

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Guild Members,

Have you ever wondered why Czechs and Slovaks love to cook and eat? Well, because their food is so good! I know, this sounds quite cocky, but thus far, nobody (as far as I know) argued that it's been the other way round! Look at our most popular events/ fundraisers: Taste of Czech and Slovak and The Cookie Walk – both food-related, and most importantly - extremely popular. Look at the Museum events: Brewnost (well, okay, it's a liquid food), Fall Dinner, Cooking in Babi's Kitchen, and so on.

The food we inherited from our forefathers still keeps appearing in our menus, keeps remaining to be our staple, and keeps to be our pride. The good food is that which brings good company and good discussions to one table, but most importantly - keeps long lines of descendants interested in their



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own culture and heritage. Our new cookbook will do just the same: bring the good company to your homes to taste some of the good food that weaves like a thread throughout our national, regional, local, family as well as personal histories. What a sweet force such food is! To those of you anxiously awaiting the printing of our upcoming new cookbook I say: please, be patient – great things take a great deal of time. You'll hear from us once this new gem among cookbooks sees the light, and you'll finally have a chance to test some of the genuine delicacies in the comfort of your own kitchens. What a treat!

You will read elsewhere in this issue about the great success of the Taste of Czech and Slovak. It's wonderful to see how we all work together at this and other events. It's wonderful to see that the Czech and Slovak heritage is preserved with love and pride, through various means of entertainment. Let's keep up this good work, and spirit of mutual collaboration.

May the rest of this summer bring you joy, and may the beginning of fall welcome you with a renewed outlook at the world around.

S pozdravom,
Andrea Kováčová Siebenmann

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Museum Guild Program
 May 7, 2005
 "Marion Historical Society"
 Presented by Pat Klopfenstein

Marion's sacred and sordid past will be the subject of an August exhibit of the Marion Historical Society. Pat told Guild members that this display will give visitors a glimpse of the city's church history, tavern history and other fascinating stories of previous residents and incidents. One story to be related regards a man who had a very checkered past and then became a minister. The show will be titled "Heaven and Hell".

The Historical Society has The Marion Heritage Center and Granger House Museum. The Center is a former Methodist church built in the 1850's. The building originally had "his and hers" doors when it was used as a church. Later the main floor was used as a basketball court and another time as a sales floor for a business. Now the restoration of the building provides an excellent place for the popular exhibits of the Society.

Pat showed the group some of the artifacts owned by the Society which included a Marion tailor's book. This was a record for the businessman where a customer's measurements and their previous purchases were recorded. She also showed a copy of a last wallpaper edition of a Marion publication. During the Civil War when paper was scarce, newspapers were printed on wallpaper as a conservation measure.

An active group of volunteers offers Marion residents and visitors two wonderfully restored buildings and an ongoing program of exhibits and activities to illuminate the history of their community.

— Fern Fackler

2005 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

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| President | Andrea Siebenmann |
| Vice President | Shirley Alexander |
| Treasurer | Alicia Jackson |
| Rec. Secretary | Carolyn Holubar |
| Corres. Secretary | Betty Truesdell |
| Museum Guild Rep. | Leo Modracek |
| Ex-Officio | Beula Dvorak |

Museum Guild Program
 June 13, 2005
 "Shrine Childrens Hospital"
 Presented by Dean Redmon

After being introduced by Lavanda Woosley, our speaker gave us some basic information regarding the hospitals which number 22 general, 18 orthopedic, and 3 for burn patients. Then a video was shown spotlighting two patients, one a girl from a Russian orphanage who was born with a birth defect and the other was a boy who needed heart surgery. The viewing was emotional and we were happy to find that both were treated successfully without any cost to their families. The first Shrine center opened in 1922 and mainly treated polio victims. To date, 735,000 children have been treated, and there are 190 active patients at this time.

Housing, food and transportation is also provided. "The Flying Fez" is made up of pilots who transport children to their destinations for treatment. Funds are raised through dues, golf tournaments and other fund raisers, as well as gifts. Mexico City and Montreal also have hospitals and we were informed that Minneapolis is our closest center.

It was certainly an enlightening presentation, we enjoyed hearing about the Shrine Childrens Hospital.

— Betty Truesdell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
 * JUDY ANTONE *
 * IRENE OLNEY *
 * MARY YOUNG *
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MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Held at NCSML on May 7th, 2005, at 9:00AM.

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

Marie Webster, JoAnne Neff and Barb Aguirre served refreshments, consisting of ham sandwiches, watermelon pickles, rhubarb dessert, grapes, juice and coffee.

New Member: Pat Martin. She volunteers in the Museum Store and helps with the children's tours.

Czech and Slovak Word of the Day:

English	Czech	Slovak
months	měsíce	mesiace
April	Duben	April
May	Květen	Maj
June	Červen	Jun

A cold May is paradise in the barn.

Secretary's Report:

Will be found in the Guilded Page.

Program:

Marion Historical Society and the Marion Granger House.

Pat Klopfenstein gave an overview of the history of Marion, Iowa; past programs of WW2 veterans; art shows during the Art Festival; 4-H programs; quilt shows; antique toy exhibits; Civil War Artifacts; pictures of the 1850s and 1860s; and African/American soldiers in the Civil War. A most interesting program.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

A get well card was sent to Sister Christine Elias and a nice letter was received from her.

Thank you notes were sent to Marlene Schrimper, Charles Opatrny and Vera Plesek for contributions.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$4697.85
Received	183.05
Disbursement	25.00
Ending Balance	4855.90
One bill to pay	125.19

Museum Representative:

Leo Modracek had nothing new to report.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Number of Guild members recording hours in April -61

Number of Guild hours reported:

754.25

Top Ten List for April

Carolyn Holubar	57.00
Marilyn Tucker	36.00
Dolores Usher	32.00
Marj NejdI	28.00
Marjeanne Jungjohann	24.75
Alicia Jackson	24.00
Shirley Alexander	21.50
John Cimburek	21.50
Bob Stone	21.00
Ann Kloubec	18.75
Lydia Elias	18.00
Patti Marolf	18.00

Patty Hikiji would like to thank Irma Kelly and the Guild members for preparing cookies and the cookie trays for the refreshment portion of our "A Community Learns" education series. All the attendees loved them. Also a thank you to Andrea Siebenmann for participating in our April Learn at Lunch program. She presented an excellent PowerPoint program on "Life Under Communism". It was most enlightening.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Irma Kelly said there is a serious shortage of food needed for "Taste of Czech". A sign up sheet was passed around for more sign-ups. Josie Velles gave an up date on the "Ask Me" campaign.

Membership: Milly Ortner said we now have 106 members.

Garden: Mel Holubar said it has been too cold to plant annuals, but the petunias in front of the Museum will be planted this coming week.

Publication: Marilyn Tucker said the next Guilded Page would be mailed on July 29th, 2005.

Social: Our hostesses for next month will be Agnes Gilbert, Lenora Watson and Dorothy Conner.

Education: Bob Stone said the Community Education is continuing and the response has been excellent.

Public Relations: All the Promos for the "Taste of Czech" have been sent to the radio and TV stations.

At this time JoAnne Neff made some statements that needed to be said. She indicated that more of our members could volunteer a few hours of their time to help out when their time or talents could be advantageous during the money-making projects for the museum. Every member present seemed to agree.

New Business:

We have received a loan from the Czech Heritage Foundation for \$3000.00 to publish and promote our new cookbook.

We also have \$2000.00 available from our Czech Guild treasury.

We may possibly offer a pre-publication price for the cookbook. There are many unknowns about the cost at this time.

Door Prizes:

The following members won beautiful Violas:

Fern Fackler
Alicia Jackson
Lillian Kopecky
Evelyn Dvorak
Bob Stone
Ellsworth Voelkers
Bob Tucker
Carol Ann Rexroat
Marie Webster donated the prizes.

Adjournment by Mel Holubar at 10:35 AM.

Next Guild meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th 2005 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar



MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Held at NCSML on June 13, 2005 at 6:30 PM.

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

Hosts: Dorothy Conner, Agnes Gilbert, Lenora Watson presented a delightful red, white and blue theme for Flag Day.

New Members: Carol Rexroat Brought in two new members, Mary Young and Irene Olney.

Czech/Slovak Word of the Day:

	Czech	Slovak
July	červenec	jul
Aug	srpen	august
Sept	září	September

Program: Dean Redmon

A film was shown "A New Beginning", about two children overcoming very difficult odds. Masonic philanthropy began in 1922. There are 22 hospitals. 18 orthopedic, spinal cord injuries, and three for burns.

It costs \$554 million per year, about \$1.5 million per day.

There are 191 Shrine centers. They receive their funds from fundraisers, football games, donations, golf, Parades and gifts.

Secretary's Report:

Will be found in the Guilded Page.

Corresponding Secretary:

Betty Truesdell sent thank you notes to Don Conway, the Czech Heritage, Don Mitchell, Zindrick's and John Rocarek.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal.	\$4855.90
Dues	20.00
Taste of Czech	1223.00
Interest	9.62
	<u>6108.52</u>

News letter expense	125.19
Program expense	20.00
Balance	5958.33

Museum Representative:

Leo Modracek said the exhibit admissions are up 78% since one year ago last April.

151% up in the Museum Store Legacy Society 32 "Giving Units" as charter members with future gifts of over \$2,250,000. Doing well in the sponsorship of 2005 events. Have secured \$75,000 of \$105,000 estimated cost of future events.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Number of Guild members recording hours in May - 62.

Number of Guild hours recorded - 874

Top Ten List for May

Carolyn Holubar	76.00
Alicia Jackson	40.75
Ann Kloubec	36.00
Dolores Usher	33.25
Cindy Monroe	30.00
Dorothy Voelkers	29.00
Ellsworth Voelkers	29.00
Irma Rozek	27.00
Mel Holubar	24.50
Lillian Kopecky	24.50
Andrea Siebenmann	24.00
Charles Opatrny	22.00

Patty Hikiji would like to thank Irma Kelly for preparing the cookie trays for the "A Community Learns" series. "Also, a thank you to Andrea Siebenmann for presenting a PowerPoint trip to the Slovak Republic, we learned about the economy, architecture, agriculture, town and village life, and the Gastronomic delights of Slovakia. Looking ahead--- The Dance Festival is July 16 & 17. To give our visitors a taste of Czech and Slovak culture takes lots of volunteer help and cooperation. Take some time to look at your calendars to see when you may be able to help out, please call me to let me know how you are interested in helping."

Committee Reports:

Fundraising; Bette Krall gave additional comments to make next year better.

Cookbook; We have 150 recipes and 70 family stories. Still sorting materials. There are decorated covers that will have to be decided on.

Membership; Our two new members are Mary Young and Irene Olney.

Program; Milly Ortner will tell us about the Czech School.

Garden; Mel Holubar stated that Round up has been applied, that area will be cleaned out and new annual flowers will be needed to fill in the empty areas.

Vicky Cekelis and Leo Modracek will help decide what is to be done.

Publications; The deadline is July 15th; The Guilded Page will be mailed July 29th.

Social; Laverne Fisher, Bette Krall and Vera Conway.

New Business; There have been comments made to change our Guild meeting time from Monday PM back to Saturday AM. This will be discussed in the near future.

Our 100-cup coffee maker needs to be repaired or replaced. Leo Modracek will see if it can be repaired.

Door Prize; Dorothy Conner won a red apron donated by Marj Nejd. Andrea Siebenmann won the red, white and blue flowers, and Leo Modracek won a flag lapel pin donated by Lenora Watson.

Adjournment by Leo Modracek at 8:15 PM.

Next Guild meeting be held on July 11, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Holubar

MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Held at NCSML on July 11, 2005 at 6:30 PM.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Carolyn Holubar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hosts: Vera Conway, Laverne Fisher and Bette Krall presented a 4th of July décor in red, white and blue.

New Members: Carol Ann Rexroat introduced our newest member, Irene Olney.

Czech/Slovak Word of the Day:

	Czech	Slovak
Oct.	Říjen	Oktober
Nov.	Listopad	November
Dec.	Prosinec	December

Program: Milly Ortner and Radka Horakova (from Moravia) gave us an over view of the Czech School.

Secretary's Report: Some corrections were made and approved by the board. The report will be found in the Guided Page.

Corresponding Secretary: Betty Truesdell reported that Rose Kopecky had surgery on 07-11-05.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal.	\$5958.33
Dues	20.00
Donation	5.00
Interest	9.84
	<u>5993.17</u>
Disbursements, program	<u>25.00</u>
Balance	\$5968.17

The Endowment Pledge of \$1500.00 will be given at the next meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator:

No report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Irma Kelly said there would be a meeting next week concerning the cookbook. Marj NejdI is designing the cover. There will be a display table on Sunday, at the Dance Festival, to provide information about the cookbook.

Volunteers will be needed to be at the table to answer questions.

Additional comments have been made to improve the service of *Taste of Czech & Slovak* for next year:

Cold entrees should be placed at the front of the serving table.

Hot entrees at the end of the line.

Have water available on the tables.

Separate the beverage table from the food line.

Have a separate dessert station.

Do not limit the size of the serving, fill the cups.

Have additional help to carry the food trays for the older or handi-cap people.

A list of the donations should be listed in our Guided Page.

If anyone else has additional comments please let the committee know.

Membership: We now have 109 members.

Program: Sokol Slet, exhibition and competition held in Chicago, Ill. Speaker will be Allison Gerber.

Garden: Mel Holubar reported that he used Round Up on the grassy areas, in the flowerbeds, and has removed the debris. Vicky Cekelis donated two flats of flowers, Marigolds and Begonias, and she has planted them in the flowerbeds.

Publications: Marilyn Tucker said information must be in by July 15th, for the Guided Page, and the mailing will be July 29th.

Social: Hosts for August 8th meeting are Dolores Usher, Fern Fackler and Dorothy Voelkers.

Education: Bob Stone said the special education program has been completed.

Old Business: Leo Modracek took our 100 cup coffee pot to Stalker Electric and it has been repaired. He presented a bill for \$38.59.

New Business: Mel Holubar is asking the Guild members to donate the following garden tools if they have no use for them anymore.

Hoes

Leaf rakes

Garden rakes

Spades

Square point shovels

Rounded point shovels

Pruning shears

Pruning saw

Small planting tools.

These items will be stored in the old Bulicek building.

Door Prizes: Jan Stoffer and Betty Truesdell each won a small decorated flower pot filled with yellow daisies, donated by Marj NejdI.

Adjournment by Gary Dvorak at 7:45 PM and seconded by Marge Stone.

Next Guild meeting to be held on August 8th, 2005 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar





Fifth Annual
A TASTE OF CZECH & SLOVAK
May 13, 2005



Alicia Jackson, Guild member (in foreground) enjoying "Taste of Czech & Slovak"

THANK YOU TO:

The many members of the Museum Guild who prepared food, helped serve, helped with setup and cleanup. Also thanks to the members who contributed by making a monetary donation. It is all appreciated. Thank you so much!

The Museum Guild extends our thanks to the following businesses who contributed food: Don Mitchell, **HYVEE STORE** on Johnson Avenue NW; John Rocarek, **SYKORA BAKERY**; and Al Zindrich, **ZINDRICH'S CZECH RESTAURANT**.
THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Museum Guild Program
July 11, 2005
"Czech School"
Presented by Radka Horakova

For 135 years, members of Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities have had the opportunity to attend Czech School. Milly Ortner, president of the Czech School Board, reported that this year 78 students are being taught by four teachers during the first weeks of summer.

Milly introduced the Guild members to Radka Horakova, a native of Slovakia, who teaches the class of ages 11-13. Radka is a student at Mount Mercy College and is using part of her summer break to teach her students the language and culture of the Czech & Slovak Republics.

Radka uses a variety of techniques to make learning challenging and fun. She does include a grammar component in her lesson planning and although it is not the favorite part of the students learning, most

agree that it is necessary. Radka learns of her student's likes and dislikes by an envelope system she devised. Each student and the teacher have personally designed envelopes available for short messages to comment to each other and their teacher on happenings in the classroom.

The students in Radka's classes have impressed her with their interest and intelligence. She was especially impressed with their discussion and writings on the subject of virtues. Occasionally the students are treated to a session under a shade tree out of doors as Radka feels the change can enhance the learning process.

In her home town of Olomouc, Radka attended the university where she is majored in the Czech language, Journalism and Leisure Studies. She hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Journalism at a US school.

— Fern Fackler



TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 2005

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recording hours in April — **61**

**Number of Guild Hours
recorded — 754.25**

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THANK YOU FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR PATRICIA A. HIKIJI



Patricia A. Hikiji
Volunteer Coordinator

I would like to thank Irma Kelly for preparing the cookie trays for the refreshment portion of our "A Community Learns" education series. I would also like to thank all the Guild members who baked all the cookies that we had, in reserve, in Irma's freezer for just such an occasion. All the program attendees loved them.

I would like to thank Andrea Siebenmann for participating in our "A Community Learns" educational series. She used a PowerPoint presentation to take her audience on a trip to the Slovak Republic.

She had the route all "mapped out" as we proceeded from historic site to rural village to scenic heights — to learn about the economy, architecture, agriculture, town and village life, and gastronomic delights of Slovakia. It was an excellent informative and educational program and it was fun to have Andrea for a tour guide.

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Marilyn Shima Tucker
Editor



Andrea Siebenmann

NEXT MEETING

Monday
August 8, 2005

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Monday, August 8, 2005

6:30 p.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

“SOKOL SLET EXHIBITION HELD IN CHICAGO, IL”

Presented by Allison Gerber

Hosts: Fern Fackler, Dolores J. Usher and Dorothy Voelkers

Saturday, September 3, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

“OUR TREASURED GARNETS”

Presented by Members of the Guild

Hosts: Martha Divishek, Lydia Elias and Irma Kelly

Saturday, October 1, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

“St. Wenceslaus Czech Heritage Park Development”

Presented by Dave Martin

Hosts: Fran Hanzel Johnson and Lavanda Woosley

Saturday, October 8, 2005 →→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→



Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Motorcoach Field Trip Forest Craft Show Keosauqua, Iowa Saturday, October 8, 2005

- 7:00 am Depart Czech Museum
- Refreshments Served
- Shop Arts & Crafts
- Festival of Colors Parade
- Lunch Included
- Lumberjack Show
- Woodcraft Art Show
- 6:30 p.m. Approx. Return
- \$49.00 per person
- Reserve by September 30
- Call Lavanda Woosley