

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

Spring greetings to all Guild members! This is the time of year I just love. The flowers begin to grow and bloom, the grass and trees come back to life, and the garden is prepared for sowing and planting. I hope each of you is able to enjoy the treasures of the season.

We were all saddened with the death of Sylvia Rohlena in March. For many years Sylvia was an active and dedicated leader in The Museum Guild, Czech Heritage Foundation, and The National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library. Her devotion and dedication to her Czech heritage was obvious in her participation, and her time, energy, and enthusiasm will be missed. Though we will miss Sylvia's presence, her memories will be with us forever, and may these memories be encouragement for us to continue the work of preserving the Czech heritage that she was so devoted to.

Spring brings Houby Days. Plans are being finalized for the Guild's "Taste of Czech" to be held this year on Friday, May 16th as part of the Houby Days festivities. Details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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SPRING 2003

All Guild members are invited to participate in the *Houby Days* parade. We will be a walking unit carrying the Guild banner. If you want to be a part of this fun, please meet at the Museum by 1:15 to assemble. Wear your Czech/Slovak kroje or something red. Leo Modracek is organizing our parade unit, so if you have questions, please contact Leo.

**THANK YOU** to all the committees that have worked hard to help make the beginning of this year a success. If you are not on a committee but would like to participate, please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
There are opportunities available.

Don't forget to sign Patty's book for your volunteer hours. Our Guild is strong because of the dedication, time and energy provided by our Guild members.

**THANK YOU.**

Beula Dvorak, President

## *A Taste of Czech & Slovak!*

Friday, May 16, 2003:

Third Annual *A Taste of Czech & Slovak*. The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library invites you to indulge in their favorite Czech & Slovak foods. A great way to kick off Houby Days weekend!!

From 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Ticket prices are \$6.00 for 20 samples or \$3.00 for 10 samples. All proceeds go to the Museum Guild.

*The Guild's cookbook Kuchařka Kuchárka will be on sale at this event.*



## National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Programs April 2003 — March 2004

**APRIL 5, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"River Run"**

Presented by Mark Hunter and Jan Stoffer Tursi

Hosts: JoAnne Neff, Barbara Aguirre, Evelyn Dvorak and Gary Dvorak

**May 3, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center"**

Presented by Joe McGill

Hosts: Laverne Fisher and \_\_\_\_\_

**June 9, Monday:** 6:30 PM • NCSML

**"Wizard of Oz"**

Presented by Betty Truesdell

Hosts: Leni Stastny and \_\_\_\_\_

**July 14, Monday:** 6:30 PM • NCSML

**"Cedar Rapids — Linn County Museum"**

Presented by Mark Hunter

Hosts: Fern Fackler and \_\_\_\_\_

**August 11, Monday:** 6:30 PM • NCSML

**Seminole Valley"**

presented by Ann Cejka

Hosts: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**September 6, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"IMAX and Science Station"**

Hosts: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**October 4, Saturday:** • BUS TRIP • 8:30 AM • Depart Westdale Mall

**"Kalona Historical Tour"**

Presented by Lavanda Woosley

Hosts: Dolores Usher and Vera Conway

**November 1, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"New Exhibit"**

Presented by Jan Stoffer Tursi

Hosts: Barbara Aguirre, Joan Neff and Patty Marolf

**December 13, Saturday:** 9:00 AM • NCSML

**"Cookie Walk"**

**January 3, 2004, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"Member Treasures"**

Presented by Guild Members

Hosts: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**February 7, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"Granger House" - tentative**

Hosts: Bob and Marilyn Tucker

**March 6, Saturday:** 9:30 AM • NCSML

**"Wickiup Hill - Linn County Conservation"**

presented by Gayle Burel

Hosts: Mel and Carolyn Holubar and Emil Koval

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Zula Oujiri, Chairman

Rose Kopecky, Irma Modracek, Lavanda Woosley,

*Program Committee Liaison to Executive Board—* Andrea Seibenmann

Note from Social Chairman ~ Needed: volunteers to host several meetings. Please contact Irma Kelly 363-4239

### 2003 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Beula Dvorak
Vice President	Andrea Siebenmann
Treasurer	Virginia Wilts
Rec. Secretary	Shirley Alexander
Corres. Secretary	Alicia Jackson
Museum Guild Rep.	Leo Modracek
Ex-Officio	Gary Dvorak

### 2003 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Irma Kelly
History & Property	Marge Stone
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Zula Oujiri
Publications	Marilyn Tucker
Public Relations	Gary Dvorak
Social	Irma Kelly
Volunteer Coordinator	Patty Hikiji

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Willia Lee (Willie) Fields

Michael Novosad

Carol Wohlleben

## TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

### February 2003

Number of Guild members recording hours in February — 41  
Number of Guild Hours recorded — 386.25

Marilyn Tucker	32.00
Dolores Usher	27.50
Marj NejdI	21.00
Lydia Elias	16.00
Ed Hemphill	16.00
Joan Hemphill	16.00
JoAnne Neff	15.50
Charles Opatrny	14.50
Carolyn Holubar	14.00
Irma Modracek	14.00
Olga Sedenka	13.00
Barbara Aguirre	12.00
Shirley Alexander	10.50
John Cimburek	10.50
Laverne Fisher	10.50

### March 2003

Number of Guild members recording hours in March — 43  
Number of Guild Hours recorded — 476

Dolores Usher	42.50
Lydia Elias	32.00
Irma Modracek	19.50
Shirley Alexander	17.50
Irma Kelly	17.00
Inez Popelka	15.50
Dorothy Conner	14.75
Laverne Fisher	14.50
Lillian Kopecky	14.50
Ed Hemphill	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Alicia Jackson	14.00
Irene Konecny	14.00
Marj NejdI	13.50

### NOTES FROM PATTY

Thank you to the Guild members who helped with the opening reception for the "Glass" exhibit (it wasn't a "Guild" reception but we did have Guild members working that night.)

Thank you to the Guild members who also happen to be members of the Sokol group that prepared and hosted the reception following the Lukáš Vondráček Concert.

### NOTES FROM PATTY

Thank you to the Guild members who helped with the Czech & Slovak History and Culture Conference. The "help" included baking cookies, assisting conference attendees at the Information Table, tending to the Snack Table and helping with the two receptions that were held at the Museum prior to the conference dinners at the Collins Plaza Hotel.

Thank you to the Guild members who participated in the Koláč Bake-Off, this year, and those who helped selling tickets and tending to the Coffee Table.

And thank you to the Guild members who presented our Learn at Lunch program for March.

### Road Trip!

**What: Kalona Historical Tour**

For The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and invited friends and guests

**When: Saturday, October 4, 2003**

**Itinerary:**

8:30 am Depart Westdale Mall on a Tri-State Motorcoach.

(Czech Guild Meeting and refreshments while traveling)

You are invited to Kalona, where you'll discover a way of life that the rest of this country has left behind. Come experience that "old fashioned" hospitality!

The tour will stop at several shops, learn of Mennonite traditions, have a home-cooked meal and an enjoyable day.

5:00 pm Approximate arrival time in Cedar Rapids

**Cost:** \$52.00, includes transportation, guided tour, gratuities and meal. Need 30 passengers by September 6.

Payment to Lavanda

— Lavanda Woosley, Woosley Tours  
Museum Guild member at

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**Starting in May,  
the Museum will be open on Monday.  
This means two more volunteer shifts  
to fill until the end of October**

**Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator  
319-362-8500**

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Marilyn Shima Tucker  
Editor



## MEETING NOTICE

Saturday  
May 3, 2003

### UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Saturday, MAY 3, 2003

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"African American Historical Museum and  
Cultural Center"

Presented by Joe McGill

Hosts: Laverne Fisher and \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, JUNE 9, 2003

6:30 p.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Wizard of Oz"

Presented by Betty Truesdell

Hosts: Leni Stastny and \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, JULY 14, 2003

6:30 p.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Cedar Rapids — Linn County Museum"

Presented by Mark Hunter

Hosts: Fern Fackler and \_\_\_\_\_

From the Board and Membership of  
The Museum Guild . . .  
**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**  
to the Family and Friends of Guild Member:



~ SYLVIA BLAHA ROHLENA ~  
1936 - 2003

Sylvia was a **Founding Member**  
and **Charter President** of the  
Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak  
Museum & Library

(See inside for a reprint of Sylvia's  
"Our Founding Five"  
article from  
*The Guilded Page, July-August, 1997*)