Czech or Slovak traditional foods, held classes on traditional crafts, cooked and served meals and beverages, hosted visitors, helped promote events, created Guild web pages, baked hundreds of cookies and kolaches, tended to the garden and so on. Testimonials on the Guild members' volunteer work, which were published in several issues of the Guilded Pages newsletter in 2004, speak volume about how the volunteer work at the Museum enriched many of their lives.

During 2004, the Guild welcomed 8 new members keeping the membership count at 104.

Looking at our past accomplishments, we can certainly stop for a moment and pat ourselves on the back. However, not for too long, since there are so many exciting opportunities lined up in for the Museum that we'd better not miss out on being part of it all!

MEETING MINUTES

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

Held at NCSML on November 6th, 2004.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Shirley Alexander led the pledge of Alligiance.

Evelyn Dvorak, Alicia Jackson and Lavanda Woosley provided refreshments.

Czech / Slovak Word of the Day:

English - A greeting

Czech - Pozdravy

Slovak - Pozdravy

English - good evening

Czech - Dobry Večer

Slovak - Dobry Večer

English - Good night

Czech - Dobrou Noc

Slovak - Dobru Noc

English - good morning

Czech - Dobre Ráno

Slovak - Dobre Ráno

English - hello

Czech - Dobry Den

Slovak - Dobry Den

Secretary's report:

Will be found in the Guilded Page

Program:

Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles "Thirty Years of Collecting"

Presented by Jan Stoffer, Edie Blanchard and Stefanie Kohn.

We were fortunate enough to be given an early tour of the exhibit for members only.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Get well cards were sent to Bob Stone before and after surgery.

Birthday card sent to Mickey Chadima, former volunteer, age 96.

Sympathy card sent to Emma Davidson upon the death of her husband.

Get well card sent to Bob Tucker.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in the checking acct:

\$3,031.03.

Deposit of \$121.75 - Ethnic Fest.

Deposit of \$120.00 - cookbooks.

These deposits are included in the \$3,031.03.

One bill submitted for \$101.80 from Marilyn Tucker.

Museum Representative:

Leo Modracek reported the Brew Nost was very successful. 300 people attended. \$4,700 gross. \$2,800 profit.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Number of Guild members recording hours in October - 35

Number of Guild hours recorded - 421.25

Compared to September, 12 fewer volunteers in October.

Top Ten List for October:

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| Marilyn Tucker | 38.50 |
| Ann Kloubec | 30.75 |
| Dolores Usher | 27.50 |
| Lydia Elias | 24.50 |
| Shirley Alexander | 22.00 |
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| Charles Opatrny | 14.50 |
| Ed Hemphill | 14.00 |
| Joan Hemphill | 14.00 |
| Lillian Kopecky | 14.00 |

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising: Irma Kelly not present. Sign up and baking sheet passed around for the Cookie Walk.

Cookbook: Beula Dvorak emphasized that the Guild members are under-representative in contributing their recipes.

Frank Novotny suggested the sale of the cookbooks in the Gift Shop be sold for the same price as the Guild sells them.

Membership: Two new members; Agnes Gilbert and Bill Shiffer Welcome to both of you.

Program: Lavanda Woosley reported on the October trip. 30 people attended.

Publications: Marilyn Tucker said news for the Winter Guilded Page has to be in by Jan. 15, 2005. The mailing will be Jan 27, 2005.

Social: Cookie Walk will take place on December 11, 9:30 - sell out.

Education: Bob Stone. Czech Boys choir will sing on Jan. 24, 2005

Public Relations: Place the Cookie Walk flyers in prominent places to advertise the event.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Gail Naughton gave a report on the trip to the Czech Republic, everyone had an excellent time. 39 people went.

Other: Ann Kloubec mentioned the front windows need cleaning. Parts of the outside doors are fading. Mural on the wall of the storage building is also fading, will need special treatment. There will be a handicap ramp made for the Immigrant House. The Immigrant House porch will be repaired.

Door Prize Drawing: won by Barb Pulkrab. A large puzzle featuring decorated Czech Easter eggs. Donated by Marj Nejd.

Adjournment by Marge Stone at 11:15 AM.

Next Guild Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004. The Cookie Walk will begin at 9:30 AM - to end of sales. The Guild members will furnish a breakfast for the early workers at the Cookie Walk.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Holubar

MUSEUM GUILD COOKIE WALK December 11, 2004

The Cookie Walk was a great success. Thanks to the 41 volunteers who baked cookies and made candy for the Cookie Walk and the 32 volunteers who worked. We had 71 different kinds of beautiful cookies and candies.

— Irma Kelly
Chairman, Fund Raising



PHOTO CREDIT: ANDREA SIEBENMANN

*Everything is ready for the opening of the Cookie Walk.
Left to Right: Olga Sedenka, Lydia Elias, Bette Krall,
Vera Conway and Dorothy Voelkers*



PHOTO CREDIT: ANDREA SIEBENMANN

Guild Members welcome Cookie Walk customers!



MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library.

Held at NCSML on January 8, 2005, at 9:30 AM.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Shirley Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vicky Cekelis, Ellsworth and Dorothy Voelkers served refreshments. All enjoyed coffee cake and fresh fruit.

Czech and Slovak Word of the Day; English – see you later (so long)

Czech - Na shledanou

Slovak - Dovidenia

English – Happy New Year

Czech - šťastný nový rok

Slovak - šťastný nový rok

Secretary's Report:

Will be found in the Guided Page.

Program;

"Safety for Seniors" presented by Sandy Brundt, Aging Services.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Shirley Alexander read a thank you note from Marie Cada.

Treasurer's Report:

Alicia Jackson will be the new treasurer.

Checking Acct. Balance \$3,144.92.

Deposits from Cookie Walk \$918.55

Disbursements: cash for Cookie Walk \$100.00.

Cookie Walk Supplies \$38.72.

Checking Acct. Balance as of

12-31-04 \$3,924.75.

Museum Representative:

Gail Naughton gave the presentation.

34,010 people walked through the doors of the NCSML.

19,034 visited the exhibits and programs.

120 programs were given.

100,000 hit on the web site, which is

very important in reaching out to

people.

325 people attended the Brew Nost.

130 people attended Cooking in Babi's Kitchen.

627 attended the Dance Festival.

253 attended the Taste of Czech and

Slovak.

The audit was completed for 2003, the Museum is operating in the black.

The audit for 2004 is coming up and we expect to be operating in the black.

Library Vision and Legacy Society has remembered the Museum in Estate

Planning with over \$2,000,000.

We have applied for a Museum Assessment Grant to be accredited

nationally, we will know in two years.

A 2005 calendar of Major Events was passed around to the members.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Number of Guild members recording hours in November - 46

Number of Guild hours recorded

513.75

Compared to October, eleven more

volunteers recorded hours in Nov.

Number of Guild members recording hours in December – 47.

Number of Guild hours recorded

579.5

Top Ten List for December

Marj Nejd 56.00

Ann Kloubec 50.75

Dolores Usher 47.50

John Cimburek 21.50

Lillian Kopecky 20.50

Agnes Gilbert 20.00

Marjeanne Jungjohann 19.75

Carolyn Holubar 19.00

Evelyn Dvorak 17.50

Gary Dvorak 17.50

Dorothy Voelkers 17.50

Ellsworth Voelkers 17.50

Alicia Jackson 17.25

Program Notes:

The Boni Boys Choir from Hradec

Kralove, Czech Republic will be

performing at the Paramount Theatre on Monday evening, Jan. 24th as part

of the Cedar Rapids Community

Concert Association Series. Host

families will be needed for overnight

housing.

Number of Guild members recording

hours in 2004 – 74.

Number of hours recorded by Guild members in 2004 – 9765.50.

3.5 – 35 hours 27 members

36 - 85 hours 14 members

86 - 200 hours 22 members

201-500 hours 6 members

501-809 hours 5 members.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Irma Kelly said 41 volunteers brought 71 different kinds of cookies & candies. Next time bring 3-4 dozen instead of just one dozen.

Cookbook: Beula Dvorak would like contributions from more people.

Garden: Vicky Cekelis will be a consultant this year. Mel, Carolyn, Bonnie Holubar, Cole Sanchez, Emil Koval and Leo Modracek will continue as before.

Social: Marge Stone, Fern Fackler and Marie Webster will serve next month on Feb. 5th, 2005.

Education: Bob Stone gave information on the Boni Pueri Boys Concert at the Paramount Theatre on January 24, 2005.

The Prague Symphony Orchestra will perform at Hancher Auditorium on March 9, 2005.

Also a Czech language course will be taught at the Spillville Library and the Internet from Feb. 5 through November.

History and property: There are two nice pictures in the newspaper from the Cookie Walk.

Door prize drawing: won by Olga Sedenka. A doily donated by Marge Stone.

Adjournment by Mel Holubar at 11:00 AM.

Next Guild meeting to be held on February 5, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Holubar

TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

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| Leo Modracek | 21.00 |
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DECEMBER 2004

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Number of Guild Hours recorded — 579.5

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THE MUSEUM GUILD VOLUNTEER YEAR-END REPORT ~ 2004 ~



Patricia A. Hikiji
Volunteer Coordinator

Number of Guild members recording hours in 2004 — 74

Number of hours recorded by Guild members in 2004 — 9765.50

Hours Served by Category

| Category | Number of Members Recording Hours |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3.5 — 35 hours | 27 members |
| 36 — 85 hours | 14 members |
| 86 — 200 hours | 22 members |
| 210 — 500 hours | 6 members |
| 501 — 809 hours | 5 members |

TOP TEN LIST FOR 2004

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|-------------------|--------|
| Gail Naughton. | 809.00 |
| Carolyn Holubar | 709.50 |
| Mel Holubar | 664.50 |
| Bob Stone | 662.00 |
| Marge Stone | 649.00 |
| Dolores Usher | 444.25 |
| Irene Konecny | 422.50 |
| Ann Kloubec | 421.25 |
| Marilyn Tucker | 237.50 |
| Shirley Alexander | 233.00 |

THE GUILDED PAGE

Marilyn Shima Tucker
Editor



NEXT MEETING

Saturday
February 5, 2005
9:30 AM

Carolyn Holubar

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Saturday, February 5, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"WILDLIFE — BIRDS"

Presented by Jim Durbin

Hosts: Fern Fackler, Marge Stone and Marie Webster

Saturday, March 5, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"GARNETS"

Presented by Jan Stoffer

Hosts: Patty Hikiji and Betty Truesdell

Saturday, April 2, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Program To Be Announced

Hosts: To be announced

From the Board and Membership of
The Museum Guild
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
to
the Family and friends of
FRANK NOVOTNY



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