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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Museum Guild Members,

Did you know that the hours you spend volunteering benefit the Museum two-fold?

The board asked Judy Ostrander, Director of Development of the Museum, to attend the August Guild Board Meeting. We were interested in learning more about how the number of volunteer hours recorded affects the Museum when applying for grants from corporations and foundations. Judy helped us to better understand the importance of having each of us record all of the hours that we volunteer for the Museum. Having a complete record of all of the volunteer hours indicates strong community support of the Museum. Consequently, when the Museum applies for corporate or foundation grants, these requests are looked upon more favorably. It's nice to know that we are not only aiding in the smooth operation of the Museum on a day-to-day basis, but also by merely recording these hours in the book, we are actually generating a positive image of community support, thus facilitating the process of securing grants for the museum. For those of you who may not have been at the Guild Meeting when this was discussed, please know how very important it is that you record your hours in the book that Patty Hikiji has provided for us.

There are some very important decisions that the Guild membership will be making at the October and November meetings. At the October meeting you will be electing a nominating committee and at the November meeting you will be electing your 1998 officers. Please try to attend both of these meetings if possible.

It is always great seeing so many of you at our meetings! I look forward to seeing you October 4th at the Museum.

Sincerely,
Marilyn R. Tucker



OUR FOUNDING FIVE

MARJORIE STONE

This is the third 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.

Marjorie Stone has many significant focal points in her life: her family, her church, her music — her heritage. This energetic and talented woman, who has been so instrumental in the formation of the Guild and the ongoing health of the Museum, is a born leader. And she has devoted a tremendous amount of her energy and her time to the Museum and its supporting Guild.

Marjorie's Musical Journey

Marjorie Frances Lala was born August 25, 1933 at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Growing up in Marion, her childhood and adolescent years were like pearls strung together by the common thread of music. She relates how one day, while in the sixth grade, her sister took her to see the band director at school. He expressed a need for baritone players; the school would provide the instrument. With a child's pragmatism, Marge decided that she would play the baritone — and play it she did! As a student at Marion High School, she eventually participated in every configuration of brass ensemble imaginable, including a brass quartet that received a "1" rating in the Nationals. "Music contests were really important and competition was keen," Marge relates. "The students competed in conferences, just like the athletes of today."

Among her many additional achievements in music were "1" ratings in Iowa's state solo competition for three years. She also garnered the coveted position of first chair in the Iowa All State Band twice — a high honor, to which anyone who has ever been involved in a high school music program can attest. She was utterly dedicated. In order to attend the state competition she and another music student from Marion rode the milk train to and from Des Moines (with stops at every small town along the way to pick up milk!). She showed herself as a high achiever in other areas as well, displaying her leadership qualities early on by her involvement in student government, serving on the student council and as a class officer.

Marge's college career was seemingly predestined. Her parents were both alumni of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, and she had always planned to follow in their footsteps by attending Coe. As a high school senior, the accomplished music student entered and won the 1951 Eastern Iowa Band contest. This prestigious honor included tuition to Coe College.



Marjorie Stone, a founding member of the Guild, and one of five original charter members

During her years at Coe, Marge concentrated her educational endeavors on studying and excelling in music. She performed with numerous brass ensembles, and was selected as the featured soloist for Coe's annual spring college band tour. She graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Music degree with a focus on public school music.

As an active member of the highly esteemed Delta Delta Delta sorority during her years at Coe, Marge served in various offices for her chapter, including President. After graduation she continued her sorority involvement, serving the "Tri-Delts" as their Alumni Advisor for three years. During her post-college years she also served as a church camp counselor and taught the new church curriculum in the Presbytery and Synod Schools.

A Willingness To Serve

In 1960 Marjorie Lala embarked on a new phase in her life when she became Mrs. Robert J. Stone. She and Robert were married on August 6 of that year at the First Presbyterian Church in Marion, Iowa. The couple has three grown children, all married: Wilford, a lawyer; Diane, a teacher, and mother to their four grandchildren — Mindy, Michelle, Malissa and Marcus; and Jeffrey, a computer programmer. While her children were growing up, Marge was a "stay-at-home Mom" and she put a lot of energy into the job. She maintained a high level of visibility in her children's lives and took a great interest in their activities, often volunteering at their schools and donating time as a Camp Fire leader and a church choir mother.

Marge has always been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Marion. Over the years she served on the Christian Education Committee, taught Sunday school and lent her support by counseling communicant members and serving as a Church Elder. Due to her extensive musical background she was able to lend indispensable expertise to the church by chairing the Music and Worship Committee for four years.



In addition to Marge's many Guild and Museum commitments, today she remains active in other community organizations as well. She devotes a good deal of time to her PEO chapter (KJ), is currently serving as the President of the OOP Club, and she sits on the City of Marion Tree Board. Her work with the Komensky Society¹ is important to her. As a non-profit Iowa corporation originated at Coe College in 1909, the Society grants scholarships to worthy high school graduates. For her, it is a sort of commingling of her allegiance to her alma mater and her respect and love for Czech culture.

Marge has always enjoyed myriad hobbies and interests, many of them Czech-related. Needlework — sewing, needlepoint and counted cross-stitch — is one of her favorites. She loves to read and gardens with zest. Cooking is also a favorite pastime — she always makes the traditional Vanocka/Houska for Christmas Eve. Her artistry is evident when she displays kraslice (painted eggs), pomlaska (willow whip) and pussy willows according to the season. She derives great pleasure from making the peroutky and the Slovak apple wreaths for the Museum.

A Stalwart Advocate

Marge has yet to acquire a complete genealogy of her ancestors, but she does know that they came from the Czech Republic, near Prague. As a member of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, she has not yet em-

With tears in her eyes as she looked down on the city, she was struck with the realization . . . "This is where my whole family came from."

— Upon Marjorie Stone's first visit to the Czech Republic, June 1996

barked on extensive genealogical research, but she and Robert attend the Society's conferences. Educational and informative, these conferences feature interesting lectures by guest speakers from all over the world. Even though details are sketchy on her ancestors, she has several tangible pieces of family history that she cherishes, her great-grandmother's tea pot among them. In June of 1864 Katerina Buresh transported this exquisite piece with her from the Old Country. Her Grandmother's heirloom garnets and several old religious books — the oldest one dating back to 1518 — grace her collection of beloved family artifacts.

Marge has long been a stalwart advocate for the preservation of Czech culture and heritage, as evidenced by her on-going involvements relating to the culture. For many years she served on the Czech Heritage Foundation Board. During this time she worked extensively with Eva and Bob Kouba on the traveling

Museum. She was a charter member of the committee that originated the "Homestay Program." This noteworthy program was designed to underwrite a cultural exchange for students, making it possible for high school juniors to live with families in the Czech Republic for one month every year. Among her many other contributions, Marge has served as a judge for the Czech "Prince and Princess" contest, has chaired the Houby Days Bake Off, and served on the committee that collected and assembled the plexiglas exhibit entitled "The History of the Czechs in Linn County." She served three years on the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library Board, and for two of those years she functioned in the capacity of Secretary.

Marge and Robert recently had the opportunity to spend fifteen days in the Czech Republic. In June of 1996, as their plane landed in Prague, Marge relates that she experienced a very emotional moment — one that took her by surprise. With tears in her eyes, she looked down on the city and was struck with the realization that "This is where my whole family came from." The Stones had a wonderful and educational time there, experiencing the many fascinations of her ancestral country.

To Preserve, Protect and Teach

As a Guild volunteer at the Museum, Marge always meets interesting individuals. She and husband Robert have hosted several visitors from the Czech Republic and Slovakia, including the wife of the current ambassador of the Slovak Republic. They both feel that this has helped them gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of these people. Their aim is to teach. "We try to show our guests that we do not live like the stereotyped people that they see on 'Dallas,'" Marge says. At the same time, they try to re-educate Americans about the Czech and Slovak peoples. They have observed that some Americans retain a stereotyped image of the Slovak peoples as well, and they feel that this must be addressed so that there is increased awareness of the truth — that there is much more to the culture, heritage and character of these people that must be preserved.

Marge thinks back to the days when the Guild Steering Committee was meeting in the "office" of the old Museum. Rather rustic surroundings, there were no chairs to sit on, so they sat on various boxes. Mae Novotny, functioning as secretary at the time, barely had room to record the minutes. "Now I look at the beautiful Museum building and compare . . . we've come a long way," she says with a bit of wonder — and a lot of pride.

She often thinks of Mae and others who are no longer with us, and Marge feels extremely grateful for their influence in her life. It is her deep belief that the activities of the Guild should continue to be educational and social in order to provide the best volunteer support for the Museum and Library. She realizes what a sacred trust it is to continue to preserve, protect and teach the rich heritage of the country of which we are all so proud.

— Cynthia Tucker Shaffer

September 1997

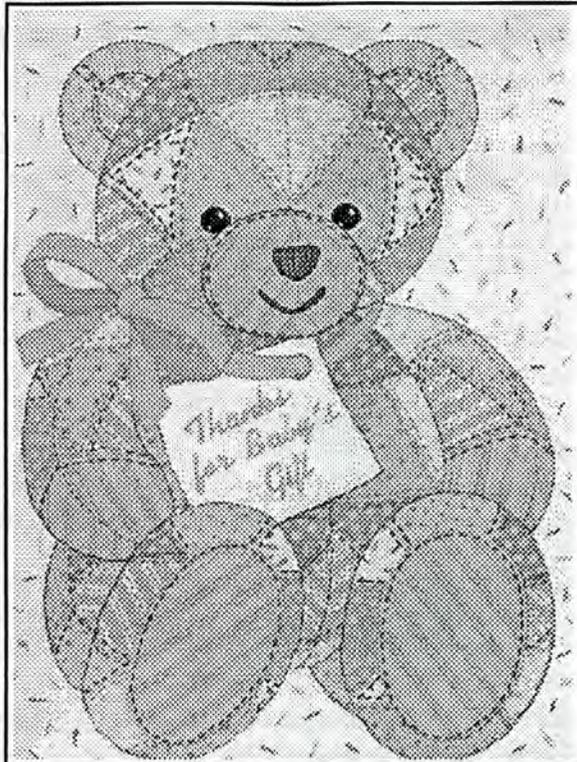
¹This society was named for Jan Amos Komensky (1592-1670), a world-famous Czech educator, scholar and philosopher, who introduced modern educational methods and textbooks throughout Europe during his lifetime. He is often referred to as "The Teacher of Nations."

GUILD NEWS ...

The Guild would like to extend our sympathy to Guild Member Betty Truesdell and her husband Richard on the death of Richard's mother. Betty always spoke of Richard's mother with great love.

Welcome New Members:

- Suzanne Charipar*
- Edward R. Kuba*
- Judy Ostrander*
- Martha Wilding*



a heart felt thank you from the Langel family

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August 12, 1997

Museum Guild
c/o Mrs. Marilyn Tucker

Dear Marilyn and Members of the Guild,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address your group last evening. It was a treat for me to share some of the progress and goals of the library with you. I hope that you enjoyed seeing the library and that you will come back often. I also liked learning more about all the activities of the Guild.

I wanted to elaborate a little on the vertical file project that I am planning with the hope that the Guild will choose to support it. To begin the project we will need to invest approximately \$480 in supplies including a filing cabinet, acid-free pocket folders & paper, and file folder labels. I have already purchased the subject heading manuals that we will need to create standard categories for sorting materials. I think it is likely that the vertical file will be the most frequently used item in the library and will have the broadest interest base in the local community. It is an important project and I hope the Guild will defray all or part of the start up costs. It will also be a wonderful, on-going project for volunteers!

Thanks again for the wonderful book truck. Denise is ordering an engraved plate to put on the end of the book truck commemorating the Guild gift to the library. The invoice for the book truck arrived in today's mail. I am enclosing it with this letter and hope that you will forward it to the appropriate person.

I look forward to working with you all in the future.

thank you from ... Martha Wilding

"KOLYA"

... a film review by Betty Truesdell

When I discovered that the long awaited Czech film, "Kolya" was appearing in Iowa City and would be gone in two days, I rushed down for a Matinee showing. This is the film that was the recipient of the 1996 Golden Globe and Academy Award for best foreign film.

It is so artistically crafted that one may find it a little tedious at times, but when the heart and soul emerges out of its simplicity, one cannot help but be enamored by it.

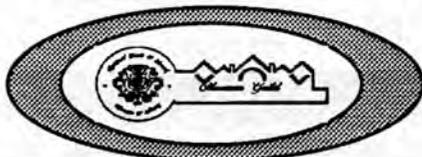
We are given a look inside the life of a single, middle-aged musician, beautifully played by Zdenek Sverak, who is struggling to earn enough money to buy a car. When an unorthodox scheme presents itself, he consents, only to be confronted with the task of temporarily caring for a small angelic looking Russian boy named Kolya. Reluctantly he and the boy slowly bond together.

There is humor, there is spice and there is grandeur in this film whether in the light of a soaring hawk, or in a rooftop view of majestic Prague.

I was a little surprised as to how the Czech women were depicted in this film, however. They were all free spirits, shall we say, and our main character seemed to have a steady supply of lovers.

This was definitely worth a trip to Iowa City. What a shame Cedar Rapids wasn't able to obtain this film. It would have been a nice accompaniment to the new "Thousand Years of Czech Culture" exhibit presently being shown at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

I have heard it may be shown again in Iowa City so you may want to be mindful of that and check the movie schedule.

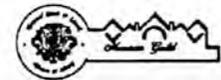


HELP WANTED:

The Museum needs more volunteers.
Can you help out?
Do you know someone who would like to volunteer at the Museum?

Call: Patty Hikiji at 362-8500

**MUSEUM GUILD
1997 OFFICERS**



President	Marilyn R. Tucker
Vice-president	Fern Fackler
Recording Sec.	Barb Edmunds
Treasurer	Leni Stastny
Corresponding Sec.	Betty Truesdell
Museum Guild Rep.	Frank Edmunds
Ex-Officio	Sylvia Rohlena

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Irma Kelly
Fund Raising	Beula Dvorak
History	Vera Conway
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	John Rocarek
Publications	Terri Spahn-Co-chair Maridee Dugger " "
Public Relations	Sherry Bowers
Social	Sylvia Rohlena

1997 Museum Guild Meeting Hostesses

January 4 Sylvia Rohlena	July 14 Betty Petrzalek Hermine Rigel
February 1 Marie Webster Olga Drahozal	August 11 Irma Modracek Olga Sedenka
March 1 Barb Edmunds Mary Ann Barry	September 6 Vera Hanson Mana Zlatohlavek Emma Davidson
April 5 Sherry Bowers Beula Dvorak Terri Spahn	October 4 Milly Ortner Anne Reif Sr. Virginia Kremalek Sr. Christine Elias
May 3 Fern Fackler Marlene Schrimper Maridee Dugger	November 1 Patti Marolf Jan Podzimek Barb Pulkrab
June 9 Fran Hanzel Johnson Leni Stastny	December 13 Bob Stone Marge Stone Vera Conway

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Please be thinking about who you would like to have serve on the Guild Nominating Committee. The election of this committee will take place at the October 4th meeting.

Also think about who you would like to elect to serve on the Executive Board of the Guild. You will be electing your 1998 officers at the November 1st meeting. It is important that we think about this important event before we come to the November 1st meeting.

The Guild Bylaws state: "No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." The current officers and years served in their respective offices are:

Office	Name	Years Served in Current Office
President	Marilyn R. Tucker	One
Vice President	Fern Fackler	Two*
Recording Secretary	Barb Edmunds	Two*
Treasurer	Leni Stastny	Two*
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Truesdell	One
Museum Guild Representative	Frank Edmunds	Two (This is a three-year term therefore no election for this office until November 1998)

*These officers may not be elected to the same office but they may be elected to a different office.

GUILD BYLAWS ...

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Guild shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Museum Guild Representative to the Board of Directors of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and any other officers the Guild shall deem necessary to achieve the goals of the Guild. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws.

Section 2. At the meeting held in October, an Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the President, and a Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Guild. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be elected at the November meeting.

Section 3. The officers, with the exception of the Museum Guild Representative, shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for one year. The Museum Guild Representative shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for three years. The officers' terms of office shall begin at the January meeting. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

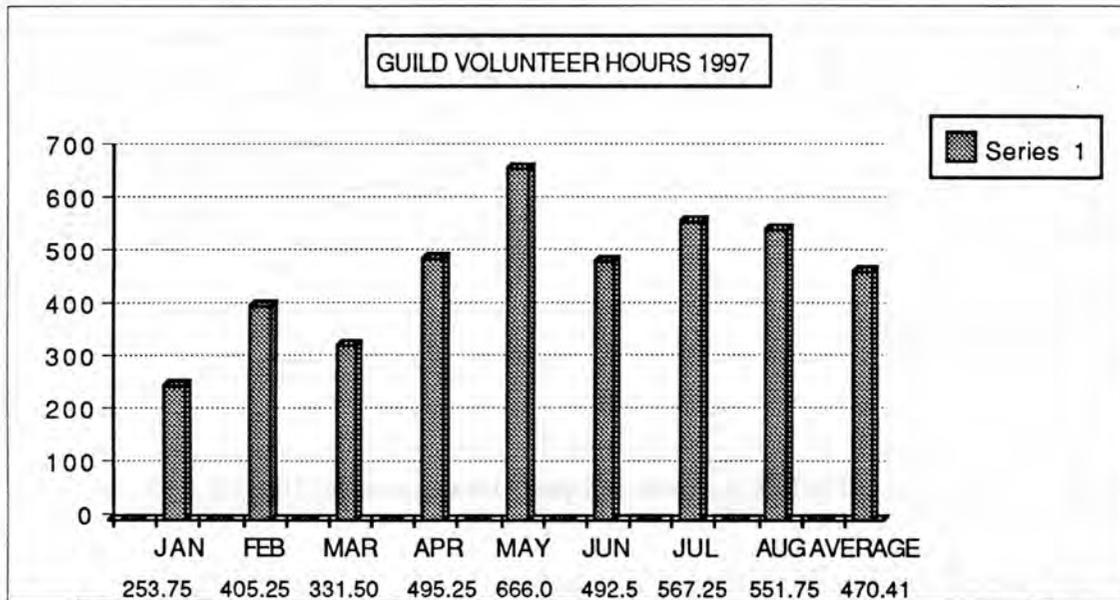
A nominating committee of three should be ELECTED by the vote of the membership one month prior to the election of Guild officers. Nominations are to be made from the floor by any Guild member. The Guild President is not eligible to serve on this committee.

DUTIES:

- a. Select a slate of one or more eligible candidates for each of the six Guild offices.
- b. Report the slate of candidates at the election meeting, and give a written copy of the slate to the presiding officer.

VOLUNTEERS

ARE NEEDED



Top Ten List of Museum Volunteers

JUNE 1997

Frank Edmunds	29.00
Martha Divishek	25.25
Irma Rozek	22.00
Rose Kopecky	21.00
Sherlee Peterson	17.50
Marjorie Pace	16.50
Barbara Pulkrab	16.50
Patti Marolf	16.00
Marjorie NejdI	15.50
Lydia Elias	14.50

JULY 1997

Frank Edmunds	41.00
Anne Reif	26.75
Betty Truesdell	23.50
Barb Pulkrab	22.50
MA Pochobradsky	21.50
Ed Kuba	20.00
Marj Pace	19.75
Marj NejdI	18.50
Marha Divishek	18.00
Irma Modracek	18.00
Zula Oujiri	18.00
Vera Conway	17.50
Mildred Chadima	17.50

AUGUST 1997

Frank Edmunds	26.00
Mildred Chadima	25.50
Rose Kopecky	20.50
Vera Hanson	20.00
Martha Divishek	18.25
Barbara Edmunds	18.00
Irene Hamous	18.00
Mana Zlatohlavek	16.75
Barb Pulkrab	16.50
Milly Ortner	16.50



Volunteer hours pay additional dividends:

Did you know that recording your volunteer hours at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library helps make an even stronger case for funding when applying for grants from corporations and foundations? By keeping track of this information and having it available, we are able to show support from individuals and other constituencies associated with the museum. A strong volunteer base represents quality and diversity in the organization. It provides not only a broad pool of talent to assist with programming and activities at the museum and library, but it helps in the pursuit of grant opportunities as well.

The process is simple. . . all it involves is logging in your hours on the sign up sheet located in the volunteer station each time you volunteer at the museum and library. It only takes a minute of your time, but can pay big dividends for the museum and library in the long run. If you are not currently a volunteer and wish to find out more about the exciting opportunities available, please call the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at 362-8500.

Thank you ... Judy Ostrander, Director of Development ... National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Rhubarb Bars
from ... Hermina Rigel

2 C. flour
1/2 C. Sugar
1 C. margarine

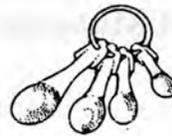
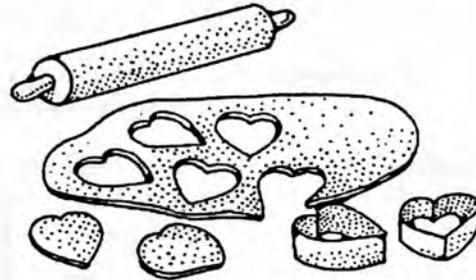
for the filling:

4 C. finely chopped rhubarb
2 C. sugar
1/2 C. flour
4 eggs

Mix flour, 1/2 C. sugar and margarine together and press into ungreased 10 inch x 15 inch pan. Bake at 350* for 15 to 20 minutes.

For filling, mix ingredients together and pour over hot crust. Bake at 350* for 40 to 45 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Apples may be used in place of rhubarb.



Poppy Seed Squares
from ... Olga Naxera, Sedenka

1 pkg. yeast
1/4 C. luke warm water
pinch of salt
4 C. flour
1 T. sugar
2 sticks butter or margarine (1 cup)
2/3 C. scalded milk (cooled)

Mix all together. This needs no raising. Roll 1/2 of the dough & place on greased jelly roll pan. Spread with 2 cups of poppy seed filling. Roll out other 1/2 dough & cover. Bake at 400* until brown (about 30 minutes).

Cool & ice with:

- 2 T. butter
- 2 T. hot milk
- 1/4 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1 1/2 C. powder sug



something good from the kitchen of ...

CZECH CALANDAR OF EVENTS . . .

October 1997

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 GUILD: Election of Nominating Committee
5	6 12:00 PM "Kava a Knihy" Museum Library	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 8:00 PM CSPS: Bluegrass Band Druha Trava	14	15	16 12:00 PM Learn at Lunch "Towers" WFLA Hall	17	18 10:00 AM Stories-children, Museum Library
19 CSPS: Saudek & Krecji Exhibit Ends	20	21	22	23	24 5:00 PM CSPS: Martin Velisek Exhibit starts	25 "A Night W/the Ambassadors" Dinner
26 2:00 PM Armchair Travelogue-Land of Fairy Tales	27	28	29	30 8:00 PM CSPS: Jan Svankmajer's film, Faust	31	

November 1997

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 GUILD: Election of Officers
2	3 7:00 PM "Kava a Knihy" Museum Library	4	5	6	7 "Haj Husicky" Ethnic Arts WFLA Hall	8 "Haj Husicky" continues
9 "Haj Husicky" Last Day	10	11	12	13 8:00 PM CSPS: Alternative Band Uz Jsme Doma	14	15 10:00 AM Stories-children, Museum Library
16	17	18	19 12:00 PM Learn at Lunch "Glass Majic" WFLA Hall	20	21 8:00 PM CSPS: Jan Nemecek Film & Vaclav Havel Play	22 9:30 AM Christmas Craft Classes - Adults 8:00 PM CSPS: Film & One Act Play, Protest
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 9:30 AM Fun W/Christmas Crafts - Children
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October 1997

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December 1997

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National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Program Schedule for 1997-98

FEBRUARY 1

"Museum Treasures"

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library volunteer guides offer insight into their favorite museum treasures, as guild members visit exhibit stations throughout the gallery.

MARCH 1

"O Goose Feathers"

Pauline Jasa demonstrates the art of feather baster "peroutky" making, and shares with guild members preparation techniques as well as describing the many uses for goose feathers.

APRIL 5

"With Loving Care"

Lenora Watson, Rose Kopecky and Olga Sedenka share hand work treasures from their personal collections. The exquisite pieces displayed include a decorative hand embroidered apron, lace collar with intricate gold crochet, and a padded satin cutwork table cloth.

MAY 3

"Czech Heritage Foundation Prince & Princess"

Holly Upah and James Horak, 1995 representatives, relate their royal adventures, including participation in the dedication of Masaryk Park and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

JUNE 9

"Museum Gift Store"

Ann Kloubec offers a tour of the NC&SM&L Gift Shop. New merchandise related to the "1000 Years of Czech Culture" exhibit is featured.

JULY 14

"Mr. & Mrs. Nejdil Go To Washington"

Marj and Ed share experiences from their trip to Washington D.C. as well as highlights from past adventures preserving our cherished Czech heritage.

AUGUST 11

"Library Update"

Learn of the great progress being made to organize, catalog, and make available resource materials in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library archive and library section.

SEPTEMBER 6

"Unique Czech Cemetery Markers"

Loren Horton, recently retired Historian for the State of Iowa shares fascinating information "and slides" of truly historical markers.

OCTOBER 4

"Leaving Home"

A panel discussion featuring reflections on leaving "the old country" to forge a new life in the United States.

NOVEMBER 1

"Boland-Dowdall Duo"

This foremost flute and guitar duo performing 19th century music on authentic instruments, will share a few specialties with the Guild. Jan and John will also describe their fascinating craft, and how it relates with Czech heritage.

DECEMBER 13

"Holidays at Granger House"

tour in Marion. The Granger House will be "decked out" for the holidays. Enjoy a nostalgic guided tour, taking you back to a simpler time.

JANUARY 3

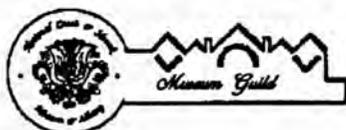
"Divadlo - Czech Theater in Cedar Rapids"

Panel discussion with veterans from the stage and backstage. Shared reminiscences from the days when CSPA and ZCBA Halls entertained thousands.

FEBRUARY 7

"Sokol Movement in Cedar Rapids"

Learn about "A Strong Mind in a Healthy Body." from members of Sokol Cedar Rapids. Remember the days of "Sokol Summer Camp" and "Sibirsky."



MUSEUM PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 6

"Kava a Knihy" ... Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series ... Second Book Discussion
 7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ... Museum Library ... Re-registration required

OCTOBER 16

"Learn at Lunch" - short program ... "Towers, Spires, Vaults, & Arches" ... Bruce Hamous, architect
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ... WFLA HERITAGE HALL
 An introduction to the various architectural styles to be found in the constructions of the Czech Republic. Free to the public

OCTOBER 18

Stories, Tales, Legends, and Lore
 Children's story-time ... 10:00 a.m. ... Museum Library ... Free to the public

OCTOBER 25

"A Night With the Ambassadors" ... Dinner ... Introduction of the National Advisory Board of the Museum ... Crowning of the Czech Heritage Foundation Prince and Princess

OCTOBER 26

"Land of Fairy Tales - Castles and churches of the Czech Republic"
 Armchair Travelogue ... Slide Presentation: George (Max) Naxera, Jr.
 2:00 p.m. ... WFLA Heritage Hall
 Enjoy the beauty and grandeur of the castles and churches of the Czech Republic with Max Naxera, avid traveler and photographer. Free to the public

NOVEMBER 3

"Kava a Knihy" ... Reading-Lecture-discussion Series ... Third Book Discussion
 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ... Museum Library ... Pre-registration required

NOVEMBER 7, 8 & 9

"Haj Husicky" ... Ethnic Arts Demonstrations & Sale Fri. ... Sat. ... Sun. hours ... WFLA Heritage Hall ... The second, annual, holiday sale and gathering of artists and artisans will feature hand-crafted items in a variety of media, with a special emphasis on the folk arts... Open to the public

NOVEMBER 15

Stories, Tales, Legends, and Lore
 Children's story-time ... 10:00 a.m. ... Museum Library ... Free to the public

NOVEMBER 19

"Learn at Lunch" - short program ... "Glass Magic" Robert Schaffer, Czech Cottage
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ... WFLA Heritage Hall
 Learn about the history, the technique for creating, and the special significance of the hand-blown, hand-painted glass Christmas ornaments from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. ... Free to the Public

NOVEMBER 22

Christmas Craft Classes for Adults ... Learn how to make traditional Czech holiday decorations and centerpieces. ... 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. / 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Pre-registration required ... Registration Fee

NOVEMBER 29

"Fun with Christmas Crafts" ... Crafts sessions for children
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ages 6 - 8
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ages 9 - 12
 Pre-registration required ... Registration Fee



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**A Thousand Years of
Czech Culture**
RICHES FROM THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN PRAGUE
Exhibition At
The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
May 24 - December 31, 1997

The Fund Raising Committee has a good supply of **1000 Years of Czech Culture** lapel pins and pens for sale. They sell for \$2.00 each. These would make nice stocking stuffers for Christmas, or an appreciated small gift for your friends, and family.

Please wear yours... people will ask about them and want to purchase some for their personal use and for gifts. Please support our fund raising committee.
Thank you.

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OCTOBER 4 "Leaving Home"

A panel discussion featuring reflections on leaving "the old country" to forge a new life in the United States.

NOVEMBER 1 "Boland-Dowdall Duo"

This foremost flute and guitar duo performing 19th century music on authentic instruments, will share a few specialties with the Guild. Jan and John will also describe their fascinating craft, and how it relates with Czech heritage.

DECEMBER 13
"Holidays at Granger House"
tour in Marion. The Granger House will be "decked out" for the holidays. Enjoy a nostalgic guided tour, taking you back to a simpler time.

Upcoming Guild Meetings ...