

Winter 2014



Members of Světlušky Czech youth ensemble perform at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's Old World Christmas Market on December 7, 2013. Photo by Rob Merritt.

From the Editor

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Sara Jacobmeyer

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CHF 2014 Officers

President – Frank Edmunds Vice President – Marj Nejdl Secretary – Joyce Netolicky Treasurer – Dennis Hrabak Financial & Corresponding Secretary – Donna Merkle The Czech Heritage Foundation is gearing up for an exciting 2014! In this issue you will find details about upcoming events, programs that are gaining new momentum, and more.

For those who were able to make it to the Annual Meeting in January, thank you for coming out to support your organization. It was a fun social evening, and your contributions to the potluck were phenomenal. One attendee I spoke with, who happens to own a handful of restaurants, was quite



impressed with the array of tasty food. Well done!

If you were at the meeting, and even if you were unable to attend, there are still opportunities for you to volunteer for special Czech Heritage Foundation events. Committees are working hard to prepare for the Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant, the St. Joseph's Day Dance, annual parade entries, and more. There's always room for another helping hand. Your membership, too, makes a difference. These community events are possible because of your contributions. Thank you!

Přeji vám vše nejlepší (all the best)!

Sincerely, Sara Jacobmeyer



CZECH HERITAGE CELEBRATION

St. Joseph's Day Dance Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant

By Bonnie Rohlena

The Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant will be held on March 16, 2014 in conjunction with the St. Joseph's Day Dance in Walford, Iowa. This is a change from previous years when the pageant was held during Houby Days. Young women between the ages of 16 and 26, un-wed, possessing a Czech or Slovak lineage that have completed the application process will compete. The winner of the Iowa pageant will receive prizes, scholarship funds, and qualifies to compete in the National Pageant in Wilber, Nebraska in August.

The Pageant is composed of four areas of competition that will illustrate each young woman's capability to represent her Czech or Slovak heritage: private interview, on-stage interview, talent performance, and kroj (traditional Czech or Slovak folk dress) modeling.

Part of the Pageant judging will be held at the Teahen Center across from the Ponderosa Ballroom in the morning on Sunday, March 16th beginning with the private interview. Following dinner for the candidates, visiting queens, guests, judges and helpers, the candidates will perform their talent. The on-stage interview, kroj modeling and the crowning ceremony will take place in the afternoon at the ballroom with music provided by Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. Door prizes, a raffle & bake sale will be held at the dance.

Contestants will be competing between young women with Czech or Slovak lineage who have researched and embraced their ancestry and wish to express pride in their heritage. She is to be judged as an intelligent young woman who possesses dignity, poise, charm, good manners, talent and that intangible called personality. The state pageant is a wonderful opportunity for getting youth interested in their heritage and celebrating it.



The Czech Heritage Foundation Board of Directors is asking individuals, businesses and corporations to help sponsor this event through a financial contribution. Whether you can help support the Queen Pageant financially or not, we appreciate your consideration. You and or your business will be recognized for your donation and/or sponsorship of a pageant event. If you would like to provide a financial contribution, please send a check to the Czech Heritage Foundation to the address below.

Checks may be sent to: Jeanne Vogt, Pageant Donations Chair

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
Bonnie Rohlena
Iowa Pageant Director
(Cell)
(Home)

Christmas Wreath Raffle a Family Favorite

By Barbara Edmunds

The Old World Christmas Market for 2013 is now over at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library but memories linger. The Czech Heritage Foundation had its third annual Christmas Wreath Auction as a fund raiser for our group on December 7th and 8th. Thirtythree beautiful wreaths were displayed in the heated tent just east of the Museum. Because of the extremely cold weather the attendance was less, but those that came enjoyed what they saw. People bought tickets for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00. They placed their tickets in the sack by the wreath they wanted to win. This was a great family affair as parents gave their children tickets to choose which wreath they wanted to win. The winning tickets were drawn on Sunday the 8th at 2:00 PM and placed on the wreaths for the winners to pick up Sunday or at the Museum at a later date.

Many wonderful stories can be told after every project we do and this one was no different. While drawing the winning tickets, we looked up and saw a 7 or 8 year old boy with his grandmother watching us. We asked if he was waiting for a particular wreath and he walked down the line and pointed to one. Frank Edmunds pulled the winning ticket out and announced the winner's name. It was the boy's. The grandmother said he wanted that wreath to place on this father's grave site. WOW! Another husband and wife had just moved here from California and had no Christmas decorations. When I called to tell them that they had won a wreath, they were thrilled.

We are happy to announce that we made \$402.00 for the two day event. Many thanks to all that donated wreaths and were kind enough to buy tickets. Here is a list of the wreaths that brought in the most money:

- 1. Czech School Board
- 2. Holly Stepanek, Miss Czech Iowa
- 3. Bonnie Rohlena
- 4. Donor unknown (snowmen on wreath)
- 5. Vision Homes, Chuck & DeAnn Nejdl
- 6. Western Fraternal Life Association
- 7. Czech National Cemetery



8. Suzanne Charipar9. Czech Singers by Jeanne Vogt10. Gail Naughton

Other beautiful wreaths were donated by:
CSA Lodge Prokop Velky # 137
Sokol Cedar Rapids (3 wreaths)
WFLA Lodge # 262
Catharine Otto
Czech Heritage Foundation
CSA Lodge Junior American Czechs #388
Frank & Barbara Edmunds (3 wreaths)
Federation of Czech Groups
WFLA Lodge #500
WFLA Lodge #400 Swisher (2 wreaths)
Damaska Women's Group by Jeanne Vogt

Many thanks for making this a successful event. See you in December 2014!

Old World Christmas Market a Success

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's Old World Christmas Market on December 7 and 8, 2013 was an event enjoyed by all. Vendors from across Iowa sold beautiful and unique gifts. Families gathered at craft tables in Rozek Grand Hall. The NCSML Museum Guild's Annual Cookie Walk was an enormous hit. Talented musicians and performers from around Eastern Iowa came to share their holiday cheer with visitors. Here are some photos from the weekend! (Photos by Rob Merritt.)



Madisyn Ford (Anděl), Chuck Nejdl (Svatý Mikuláš), and Brittany Schorg (Čert) delighted visitors throughout the weekend.



Kelsey Pokorny, the Czech Princess, and Jeanne Vogt helped with family crafts, the NCSML Guild Cookie Walk, and more.

Visiting Master
Folk Artist Daniela
Mahoney from
Portland, Oregon
personalized eggs
in the Museum
Store and taught
classes on egg
decorating, Polish
paper cutting,
dough ornaments,
and wheat
weaving.





Světlušky children's folk ensemble, led by Donna Merkle, performed for a large crowd in Rozek Grand Hall on Saturday the 7th.



Folk Artist Marta Hasnik helps her son decorate perníčky, or Czech gingerbread, in her class for children on Sunday the 8th.



Master Folk Artist and current Czech Heritage Foundation Vice President Marj Nejdl decorates ornaments in the Museum Store.



International Film Festival Coming to Cedar Rapids, Iowa

From a Press Release by the Office of the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles is thrilled to announce the third annual touring program of the best current Czech films, "Czech That Film." The festival is organized by the Czech Consulate in LA and Czech Center in New York.



Photo courtesy of film.ru

Michal Sedláček, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles comments on the program: "The annual Czech

film touring series, Czech That Film, is getting ready for its spring showing. [The] film festival will offer film enthusiasts for over three months, coast to coast, the best current Czech films such as "Honeymoon," "Burning Bush" or "Don Juans!"

The festival kicks off its tour in Los Angeles on March 27 and will tour major American cosmopolitan areas such as Washington, D.C., New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Phoenix, Seattle, Denver, Portland and Salt Lake City. The film series will newly reach Dallas, TX and Cedar Rapids, IA.

"We are eager to host the best of current Czech cinema. The program of 2014 Czech That Film will include a diverse assortment of films and surely should not be missed by any enthusiast of international cinema," said Alessandro Ago, Director of Programming and Special Projects at USC's School of Cinematic Arts.

In each city, screenings are traditionally complemented with special events, such as opening and closing receptions and Q&A sessions with well-established Czech directors. In the 2014 edition, attendees will have an opportunity to personally meet promising Czech director Roman Kašparovský, who will present a world premiere of his feature debut "Lousy Bastards" ("Všiváci," 2013). Mr. Kašparovský will be the honored guest at the Cedar Rapids festival premiere on April 4.

The moviegoers will also have a special opportunity to see the 2013/2014 Czech Golden Globe entry "Burning Bush" ("Hořící keř," 2013) directed by Agnieszka Holland, Jiří Menzel's Czech Oscar selection "Don Juans" ("Donšajni," 2013) or Milan Cieslar's newest feature "Collete" (2013), a love story from Auschwitz, based on renowned literary author Arnošt Lustig's novel. For more information: Please check the official website of the festival at www.CzechThatFilm.com. In Cedar Rapids, the festival will be held from April 4 – 5 at Collins Road Theatres. Please visit www.NCSML.org or call 319-362-8500 for details about show times as they become available, as well as details about the opening reception with Roman Kašparovský. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is proud to work with the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles to bring this event to Cedar Rapids.

Honor Roll: Memberships & Donations for 2014

Thank you for renewing, donating, or becoming a member!

Contributed by Donna Merkle

The names listed here reflect payments we received
for 2014 as of January 31, 2014. Payments received
after January 31st will appear in the Spring issue of
Naše České Dědictvi. If you think your name should
have been included in any of the lists presented here,
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or , or write to her c/o Czech Heritage Foundation, PO Box 8476, Cedar Rapids IA 52408. We are changing the way we record dues and donations and might have overlooked your payment during the conversion process. Acknowledgement of donations and memorial contributions will be included in the Spring newsletter.

New Members

Faribault	JoAnn	Cedar Rapids	IA
Kessler	Julie	Solon	IA
Konecky	Joseph	Cedar Rapids	IA
Stejskal	Sally	Cedar Rapids	IA

Renewed Members

Anonymous		Fairfax	IA	Jedlicka
Ackerman	Dorothy	Amana	IA	Jensen
Baca	Pauline	Brecksville	ОН	Johnson
Barnes	Sharon L	Anamosa	IA	Junis
Becicka	Delores	Cedar Rapids	IA	Kadlec
Berge	John C	Cedar Rapids	IA	Kloubec
Birky	Kathryn	Swisher	IA	Koby
Biskup	Marie	Cedar Rapids	IA	Kocab
Brase	Vlasta	Janesville	WI	Koliha
Burke	David	Cedar Rapids	IA	Konecny
Caslavka	Gerald	Mundelein	IL	Konecky
Cejka	Mary R	Bossier City	LA	Kostle-Tomlinso
Cernin	Marjorie	Cedar Rapids	IA	Krejci
Chadima	Sarah	Vermillion	SD	Kroupa
Christophersen	Helen	Marion	IA	Krueger
Christophersen	Mark	Belle Plaine	IA	Kupka
Claypool	Helenka	Williamsburg	IA	Langenberg
Cline	Gretchen	Letts	IA	Laue
DeFrees	Linda	Cedar Rapids	IA	Lenc
DeHoedt	Amanda	Des Moines	IA	Lorence
Ditch	Stan & Dorothy	Ely	IA	Lukes
Dostal	Lillian	Clutier	IA	Machacek
Drahovzal	Elsie	Cedar Rapids	IA	Mader

Drahozal	Bernie	Cedar Rapids
Drahozal	Jerry A	Cedar Rapids
Drahozal	Robert F	Cedar Rapids
DuBois	Angela	Chardon
Dvorak	Bernice E	Cedar Rapids
Fackler	Fern	Cedar Rapids
Faiman	Gladys	Dickinson
Fergle	Evelyn Krenek	Clarkston
Frish	Kristin J	Cottonwood
Frost	Veronika	Enon
Gallagher	Betty	Swisher
Garnant	Rachel	Cedar Rapids
Gruntorad	Donna	DeWitt
Hackney	Lillian A	Cedar Rapids
Hamous	Bruce	•
Hamous	Don & Irene	Cedar Rapids
		Cedar Rapids
Hamous	Steve	Wichita
Hanus	Irene M	Traer
Hanzlik	Evelyn S	Petersburg
Hayes	Diane	Marion
Hladek	Douglas A	Cedar Rapids
Horak	Barb	Cedar Rapids
Hrabak	David W	Belle Plaine
Hrabak	Dennis	Cedar Rapids
Jackson	Alicia Dee Dvorak	Cedar Rapids
Jacobmeyer	Sara	Coralville
Janak	Robert	Beaumont
Jedlicka	Yarmilla	Cedar Rapids
Jensen	Mary Lou Smith	West Liberty
Johnson	Annalou	Cedar Rapids
Junis	Carol	Rock Island
Kadlec	Beverly A	Cedar Rapids
Kloubec	Elsie Ann	North Liberty
Koby	Hana	Sarasota
Kocab	Joseph	Cleveland
Koliha	Carley M	Billings
Konecny	Irene B	Cedar Rapids
Konecky	Betty	Cedar Rapids
Kostle-Tomlinson	, Janice	Homosassa
Krejci	Diane	Cedar Rapids
Kroupa	Richard	Rogers
Krueger	Marie E	Cedar Rapids
Kupka	Helen	Chelsea
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Martinez	Cynthia	Thorenton	CO	Siems	Mary Ann	Fairfax
McCalley	Betsey	Cedar Rapids	IA	Simacek	Paul	Hockessin
McCaslin	Jessie	Brandon	IA	Sipe	Carol J	Benson
McCray	Barb	Maquoketa	IA	Sirowy	Dorothy M	Cedar Rapids
McIlrath	Mildred	Cedar Rapids	IA	Snyder	Mary C	Ocean City
Merkle	Donna	Cedar Rapids	IA	Stancel	George	Minot
Meskimen	Erma J	Cedar Rapids	IA	Stejskal	Kenneth	Cedar Rapids
Metz	Patricia	Uniontown	ОН	Stepanek	Tom, Sheila &	Cedar Rapids
Millard	Karen	Swisher	IA	Stepanek	Holly	Cedai Napids
Nejdl	Charles	Cedar Rapids	IA	Stodola	Carol	Cedar Rapids
Nejdl	Marjorie	Ely	IA	Stone	Bob	Marion
Nejdl	Phillip	Brandon	IA	Svoboda	Ludvik Z	Aurora
Netolicky	Arlo & Joyce	Cedar Rapids	IA	Teffer	Anna L	Walker
Netolicky	Margaret M	Cedar Rapids	IA	Tegen	Mary Ann	Manitowoc
Netser	Janis	Cedar Rapids	IA	Thornbloom	Leola Ann	Cedar Rapids
Newman	Cory & Janelle	Silver Spring	MD	Usher	Dolores J	Cedar Rapids
Nienhaus	Rev Ivan R	Cedar Rapids	IA	Van Deusen	Terri	Cedar Rapids
Novotny	Lucille E	Marion	IA	Vanorny	Leonard R	Solon
Opatrny	Charles J	Cedar Rapids	IA	Vavricek	Dorothy	Springville
Pace	Marjorie	Cedar Rapids	IA	Vesely	Edward	Toledo
Parra	Lisa	Chicago	IL	Vesely	Elizabeth M	Petersburg
Pavlis	Alvin	Fairfax	IA	Vesely	Phyllis	Iowa City
Peshek	Joe & Millie	Cedar Rapids	IA	Vlasek	Karen	Ely
Peterka	Lillian	Swisher	IA	Vogt	Jeanne	Atkins
Petrik	Nadine	Cedar Rapids	IA	Volesky	Adeline L	Cedar Rapids
Petrzelka	Bob	Mount Pleasant	IA	Volesky	Dennis	Swisher
Petrzelka	Marge	Cedar Rapids	IA	Volesky	Kim	Cedar Rapids
Podzimek	Sister Mary Lou	Cedar Rapids	IA	Volesky	Roman & Lottie	Cedar Rapids
Pokorny	David	Des Moines	IA	Volesky	Ruth Ann	Cedar Rapids
Pokorny	Ernest	Cedar Falls	IA	Vorel	Esther J	Cedar Rapids
Pokorny	Ernest	Des Moines	IA	Voves	Linus	lonia
Pokorny	Steven	Urbandale	IA	Wilts	Virginia M	Cedar Rapids
Pulkrab	Don & Barb	Fairfax	IA	Wohlleben	Carol	Marion
Rigel	Hermina B	Cedar Rapids	IA	Wolf	Wayne	Western Springs
Rogers	Vera	Days Creek	OR	Wood	Mrs. Jerry	Swisher
Rohlena	Marv & Bonnie	Keystone	IA	Zach	Margaret	Swisher
Roushar	George & Marilyn	, Cedar Rapids	IA	Zvacek	Bob & Marilyn	Cedar Rapids
Rozek	Gary	Cedar Rapids	IA		,	
Samek	Ella E	Cedar Rapids	IA			
Samek	Rick	Cedar Rapids	IA			
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Czech School Invites All to Attend Annual Fundraiser

Contributed by Julie Wiedner

Celebrating 145 years of Czech School in Cedar Rapids



Supper

Saturday Evening

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

March 8, 2014

St. Ludmila Church Social Hall

(lower level of Church building)

211 21st Ave. S.W. Cedar Rapids

\$5 Donation

Bake Sale too! Chili, rye bread, cake, beverage

~ Held in memory of Bessie Dugena, our longtime teacher & beloved friend ~



Czech Prince Brennan Bell poses with Cedar Rapids Czech School teacher Bessie Dugena at Houby Days in Czech Village, 2013. Photo by Cindy Hadish.

Upcoming Czech Events



March 1 - Masopust (Czech Mardi Gras) in Cresco, Iowa. Held by Czech Heritage Partnership at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Begins at 12:30 p.m. (www.czechheritagepartnership.org)

March 1 – Sokol Cedar Rapids' Šibřinky. Glovik Parish Center, St. Wenceslaus Church in Cedar Rapids. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Featuring Czech Plus Band. \$5 per person. Costumes encouraged!

March 8 - Czech School Chili Supper at St. Ludmila Church in Cedar Rapids from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person.

March 13 – Celebration! Rituals and Revelry of Life Exhibit Opening at the NCSML. Straight from the National Museum in Prague! Enjoy Czech food, and visit with a masquerade of costumed players who will bring the exhibit to life. NCSML Members: Free. Public: \$10. 5:30 p.m. at the NCSML.

March 16 - Czech Heritage Foundation's St.

Joseph's Day Dance featuring Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. Ponderosa Ballroom in Walford, Iowa. 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. \$8 per person.

March 16 – Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant Crowning during the St. Joseph's Day Dance. Ponderosa Ballroom in Walford, Iowa.

March 18 - Bonifantes Boys Choir from the Czech Republic. Free concert at St. Wenceslaus Church in Cedar Rapids. 7:00 p.m.

March 22 - St. Joseph's Day Celebration & Parade in Cedar Rapids' Czech Village. 1:00 p.m.

March 28 & 29 – Egg Decorating with Marj Nejdl at the NCSML. Friday the 28 at 6:00 p.m., or Saturday the 29 at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. NCSML

Members: \$30; Public: \$35. Each class is 3 hours long. Call Sara at 319-362-8500 for tickets.

April 4-5 – Czech That Film at Collins Road Theatres in Cedar Rapids. Call 319-362-8500 or visit NCSML.org for details as they become available.

May 16-18 – Houby Days in Czech Village, Cedar Rapids. Visit CzechVillageCedarRapids.com for updates about Houby Days and other events.

Announcements

Czech School registration will be open beginning March 1 at the Chili Supper.

The Czech Village Association will begin selling Houby Days buttons during the St. Joseph's Day Parade on March 22. Buttons will then be available at local businesses. For more information, email Pam at CzechVillageAssociation@gmail.com.

Fact Czech

Vincent Preissnitz (October 4, 1799 – November 28, 1851) was an Austrian Silesian (from an area which is now located in present-day Czech



Republic) who is considered the founder of modern hydrotherapy. Hydrotherapy uses water to relieve pain and to treat diseases. As a young man, Vincent suffered a terrible injury while working on his family farm. He was told he would never work again. Determined to prove his physician wrong, Vincent used cold water therapies of his own design to cure his ailments. His success story spread across Europe and Great Britain, and he was well-appreciated by the Austrian Emperor. People visited Vincent's home in Gräfenberg to be cured, and hydrotherapy institutions and spas became popular. He was given permission by to open his own spa in 1838; over 1,500 visitors sought his treatments that year, and 120 doctors traveled to the spa to learn about this new therapy. Modern

occupational and physical therapy techniques involving water stem from Mr. Preissnitz's methods.

The first Czech Nobel Prize recipient was Jaroslav Heyrovský, an inventor and chemist (December 20, 1890 – March 27, 1967). The award was received in 1959. He was recognized for his work and discovery



in the field of polarography. Heyrovský worked at the Institute of Analytical Chemistry of the Charles University, Prague, and was appointed as the university's first Professor of Physical Chemistry in 1926. When the Polarographic Institute of Prague was formed in 1950, be became the Director.

Bramboráky Recipe

Ingredients

- 6 potatoes
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup of milk
 - 5 cloves of garlic
 - 3 cups of flour
 - 1 teaspoon of marjoram
 - 4 tablespoons of oil
 - Salt and pepper, to taste

Peel the potatoes. Grate the potatoes using a cheese grater. Warm up the milk slightly, and pour it over the grated potatoes – this will help to prevent them from turning brown. Peel and grate the garlic with the finest side of the grater. Add them to the potato mixture, along with the salt, pepper, and marjoram. Crack the egg into the mixture and beat it well as you mix the ingredients all together. Once these ingredients are mixed, stir in the flour until there are no lumps. Place a pan on the stove to heat, and pour the oil into the bottom of the pan. Use a ladle to scoop a bit of the potato pancake mixture into the pan once the oil is sizzling, and give it 5 minutes to cook. You will notice that one side of the potato pancake looks nicely crisped, and it's time to turn it over when it becomes golden brown. Give it another 5 minutes to cook on the other side, and serve hot.

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