



“THE PERFECT PICTURE”

Left to right: Emil Koval, Charles Opatrny and Irene Hamous

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Guild Members,

We have just completed working together on our Eighth Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak, and we had our first entry in the Annual Houby Days Parade! So much wonderful excitement!!!

Thank you to Irma Kelly and her committee who organized Taste of Czech & Slovak, planned the menus and made sure that everything went smoothly. It was very successful with 224 tickets sold.

The next day, Mel Holubar and his committee organized the Museum Guild's entry in the Houby Days Parade and there have been wonderful comments about our entry - so much enthusiasm and so many beautiful people and costumes! Thank you Mel!

Our Guild remains strong as evidenced at the April 28 Volunteer Appreciation Event. Our Guild members continue to volunteer a substantial portion of the total volunteer hours recorded by Volunteer Coordinator Patricia Hikiji. We do need to continue our efforts to bring in new members, therefore, the July 14 meeting is “Bring a Friend” meeting! When others visit our meeting, witness the congeniality of the group and are made aware of our mission, they too may want to be a member of this fun group!

Increasing our membership will help Patty Hikiji fill the volunteer schedule, which is vital in keeping the Museum running smoothly. Please bring friends to the July 14 meeting! Think about reaching down to our younger generation so they too will feel a sense of pride in their heritage and want to be a contributing part of the ongoing success of the NCSML.

— Marilyn R. Tucker

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2008 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Marilyn R. Tucker
Vice President	Gary Dvorak
Treasurer	Pat Kent
Rec. Secretary	Carolyn Holubar
Corres. Secretary	Shirley Alexander
Museum Guild Rep.	Mel Holubar
Ex-Officio	Shirley Alexander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Telephone number:
Evelyn Dvorak



CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to Jan Stoffer and Mark Stoffer Hunter on the birth of your darling twins, Carolyn and Paul.

Did you See the Sunday, April 27, 2008 issue of Milestones (Gazette)?

It was so good to see Patty Hikiji pictured with Leaders in Volunteerism (LIV). Congratulations to you Patty ~ you deserve recognition for the great job you do!

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Sunday, April 27, it was a proud moment to recognize the beautiful NCSML chandelier in Milestones and see Museum Guild Volunteer Ed Hemphill's smiling face. Congratulations Ed!

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Fall Tour

Saturday, October 11, 2008

West Branch & Tipton, Iowa

Come for the History..Stay for the Fun!!!

9:00 a.m. Depart Cedar Valley Motorcoach from Czech & Slovak Museum parking lot area

Arrive in **West Branch** to meet the step-on guide

Tour **Scattergood Friends School**

Lunch at **Champagne's** with old time fiddle music

Tour **Painted Ladies homes** in Tipton (guided driving tour and one home visit).

"Mom & Pop Jail" Tour with retired Sheriff Keith Whitlach

Tour Century Farm, wagon rides, wine-tasting and barbeque evening meal

5:00 p.m. Depart for Cedar Rapids

6:30 p.m. Approximate arrival at the Museum parking lot

\$69.00 includes transportation, all listed attraction admissions, meals and a Woosley Tours tour guide.

Reservations of 25 passengers needed as a minimum to travel by September 11.

No cancellations after September 11 unless a replacement by the passenger.

A check payment needed when announced by Lavanda Woosley when tour is going.

This tour is prepared for the members of the National Czech & Slovak Guild Members and their guests.

There is little walking on this tour.

(Itinerary is subject to change if necessary)



The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at NCSML on March 01, 2008.

Marilyn Tucker (President) called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Gary Dvorak (Vice Pres.) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A new member was introduced: Leah Wilson.

Hostesses: were Karen Hospodarsky, Betty Truesdell and Dolores Usher. A lovely St. Patrick's Day table was adorned with breakfast bars, cookies, pound cake, poppy seed rolls, juice and coffee.

Program: Jessie Stastny introduced "Sokol" by Allison Gerber; "Damska Matice Skolska" (Czechoslovak Society of America) by Irene Hamous; and "CSA" (now known as CSA Fraternal Life", by Marj Nejd.

Czech & Slovak Word of the Day by Bob Stone.

English	Czech	Slovak
Baby	Deťaťko	Dietatko
Infant	Miminko	Babätko
Brother	Bratr	Brat
Sister	Sestra	Sestra

Officer reports:

Recording Secretary (Carolyn Holubar)

The Minutes of the February meeting were read aloud for the members attending. They were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary (Shirley Alexander) reported that a thank you note had been sent to Marge and Bob Stone for their program reviewing the Guild bus trip to the Lincoln Museum.

Treasurer: (Pat Kent) Balance in February is \$3,605.91. Disbursements were \$1,500 for our Exhibit Pledge; and \$22.48 To Ann Kloubec for shipping.

Museum Representative: (Mel Holubar) Missed the January Board Meeting. On February 22, the Board Members were asked to meet at 7:30PM to choose 5 envelopes containing names of potential donors and to visit these people to be contributors. On February 27, a meeting was held to meet two members from the architect firm, Durrant, located in Dubuque, IA. Tim Boyle, President of the Cedar Rapids Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

attended.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: (Patricia Hikiji). Number of Guild Members recording hours in February - 43. Number of Guild hours recorded - 495.75. **Top Ten List:** Ann Kloubec 66.50; Cindy Monroe 34.00; Shirley Alexander 27.00; Dolores Usher 27.00; Alicia Jackson 24.25; Karen Hospodarsky 23.25; Betty Gallagher 20.00; Ed Volsch 19.00; Lu Volsch 19.00; Laverne Fisher 16.00; Charles Opatrny 16.00; Celeste Johannes 15.00; Ed Hemphill 14.00; Joan Hemphill 14.00; Carolyn Holubar 14.00; Mel Holubar 14.00.

March 9 at 2:00pm "The Expulsion of the Israeli Diplomatic Corps in 1967 as a Turning Point in State-Jewish Relations in the CSSR. A New Perspective in How to Think About Czechoslovak History".

March 20 at 12:00 noon, "Vietnam in 1968".

Committee Reports:

Education: (Jan Stoffer) Gave guild members a tour through the new exhibit "1968 Twelve Volatile Months That Changed The World."

Mentioned March 6,7,8; Czech and Slovak History and Cultural Conference, the 20th Century in Retrospect.

Fund Raising: (Irma Kelly) *Social:* needs ladies to bake cookies, and ladies to serve them on March 7th and 8th for the Conference. *Fund Raising:* The cookbook is priced at \$25.00, not \$22.00. Will have the Taste of Czech committee meeting after this meeting.

Membership: (Milly Ortner) We have lost five members. 6-7 members have not paid their dues.

Program: (Gary Dvorak) April 5th at 9:00 AM. "Venturing Crew 1918: A Scouting Program Dedicated to Youth and Czech Heritage". Hosts are Dolores Blood and Joe Kurka.

Publications: The Guilded Page will be mailed to all members who are not here.

The Audit: by Bob Stone. The Audit Report has been completed, review of the books and records are in good condition. Written report was given to the president for the permanent file..

Door Prizes: Marj Nejd donated decorated bags, they were won by Vera Conway and Carol Ann Rexroat. Adjournment at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Holubar



The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at NCSML on April 05, 2008.

Marilyn Tucker (President) called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Gary Dvorak (Vice Pres.) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hostesses: Jessie Stastny, and Leni Stastny A beautiful 14th Anniversary cake was featured along with mints, nuts, juice and coffee.

Program: Jessie Stastny introduced "Venturing Crew 1918: A Scouting Program Dedicated to Youth and Czech Heritage" by Mike Schmitz and his daughter.

Czech & Slovak Word of the Day by Milly Ortner. Blahopřáni = Congratulations or Good Wishes.

Jan and Mark

Maji Syna A Dceru = have a son and daughter.

Dvojčata = twins

Pavel - Paul. Carolyn - Carolyn.

3. Dubna 2008 = 3rd of April, 2008.

Officer Reports:

Gary Dvorak (Vice Pres) read a letter from Mel Holubar (**Museum Guild Representative**): concerning his meeting at the board regarding expansion of the museum.

The Guild will be participating in "Old Prague Christmas Market" at the Museum, Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd.

Recording Secretary: Carolyn Holubar. Read the minutes from the March meeting. They were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: (Shirley Alexander) Gave information on "World Activity Luncheon held every other Sat. in Marion Green Square, from 10AM-2PM.

She sent three thank you notes to the ladies who presented the program in March. She sent a Get Well card to Irene Hamous.

She also read a thank you note from Jason Wright for the \$1,500 the Guild paid to the Museum toward the February 2003 Exhibit Fund Pledge. There is a \$1,500 balance.

Treasurer: (Pat Kent). Paperwork not available at this time. A bill for \$86.00 was approved and paid to Marilyn Tucker for the newsletter.

Gail Naughton, CEO of the NCSML: gave us an update on the expansion program. She said

we need more space. Our financial condition is secure, we have no debt., and our sources of revenue are broad. We have a \$50,000 motel/hotel tax grant.

We have an endowment of \$2,000,000 and the estate grew \$500,000 last year. The Museum is worth \$5.4 million at this time. We have 32-39,000 visitors per year. More room is needed for the library, double the permanent exhibit, more multi-purpose and rental space and a larger kitchen, etc. We need 40,000 square feet more, we now have 20,000 square feet. A survey sheet was passed out for suggestions.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: (Patricia Hikiji). Paperwork not available at this time.

By-Laws committee: Bob Stone is redrafting the By-Laws at this time.

Committee Reports:

Education (Jan Stoffer) is home with her twins. Fern Fackler said there is a program at Coe College on "1918" on May 16, 2008.

Fund Raising: (Irma Kelly), sign-up and recipes are available for Taste of Czech & Slovak.

Garden: (Cindy Monroe) There will be a garden clean-up at 10:30 AM after the May Guild Meeting.

Membership: (Milly Ortner) We have lost 9 members, added one member, now have 95.

Publications: (Marilyn Tucker), Guilded Page will be sent out on May 30th.

Public Relations: (Carol Ann Rexroat) Passed out fliers to advertise The Taste of Czech & Slovak. She will also cover TV and radio announcements under the guidance of Leah Wilson, NCSML Director of Programs and Marketing.

Social: (Irma Kelly), next month will be Dolores Blood, Joe Kurka and Pat Martin.

New Business: Adeline Volesky (Czech Heritage) asked us to provide two gallons of potato salad for the dancers luncheon at Dance Festival May 17th. The vote was favorable. Motion made by Leni Stastny and 2nd by Lillian Kopecky.

Door Prize: donated by Marj Nejd. A lovely package of note cards was won by Olga Sedenka
Adjourned Meeting: Dorothy Voelkers and 2nd by Lydia Elias, at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Holubar

TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2008

NCSML Guild													Annual
Rcpts. & Disbursmts.													Total
2008	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	to Date
Beginning Balance	3815.99	4,923.39	3,609.80	3,988.24	3,954.71								
Receipts													
Dues	290.00	180.00	60.00	20.00									550.00
Cookbooks	176.00	25.00	316.00										517.00
Cookbooks (shipping)	8.00												8.00
Donations													
Aprons													
Interest	4.09	3.89	2.44	2.47									12.89
Ckbks-paymt.from NCSML	704.34												704.34
Taste of Czech & Slovak													
Taste of Cz. Donations				30.00									30.00
Cookie Walk Donations	46.00												46.00
Cookie Walk													
Total Receipts	1228.43	208.89	378.44	52.47									1868.23



HOUBY DAY PARADE THANK YOU

Thanks to Emil Koval for the use of his pickup and Ron Holubar for the use of his trailer. Thanks to the many who participated in the parade and to those who wore their Kroje.

This was our first attempt on a float and any suggestions to make next year even better, please pass on suggestions. I thought it was a great idea and it wouldn't have been possible without all who helped and participated. You all know who you are and a big thanks.

—Mel Holubar



HOUBY DAYS 2008
DO YOU KNOW THESE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN?





Museum Guild Program
April 5, 2008

**“Venturing Crew 1918 : A Scouting Program Dedicated to
Youth and Czech Heritage”
Presented by Mike Schmitz and Carrie Schmitz**

Mike and daughter, Carrie, did a fine job presenting the Venture Scouting Program for young adults 14 to 20 years of age. The emphasis is to keep older scouts in a program devoted to high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, religious emphasis, sea scouting, leadership, ethics and service, as well as mentoring to younger Scout troops.

The Czech Heritage Foundation plans to sponsor a Venture group and are encouraging new members to join. They have already participated in service projects with the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The Guild has asked them for help with “Join Hands Day” on May 3 and the Dance Festival and Houby Days.

Carrie Schmidt’s interest is in Native American Culture and dancing. She has earned the Silver Award, which is equal to the Eagle.

We thank Mike and wife Pam Schmidt and daughter Carrie for their dedication to young adults as well as Czech Heritage.

— Betty Truesdell



AD HOC COMMITTEES:

OLD PRAGUE CHRISTMAS MARKET

November 21 and 22, 2008

Shirley Alexander
Beula Dvorak
Gary Dvorak
Irma Kelly
Mel Holubar
Emil Koval
Marilyn Tucker

Museum Guild Program
May 3, 2008

**“Woodblock Prints by Marek Hofman”
Presented by Marek Hofman**

The woodcarving career of Marek Hofman began at an early age when his parents gave him a knife. Hofman joked that this was to save them the expense of replacing all the crayons he was breaking in his artistic efforts.

His woodblock prints on exhibit at the Museum feature scenes from Mozart's operas. The beautiful works exemplify his interest in themes of European cultural history that developed as he was growing up in the Czech village of Liberec.

Hofman is a recent graduate of the academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. His interest in nature and the outdoors inspires his works.

The techniques of woodcutting and wood engraving began during the Renaissance and Baroque eras, were popular in the 20th century but not commonly used now.

The woodcut is carved on a vertical block of hard wood commonly from plum, pear or box trees. The hard wood allows for fine detail cutting. The woodcarving tools can also be used for steel and cooper engraving.

Hofman explained that he prints with color applied to the elevated area of the cut wood block. The block is used for each color of the one design.

A book of loose leaf prints by Hofman was presented to the Museum by his friend, Pat Muller of Cedar Rapids. The two met in 2003 at Charles University in Prague and Muller began his collection of Hofman's work at that time.

— Fern Kaplan Fackler

BYLAWS: (Review and Update)

Robert Stone, Chairman
Shirley Alexander
Patricia Hikiji
Mel Holubar
Pat Martin

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve on these committees.

— Marilyn R. Tucker

TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in February— 43

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 495.75

Ann Kloubec	66.50
Cindy Monroe	34.00
Shirley Alexander	27.00
Dolores Usher	27.00
Alicia Jackson	24.25
Karen Hospodarsky	23.25
Betty Gallagher	20.00
Ed Volsch	19.00
Lu Volsch	19.00
Laverne Fisher	16.00
Charles Opatrny	16.00
Celeste Johannes	15.00
Ed Hemphill	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Carolyn Holubar	14.00
Mel Holubar	14.00

MARCH 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in March— 41

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 844.50

Ann Kloubec	67.50
Lu Volsch	56.00
Ed Volsch	52.00
Marilyn Tucker	41.50
Alicia Jackson	41.00
Shirley Alexander	40.50
Mel Holubar	39.50
Betty Gallagher	34.00
Karen Hospodarsky	30.00
Emil Koval	29.00
Dolores Usher	29.00

APRIL 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in April — 43

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 557.50

Lu Volsch	57.25
Ed Volsch	50.00
Karen Hospodarsky	33.00
Dolores Usher	33.00
Alicia Jackson	30.00
Betty Gallagher	28.50
Carolyn Holubar	27.00
Marjeanne Jungjohann	27.00
Ann Kloubec	24.75
Shirley Alexander	18.00
Charles Opatrny	17.50
Dolores Blood	14.00
Laverne Fisher	14.00
Ed Hemphill	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Bonnie Holubar	14.00



EVELYN DVORAK PROUDLY HOLDING "OLD GLORY"
Houby Days 2008

THE GUILDED PAGE

Marilyn Shima Tucker
Editor



NEXT MEETING

6:30 P.M.

**Monday
June 9, 2008**

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS



Monday, June 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
"NCSML DEVELOPMENT"

Presented by: Jason Wright, Vice President for Development
Hosts: Carol Ann Rexroat and Helen Sorensen

Monday, July 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
"UPDATE ON BUILDING EXPANSION PLAN"

Presented by: Gail Naughton, NCSML President/CEO
Hosts: Marge Pace and Olga Sedenka

Monday, August 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
"PURCHASING: BEFORE AND AFTER THE VELVET REVOLUTION"

Presented by: Bob Schaffer, Czech Cottage
Hosts: Vera Conway, Laverne Fisher and Bette Krall



THANK YOU BONNIE STEPANEK!



Saturday May 3, 2008

Bonnie Stepanek (right) presenting a check for \$500.00 to Museum Guild Treasurer, Pat Kent, to assist the Museum Guild with the \$1,000.00 gift to the Museum for undesignated operating expenses