

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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



*Mary Van Houten and Marie Webster, Co-Chairs, were behind the scenes with volunteers the afternoon before Cookie Walk...decorating, boxing goodies, and organizing.*



*13th Annual Guild Event--*

## **Cookie Walk Enhances Old Prague Market, Adds \$1900 to Treasury**

"We Want Cookies," (as Cookie Monster would proclaim) ,was the theme on Saturday, Dec. 3, as Museum Guild of NCSML held its 13th Annual Cookie Walk. Patrons were at the door before 9 a.m., wanting to be first in line to load their boxes with tasty sweets!

As this was my first Cookie Walk, I felt the atmosphere festive and upbeat as we finalized all the small, but important details as the 9:30 a.m. opening approached. This year's event was so successful, and all due to the wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time and talents once again as well as our faithful patrons. Some 33 bakers and candy makers contributed some 244 dozen goodies, and some 28 volunteers were busy during Cookie Walk and the preceding day. (A complete list of names of individuals who contributed to the success of this fundraiser will appear in the March issue of *Guilded Page*.)

Donna Merkle enhanced our event with holiday music on the dulcimer. Guild cookbooks, aprons, and memberships were sold by Barb Pulkrab. Breakfast for Guild members was enjoyed before the rush began, and we thank Carolyn and Mel Holubar, Cyndi O'Brien, Betty Sheets, and Carol Wohlleben for the yummy casserole, pastries, and fruit. Everyone's involvement was needed to reach our goals, including members who were cookie box fillers, scale operators, cashiers, cafe cashiers, cookie table attendants, box distributors, publicity and promotion volunteers, and clean- up committee the day of the Walk.

On the Friday afternoon preceding the Walk, members set up tables, filled cookie boxes, and prepared cashier stations, and decorated the gym from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Here are some financial tallies: Total Cookie Sales; \$1392**

**Donations: \$200.50**

**Coffee/Hot Chocolate Bar: \$25**

**Total: \$1894.20**

Walk Co-chair Marie Webster was invaluable, with her helpfulness and past experience with the Walk. THANK YOU, ALL. We made money while adding to the festivities of the Old Prague Christmas Market! Have a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

**--Mary Van Houten, 2011 Cookie Walk Co-Chair**



## Guild Endorses Marj NejdI as 'Woman of Achievement'

Marj NejdI was honored as a "Woman of Achievement" at Waypoint's 30th annual Tribute to Women of Achievement banquet.

Four members of Marj's immediate family and 9 Guild members attended the dinner event at the Marriot on Oct. 6 to honor our candidate, who was among 31 area women recognized for their accomplishments in businesses, churches, civic groups, and personal lives.



**From Left: Emily, Phil, Marj, DeeAnn, and Chuck...all Nejdls!!**

Marj's nomination was titled "Artist/Czech Decorative Arts." However, her some 39 years of contributions to preserve and promote Czech art and culture in this area and nationally were cited in her nomination. She paints Czech folk art motifs on eggshells, fabrics, glass, and wood. She has been an active volunteer on behalf of NCSML since 1978 and has promoted our museum from North Dakota to Alabama to New York. She has decorated eggshells for Presidents, Ambassadors, Governors, and Astronauts!!

Her formal education includes study at the Rae Vogue Commercial Art School and Chicago Art Institute. Her leadership in her culture includes the current role as National Director for Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska for CSA Fraternal Life Society.

Regarding the "long term effects on nominee's achievements on women to follow," Marj's nomination read the following. "Marjorie Kopecek NejdI embraced her cultural heritage as a child and has continued to do so with her family, church, and community throughout her life. Many women have the skills and opportunity to help other women, and no realm of support is any more valid than that of helping nurture women's hearts and spirits. Our cultural heritage is the center of our spirit. Because of the Mission of Marj NejdI and NCSML, thousands of Czech and Slovak women have had their personal cultural pride and purpose nurtured and will be more able to do likewise for "women to follow."

**From Left: Beth Chacey DeBoom, Helane Golden, Mary Ann Barry, Carol Wohlleben, Betty Sheets, Marjorie Pace, Fern Fackler, Marj NejdI, Phil NejdI, Emily NejdI, Chuck NejdI, Dee Ann NejdI, Patti Thacker, and Jeanne Vogt.**





## The President's Message ...

*Carol Wohlleben*

### Greetings!

The leaves have fallen while our spirits are soaring as we move closer to re-opening the museum. There is so much ahead of us!

The successes you continue to demonstrate in projects like BrewNost appeared again with the Cookie Walk and Babi's Bakery at the Old Prague Christmas Market! Thank you everyone!

It is likely that many of our tasks will change some as we move into 2012, and it is important we are all knowledgeable about them. Much of our Guild programming will focus on the museum, especially as it has grown, making us more knowledgeable and helpful.

Our need continues to expand our membership. Please continue to recruit. Plus, we love to welcome more people into the Guild!

Thank you for supporting your executive officers and asking us to serve another year. This gives us more experience and confidence as we approach the grand re-opening, celebrating a beautiful and revitalized National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.



\*\*\*\*\*2012 DUES DUES DUES\*\*\*\*\*  
Bring your \$10 check to January meeting or  
mail NOW: Betty Sheets, Treasurer

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\*\*\*\*\*2012 Officers of Museum Guild of NCSML\*\*\*\*\*

From left: Mel Holubar, NCSML Board Representative; Suzie Long, Recording Secretary; Cyndi O'Brien, Vice-President; Carol Wohlleben, President; Carolyn Holubar, Corresponding Secretary; Betty Sheets, Treasurer; Pat Martin, Ex-Officio.



## **BAKERS**

Shirley Alexander  
 Fern Fackler  
 Allison Gallagher  
 Shally Garin  
 Diane Hayes  
 Bonnie Holubar  
 Carolyn Holubar  
 Fran Johnson  
 Mary Ann Kucera  
 Penny Kula  
 Joe Kurka  
 Suzie Long  
 Marj Nejd  
 Betty Sheets  
 Mary Van Houten  
 Dorothy Voelkers  
 Jeanne Vogt  
 Allyson Wheaton  
 Marie Webster  
 Carol Wohleben  
 Milena Novosad



**Babi's Bakery Committee:** From left, Diane Hayes, Diana Geoffrey, co-chairs; Carol Wohleben, Guild President, Cyndi O'Brien, V.P.

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## **Babi's Bakery Sweetens BrewNost 2011**

The Guild of NCSML-sponsored Babi's Bakery netted some \$558 during the eighth annual BrewNost. Guild became a BrewNost sponsor this year, with a \$3000 donation, and our involvement in the annual fund-raiser was enhanced with the inclusion of the Bakery, which provided a way for patrons to take "mouth-watering tastes" home.

Guild members also provided and served Czech Garnet "dessert bites" for party-goers ...and volunteered in a variety of ways.

## **BABI'S BAKERY WORKERS**

Dolores Blood  
 Chris Curfman  
 Beth DeBoom  
 Kenny Fetter  
 Allison Gallagher  
 Jennifer and Eric Greve  
 Bonnie Holubar  
 Carolyn Holubar  
 Karen Hospodarsky  
 Mary Ann Kucera  
 Joe Kurka  
 Suzie Long  
 Marj Nejd  
 Milly Ortner  
 Ann Poe  
 Sally and John Shean  
 Betty Sheets  
 Dorothy Voelkers  
 Jeanne Vogt  
 Allyson Wheaton



**Jennifer Greve serves Czech Garnets to BrewNost guests...yummmmm**

## **BAKERY ITEMS**

Kolaches-Provided by The 1st Presbyterian Church of Ely  
 Czech Garnets  
 Babovka  
 Czech Coffee Cake  
 Czech Breakfast Cake  
 Czech Mix  
 Sauerkraut Cookies  
 Surprise Chocolate Sauerkraut Cupcakes-Provided by The Wright Touch Bakery  
 Bread Dumplings-Provided by SOKOL  
 Rye Bread-Provided by Sykora's Bakery  
 Homemade Dill Pickles-Donated by Betty Sheets  
 Pickled Bologna-Donated by Marj Nejd



## *BrewNost Facts, Tidbits from Kecia Boysen, Annual Fund Manager*

\*\*762 tickets were sold, to Sponsors, BrewMasters, Patrons, regular admissions and volunteers. Count at door was 677, but this count does not include people from restaurants/caterers/beer servers. Those additions make it more than 700.

\*\*Net Profit was \$81 thousand, a 7 % increase over last year's \$76 thousand. A RECORD PROFIT.

\*\*\*"One of the most popular additions to BrewNost 2011 was Babi's Bakery, sponsored by Guild of NCSML. Not only did the bakery offer patrons the chance to purchase traditional favorites, it was an opportunity for everyone to see the impact and important role Guild plays in supporting our organization and helping to preserve and promote the ethnicity of the Czech & Slovak Republics," Kecia said

\*\*\*"Thank you, Guild members, for your time, efforts, and financial support during BrewNost and throughout the year. Ours is partnership that truly benefits NCSML on a daily basis," she added.



## *Volunteerism builds bonds of loyal and friendship*

Records Maintained by Carolyn Holubar

### *Top Ten for August, 2011*

**554.75 hours**

**Total number of Volunteers: 57**

John Kohn	52
Carolyn Holubar	36.5
Carol Wohlleben	32
Donna Merkle	29
Pat Martin	23.5
Mel Holubar	22
Jackie Allen	21.5
Suzanne Charipar	21
Shirley Alexander	20.5
Mary Dvorak	20.5

### *Top Ten for October, 2011*

**310 hours**

**Total number of Volunteers: 48**

Suzanne Charipar	30
Jackie Allen	25
Donna Merkle	23.25
Pat Martin	20
Carolyn Holubar	17.5
Mary Ellen Krotz	15.5
Marj Nejd	13
Carol Wohlleben	12.5
Mel Holubar	9.5
Mary Dvorak	9.25

### *Top Twelve for September, 2011*

**1375.5 hours**

**Total number of Volunteers: 66**

Donna Merkle	210
Carolyn Holubar	191
Guenter Merkle	161
Jim Jacobsen	120
Diane Hayes	46.5
Carol Wohlleben	46.5
Diana Geoffrey	46.5
Marj Nejd	35.5
Jackie Allen	35.5
Suzanne Charipar	27.5
Jeanne Vogt	27.5
Suzie Long	24

### *Answers to Education Questions:*

*Part One: Václav Klaus. He is serving his second five-year term as President of the Czech Republic.*

*Part Two: Ivan Gasparovic. He is serving his second five-year term as President of the Slovak Republic.*



## Minutes of the September 2011 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 41 members and 2 guests attending. We had one new member join.

**Introduction of Guest:** Marj NejdI introduced her guests, her cousin Vera and her granddaughter Emily. We learned that Vera's father was the original owner of Pohlana's Meat Market.

**Guest Speaker:** Carol Wohlleben introduced Ann Poe, NCSML Board member, who spoke about the History of the Original Dedication of the "Red Roof Building." The building was dedicated on 10/21/95 and it was the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Iowa history that an event had the honor of having 3 seated Presidents in attendance (U.S., Czech & Slovak). She gave many "behind the scenes" stories of how the NCSML worked with the media and the Secret Service to make the event a success. She is hopeful that we can again have all 3 Presidents in attendance at the next dedication and reopening event.

**BrewNost:** Diana Geoffrey and Diane Hayes reviewed the plans for a very smooth running BrewNost 2011 event. It will be held at Kernels Stadium on 09/23/11 from 6-9:30pm. They had sign up sheets, recipes and disposable pans ready for members to take with them to prepare the dessert bites as well as baked goods for Babi's Kitchen. We were told 1<sup>st</sup> Prespertian Church of Ely will be baking 30 dozen kolaches for us the morning of the event to sell in Babi's Kitchen. Attire for Guild volunteers will be dark or khaki pants, red/white or blue shirt and Guild apron if you have one. We will also be wearing the Czech head scarves and visors.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben said the NCSML will have mandatory training for all volunteers working in the Museum in the future. This way, all volunteers will be trained in the same fashion. An official dress code for volunteers is also being discussed. She proposed that The Guild give a \$25 memorial donation to the NCSML Foundation- endowment fund in the name of Lud Svoboda. A motion was made by Marj NejdI to make the donation, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Pulkrab. The motion passed with a 100% yes vote.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long read the Minutes from the August 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar sent around a sympathy card for all to sign to be sent to the family of Lud Svoboda. She also read a Thank You letter sent to The Guild from Kecia Boyson. She thanked the Guild for its sponsorship of BrewNost, lending support with volunteers for the event and running Babi's Kitchen. She read the top 10 volunteers for the month of August and reminded us how important it is to record hours. An incredible 554.75 volunteer hours were logged for August, 2011!!

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets read that we have \$4403.90 in the bank. No new bills were presented.

**Museum Representative:** Carolyn Holubar read the report in Mel's absence. She read that, per NCSML Board Chairperson, Sue Olson, the freeze on FEMA funds will not impact the NCSML building progress. The \$5.2 million in obligated funds to the NCSML are secure and will be paid. The planned re-opening of the NCSML is still scheduled for the summer of 2012. When the museum reopens, there will be a new exhibit by artist Alphonse Mucha, a famous Czech Artist. You can see some of his work on greeting cards, wrapping paper, calendars, etc in the NCSML gift shop. Mel also has raffle tickets for the Golden Prague Getaway at \$10 each. He notes Christmas ornaments have arrived at the NCSML gift shop (there are 350 ornaments shown on the web site), Gail will be back from Australia soon and there will be an accordion symposium in New Bohemia the day after BrewNost

**Ex-Officio:** Pat Martin reminded us of The Waypoint-Tribute to Women of Achievement event that will be held 10/06/11 and that the nomination for Marj NejdI was submitted. Mary Ann Barry is collecting from anyone that would like a seat at the Guild table.

**Guild Business:** Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the day lesson.

**Committee Chair Reports:** Jeanne Vogt ran through numerous upcoming educational events, and Diana Geoffrey thanked the days hostesses, Laverne Fisher, Betty Krall and Vera Conway. We also need host/hostesses for October, 2011. Pat Martin reminded all of the upcoming Czech Fest 09/24 -09/25 and that Sunday will be Kids Day. Flyers are available at the Museum.

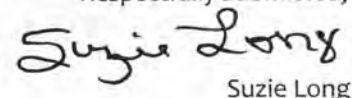
**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Czech inspired cross stich, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Shirley Alexander. Home made pickles, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Barb Pulkrab. Czech inspired, hand painted wooden box, donated by Marj NejdI- won by Dorothy Voelkers. Walnut Potica Roll, donated by Andrejs European Bakery- won by Ann Kloubec. Tickets to BrewNost- donated by the NCSML- won by Karen Hospodarsky and Mary Van Houten.

### September Meeting Language Lesson

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Slovak</u>
Food/Meal	Jídlo	Jedlo
Breakfast	Snídaně	Raňajky
Lunch	Oběd	Obed
Dinner/Supper	Večeře	Večera

--Bob Stone

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Suzie Long



*Thank you, members, for hospitality during meeting Socials*



*September Hostesses: Vera Conway, Laverne Fisher and Betty Krall*

*October Hostesses: Jeanne Vogt and Diana Geoffrey*



### Hosts for Upcoming Meetings

#### January Hosts:

- Dorothy Voelkers
- Milly Ortner
- Mary Van Houten

#### February Hosts:

- Carolyn and Mel Holubar
- and Emil Koval



*November Hostesses: Chris Curfman and Diane Hayes(not pictured). Jennifer Greve helped Chris serve.*

~~~~~ Our Mission Statement~~~~~

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

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### 2012 Guild Meeting Calendar

The calendar for 2012 continues to be that all the Guild meetings through July will be the first Saturday of each month and will be at St. Wenceslaus Church through June:

**January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, and July 7**

Tentatively, the July meeting will be held in the museum!

We have a contract for the church through June and it can be extended as needed.

--Carol Wohlleben, President



## Minutes of the October 2011 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 35 members and 2 guests attending. We had no new members join.

**Introduction of Guest:** Sue Homsey introduced herself and said she heard about the Guild at the BrewNost event the week before. Emil Koval introduced his guest, his cousin Barbara Grimm.

**BrewNost Report:** Diane Hayes gave a big Thank You to all of the Guild members and family that volunteered their time, baked goods and handyman skills for the event. There were 25 bakers and 28 volunteers and any baked goods that didn't sell the night of the event were sold quickly at the Czech Fest event the next day. She thanked the NCSML for providing the wonderful, "Babi's Bakery" signs for our display. Diana Geoffrey read an email received from Kecia Boysen. It thanked everyone for all of the volunteer time spent on the event as well as our sponsorship. She invited us back next year for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Babi's Bakery. She said there were 763 attendees and every bit the success they had hoped for. Diana told us Babi's Bakery sold \$911 worth of baked goods between BrewNost and Czech Fest with a \$558.84 overall profit. Comment forms were available for suggestions from the Guild so preparation for next years event that will be held in the newly rededicated Red Roof Museum can start!

**Education Director:** Jan Stouffer thanked everyone for the help with BrewNost and Czech Fest. She said there will be monthly volunteer training at the museum and would like as much participation as possible as the whole operation will be changing once we move back into the Red Roof building. She reminded there will be a Cooking in Babi's Kitchen 10/08/11 at 10am at St. Ludmila Church, and several bus tour events including the Czech Christmas in Chicago tour 11/12 and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Museum Board Representative:** Mel Holubar attended the NCSML Board meeting 09/27/11 and was told construction is within budget and is on schedule. When the Museum opens, 3 small exhibits will be open. One by Alphonse Mucha, one on textiles and a 3<sup>rd</sup> will feature children's illustrations. The 5500 square foot permanent exhibit will not open until mid 2013. Possible Grand Opening of the Museum may be in Oct 2012 as this is when the UN General Assembly is scheduled in New York and we hope to persuade some high ranking officials to attend our opening. Upon final approval by The City of Cedar Rapids, the new street name for the street in front of the Museum will be Inspiration Place. The Council on Higher Education, located in Chicago may relocate to Cedar Rapids and become tied to NCSML. This would be a great boost for us as well as the City, so keep your fingers crossed. The NCSML has won another VERY competitive Grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation for \$50,000 to be used over the next 2 years.

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets said we have \$4827.90 in the bank. 2 new bills were presented for BrewNost expenses. A motion was made by Frank Edmunds to pay the bills and the motion was seconded by Joe Kurka. The motion passed with a 100% yes vote from the Guild membership.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar said the Guild members put in a jaw dropping, 1375.5 volunteer hours for the month of September! She read the top 20 volunteers for the month as well as a Thank You letter for the \$25 donation the Guild made in the name of Lud Svoboda to the endowment fund. She said \$30 was also donated to the Guild funds in memory of Lud.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long read the Minutes from the September 2011 meeting. Several corrections were made and the report was then approved as read.

**Vice President:** Cyndi O'Brien said we need new Chairs and Co-Chairs for Committees for 2012 and if you are interested in retaining your position to let her know. She said we need monthly program ideas for November 2011, January, February and March 2012.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben turned it over to Mary Ann Barry for an update on the Waypoint -Tribute to Women of Achievement event coming up 10/06/11. She confirmed there are 14 Guild members scheduled to attend in support of Marj Nejd's nomination and the attire will be Business cocktail.

**Guild Business:** Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the day lesson. Mary Van Houten said there will be information to include sign up sheets for volunteering and baking for the upcoming Cookie Walk at the November meeting.

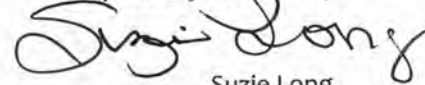
**Committee Chair Reports:** Jeanne Vogt ran through numerous upcoming educational events, Jennifer Greve welcomed our visitors and Diana Geoffrey thanked the days hostesses, Jeanne Vogt and herself. We also need host/hostesses for January and March 2012. Pat Martin reminded the deadline for the upcoming Guilded Page is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Czech mix- won by Liba Ayach, Banana and Apple bread mixes, donated by Jeanne Vogt- won by Jessie Stastny and Loreen Svoboda. A hand painted, Czech inspired napkin holder, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Milena Novosad.

### October Meeting Language Lesson--Bob Stone

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Slovak</u>
to eat	jíst	jest'
to drink	pít	pit'
enjoy your meal	dobrou chut'	dobrú chut'
	dobré chutnání	
Cheers	na zdraví	na zdravie
(to your health)		

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long



## November Program Reveals Details of July 14 NCSML Opening, New Museum Design, Programming, Space Utilization, Parking

Start planning your summer around Saturday, July 14, 2012. This is the date the expanded and re-located National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will open to the public.

At the Guild's November meeting, Jan Stoffer, Director of Education & Visitor Services for NCSML presented a program that revealed that with some 70-80 construction workers involved, the progress toward the opening is ahead of schedule. Her comments were made to an excited and enthusiastic audience.

Jan revealed the new Mission and Vision Statements as well as details about the building. When completed, the building will have a 55-seat auditorium; three galleries including a 7200 square ft. permanent exhibition hall; a classroom; a 5500 square ft. library; a reception hall for seating up to 400; a river view terrace; catering kitchen; an expanded store. Offices will be located on the second level of the new addition. Ground level will provide some 65 parking spaces. Geothermal heating and cooling with solar panels enhance environmental quality.

Jan even showed the group carpet and fabric sample.

More than \$25 million was raised during the capital campaign of 2010 for flood recovery of NCSML. I-JOBS provided \$10 million and a Vision Iowa grant of \$2.9 million was also received. Enthusiastic supporters of our Museum contributed the rest.



**Jan Stoffer**

### *Mission of NCSML*

We inspire people from every background to connect with Czech and Slovak history and culture.

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**2012 Memberships Due January 31**

2012 Museum Guild dues are now DUE and are to be paid by January 31, 2012. Please send your \$10 check, payable to Museum Guild, to...

**Betty Sheets, Guild Treasurer**

Questions? Call Betty at \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Membership Chair Jennifer Greve

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### **Carolyn Holubar Meets Geraldine Mucha at Woodrow Wilson Monument Reception**

Carolyn Holubar met Alphonse Mucha daughter-in-law Mrs. Geraldine Mucha at a Woodrow Wilson Monument Dedication Reception October 5, 2011, in Prague. Carolyn and Mel Holubar, Guild's rep on NCSML Board, traveled to Prague with 13 NCSML supporters for the dedication.

### ***Fourth Education Question for Everyone***

*Part One: Who is currently the President of the Czech Republic? (Answer p. 5.)*

*Part Two: Who is currently the President of the Slovak Republic? (Answer p.5.)*



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The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice President Cyndi O'Brian lead the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Guild Mission Statement. There were 41 members and no guests attending. We had no new members join.

**Program:** Carol Wohlleben introduced Jan Stoffer, Education Director of the NCSML who gave a slide show of the NCSML construction. It included floor plans for the new building and addition, samples of carpet, tile, chandeliers, wall coverings, paint and woodwork colors. There will be underground parking for 65 vehicles plus 2 additional parking areas, and an elevator to the mail floor. The building will be LEED certified as energy efficient. There will be an outdoor amphitheater and the Grand Opening is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The immigrant house is scheduled to be moved this fall and will be directly outside the Museum, near the other galleries. She confirmed the Old Prague Christmas event will be held on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a large heated tent for up to 20 vendors and will be more comfortable than last year. The event will include horse and wagon rides, tree lighting, carolers, music, jugglers and crafts for kids. An enclosed trolley will carry visitors from the event to the cookie walk.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben asked everyone to remember the on going volunteer training and how important it will be to us once the new building opens. She said the Guild will sponsor a Babi's Bakery as one of the vendor spots for An Old Prague Christmas. So we will need baked goods and volunteers to run this, and reminded it will be the same time as the cookie walk.

**Vice President:** Cyndi O'Brian asked all Guild members to please try to pay their \$10 Guild membership dues as soon as possible as it has been difficult in the past to get dues collected. The sooner everyone pays, the less calling will be needed to collect.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long read the Minutes from the October 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar said she sent a Thinking of You card to Jan Stoffer's mother and sent around a sympathy card for all to sign to be sent to the children of Leo Modracek. She read the Top 10 volunteers for October and said we recorded 310 volunteer hours for last month. She reminded all to Record Your Volunteer Hours! It is important to funding.

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets asked the Guild membership to consider donating \$25 to the endowment fund on behalf of Betty Suchan and Leo Madracek. Frank Edmonds made a motion to approve the donations and Dorothy Voelkers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was passed with a 100% yes vote by the membership. She also presented one new bill for approval. \$211.10 for postage for the Guilded Page for 2012. A motion was made by Marg Stone to approve payment and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Vogt. The motion passed with a 100% yes vote by the membership. She read that we have \$4907.41 in the bank.

**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar reported on the trip taken by 13 representatives of the NCSML to Prague for the dedication of newly remade statue of Woodrow Wilson. The statue was originally dedicated 07/04/28 but was destroyed in 1941. He reminded us of the importance Woodrow Wilson had at establishing the Czechoslovakian borders, when there were none. He stated the new Museum is being enclosed to ensure that work can continue throughout the winter and the retaining walls are going in on schedule. The collections building will be torn down soon and the contents moved to the Hurych building. Volunteer, retired electricians will help at no charge to fix the electrical, heating and cooling in the new location.

**Ex-Officio:** Pat Martin thanked the Guild for the nomination of Marj NejdI for The Waypoint-Tribute to Women of Achievement event. It was a great evening and Marj deserved all of the attention she got.

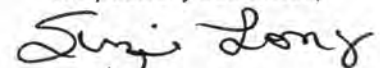
**Education Director:** Jan Stoffer said there will be a volunteer Christmas party at the Kosek building on 12/17/11 at 9am.

**Guild Business:** Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the day lesson. Mary Van Houten reminded all of the upcoming Cookie Walk that will be held 12/04/11 at 9:30am in the St. Wenceslaus Church gymnasium. There were sheets available for volunteers to assist with the event as well as bakers. It would be best if cookies and candy could be dropped off Friday 12/03.

**Committee Chair Reports:** Jeanne Vogt ran through numerous upcoming educational events. Jennifer Greve reminded all to encourage new membership and said we need host/hostesses for January and March, 2012. Donna Merkle said the Museum is out of the Guild cookbook and are asking if we would approve sending 50 books over on consignment. Suzanne Charipar made a motion to approve it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Gallagher. The motion was approved with a 100% yes vote. Donna said the Guild would need to vote to retain the current Executive Committee for the 2012 year. Marge Stone made a motion to keep the existing Executive Committee for 2012, Milly Ortner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed with 100% yes vote by the Guild membership.

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Camp Courageous fruit cake, donated by Mary Van Houten-won by Emil Koval. Wooden potpourri box, donated by Joe Kurka- won by Frank Edmunds. 2 bags of caramel corn, donated by Barb Pulkrab-won by Jeanne Vogt and Andrea Siebenmann. NCSML floor tile, donated by Douglas Smith-won by Joe Kurka. Book-Dvorak in Spillville, winter quilted table runner and Holiday tissue box cover, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Suzanne Charipar, Laverne Fisher and Marie Webster.

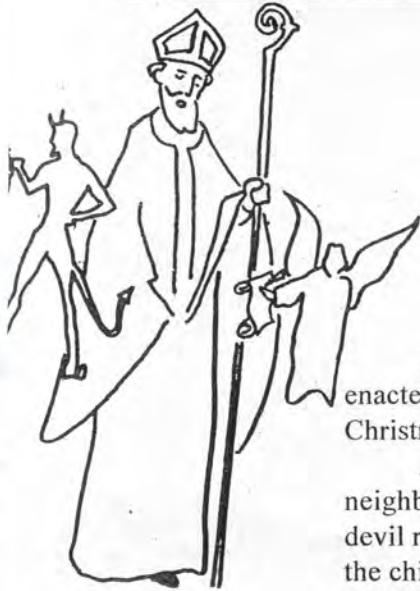
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Suzie Long

### November Meeting Language Lesson--Bob Stone

English	Czech	Slovak
National Meal (Thanksgiving)	vepřoknedlozelo	bryndzové halušky
Pork	vepřové	bravčové
Dumplings	knedlíky	knedle
Sauerkraut	kyselé zelí	kyslá kapusta





## *Legend of Svaty Mikuláš (St. Nicholas)*

Beginning on December 6, which is the feast of Svaty Mikuláš, the following custom is enacted by Czech people. The scene may be staged throughout the Christmas season until Christmas Eve.

A trio comprised of Sv. Mikuláš, Devil (Čert), and Angel (Anděl), stroll throughout the neighborhood. The devil and angel walk ahead, signaling the approach of Mikuláš, and the devil rattles a chain. Then, Sv. Mikuláš asks each child if he/she has said the prayers and whether the child's behavior has been good or bad. Those who say they have been good are given treats, while the angel records the proceedings in an elaborate book with the use of a quill pen. Then, on Christmas Eve, according to the record kept by the angel, the children receive nuts, candy, fruit, and little gifts if they have been good...and old potatoes or a lump of coal if they have not.

Sv. Mikuláš is one of the most venerated of all saints, and he was Bishop of Myra, Capitol of Lycia, an ancient province in Asia Minor, now Turkey. He is especially noted for his love for children and generosity to the needy and, of course, was the first Santa Claus.



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## Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 7, at 9 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall

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**January Program: Mucha Art!**

**Presented by Stefanie Kohn**

## What The CZECH Is Going On!

- December 17, 2011 **Volunteer Appreciation** 9 – 10 a.m. Reception at the NCSML/Kosek Bldg.
- January 17, 2012 **Lace Making Program** 11 – 2 p.m. in the Museum Store
- January 21 **Volunteer Information/Training** on Alphonse Mucha 9 am – 10 am-  
Museum Classroom
- February 16, 2012 **Volunteer Information/Training** on Temporary Galleries 9 am – 10 am  
Museum Classroom
- February 18 **Masopust (Czech Mardi Gras)** in Protivin, IA 12 noon – 9 p.m.
- February 23 **Federation of Czech Groups**, 1 p.m. at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
Cedar Rapids
- March 3, 2012 **Jitro Choir** from Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic; St. Wenceslaus Church,  
Cedar Rapids

-- Jeanne Vogt, Education Chair



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