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**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
Guild Newsletter November - December 1998**

## President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

What a wonderful year 1998 was. The progress and completion of goals was due to our dedicated members.

As another year begins we have a full roster of committees- to prepare for our coming year. If you would like to join any of the committees, see inside article. This will help us get better acquainted. The constructive thoughts written on the questionnaire will be used as a basis of what we plan for the coming year. Be a part of the Executive Boards decisions and fill out the questionnaire and please mail to one of the officers. We want to get to know all our members.

What great excitement awaits us as we plan the use of the funds from the sale of the Cook Book, Kucharka, Kucharka. I'm excited to report that we made the final loan payment to The Czech Heritage Foundation. We greatly appreciate their support with our project.

The reason our work at the Museum and Library is so effective is because of our large group of dedicated volunteers. A small group could never achieve what we have accomplished. This brings me to the main point of the letter which is three fold: 1. Membership is very important, pay dues and invite others to join. 2. Volunteer wherever you can, remembering that there are phone calls to make, mailings to compile, reservations for special programs and cookbooks to be delivered plus the everyday routine. 3. Support the museum through their membership and participate in their many activities.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you as we participate in the many Guild activities throughout the year.

Sincerely,

*Sylvia Rohlena, President*

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**MUSEUM GUILD OF THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK  
MUSEUM & LIBRARY  
PROGRAMS MARCH 1999 - FEBRUARY 2000**

- MARCH 6, 1999 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"Development of the New Museum"- Bob Stone
- APRIL 3, 1999 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"What's Old, but New in the Museum Collection"- Carmen Langel
- MAY 1, 1999 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"Collecting Czech Glassware"- Joyce Lamparek Anderson
- JUNE 14, 1999 6:30 p.m. Natl. Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Bosnian Immigrants in the Classroom"- Cecelia Oujiri
- JULY 12, 1999 6:30 p.m. Natl. Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Goosetown--Iowa City"- Mary Beth Slonneger
- AUGUST 9, 1999 6:30 p.m. Natl. Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"History of Czech Village"- Bob & Vilma Pohlana Nejd
- SEPTEMBER 4, 1999 9:30 a.m. St. Ludmilas Church  
215 21 Ave SW Cedar Rapids  
"Tour of St. Ludmilas"- Sister Christine Elias
- OCTOBER 2, 1999 FIELD TRIP ??????(WORK IN PROGRESS)
- NOVEMBER 6, 1999 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"Notable Early Czechs in Cedar Rapids"- Rollie Raim
- DECEMBER 11, 1999 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"Executive Board SURPRISE!!!!)
- JANUARY 8, 2000 (Second week, not 1st week)  
9:30a.m. Hamilton College  
"Guild Members SHARE Treasures"
- FEBRUARY 5, 2000 9:30 a.m. Hamilton College  
"Czech National Hero - Tomas~ Garrigue Masaryk"  
Bob Stone

**Museum Kalendar 1999**

**March 8**

"Kava a Knihy" Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series: 7pm-9pm in WFLA Hall. Free to the public

**March 17**

Learn at Lunch: "Baking for Easter" 12-1pm in WFLA Heritage Hall. Free to the public.

**March 19**

ST. JOSEF'S DAY

**March 20**

"Fun with Easter Crafts" Craft workshop WFLA Heritage Hall.

St. Josef's Day Parade

**March 26**

"Pub Night" 7:30pm Entertainment by Roger Laskow

**March 27**

Czech & Slovak Easter Customs & Traditions, 9:30am-4pm.  
Demonstrations of ethnic arts and crafts, by local artists and artisans. WFLA Heritage Hall.

**Batik Egg Decorating Classes**

9am- 12pm or 1pm - 4pm in WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn to make "kraslice" (decorated Easter eggs) in batik, or wax-resist style. Instructor: Master Artist, Marj Kopecek Nejd. Preregistration required.

**April 3**

Czech & Slovak Easter Customs & Traditions, 9:30am-4pm.  
Demonstrations of ethnic arts and crafts, by local artists and artisans. WFLA Heritage Hall.

*Committee:*

*Marge Stone, Leni Stastny, Lavanda Woosley, Zula Oujiri*

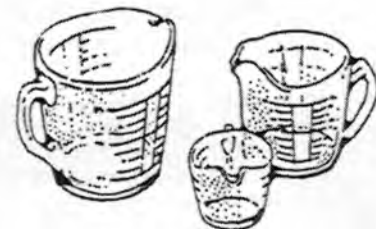
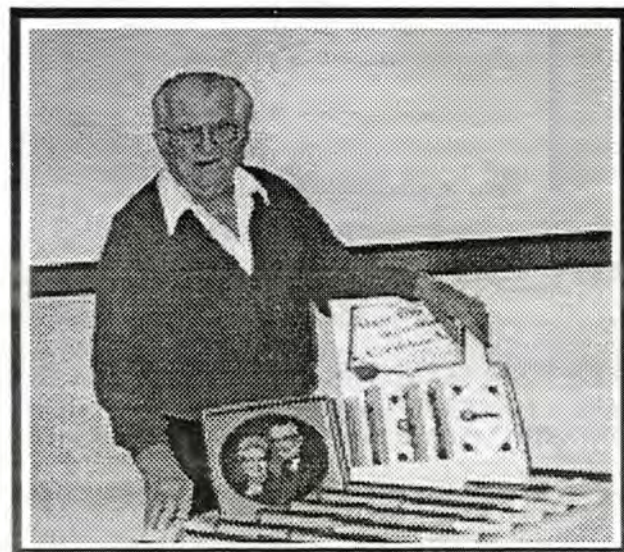




**THE TASTE OF CZECH  
(Slovak & American Too)**

On Tuesday, December 1, 1998, a tasting party was held in Heritage Hall of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Approximately 80 people attended this event at which they had the opportunity to sample 25 recipes from the Guild's new cookbook which has recently been offered for sale. Approximately \$1000 profit was made from this event (tasting food plus the sale of cookbooks this evening). The following recipes were offered for sampling:

Recipe	Page #
Party Slush	4
Caramel Corn	11
Pumpkin Dessert	55
Cerna Kuba	70
Sunka Flek	70
Super Salad	127
Baby Pearl Tapioca	128
Sugar Cookies	149
Caramel Cookies	138
Crescent Rolls	190
Hickory Nut Cake	215
Party Baked Beans	231
Carrot Casserole	236
Braunschweiger Dip	27
Listy	31
Apple Strudel	23/24
Goulash	87/88
Chicken Casserole	93
Fruit Bowl	118
Cherry Slices	156
Ginger Snaps	141
Kolaches	173
Bread Dumplings	182
Poppy Seed Cake	212
Potato Bake	243



**THANK YOU** to all guild members who prepared food or worked for this event. A special **THANK YOU** to the planning committee that helped me: Frank Novotny, Irma Kelley, and Barb Edmunds. Your help is what made this event a success!

*Beula Dvorak, Fund-Raising Chairperson*



## MUSEUM GUILD 1999 OFFICERS

President	Sylvia Rohlena
Vice President	Zula Oujiri
Recording Sec	Betty Truesdell
Treasurer	Fern Fackler
Coresp. Sec.	Patti Marolf
Museum Guild Rep.	Marj Nejd
Ex Officio	Maridee Dugger



## Committee Chairs

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Beula Dvorak
History & Prop.	Barb Pulkrab
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Marge Stone
Publications	Terri Spahn
Public Relations	Maridee Dugger

## MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES FOR 1999

March 6	April 3	May 1
June 14*	July 12*	August 9*
September 4	October 2	November 6
December 11**		

\* June, July, August are Monday evening meetings  
at the museum at 6:30 p.m.

\*\*December 11 is the second Saturday



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid volunteers, and other financial and charitable support, and to serve as an educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

## Welcome New Members:

Dorothy V. Conner ...

Martha Krejci ...

Virginia Wilts ...

Shirley Alexander ...

Helen R. Christopherson ...

Gary F. Dvorak ...

Warren Fackler ...

1999 MUSEUM  
GUILD  
MEETING  
HOSTESS

March 6  
Barb Pulkrab,  
Irene Hamous

April 3  
Emil Koval, Mel  
Holubar

May 1  
Vera Conway,  
Olga Sedenka



**Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at Hamilton Business College at 9:30 by Sylvia Rohlena. Zula Oujiri led the Pledge of Allegiance, with 22 in attendance.

**Introduction of Visitors -**

Millie Ortner introduced Helen Christopherson as a new member, and Barb Edmunds introduced Iva Kratochvilova.

**Czech Word of the Day - Millie Ortner**

"Rukavice" - Gloves and "Sala" - Scarf

**Secretary's Report - Betty Truesdell**

Approved as read with the exception brought up by Fern Fackler. At the last meeting, members shared holiday memories, not plans.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report - Patti Marolf** not present. Betty Truesdell read a thank you note from Marj Nejd.

**Treasurer's Report - Fern Fackler**

Mercantile bank balance as of Dec. 31, 1998 was \$2830.86, with cash receipts of \$1863.50 and disbursements of \$194.98.

**Museum Representative Report - Marj Nejd**

Incorporated in Patty Hikiji's report.

Report of Museum Programs and Volunteer Coordinator - Patty Hikiji Patti was not present so report was read by Betty Truesdell. (See attached report).

**Committee Reports -**

**Fund Raising - Beula Dvorak** - Not present

**Membership - Millie Ortner** - Membership applications were sent out.

**Program - Marj Stone** - reported that the next program will be given by Dave

**Publications - Terri Spahn** - Not present. Sylvia reported that our newsletter will be sent out the end of the month. The deadline for contributions is Jan. 18.

**Public Relations - Maridee Dugger** will assist Fran Johnson.

**Social - Barb Edmunds** - Refreshments for today were provided by Leni Stastny and Lavanda Woosley. Zula Oujiri and Dorothy Conners will provide them for the Feb. meeting. A schedule was passed for volunteers.

**Old Business-**

Fern Fackler will furnish Milly Ortner with an updated membership list. The cut off date for dues should be Jan. 20 in the future, and reminder cards should be sent out. Sylvia Rohlena expressed a desire for a new membership book.

**New Business -**

The auditing will be done next month. The next Guild meeting will be Feb. 6. We may have to find a new meeting place for next Fall. Our room at the Hamilton Bus.

College will not be available. The next board meeting will be Feb. 19.

Questionnaires pertaining to the Guild were passed out to members with the hope that they will be filled out and returned. Fern Fackler reported a check in the amount of \$1000 was sent to Czech Heritage toward the loan and we hope to pay the balance next month.

The door prize, a book, was won by new member, Helen Christopherson. After refreshments were served, the program was presented by the Edmunds and the Stones on their trips to the Czech Republic, Moravia and Slovakia. Many pictures and memorabilia and gifts were shared as well as narratives, and it was most informative and entertaining.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Betty Truesdell, Secretary

**Museum Guild Meeting  
Saturday, February 6, 1999**

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Rohlena with 38 in attendance. Zula Oujiri led the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors introduced were Cecelia Oujiri, and new member, Virginia Wilts.

**Czech Word of the Day - Millie Ortner** Prani Valentine - Valentine Wishes.

**Secretary Report - Betty Truesdell** Approved as read

**Corresponding Secretary's Report - Patti Marolf** She read a thank you note from Maridee Dugger and reported a sympathy card had been sent to Shirley Peterson in the death of her husband.

**Treasurer's Report- Fern Fackler**

With cash receipts of \$470 and disbursements of \$1010.00 the Mercantile Bank balance as of 1/31/99 was \$2290.86.

**Museum Representative - Marj. Nejd**

Reported about the Sokol exhibit at the Museum in the South Hall.

**Volunteer Coordinator and Museum Programs - Patty Hikiji**

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in Jan. was 20. The number of Guild volunteer hours recorded was 167.75. The top ten list for Jan. was Dolores Usher, Laverne Fisher, Marj Nejd, Barb Pulkrab, Shirley Alexander, Zula Oujiri, Irma Modracek, Irma Rozek, Marie Webster, Sr. Virginia Kremlacek, Sr. Christine Elias, and Millie Ortner. A new upcoming event is "Cherries Jubilee", a volunteer and staff appreciation evening on Feb. 15 at 6:30 in the WFLA Heritage Hall. Sylvia Rohlena indicated the Guild would be providing refreshments at the Feb. 28 concert.

**Committee Reports**

**Education -Bob Stone** - reported two events - Feb. 23, "Vintage Viennese at Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium at Coe College and March 15, Violinist Linda Wang, also at Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium.

**Fund Raising - Beula Dvorak** reported mail order requests on the cook-books has dwindled, but \$1600. 10 has been turned in from sales mostly in the gift shop. She presented a bill for postage and mailers for \$44.80, which was approved Frank Novotny reported his individual sale amount was \$300. Also, he indicated Czech Heritage would be happy to again give us a loan anytime in the future.

**Membership - Millie Ortner** reported we have 51 paid members. New members are Shirley Alexander, Gary Dvorak and Warren Fackler. **Publications - Terri Spahn** was unable to produce the newsletter for Jan. because of health problems. A replacement may have to be made.

**Social - Barb Edmunds** absent. Sylvia Rohlena reported that refreshments would be provided by Barb Pulkrab and Irene Hamous at the next meeting.

**Program - Marge Stone** handed out a list of programs to be presented from March 6, 1999 thru Feb. 5, 2000. A copy is attached.

**Old Business-**

Sylvia Rohlena indicated that name tags are being worked on and also that a membership book will be made by Don and Vera Conway. To be listed in the book, dues must be paid by Feb. 28. Emil Koval reported the auditing was done by him and Bob Stone on Jan. 26 and all was in order.

**New Business -**

Sylvia reported that on April 23, 8 Slovak mayors will be in Cedar Rapids and the Museum will host a dinner and talk. Host families are needed. The next board meeting will be Feb. 17 at Hamilton College and the next Guild meeting will be March 6. Under membership, Vera Matejka is now Vera Plesek. Frank Novotny reminded us of the March 6 Chili Supper at St. Wenceslaus and the St. Joseph Day Dance on March 14. Virginia Wilts reported the St. Joseph Day Parade will be on March 20 at 1:30. Patty Hikiji said anyone wearing red on that day will be admitted to the Museum for 1/2 price.

Before adjourning, Sylvia asked everyone to stand and recite the Mission Statement for the Guild. Zula Oujiri read an inspirational poem. Emil Koval won the door prize - a beautifully decorated Valentine egg by Marj Nejd. Refreshments were served by Dorothy Conner and Zula Oujiri, after which an interesting and informative talk was given by Museum Librarian, Dave Muhlena regarding preserving our artifacts and treasures.



Annual Report to the Annual Meeting of the Museum from the:

## MUSEUM GUILD OF THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

In the fifth year of the Museum Guild, 1998, it continued to fulfill it's purpose as outlined in it's mission:

The Mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid (A.) volunteers, and other (B.) financial and charitable support, and to serve as an (C.) educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

### A. Volunteers

There is no way to really estimate the worth of the hundreds of hours recorded and unrecorded each year. The past several years the hours have been close to 5000 hours of recorded time. "The Top Twelve" volunteers (recorded hours) have worked long and dedicated hours include (Over 300 hours) Bob and Marge Stone, (Over 200 hours) Dolores Usher, Anne Reif and Marj Nejd, (Over 100 hours) Barb Pulkrab, Irma Rozek, Lydia Elias, Inez Popelka, Irma Modracek, Milly Ortner and Zula Oujiri. Special talents of Marj Nejd (artistic endeavors) and Terri Spahn (Newsletter editing and publishing) have also mounted top volunteer hours.

### B. Financial and Charitable Support

The Museum Guild has had two dedicated leaders working on the development of an American and Czech/Slovak cookbook. Those two are Beula Dvorak and Susan Uthoff. The cookbook went to press in the summer and 1000 cookbooks arrived in time for the tasting party called "The Taste of Czech" held early in December. We also sold pens that had been a continuing project from the year before. Guild Members continued to give charitable gifts to the museum. The most memorable gifts were those given by Emil and Evelyn Lamparek.

### C. Educational, Service and Social

Social hour at the monthly meetings of the Museum Guild along with many donations of food and organization of receptions have been handled aptly by Frank and Barb Edmunds and Irma Kelly. Top volunteer hours were logged by all three Guild members.

The year was started by a Valentine Day Dinner that was a thank you prepared and served by the Guild Officers of 1997.

Great programs were provided by Guild members. They included Leona Poduska (Czech School), Bob Stone (Alfons Mucha), and Sarah Uthoff (One Room Schools). We also enjoyed a visit to Shellsburg to the home of Inge Schminke discussing Austrian History and a Tour of the St. Peter and Paul's Church in Solon with a discussion of Early Czech History in this part of Iowa. Several Guild members also participated in a program on Czech and Slovak Treasures where they shared family treasures.

The members of the Guild are pleased to be part of the on-going progress of the Museum. We look forward to a year of new challenges and new ways to support and help the Museum. It is our pleasure to continue the Guild's mission of service.

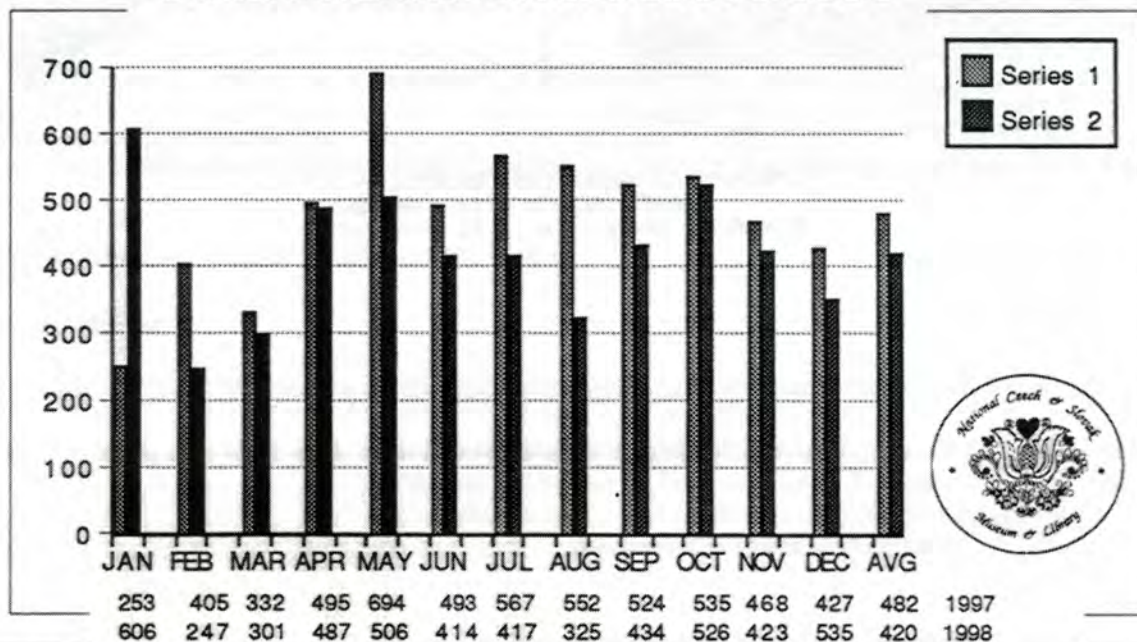
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January 21, 1999





*Volunteers are  
always welcome!*

**Guild Volunteer Hours 1997 & 1998**



**Museum Guild  
Year-End Report- 1998  
Patricia A. Hikiji, Program Coordinator**

**Number of Volunteer Hours Recorded in 1998** **5038.5**

**Number of Volunteers Recording Hours in 1998** **71**  
(out of 100 members on membership list)

Individual Totals	Month	Total Hours	# of Volunteers
<b>Over 300 Hours</b>			
Bob Stone		310.25	
Marge Stone		301.25	
<b>Over 200 Hours</b>	January	606.25	36
Dolores Usher	February	249.00	37
Anne Reif	March	300.75	42
Marj Nejdil	April	486.50	50
<b>Over 100 Hours</b>	May	506.00	54
Barb Pulkrab	June	414.25	48
Irma Rozek	July	417.25	43
Lydia Elias	August	325.00	39
Inez Popelka	September	433.75	43
Irma Modracek	October	525.50	49
Milly Ortner	November	423.25	39
Zula Oujiri	December	353.00	39
Lillian Kopecky			
Mana Zlatohlavek			
Beula Dvorak			
Laveme Fisher			
Pauline Jasa			
Mildred Chadima			





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**Terri L. Spahn, Editor ...**



Betty Truesdell

**Upcoming Meetings**

**March 6 ... 9:30am  
Hamilton College  
"Development of the  
New Museum"  
Bob Stone**

**April 3 ... 9:30am  
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in the Museum  
Collection"  
Carmen Langel**

**May 1 ... 9:30am  
Hamilton College  
"Collecting Czech  
Glassware"  
Joyce Lamparek  
Anderson**

**Be sure to mark your  
calendars and join us  
and enjoy our upcom-  
ing programs**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW DUE**

**It is time to pay your Museum Guild dues for 1999.  
Annual dues are \$ 10.00 and may be sent to;**

**Fern Fackler**

**We will be publishing a program book for members  
and it will include a membership list. If you  
wish to have your name in the book, please be  
sure to pay your dues by February 28,1999.**

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **HELP WANTED:**

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

**Call: Patty Hikiji at 362-8500**