

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello fellow Guild Members:

I have chosen what looks like a beautiful "almost Spring Day" to greet you. Can this winter time be possible and what is yet to come? I usually count on this part of the year to "get my act together" and finally get rid of some of the items on my "to do" list (when am not volunteering at the museum, of course) that I neglected to do last year. Wish me "Good Luck" on that one.

In retrospect we have had a great 2005-----some sad days as always but also some great ones. In the past few years that I have been involved with this group I have always been impressed with the camaraderie that develops during our Mission Statement projects such as our most recent Cookie Walk. It is so impressive to see all the previous baking, decorating and hard work come together on that second Saturday in December. You all are to be congratulated for the most successful Cookie Walk yet! And consider, also what comes through that very small kitchen in May when we host the "Taste of Czech"! It is absolutely amazing, though I suppose that many of you who have been associated with the Museum Guild since its inception just take it for granted that, that's what Czechs and Slovaks do when asked to. I am very proud of my Czech heritage!

In addition to our two major fund raisers we now are soon to be able to add the sale of the latest edition of our Guild Cookbook. Yes, I just received notification from Beula that she has received a copy from the printers and committee is to gather to proof read!! Hopefully this will mean that copies will be ready for sale as an added feature at our "Taste of Czech" this May. (if we can wait that long) Soon we will be able to mail to those far away who have been so patient.

Our first meeting of the year was rather low in attendance (football or flu?) Perhaps this gave me the opportunity to gradually become introduced to the role of president. I welcome the opportunity to work with our great board this year and to get to know more of you, better. I also thank Andrea for the role model she has provided these past four years she has been on the board and hope she will kindly consent to look over my shoulder.



WINTER 2006

The first item we need to tackle together, if we want to have a successful 2006 Museum Guild year is logically to set up our committee roster. I did pass around two sign up sheets at this past meeting but only found one returned. Soooooooo we are greatly in need of more members to indicate that "Yes, I will be willing to give a little bit extra in time to facilitate the success of our group this year".

We yet need members to help Irma Kelly on FUNDRAISING committee. Also to help Milly Ortnor with MEMBERSHIP. Members determine how interesting our PROGRAMS will be and so please some of you indicate a willingness to help with this committee. Take it from me, as a docent, that when I lead our tourists from the museum to the immigrant home they DO SEE OUR SOUTH GARDEN AREA and especially when the Iris are blooming it is wonderful butttttt---this does not just automatically happen and we do need to have members indicate they would like to be on the GARDEN committee---PLEASE! Bob Stone (if he will consent for another year), would certainly appreciate other members on the EDUCATION committee. We noticed this especially when he could not be present in January.

Andrea would enjoy help with the Historian's books and camera and LAST BUT NOT LEAST, a very important committee is the one that sends the information to the list of places we have gathered for the publicity on each of our fundraising activities that are so important for good attendance. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE which is just a fancy way of saying we need to GET THE WORD OUT far and wide to attract the most persons possible. The monetary results of our fundraisers will help us keep down our membership fee.

Just in case you might have misplaced your membership listing my phone number is 319-393-9769 and that male voice that you hear with a phone message answering will be happy to accept any message you might want to offer. And I will be happy to turn in our committee listings to Marilyn for the "Guilded Page". Also, questions, concerns and suggestions are certainly VERY welcome. Let's have the best year yet!

Sincerely,
Shirley Alexander

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the 2005 Museum Guild Board for the outstanding job they did.

We thank **Andrea Siebenmann, Shirley Alexander, Carolyn Holubar, Betty Truesdell, Alicia Jackson** and **Leo Modracek** for their leadership this past year.

We also thank the board for the wonderful breakfast that they prepared and served to the members on December 10 . . . we were all fortified with energy and enjoyed working the "Cookie Walk!"

2006 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Shirley Alexander
Vice President	JoAnn Neff
Treasurer	Alicia Jackson
Rec. Secretary	Cynthia Monroe
Corres. Secretary	Carolyn Holubar
Museum Guild Rep.	Leo Modracek
Ex-Officio	Andrea Siebenmann

Museum Guild Program

November 5, 2005

"The Tragedy of the Slovak Jews"

By Jan Stoffer

The decision to present the somber exhibit of "The Tragedy of the Slovak Jews" showed an element of courage by the staff of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

The history of this particular time is not an easy subject to visit. It is a tribute to the courage of Slovak government officials, in office after World War II, to reveal the sad happenings before and during the war. The people in office after the war, made public information on individuals who were turned over to the Nazi regime by the wartime government. By publicizing the information, families were able to examine documents that helped them find what had happened to their relatives.

Jan Stoffer, Director of Education and Programs, told the Guild members of the care taken to present the exhibit. A full size replica of a box car was built. This type of car was used to transport the Slovak Jews and information with this part of the exhibit helped visitors realize the inhuman crowding of the people being moved. Recordings of the Terezin Camp chamber orchestra were played in the exhibit rooms.

Kathy Ulrich a certified Holocaust Instructor, also spoke to the members. She gave valuable instructions to members who would be volunteering at this sensitive exhibit. An important point she made was that human beings can sink to unthinkable levels and dehumanization can happen very quickly.

— Fern Fackler

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Museum Curator, Edie Blanchard on her latest and very beautiful production.

Congratulation Edie on your baby girl!

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2005 Museum Guild Annual Report

Presented by Shirley Alexander, Guild President
at the NCSML Membership meeting on January 23, 2006

Adhering to our mission statement kept our group very busy this past year. Indicative of this was continuing our two main fundraisers, The 7th annual Cookie Walk, held just this past month and the Taste of Czech activity held last May. What developed into a third major activity is the about to be released new Guild Cookbook which in addition to authentic Czech and Slovak recipes, includes many pages of family history about local families and gathered from descendants all over the country. Currently it is back from the printers and ready for the committee to proof read, most likely to be released for sale this next May at Taste of Czech.

Success in last month's Cookie Walk was realized by our taking in almost \$500 more dollars this year than last. 40 members baked 80 different kinds of cookies and candy and 95 customers came. Monetary donations were also accepted. 2005 Taste of Czech activity in May displayed 29 different food items on the menu. Needless to say the line is long before the door is opened. Our members are absolute miracle workers to get all that food set up from that very minimal of kitchens. In addition, our members served as docents at the spectacular Garnet exhibit and now also "The Tragedy of the Slovak Jews". Again, they were in evidence supporting musical concerts, the 3rd Annual Dance Festival in July and Brew Nost and several members presented at "Learn at Lunch" programs and "Babi's Kitchen". Just as important was the time spent by members weeding and planting to improve the looks of the lawn, south of the museum, using tools donated by Gary and Evelyn Dvorak.

Patty Hikiji reports member's volunteer hours at each Guild meeting and has summarized the Number of Guild Hours Recorded in 2005 as 7807.5. Using a minimum wage figure of \$5.25 an hour that computes a figure of \$40,989.38. Is this Guild saving the museum some dollars, or what!!

Sadly time has a way of depleting us of very treasured members. However, due to our very active membership committee, we were still able to boast of 109 members this last meeting. Members have also been active in each of the last three "Ask Me" museum membership campaigns with top salespersons coming from our group and more were sold in 2005 than either of the two preceding years.

In summary, I am proud to say that in the last few years that I have been involved with the museum as docent and guild member, I have learned why this group of very dedicated people has been so successful. Not only because of their ethnic background and because of this beautiful building with marvelous programs and exhibits that contribute greatly to our community but also because the fellow docents and members and especially truly dedicated museum staff are so great to work with and for.

Together, may we and you of the board have a very successful 2006.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Held at NCSML on November 5, 2005 at 9:30 AM.

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

Hosts: Barb Aguirre, Evelyn Dvorak and JoAnne Neff presented us with a nice selection of candy, nuts and quick bread.

Czech & Slovak Word of the Day:

English	Czech	Slovak
How are	Jak se (vám)	Ako sa máte?
Things?	Daří?	(ako sa vám Dori?)

Things are	Daří semi	Mam sadobre
Going well	dobre	dobre

Take care		
(of yourself)	Měj(te)	Maj(te)
	sedobre	sedobre

Program: Additional information was presented by Jan Stoffer regarding "The Tragedy of the Slovak Jews"

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Holubar: Report will be found in the Guilded Page.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Betty Truesdell: Sympathy card sent to Bette Krail on the loss of her sister. Two \$25.00 gifts were presented to the Endowment Fund in the names of Marlene Schrimper and Pauline Jaso. Unfortunately Rose Kopecky's cancer has returned.

Treasurer's Report:

Alicia Jackson:
Ending Bal. in Sept. was \$4,271.61.
Receipts totaled \$9.23
There was one disbursement \$65.00
Ending Bal. in Oct was \$4,215.84

Volunteer Coordinator: Patty Hikiji
Number of Guild members recording hours in October - 48.

Number of Guild hours recorded - 559.25

Top Ten List for October

Dolores Usher	42.25
Ann Kloubec	32.75
Marjeanne Jungjohann	26.25
Marie Webster	25.50
Shirley Alexander	23.00
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Thank you to all the Guild members who helped with the "Brewnost" fund-raising event. Getting the garden in shape, baking the sweet treats to complement the beers and foods, helping at the beer and food stations and cleaning tables, arranging the dessert trays and cleaning up in the kitchen. A special note to Marie Webster who served on the Brewnost committee, organized the volunteer helpers, and kept the operation running smoothly the entire evening. Thank you to the Guild members who baked for the Red Cedar Chamber Music concert on Oct. 8th. A special thank you to Irma Kelly, Irma Rozek, and Mana Zlatohlavek for hosting the reception following the concert and putting in some very late hours - the concert didn't end until 10:30 PM. The Red Cedar Chamber Music group is always so very appreciative of the fine job the Guild members do and they express that appreciation to their audiences.

Thank you to Irma Kelly for once again supplying us with cookies for our volunteer training session held on Monday evening, Oct. 24th. It was nice to be able to take a break with a homemade cookie and a cup of coffee during this very important meeting. Thank you to the Guild members who helped with the exhibit opening reception prior to the Fall Dinner on Thursday, November 3rd.

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising: A sheet is being passed around for sign-up for the Cookie Walk. The Guild Board Members will provide the breakfast for the workers. The workers will start at 9:00 AM and the Cookie Walk will start at 10:00 AM. Special -- Cookbook. Beula Dvorak; The cookbook is in the hands of the publisher.

Membership: Milly Ortner; Steady at 109.

Program: The Cookie Walk will be held on December 10, 2005.

Garden: Carolyn and Bonnie Holubar prepared the garden for Brewnost. Mel Holubar; nothing is scheduled for the near future.

Social: Irma Kelly is not present; JoAnne Neff said this will be decided in December.

Education: The program will accompany the exhibit.

Public Relations: Shirley Alexander; We will all try and promote the Cookie Walk.

Old Business: We will contact Marge Stone regarding the supplies given to the Slovak student that were needed for his basic living needs.

New Business: We received a letter from the Federation of Czech Groups, that send books written in English to the Czech Republic. They are requesting financial aid to continue their work. \$50.00 was voted on and approved by Leni Stastny and 2nd by Mel Holubar.

Proposed Slate of NCSML Guild officers for 2006.

President - Shirley Alexander
Vice President - JoAnne Neff
Recording Sec. Cindy Monroe
Corresponding Sec. Carolyn Holubar
Treasurer - Alicia Jackson
Museum Rep. - Leo Modracek
Approved by Mel Holubar and 2nd by Barb Pulkrab and Milly Ortner.

Door Prize Drawing;

A Czech apron won by Barb Pulkrab, donated by Marj Nejd. Bouquet of fall flowers donated by Fran Johnson.

Adjournment at 11:30 AM.

Next Guild meeting will be the Cookie Walk held on December 10, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar

MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Held at NCSML on January 7, 2006.

President Shirley Alexander called the meeting to order and JoAnne Neff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hosts: Carolyn Holubar, Mel Holubar and Vicky Cekelis provided kolache, nuts, coffee and punch. There were no new members or visitors to introduce.

Program:

Gary Dvorak introduced "Forest Craft Show, Keosauqua, IA" by Lillian Kopecky, Marj Nejd and Marge Pace. They shared their experience on the October 8 Guild-sponsored tour.

Secretary's Report:

Cindy Monroe indicated minutes are found in the Guided Page.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Carolyn Holubar reported a thank you was sent to John Rocarek for donations to our cookie walk and congratulations to Edie Blanchard on the birth of her daughter.

Treasurer's Report:

Alicia Jackson
Please send your \$10 dues to Alicia Jackson or Milly Ortner.
Checking Acct. Balance in November: \$4152.72
Deposits: \$10 in dues, \$1219.50 from Cookie Walk, \$8.33 interest.
Disbursements: \$99.19 for newsletter, \$15.60 in postage and cards.
Checking Acct. Balance in December \$5275.76

Museum Representative Report:

The Museum has repaid a \$50,000 loan. During slow attendance times, it may be necessary to borrow again.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Patty Hikiji
Number of Guild members recording hours in December - 47.
Number of Guild hours recorded - 565.75. Read the top ten list of volunteers on page 7 of this newsletter. Patty Hikiji thanked Guild members who helped with the exhibit opening reception prior to the Fall Dinner on Thursday, November 3. She also reminds of training opportunities available to broaden our volunteer skills and our personal knowledge.

January 12 *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews* Gallery Tour.

January 19 *Anti-Semitism: The Hilsner Affair*. Presented by Bob Stone. Noon.

January 21 Film: *A Prayer for Katarina Horovitzova*. Commentary by Natasa Durovicova. 2:00 p.m.

February 4 Exploring Czech and Slovak Cinema. *Romeo, Juliet, and Darkness*. 2:00 p.m.

February 12 Author Reading and Discussion. Helen Epstein *Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search for her Mother's History*. Moderated by Julie Englander. 2:00

February 16 Learn at Lunch. "From *Anne Frank* to *Schindler's List*: The Evolution of the Holocaust in Public Memory" by historian Thomas Flagel. Noon.

February 16 Evening Lecture at the African-American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa. Dr. Jeremy Brigham, Kirkwood College and Vice-President of the Linn County United Nations Association, addresses the differences between genocide and ethnic cleansing, specifically as seen in Darfur and Armenia. 7:00 p.m. Free. For more information, call

February 26 Genocide Seminar. Dr. Stephen Feinstein leads a presentation and discussion of the history of genocide, and how, and where, it persists today. 2:00 p.m.

February 26 *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews* closes.

Committee Reports:

A sheet was sent around allowing volunteers to sign up for committees.

Fundraising: Cookie Walk was very successful. We had 95 customers. Last year we raised \$830 and this year, \$1219.50. Several suggestions for next year were discussed. Guild members need to buy later or stand in line, in fairness to our customers. Boxes of "left-overs" will again be prepared for the Museum Store. We need more bags and plastic containers. Newspaper publications need to be accurate. Delicate cookies need to be at the end of the line. Thank you to all who made this fundraiser a super success.

Special - Cookbook - Beula Dvorak We will be notified when printing is completed.

Membership - Milly Ortner Please pay your \$10 dues by February 28 so Milly won't need to call you. We have 109 members.

Program - Lavanda Woosley Our next program's topic will be the Dennis Naughton's "Operating a Restaurant in Prague."

Garden - Mel Holubar has requested that a new chair for the committee replace him. He will remain on the committee, but prefers not to chair it. The chair needs to be able to check in weekly.

Publication - Marilyn Tucker News is due to Marilyn by January 16 for a January 27 mailing.

Social - Irma Kelly reported our February hosts are Betty Truesdell, JoAnne Neff and Barb Aguirre.

Education - Bob Stone No report.

History and Property - Marge Stone No report

Public Relations - Carol Ann Rexroat reported that publicity went fairly well with Cookie Walk.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Gary Dvorak and seconded by Marj Nejd to begin each Guild meeting at 9:00. The motion carried unanimously by members. This will allow time to set up the hall for special events.

It was suggested that Guild membership brochures be placed in accessible areas and a Welcome to the Guild packet be prepared for new members.

It was reported that 450 ornaments were personalized by Marj Nejd during the Christmas season and can be done all year long. This information will be included in a newsletter. The profit is donated to the Museum Store.

We received a letter of thank you from the Federation of Czech Groups for books sent to the Czech Republic.

Andrea Siebenmann took a picture of the new Board for our memory book.

Door Prize Drawing: Plant pots painted and donated by Marj Nejd were won by Marge Pace and Marie Cada.

Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Next Guild meeting at 9:00 on February 4, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Monroe

A special thank you to Carolyn Holubar for her patience, organizational skills and assistance in training me to be Secretary. Our Guild is blessed to have the skills of Carolyn and all who work to make transitions happen smoothly.





December Minutes ...

... There are no December meeting minutes as the Cookie Walk was held that day. .



PATTY'S NOTES

Thank-you to all the Guild members who helped with our highly successful "Brewnost" fund-raising event —

Getting the garden in shape

Baking the sweet treats to complement the beers and foods

Helping at the beer and food stations & cleaning tables

Arranging the dessert trays and cleaning up the kitchen

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— Patricia A. Hikiji

Museum Guild Program

January 7, 2006

"Forest Craft Show-Keosauqua IA"

Marj NejdI and Marge Pace presented a delightful account of the October Guild trip to southeast Iowa. Highlights of the trip, planned by Lavanda Woosley, included a small town parade, a bean soup and corn bread lunch, a Lumberjack Championship and a Forest Craft Show.

The lunch was served in the very small community of Cantril. After lunch the group enjoyed the old fashioned country store in the town. Lacey Keosauqua State Park was the site for the lumberjack competition which included tree topping, tree sawing and log rolling. The extensive craft show featured products that were made of wood.

— Fern Fackler



BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTS TWELVE MONTHS A YEAR

Marj NejdI will continue to decorate ornaments (those purchased in the Museum Store) on a year around basis. Many people give these beautifully decorated ornaments for Anniversaries, Birthdays, New Baby or any special occasion. Marj donates all of the profit to the Museum Store.

Marj encourages everyone to spread the word so that more of the ornaments will be purchased throughout the year.

WITH APPRECIATION

The Museum Guild received a thank you from the Federation of Czech Groups for the monetary donation to help pay postage for sending books to Czech Republic.

John Kuba, a Museum Guild member, was a recipient of some of the books and uses them in his teaching "Conversational English". Milly Ortnr reports that John appreciates receiving the books. He resides and teaches in the Czech Republic



TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

OCTOBER 2005

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Jessie Stastny	23.00
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Marj Nejd	39.00
Shirley Alexander	36.00
Dolores Usher	36.00
Marilyn Tucker	33.50
Charles Opatrny	21.50
Laverne Fisher	18.50
Alicia Jackson	17.25
Barb Pulkrab	17.00
Bev Vesely	15.50



DECEMBER 2005

Number of Guild members recording hours in December — 47

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 510.50

Ann Kloubec	56.25
Marj Nejd	41.00
Dolores Usher	24.50
Ed Hemphill	17.50
Joan Hemphill	17.50
Charles Opatrny	17.50
Barb Pulkrab	17.00
Cindy Monroe	16.50
Jessie Stastny	16.50
Carolyn Holubar	16.00
Gary Dvorak	15.50
Milly Ortner	14.50
Irma Kelly	14.00
Bob Stone	14.00

THE MUSEUM GUILD VOLUNTEER & PROGRAMS REPORT YEAR-END REPORT ~ 2005 ~

Number of Guild members recording hours in 2005 — 73

Number of hours recorded by Guild members in 2005 — 7807.5

Range in recorded hours — 3 hours to 484.5 hours

Guild Members Service Hours by Category

<u>No. of Hours</u>	<u>Number of Guild Volunteers</u>
3 — 50	26
51 — 160	31
161 — 250	11
251 — 500	5



Patricia A. Hikiji
Volunteer Coordinator

TOP TEN LIST FOR 2005

Carolyn Holubar	484.50
Ann Kloubec	428.50
Dolores Usher	411.00
Mel Holubar	271.25
Shirley Alexander	252.25
Alicia Jackson	222.75
Marjeanne Jungjohann	207.25
Marj Nejd	198.00
John Cimburek	197.50
Jessie Stastny	188.75

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Marilyn Shima Tucker
Editor



Museum Guild



MEETING NOTICE

9:00 A.M.

Saturday

February 4, 2006

Shirley J. Alexander

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Saturday, February 7, 2006

9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"OPERATING A RESTAURANT IN PRAGUE"

Presented by Dennis Naughton

Hosts: Barb Aguirre, JoAnne Neff and Betty Truesdell

Saturday, March 4, 2006

9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"NAVAHO INDIAN SCHOOL"

Hosts: Carol Ann Rexroat, Bob and Marilyn Tucker

Saturday, April 1, 2006

9:00 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
Guild Member

EMIL LAMPAREK



Emil Lamparek

The Board and Membership of
The Museum Guild
extends Sympathy to
Guild Member Emil Koval
in the loss of his dear wife **Alice Koval**

