

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall 1999

Dear Museum Guild Members:

This has been a very busy summer for many of us. Recently, I attended a family reunion in the exact vicinity that my Great Grand Parents lived. Reviewing old photos, a passport from 1854 and baptism records, I realized the importance of continuing the foresight and mission of those before us. Many stories, anecdotes, recipes and photos are with us today in the museum because the generation before us saved these precious mementos.

Keeping history alive today is so very important for the benefit of our young people. I believe that you as Museum Guild members are striving to take this responsibility seriously by the generosity of your time and talents. Sister Christine Elias reflected this in our last meeting with her interesting presentation on The History of St. Ludmilas Church and the impact it had throughout the century in our Czech community. Many of you have shared stories and we are very grateful.

As the Guild grows, so does the Museum. Thank you for all that you have done for both the Museum and Guild. We will continue our efforts in many different ways throughout the rest of the year. Soon, members will be serving Kolaches for Peter Rippe's presentation of the paintings by P. Buckley Moss. Many members will be selling raffle tickets for a P. Buckley Moss remarque painting of the museum. And, the members we are always so grateful for are those who give endless hours being a tour guide or clerk in the Museum gift shop.

Remember, RECORD YOUR HOURS with Patty Hikiji, any questions about hours, be sure to call. We will be reviewing members hours soon.

Hope to see you October 2nd on the bus heading North to Spillville, Lavanda Woosley has a very interesting itinerary ready for us. The business meeting will be on the bus.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Rohlena, President

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OUR FOUNDING FIVE

EVELYN LAMPAREK

This is the fourth in a series of articles profiling the Guild's five founders and original charter members, whose time and effort made the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library a reality, and to whom we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

"There was a need for additional volunteers, trained tour guides, artifacts and funds for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library," says Evelyn Lamparek. Her vision of the avenue for achieving these goals was through the establishment of a Guild.

Since the founding of the Museum Evelyn has worked diligently to assist it in every way possible. Although Evelyn keeps the "bigger picture" of the Czech community in her sights, belonging to many Czech organizations, she has a special place in her heart for the Museum. That special feeling was evident in her quest for a Guild and as such she became one of the "Founding Five" of the Museum Guild.

When asked explicitly about the Guild, she says she feels strongly that the continued growth and contributions of the Guild will add greatly to the financial and program strength of the Museum. She continues, "The Museum is a great tourist attraction for Cedar Rapids and the Guild is able to help the Museum in many ways." Evelyn takes pride in being a part of the process of the Guild's inception, working with the people who helped build it, and now seeing it mature.

Evelyn is a lifelong resident of the Cedar Rapids area. She was born Evelyn Olive Petrak and married Emil Joseph Lamparek. They have two daughters, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her Czech heritage is traced back to her grandparents who were all Czech. All four arrived from one of the three original provinces in the 1800's. Her mother's maiden name was Cerveny.

Evelyn has a long-standing record of volunteering in the several organizations that she belongs to. She has served as an officer in many of these including Farm Bureau, Linn County Women's Chairman, 4-H County Horticulture Chairman, Worthy Matron in Eastern Star, served on the Board of Directors for the Museum and countless others. Evelyn was chosen "Mother of the Year" for the Linn County Farm Bureau. She excels



Evelyn
Lamparek,
a founding
member of
the Guild,
and one of
five original
charter
members

in cooking, with two of her family favorites being Evelyn's Kolaches and her recipe for Duck and Dumplings.

Evelyn is described as a person who is calm and objective and one who finds solutions to problems. She is intelligent and interested in education for herself as well as for others. In addition to her interest in Czech artwork, she also has a great appreciation for the artwork of other cultures. Evelyn's guideline for life is to live by the Ten Commandments.

Evelyn lives with her husband, Emil, in Cedar Rapids. She enjoys her family, flower gardening, dancing, card playing, keeping up on current news and antiques. It was Evelyn's interest in old glass and art that developed into an extensive collection of antique Czech pieces.

Evelyn's love for prized items such as fine Czech porcelain, including Royal Dux and Amphora, as well as Bohemian glassware resulted in a collection being put together: "A Legacy of Love: The Lamparek Collection," which was exhibited at the Museum and enjoyed by people from all over the world. At the conclusion of the exhibit a vast amount of their collection was donated to the Museum. Evelyn's generosity and love for her heritage has ensured that future generations will have the opportunity to view these beautiful Czech artifacts.

- Marilyn R. Tucker
September 1999



MUSEUM GUILD 1999 OFFICERS ...

President Sylvia Rohlena
Vice President Zula Oujiri
Recording Sec Betty Truesdell
Treasurer Fern Fackler
Coresp. Sec. Patti Marolf
Museum Guild Rep. Marj Nejdl
Ex Officio Maridee Dugger

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 1999...

Education **Bob Stone Fund Raising** Beula Dvorak History & Prop. Barb Pulkrab Membership Milly Ortner Program Marge Stone Terri Spahn Publications **Public Relations** Maridee Dugger **Barb Edmunds** Social

1999 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

Saturday, OCTOBER 2, 1999 Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1999 Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 1999 Saturday, JANUARY 8, 1999 Saturday, FEBRUARY 5, 1999

> Welcome New & Renewed Members:

JOHN CIMBUREK ...

ROBINETTE SAGE ...

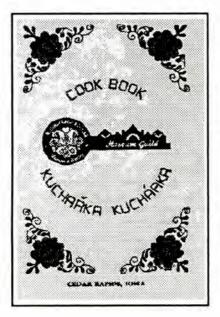
Mission Statement

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.

BLANCHE HINTON ...

WANDA KOUTNY ...

DOLORES J. USHER ...



What a great gift!!!!

Get ready for gift giving early ... order the Guild Cookbook

"KUCHARKA KUCHARKA" NOW!!!

Just send \$12.00 per book (plus \$4.00 per book for shipping and handling, if mailed within the United States) to:

Beula Dvorak



MEETING MINUTES JULY 11, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Museum by Fern Fackler. Sylvia Rohlena and Zula Oujiri were on vacation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patti Marolf with 47 in attendance.

Secretary's Report - Betty Truesdell
The minutes, prepared by Barb Edmunds, were read and approved with the addition of Susan Uthoff's name to the WMT cookoff.

Corres. Secretary's Report - Patti Marolf
Thank you notes have been sent to Joyce
Anderson, the Conways, Judy Ostrander,
Cynthia Shaffer and Cecelia Oujiri.

Treasurer's Report - Fern Fackler
After deposits and disbursements, a balance as of 6/30/99 in the amount of \$2113.74 was reported.

Czech Word of the Day-Milly Ortner
"Husa" - which means goose.

Vol. and Program Coordinator - Patty Hikiji
The number of Guild volunteers recording
hours in June was 33 and the number of
Guild volunteer hours recorded was 261.75.
(See attached report for top volunteers and
future programs).

Committee Reports

Education - Bob reminded us of Dave Muhlena's talk at "Learn at Lunch" on early Czech publications, as well as the Czech school program and ice cream social on July 15. He further mentioned there is excellent internet information on the Czech Republic which is used there as well as here and in both languages. Also, there is a Czech Embassy Website under which our Museum is included.

<u>Publications</u> - Marilyn Tucker suggested the aforementioned website addresses be included in the newsletter. The Autumn newsletter will be published by Terri Spahn and information should be sent to Marilyn by August 9. The mailing committee will meet on August 25.

Social - Barb Edmunds thanked Leo and Irma Modracek and Marge Stone for furnishing the refreshments. She also gave additional information on the Czech school program and encouraged people to attend.

Membership - Millie Ortner reported two new members - Blanche Hinton and Wanda Kounty who is a renewal.

Program - Marge Stone informed that the program at the August 9 meeting will be presented by Bob and Vilma Nejdl on the "History of the Czech Village". Lavanda Woosley gave details on the October 2 trip to

Spillville. Payment of \$21 is due at the • September 4 meeting with the deadline being September 18.

Old Business:

>>A bill in the amount of \$112.33 for the newsletter was presented and approved.
>>Marj Nejdl made a decorated egg as a good-bye gift for Judy Ostrander.

New Business:

>>Three guests were introduced by Fern Fackler - three generations of her family from Iowa City - Alma Helmer, Mary K. Wissink and Jennifer Wissink.

After refreshments, a program was presented by Mary Beth Slonneger on "Goosetown, Iowa City". We found out that "Goosetown" is in the N.E. quarter of Iowa City and the earliest settler was Anton Yavorsky; in 1856. Patti Marolf is a descendant. More Czechs settled during the 1800's around Bloomington St., which was the heart of "Goosetown". They raised horses, pigs, and geese and had mini-farms which made them self sufficient. Local limestone attracted stone workers, while the women worked in a glove factory or became clerks or domestics. Music was always important to them and since Iowa City at that time was called "Athens of the West". their band was the Athens Band. Meeting places were the CSPS Lodge, St. Wenceslaus church, Zion Lutheran Church and the Bethlehem Chapel, which was Protestant. and is now a private residence. Interesting slides of some of the people who had settled in "Goosetown" were shown and Mary Beth's presentation was entertaining as well as informative. She has written a book titled "Small But Ours" which will be available in September.

Rose Kopecky won the egg decorated with a colorful goose, which was donated by Marj Nejdl.

Respectfully Submitted by: Betty Truesdell, Secretary

> WOOSLEY TOURS PRESENTS: CZECH GUILD FALL SEASON TOUR SPILLVILLE, IOWA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998

7:00 AM Boarding @ Hamilton College 7:30 AM Depart Cedar Rapids Coffee * West Union*Drive thru Dvorak Park in Spillville* Tour of the Bily Clocks*Lunch on your own & browse at Craft Show**Tour Spillville Church*Visit smallest church in the world at Festina

4:30 PM Arrive back at Hamilton College

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Museum by Pres. Sylvia Rohlena. Mana led the Pledge of Allegiance. Millie Ortner introduced John Cimburek as a visitor and new member. The attendance numbered 44. Secretary's Report- Betty Truesdell The minutes were read and approved. Corresp. Secretary's Report - Patti Marolf Thank you notes were sent to Mary Beth Slonneger for her presentation and to John Kuba who sent a donation along with his membership. A get well card was sent to Frances Dvorak and one will be sent to Evelyn Lamparek. A note was received from Czech Heritage inviting the Guild to a picnic at ZCBJ Park on Aug. 10 at 6:30. Treasurer's Report - Fern Fackler An income of \$812.00 from cookbook sales was reported and a balance of \$2868.41 as of 7/31/99.

Czech Word of the Day - Millie Ortner "Reka", which means river.

Vol. and Program Coordinator - Patty Hikiji Volunteer hours not available since she had just returned from the trip to Wilbur. Another trip may be planned for April. Sundays at the Museum will be "Family Day" with children admitted free. The Aug. 18 "Learn at Lunch" will be "A Snapshot in Time", presented by Carmen Langel. There will be a lecture on Czech archaeology on Aug. 29 and on Sept. 15 Rollie Raim will speak on the "Top Ten". The book club will resume on Sept. 13.

Committee Reports:

Education - Bob Stone reported the Boland-Dowell Duo will be presenting a program on Aug. 12 at the Marion Library.

<u>Publications</u> - Newsletter information should be sent to Marilyn Tucker by Sept. 8 and the mailing will be Sept. 22.

Social - Barb Edmunds thanked the hostesses, Ann Reif, Millie Ortner and Lillian Kopecky for the refreshments and for their lovely Czech village centerpiece. Hostesses for the next meeting will be Maridee Dugger and Terri Spahn.

<u>Program</u> - Marge Stone reminded us the next meeting will be at St. Ludmila's on Sept. 4 at 9:30 and the Oct. meeting will be a trip to Spillville.

History - Barb Pulkrab reported she had attended the Guild board meeting to get a better idea of what should be recorded in our history book and it will be updated.

Membership - Millie Ortner reported we now have 115 members.



Old Business:

>>A bill in the amount of \$15.97 received from Beula Dvorak for cookbook mailings was approved for payment.

>> Sylvia thanked the phone committee and reminded members to pick up their membership books.

New Business:

>>Emma Davidson won the decorated egg donated by Marj Nejdl.

The program "History of the Czech Village" was presented by Bob and Vilma Nejdl. Ed and Marj Nejdl's sons, Chuck and Phil were introduced and they videotaped the presentation. Bob did extensive research and we were all astounded at the number of businesses which had occupied the Czech Village thru the years. Just to name a few John Kucera's Hardware Store, Frank Muzik's Cigar Store, Podzimek's Pharmacy, Dytrt's Tavern, the Silver Palace, Vondracek's, Dr., Jecmenek, Dr.. Smrha and the list goes on. Bob also added anecdotes - one of them being that Joe Schneberg had played the accordion for Al Capone and an interesting note that the first telephone booth in C.R. was on 16th Ave. and 8th St. Bob took us down memory lane and it was an informative, fun presentation.

After the presentation, refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted by: Betty Truesdell, Secretary



MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 1999

The meeting was called to order at St. Ludmila's church by President, Sylvia Rohlena at 9:30 A.M. with 30 in attendance. Zula Oujiri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report - Betty Truesdell
The minutes were read and approved.
Corresp. Secretary's Report - Patti Marolf
A thank you note was sent to Bob and Vilma
Nejdl for their presentation at the last
meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Zula Oujiri
Reported for Fern Fackler. A balance of \$2852.44 was reported as of 8/31/99.
Czech Word of the Day - Millie Ortner
"Kostel", which means church.

Vol. & Program Coordinator - Patty Hikiji Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in August was 38 and Guild volunteer hours recorded was 371. (See attached list for upcoming programs). A volunteer potluck will be held Sept. 20 at 5:30 P.M.

Guest Report:

Dan Baldwin reported that there will be 500 prints of the P. Buckley Moss painting of the Museum selling for \$100 per print, with 10% of the amount of sales going to the Museum. The original will also be for sale. In addition, there will be a raffle for a remarked print, with tickets selling for \$1.00 each for a period of 5 weeks. He thought this might be a good project for the Guild, and our help would be considered a donation to the Museum, and Guild members would also receive volunteer hours. The drawing will be at the Fall dinner.

Committee Reports:

<u>Publications</u> - Marilyn Tucker requested information for the newsletter be sent to her by Sept. 8. The mailing committee will meet at the Woosleys on 9/22 at 6:30.

<u>Social</u> - Patty Hikiji said servers at the 9/25 reception will not have to pay the \$15.00 admittance fee.

<u>History</u> - Barb Pulkrab continues to update the book.

Membership - Dolores Usher renewed her membership.

Old Business:

>> Membership books not picked up will be mailed out. The books will be used for a two year period with updated inserts distributed. New Business:

>>Lavanda Woosley gave details on the Oct. 2 trip to Spillville. The final sign-up date is Sept. 18. The raffle ticket project was approved.

>>The Czech Prince and Princess applications are available. They will be crowned at the Oct. 30 Fall dinner. Marilyn Tucker proposed that we send our President of the Guild and spouse to the Riley Reception since they will be unable to attend the Fall dinner. It was approved by the Guild members.

>>The next Executive Board meeting will be 9/23.

Sylvia Rohlena won the door prize - a beautiful decorated egg donated by Marj Nejdl.

Sr. Christine displayed a beautiful print of St. Ludmila and Grandson, St. Wenceslaus which she had purchased in the Czech Republic. She gave an interesting report on the history of St. Ludmila's and surrounding area and Guild members were also given a tour of the church.

Respectfully Submitted by: Betty Truesdell, Secretary THE SLOVAK HISTORY
AND
CULTURE CONFERENCE
Friday, October 29 & Saturday,
October 30, 1999

Slovaks, scholars and the merely curious will find a broad range of intriguing topics at this two-day conference at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Speakers from the U.S. and abroad will take their audiences from film to folk traditions to the tenth anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. In between, you'll savor authentic Slovak meals, see the bold colors of a folk costume program and follow the whirling steps of Slovak dancers.

Participating institutions:
The National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library (NCSML) *
The University of Iowa Center
for Russian, Eastern
European, and Eurasian
Studies (CREEES) * Embassy
of the Slovak Republic *
International Studies Program,
Kirkwood College

Sessions Offered: Environmental Problems Facing Slovakia * Whose Slovakia? Which Slovakia? The Evolution of Slovak National History Modernism in Art and Architecture among Moravian Czechs and Slovaks at the Turn of the Century * Promoting the History of Slovakia and Slovak-Americans: Thoughts Toward an Action Plan * Where Do We Go From Here? Creating New Heritage for Export: Books as Our Best Cultural Ambassadors * The Slovak American Experience: Building Communities in the New World * Personal Reflections on the Velvet Revolution * Milan Stefanik: The Genius Transcending Centuries * The Role of Folk Traditions in Sustaining Ethnic Identity * Standardization of Slovak Language and its Political and Cultural Implications * Founding Fathers: The Czecho-Slovak Legion in Siberia, 1918-1920

September 26 Sunday Lifelong Learning Series. 1:30 PM Dr. James D. Henderson author of "Bhohemian Decorated Porcelain," will present "Bohemian Export Porcelain: A Historical Overview."

September 25 "Symbolism in Moss Art"
8:30-11:30 AM Peppertree Studios in Cedar Rapids is sponsoring a morning lecture at the NCSML by Peter Rippe, director of the Moss Museum in Waynesboro, Virginia. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit the NCSML. Admission includes coffee, kolaches and a self-guided gallery tour.

September 26 Museum fund-raiser and unveiling of P.Buckley Moss watercolor of the exterior of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. From 3-5:30 PM on the gounds of Lakeside, the home of Tom and Nan Riley. Ethnic appetizers, beverages, entertainment, trolley rides, print sale. Tickets \$30. Limited number of tickets. Call (319) 362-8500 for information.

October 11 Kava a Knihy (Coffee and Books) 7-9 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall. Reading discussion series. "The Ultimate Intimacy," by Ivan Klima.

October 13 Sesquicentennial Learn at Lunch "Farm Market-A City Tradition." Lenora Jelinek Watson of Cedar Rapids will tell the tale of the city's Farmers Market. Free. Noon to 1 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall.

October 18 The Janecek Chamber Orchestra 8 PM in King Chapel on the Cornell College campus, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Free to NCSML members. \$8 for non-members.

October 19 "The World Through Romani Eyes" 5:30-7:30 PM, Members' opening reception at the NCSML. Nibble on cheese and crackers and explore the Romani culture through this exhibition of paintings by non-professional Romani artists.

October 29 - 30 Slovak History Conference

This conference at the National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library will include discussion of the
10th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the role
of Slovak American groups and Slovak life under
communism. The conference includes the museum's
Fall Dinner on October 30.

October 30 Fall Dinner 6 PM reception, 7 PM dinner. WFLA Heritage Hall.

October 31 Sunday Lifelong Learning Series. 2 PM WFLA Heritage Hall. "A Sampling of Slovak Treasures," by Helene Cincebeaux. Free.

November 15 Kava a Knihy (Coffee and Books)
7-9 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall. Reading discussion series. "The Widow Killer," by Pavel Kohout. Free.

Noverber 17 Learn at Lunch
Noon to 1 PM. Free. WFLA Heritage Hall.
"What's on the Christmas Menu." Jana Burdova
Cutler will show how to braid the vanocka and
prepare "chlebycky" and other Christmas specialties.

November 28 Sunday Lifelong Learning Series "Slavik, Slovak, Slovene - What's the difference?" by Dr. Josef Figa. 2 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.

December 4 Svaty Mikulas: A celebration of Christmas customs and traditions. 9:30 AM to 4 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall. Watch demonstrators create ethnic arts and crafts. Join in the singing of "Vanocni koledy" (Czech Christmas carols).

December 8 Learn at Lunch

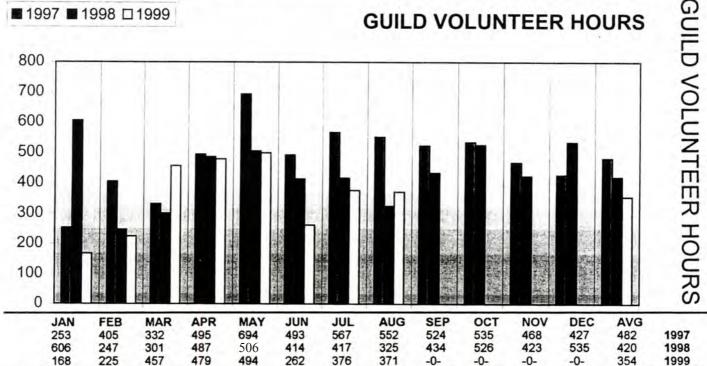
Noon to 1 PM, WFLA Heritage Hall. Free. "The Spider, the Mushroom and the Pickle." Shirley Rosencrans, the Museum's gift store manager, will tell the legends and lore behind the eclectic array of Christmas ornaments sold in the Museum's store.







GUILD VOLUNTEER HOURS



May 1999

JUNE 1999

JULY 1999

AUGUST 1999

Number of guild volunteers recording hours in May ... 48 Number of guild volunteers recording hours in June ... 33 Number of guild volunteers recording hours in July ... 39

376.25

Number of guild volunteers recording hours in August... 38

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded in May ...

493.75

Number of Guild Volunteer hours recorded in June ... 261.75

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded in July ...

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded in August ...

371.00

Lenora Watson	45.00
Vera Conway	33.00
Inez Popelka	30.00
Irma Rozek	23.50
Irma Modrracek	22.00
Marj Nedjl	22.00
Dolores Usher	20.50
Bob Stone	19.50
Patti Marolf	18.25
Anne Reif	17.50
Frank Edmunds	17.00

Dolores Usher	27.00
Marj Nejdl	23.00
Irma Rozek	20.75
Anne Reif	17.50
Laverne Fisher	13.50
Inez Popelka	10.75
Shirley Alexander	10.50
Helen Christopherson	10.50
Lillian Kopecky	10.50
Irma Modracek	10.50
Barb Pulkrab	10.50
Zula Oujiri	9.75
Martha Divishek	7.00
Gary Dvorak	7.00

Dolores Usher	33.50
Anne Reif	18.00
Barb Pulkrab	17.50
Rose Kopecky	17.00
Laverne Fisher	16.50
Irma Rozek	16.00
Helen Christopherson	15.50
Irma Modracek	15.50
Martha Divishek	14.50
Lydia Elias	14.25
Frank Edmunds	14.00

Anne Reif	25.00
Irma Rozek	23.25
Dolores Usher	21.50
Lydia Elias	21.00
Helen Christophersen	18.75
Dorothy Conner	16.00
Milly Ortner	14.50
Inez Popelka	14.00
Lenora Watson	12.00
Laverne Fisher	11.50
Irma Modracek	11.50

All data compiled and submitted with the monthly Volunteer & Museum Programs Report by Patricia A. Hikiji.

Sr. Virginia Kremlacek 7.00

6.50

6.50

6.50

Vera Hanson

Pauline Jasa

Milly Ortner

"Sunday Family Field Trip" Beginning in August and running through December, every Sunday afternoon will be FREE ADMISSION for all children when accompanied by a family member or other paying

adult.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!







Terri L. Spahn, Editor ...

Beula Dvorak

OLUNTEERS 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.

Upcoming GUILD Meetings

Be sure to mark your calendars enjoy our upcoming programs



Saturday, OCTOBER 2, 1999
7:00 AM Boarding Bus at Hamilton College
7:30 AM Depart Cedar Rapids- 4:30 PM Return
SPILLVILLE TRIP

Host & Hostess: Bob & Marge Stone

Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1999
9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW
"NOTABLE EARLY CZECHS IN CEDAR RAPIDS"
by Rollie Raim

Hostesses: Patti Hikiji & Fran Hansel Johnson

Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 1999
9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW
"EXECUTIVE BOARD SURPRISE"
Hostesses: Guild Board

Saturday, JANUARY 8, 1999 - HAPPY NEW MILLENNIUM!

Notice: Second week not first week
9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW
"GUILD MEMBERS SHARE TREASURES"
Host to be announced

Saturday, FEBRUARY 5, 1999
9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW
"CZECH NATIONAL HERO TOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK"
by Bob Stone

Host to be announced

On Loan from the Library of Congress:

THE CZECHOSLOVAK DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

This liberation document was penned in 1918 and was based on the ideals and inspirational language of the American Declaration of Independence. One year later, Gen, Milan Stefanik, a national hero to Slovaks and one of the three Czechoslovak leaders whose name appears on the Declaration of Independence, was killed when his plane exploded over his homeland. Fifty years later Soviet Tanks would rumble into Prague and take aim at a nation's hopes of cultural freedom from communist oppression. The Declaration of Independence. never-before-seen photos of the Prague Spring invasion and plane wreckage from the site where Gen. Stefanik died are now on exhibit at

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library