

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Museum Guild Members:

Five years ago today, April 9, 1994, the Museum Guild had its first meeting. Discussed was prospective members, a detailed explanation of our purpose and information about plans for the new museum. The enthusiasm and foresight seen by those who attended has certainly taken effect.

Now, another milestone for the Guild has just been incorporated. Working closely with our Museum Director, Dan Baldwin and Development Director Judy Ostrander, the Guild has established a special endowment fund that honors the memory of Guild members (details in this issue). I am proud of the Museum Guild Board and Guild members for supporting the idea; this continues to show our close relationship between the Museum and the Guild.

Of course, none of this could have been accomplished without the support of our members, the many committees who worked diligently on the cookbooks and "The Taste of Czech." A special thanks to all involved.

This brings to mind all sorts of credits due to our members. To list a few, right now Vera and Don Conway are organizing and typing our program booklets with all 110 members' names and addresses. Last week several members got together at the museum for a Phone-a-Thon, updating museum memberships. The week before, Pub Night would not have been the success it was without Barb Pulkrab and her crew moving furniture from Sokol's and CSPA Hall to make an appropriate setting. Many Guild members helped serve, take tickets and clean up afterward. The Easter season brought many volunteers to the Museum to demonstrate their talents or



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make all the visitors feel welcome. I might mention too, April 23rd, the Guild will sponsor a potluck dinner for eight Slovak mayors who are visiting I.S.U. to further understand politics and policies here in Iowa. We appreciate this opportunity and thank the host families who are: Frank & Barb Edmunds, Bob & Marge Stone, Leni Stastny and Pam Lewis.

These are all volunteer hours to name a few; it is so very important to record hours since it affects the Museum directly. A positive image of our community support helps secure grants for our museum. Please record your hours in the book Patty Hikiji has provided for us.

Once again the Program Committee has arranged an interesting line up of topics and speakers for which we are grateful. Last summer, Leona Poduska spoke on Czech School — her detailed summary was very informative and we asked her for a copy. We look forward to this account of Czech School in our next issue. Our next meeting, May 1st, we are looking forward to hearing Joyce Anderson talk about Czech glass.

I could go on and on with the tremendous response and generosity of our members' time, talent and ideas. You are all a great group of people and I thank you for this.

I hope to see you at our May 1st meeting.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Rohlena, President

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(Preliminary Document)

Memorandum of Understanding between

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and Museum Guild

Because of the close and longstanding relationship between the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) and the Museum Guild (Guild), it is appropriate to establish a special endowment that honors the memory of Guild members.

The Guild Memorial Endowment Fund will greatly benefit the NCSML over the long-term. An initiative to increase the Endowment Fund will be one of the institution's main focuses during 1999 and 2000. A gift to the general endowment is appropriate or a special designation to provide funds to be used for a purpose agreed upon by the donor and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

The fund will be established through an initial gift of \$_____. The Guild will make annual contributions in memory of Guild members. Individual members of the Guild, or interested parties, may make contributions to the fund. The principle of the Endowment will not be invaded. Distribution of earnings from the fund for NCSML use, will be done in accordance with the museum's Investment Policy and Endowment By-Laws.

Every effort shall be made to arrange an annual meeting or more frequent updates, as requested, to report on any activity pertaining to the Endowment Fund. Publicity and public acknowledgement of this contribution shall be made in accord with the wishes of the Guild and NCSML staff.

Guided Page News

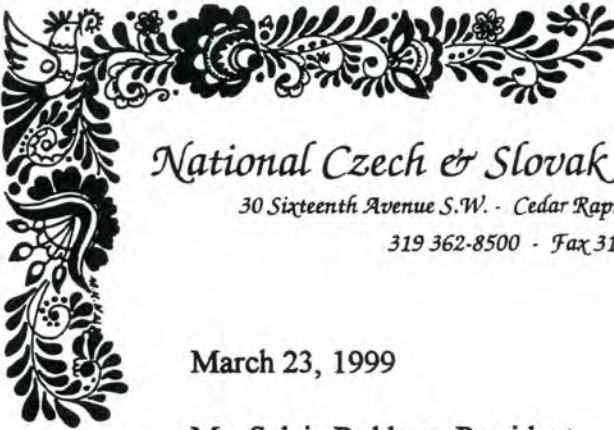
Interim Editor's Note: The Guild wishes to acknowledge and thank Terri Spahn for the time and effort she has invested in producing *The Guided Page* over the past few years. She will be taking a well-deserved break from her editing responsibilities for the next few issues. Thanks, Terri, from all of us for your immense support and great work!

Another note of thanks goes out to our newly appointed mailing committee consisting of Warren Fackler, Mel Holubar, Emil Koval, Bob Stone, Bob Tucker and Merrill Woosley. The *Guided Page* staff appreciates your help. Be sure to get those labels and stamps on straight, gentlemen!

Guild Cookbooks

KUCHAŘKA KUCHÁRKA — We still have cookbooks available! These would make great shower, wedding or graduation gifts, so reserve yours today by mailing \$12.00 per book (plus \$4.00 for S & H if mailed within the U.S.) to: Beula Dvorak,

MORE DUMPLINGS PLEASE! — Melinda Bradnan, the publisher of our dumpling and mushroom cookbooks, needs more material for the dumpling cookbook. Have a good way to use leftover dumplings, or a great recipe that you serve with your dumplings? Please submit your ideas to: Melinda Bradnan,



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March 23, 1999

Ms. Sylvia Rohlena, President
Museum Guild of the NCSML

Dear Sylvia,

On behalf of the board of directors of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library I would like to thank the Museum Guild for its insight and leadership in establishing the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund, and for making such a generous \$1,500 initial contribution.

The board has a deep appreciation for the work the Guild performs, from providing volunteer hours to raising funds, yet I think we don't find enough ways to express it. Please know that the Guild's work is known and admired.

Sincerely,

James A. Novak, President
Board of Directors

1999 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Sylvia Rohlena
Vice President	Zula Oujiri
Recording Secretary	Betty Truesdell
Treasurer	Fern Fackler
Corresp. Secretary	Patti Marolf
Museum Guild Rep.	Marj Nejd
Ex Officio	Maridee Dugger

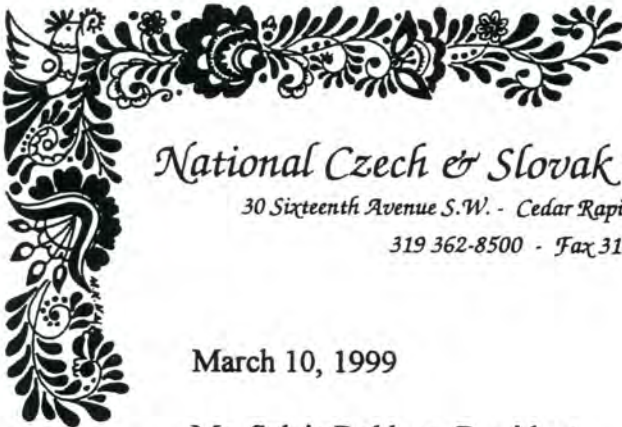
1999 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Beula Dvorak
History & Properties	Barb Pulkrab
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Marge Stone
Publications	Terri Spahn
Public Relations	Maridee Dugger

1999 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

Saturday, MAY 1, 1999
Monday, JUNE 14, 1999
Monday, JULY 12, 1999
Monday, AUGUST 9, 1999
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 4, 1999
Saturday, OCTOBER 2, 1999
Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1999
Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 1999

Please note that June, July and August are Monday evening meetings at the Museum at 6:30 p.m., and that December 11 is the second Saturday of the month.



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March 10, 1999

Ms. Sylvia Rohlena, President
Museum Guild of the NCSML

Dear Sylvia,

It was very exciting to be at the Guild meeting on Saturday and speak to the members about the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund. It was equally fun to see Maridee make a motion for a \$1,500 initial contribution. This is a great show of leadership by the Guild as it takes a long term position in sustaining the organization while satisfying a particular need which existed within the Guild.

I want you to know that I have made a \$100 contribution to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund. This contribution reflects my personal enthusiasm for this project as well as providing an example of how easily we can all make this grow. Now it's \$1,600!

Thanks for all the fine work you and the rest of the Guild members do for the museum.

Sincerely,

Dan Baldwin
Executive Director

MUSEUM CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5 - "Druhá Tráva" Bluegrass Band from the Czech Republic. 8:00 p.m. CSPS Hall.

May 10 - "Káva a Knihy" Reading-Discussion Series. *Mendelssohn is on the Roof*, Jiří Weil. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

May 13 - 16 - Motorcoach Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma to view "Alphonse Mucha: The Spirit of Art Nouveau" at the Philbrook Art Museum.

May 15 - "Houby Day" Celebration in Czech Village. 1:00 p.m.: "Houby Day" Parade. 2:00 p.m.: "Parade of Kroje" (costume pageant), Museum Garden Stage.

May 19 - Learn at Lunch: "Cedar Rapids Czechs in the Age of Fraternalism," Rolie

Raim. 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the contributions Czech fraternal organizations have made to the community and about their ties to other benefit societies in the area. *Free to the public.*

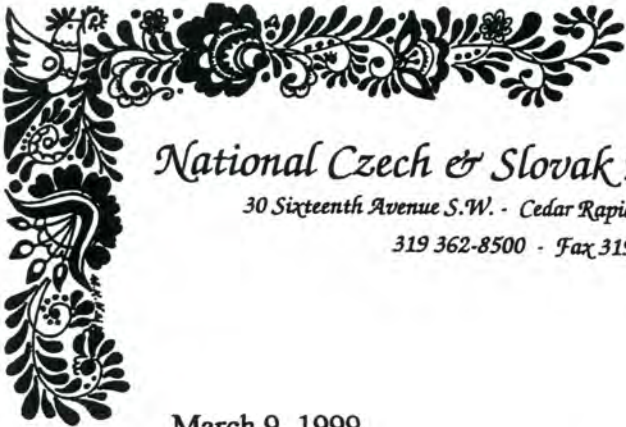
June 16 - Learn at Lunch: "Abeceda," Patricia A. Hikiji. 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the oldest, continuously-operating, ethnic school in the United States; its early beginnings and its current program of instruction in the Czech language and culture. *Free to the public.*

July 14 - Learn at Lunch: "Czech Impressions," David Muhlena. 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the

Czech language publications (such as the *Slovan Americký* and the *Cedar Rapidské Listy*) that were printed in Cedar Rapids in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *Free to the public.*

July 27 - "Customs, Cookies & Crafts" (Summer Youth Program). Join us to celebrate Christmas in July. Learn about the stories, games and crafts that are a part of the Christmas season in the Czech and Slovak cultures. Grades 2-3: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*

July 29 - "Customs, Cookies & Crafts" (Summer Youth Program). Grades 4-6: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*



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March 9, 1999

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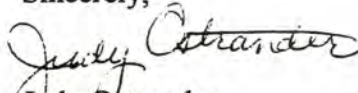
Dear Sylvia and Members of the Museum Guild:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$1,500 to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library for the establishment of the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund. What a wonderful way to pay tribute to many of the special people, now deceased, who have made significant volunteer contributions to the museum over the years.

We are truly excited about this meaningful initiative, the impact it will have on the institution and the example it sets for others. It will be a privilege to announce this gift at the board of directors meeting on March 22nd. You should all be proud.

For tax deduction purposes, please consider this letter the official receipt of your gift. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Again, thanks for your generous support. We are deeply grateful for all that you do to promote the mission of this organization.

Sincerely,


Judy Ostrander
Director of Development

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.

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 1999

Refreshments were served at 9:30 a.m. by Barb Pulkrab and Irene Hamous with a St. Joseph's Day theme.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Rohlena with 29 members in attendance. Maridee Dugger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Shirley Alexander and Gary Dvorak were introduced.

Melinda Bradnan spoke regarding the Mushroom Cookbook, which will be out in mid-April. She handed out recipes which had been submitted and asked members to proofread them. Also, she mentioned a few more dumping recipes are needed for that cookbook.

Dan Baldwin mentioned that three county commissioners of Czech descent will be the Grand Marshals in the St. Joseph's Day Parade on March 20. There will be a "Pub Night" in Heritage Hall on March 26, and the St. Paul Dancers will perform on March 26 in Heritage Hall. "Houby Days" will be one day only this year on May 15 and the emphasis will be an ethnic theme with music on three stages.

Dan also spoke on an endowment fund to memorialize deceased Guild members. The Guild would provide an annual deposit and the Museum would use the earnings. Bob Stone made a motion to establish this, and Inez Popelka seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

CZECH WORD OF THE DAY –

Milly Ortner
SOBOTA: Saturday

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Betty Truesdell

At the request of Bob Stone, the report was not read as it had been published in the "Guilded Page."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Patti Marolf

Thank you notes had been sent to Shirley Rosencrantz and Dave Muhlena.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fern Fackler

A Mercantile Bank balance of \$3240.06 was reported.

MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Patty Hikiji

A thank you was expressed for the refreshments for the Red Cedar concert. Many handouts were available for upcoming events. On March 24, Marj Nejdil will speak on folk art symbolism. Volunteers are needed for decorations and clean up for Pub Night. The number

of Guild volunteers recording hours in February was 30, and hours recorded were 224.75. (Report attached, see page 7).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education: Bob Stone

On March 15, a violinist will play Czech music at Coe College at 7:30 p.m.

B. Program: Marge Stone

Carmen Langel will present next month's program.

C. Social: Barb Edmunds

Emil Koval and Mel Holubar will provide the refreshments for the Guild meeting next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Fern Fackler encouraged members to pay their dues so they can be included in our new membership book.

NEW BUSINESS

Maridee Dugger moved that \$1500.00 be the initial amount to be deposited in the new Endowment Fund from the Guild. It was seconded and passed.

Judy Ostrander reported that there will be many free programs because of sponsorships. Also, memberships have increased but some members have not renewed and it was hoped that Guild members could help contact these people by phone. Volunteer hours would be earned for this. A sign up sheet was circulated.

Barb Pulkrab submitted a bill of \$10.51 for a new memory book. It was moved and seconded to pay this bill; the motion carried.

Shirley Alexander won the door prize: a beautifully decorated egg from Marj Nejdil.

Bob Stone spoke on the "History and Development of the New Museum" and it was interesting to hear how a dream became a reality.

The next Executive Board meeting will be March 17, 1999 at Hamilton College at 5:30 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted by
Betty Truesdell, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3, 1999

After refreshments were served by Mel Holubar and Emil Koval, the meeting was called to order by Sylvia Rohlena, with 29 members in attendance.

CZECH WORD OF THE DAY –

Milly Ortner
PRAZDNINY: Vacation

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Betty Truesdell
Approved as read.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Patti Marolf

Three thank you letters regarding the Endowment Fund from Dan Baldwin, Judy Ostrander and President of the Board of Directors, James Novak, were read. Dan Baldwin also reported giving an additional \$100.00 to the fund which now makes a total of \$1600.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fern Fackler

A balance of \$2182.70 as of 31 March 1999 was reported.

MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Marj Nejdil

Patty Hikiji would like members to record volunteer hours and visit with exhibitors.

MEMBERSHIP – Milly Ortner

There are 106 paid members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Program: May 1: "Collecting Czech Glassware" by Joyce Lamparek Anderson.

B. Publications: Marilyn Tucker reported that Cynthia Tucker Shaffer will do the next newsletter. She needs information submitted by April 10. A committee was appointed for mailing consisting of: Warren Fackler, Mel Holubar, Emil Koval, Bob Stone, Bob Tucker and Merrill Woosley.

C. Social: Refreshments will be provided by Vera Conway and Olga Sedenka for the next Guild meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sylvia Rohlena reported that the eight female mayors from Slovakia will be hosted at the Museum on April 23. She suggested we help with a potluck for them and it was also suggested that we invite Mayor Lee Clancy.

Materials have been given to the Conways for the membership book and they will work on it next week.

The meeting for mailing of the newsletter will be April 20 at the Woosleys at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The volunteer group will meet at the Museum Tuesday, April 6 to contact Museum members who have not renewed.

The next Executive Board meeting will be April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Hamilton College.

Lenora Watson won the door prize: a beautifully decorated egg by Marj Nejdil.

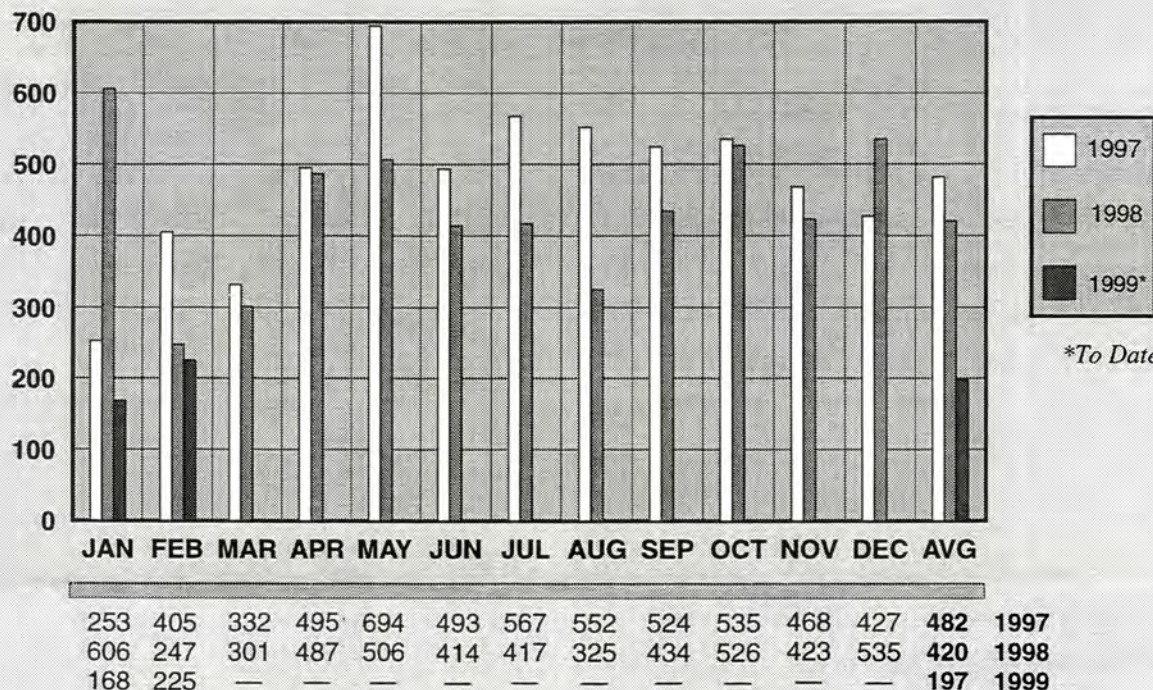
Carmen Langel shared two artifacts from the Museum: a crewel embroidery bed covering made in 1918 in Slovakia and decorated Easter eggs from Slovakia.

— Respectfully submitted by
Betty Truesdell, Secretary



Guild Volunteer Hours

1997, 1998 & 1999*



TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1999

JANUARY

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in January . . . 20

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 167.75

Dolores Usher	26.5
Laverne Fisher	16.0
Marj Nejd	14.0
Barb Pulkrab	13.0
Shirley Alexander	11.0
Zula Oujiri	10.0
Irma Modracek	9.0
Irma Rozek	9.0
Marie Webster	8.5
Sister Virginia Kremlacek	7.0
Sister Christine Elias	6.5
Milly Ortner	6.5

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

FEBRUARY

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in February . . . 30

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 224.75

Inez Popelka	18.0
Dolores Usher	16.0
Anne Reif	14.5
Mana Zlatohlavek	14.5
Shirley Alexander	12.0
Laverne Fisher	12.0
Marj Nejd	12.0
Barb Pulkrab	10.5
Irma Rozek	9.75
Barb Edmunds	9.0
Milly Ortner	9.0
Wanda Koutny	8.0
Gary Dvorak	7.0
Emma Davidson	6.0
Sister Virginia Kremlacek	6.0
Leni Stastny	6.0



**THANK YOU
TO BARB EDMUNDS
and her Social &
Hospitality Committee
for organizing, baking
for and hostessing the
reception for the
RED CEDAR
CHAMBER MUSIC
CONCERT
on Sunday,
February 28, 1999.**

THE GUILDED PAGE

Cynthia Tucker Shaffer
Interim Editor



Museum Guild



Aristeia Graphics

Exciting news inside!
See pages 2 through 5
for information about the
Guild's new Memorial
Endowment Fund.

Beula Dvorak

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

We look forward to seeing you all at these wonderful programs!

MAY 1, 1999

9:30 a.m. at Hamilton College

"Collecting Czech Glassware"

presented by

Joyce Lamparek Anderson

Meeting hostessed by Vera Conway and Olga Sedenka

JUNE 14, 1999

6:30 p.m. at the National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library

"Bosnian Immigrants in the Classroom"

presented by

Cecelia Oujiri

Meeting hostessed by Irma and Leo Modracek

JULY 12, 1999

6:30 p.m. at the National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library

"Goosetown — Iowa City"

presented by

Mary Beth Slonneger

Meeting hostessed by Barb and Frank Edmunds

Guild Membership At All-Time High

We are pleased to announce that the Guild has 110 members for 1999. Our appreciation to all of you for supporting this great organization!

— Milly Ortner, Membership Chair

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Melinda Bradnan of Penfield Press has joined the Guild. Melinda is the editor of our mushroom and dumpling cook-books. We welcome her to our group!

MELINDA BRADNAN

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Museum needs as many volunteers as possible.

Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving.

Please contact Patty Hikiji today at 362-8500.