

2023 JUNE



Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln 2023 FESTIVAL

Celebrating 52 years of Czech heritage!



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2023 CLUB CALENDAR
September 8: Membership Meeting
October 13: Membership Meeting
November 10: Membership Meeting
December 8: Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday: Conversation Club (Zoom)
Last Tuesday: Reading Circle (Zoom)

MEETING LOCATION
HyVee 84 & Holdrege
5:30 Social; 6:00 Dinner



FESTIVAL DONORS Thank You!!!

Czech Cottage
First Interstate Bank
N Street
Pla Mor Ballroom
Randy's Donuts
Salon Monet
Sam's Club
Speedway Motors Museum
SportClips
Walmart
Wilber Czech Cottage

FESTIVAL EXHIBITS & VENDORS

Basic Accordion Lessons
BetterLife Insurance
Czech Language Foundation
Domov Creations
Dorothy's Hobby
First Catholic Ladies Assn.
Lincoln Lace Makers
Slavnosti Paper
Wilber Czech Cottage

Rolling Dough Demo
Kids Activities



KOLACE BAKE SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023



24 Volunteers at the Hickman Presbyterian Church

1. Phyllis Baughman
2. Jim Bishop
3. Maxine Bishop
4. Garrett Dickey
5. Susan Franson
6. Heather Hejl
7. Connie Jean Hulinsky
8. Evie Kantor
9. Mike Nagle
10. Susan Nagle
11. Cathleen Oslzly
12. Jan Perkins
13. Elisha Petersen
14. John Rood
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17. Elaine Smriga
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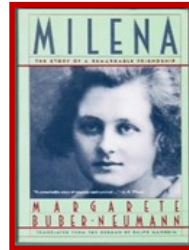


At the May 7th Festival the 85+ dozen, plus donated baked items sold out before 1:00 p.m.! Many people commented on the fine quality of the kolace and baked goods.

CZECH READING CIRCLE & CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB



Lorraine Duggin, center in black kroje



MONTH: JUNE 27, 2023
LEADER: LORRAINE DUGGIN, PH.D.

JUNE BOOK
MILENA (1988)

OUR LEADER, LORRAINE DUGGIN, a published author of poetry, fiction, articles, and memoir, has been teaching writing of various genres on the college level since 1974. Recognition of her work includes First Prize from the Academy of American Poets; the Mari Sandoz/Prairie Schooner First Prize for a short story; nomination for a Pushcart Prize for a short story; the Vreeland Award at UN-L for a portfolio of writing; a Maude Hammond Fling Dissertation Fellowship; a Stanislav Serpan Scholarship for studies in Czech language and culture; an Individual Artist Award in Poetry from the Nebraska Arts Council; honorable mention for a poem in the Museum of the Fur Trade Poetry Contest (Chadron, NE); the Spirit Award for teaching from Literacy Council of the Midlands; and an Excellence in Teaching Award from Metropolitan Community College, where she currently fosters the writing skills of English language learners. Her B.A. in English/Journalism and M.A. in English are from UNO, and her Ph.D. in English/Creative Writing is from UN-L. She was Secretary for the Omaha Czech Cultural Club, where she was a longtime active member, and she sang with the River City Czech Singers for several years. She's been a member of four folk dance groups, performing at Czech Festivals many times and at various folk festivals throughout Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, and Massachusetts, as well as on a boat on the Yangtze River in China in 2016. She's on the Speakers Bureau of the Nebraska Humanities Council and a Master Artist in the Writers in Schools/Communities programs with the Nebraska and Iowa Arts Councils. Much of her writing concerns the experience of growing up as the granddaughter of Bohemian and Moravian immigrants, and she greatly enjoys learning more about Czech culture and history through the Czech Reading Circle.

AUTHOR: MARGARETE BUBER-NEUMAN

"A firsthand reminiscence of the friendship between Milena Jesenska and Franz Kafka with a documented and insightful reconstruction of Jesenska's life." (NY Times Book Review).

"A remarkable story of courage and survival" (L.A. Times)
 "Franz Kafka's great love, Milena Jesenska, to whom he wrote his most passionate letters (Letters to Milena), was a beautiful, politically committed, enormously talented journalist. She took an early stand against the rise of Hitler, and as the head of an opposition newspaper, was arrested in 1939 and sent to the Nazi Concentration camp in Ravensbruck. There she met Margarete Buber-Neumann, a fellow political prisoner, also a writer and a victim of Nazism. A rare friendship developed between the two women. They made a pact: if both survived, they would write a book together; if only one made it, she would tell their story. Thus, it fell to Buber-Neumann to tell Milena's tragic but haunting story, interweaving images of Ravensbruck with episodes from Milena's life." (Source: Book covers)

THE COURTESY CORNER

Let us know if you are aware of someone who is celebrating something very special or is in need of our support.

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CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

Řekněte to česky!

Via ZOOM—June 20, 2023

Next virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The ZOOM link is: 825 9793 8964 and password 231581. For questions call: 402-770-4624. This is for conversant speakers and not for beginning learners.



Slavit! Celebrate!



NEBRASKA CZECH FESTIVALS 2023

June 3
Hastings/South Central Czech Festival

June 11
Milligan June Jubilee

June 23, 24, 25
Clarkson Czech Festival
Crowning of the State Czech Queen
6:00—8:00 p.m. Main Stage on Main Street

July 21, 22, 23
Dwight Czech Festival

August 4, 5, 6
Wilber Czech Festival
Crowning of the National Czech-Slovak Queen
Saturday & Sunday, August 5 & 6 at 7:00 p.m.

August 12
Prague Czech Heritage Day

September 9
Milligan Saint Wenceslas Brewfest

October 15
York Czechfest



The Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln celebrated their 52nd Czech Festival on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at the Pla Mor Ballroom from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Deb Vocasek, Festival Chairperson** (photo left) and the Officers and Board of the Lincoln Czech Club wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this festival great

Hundreds of people came to enjoy the authentic Czech food which included a choice of a pork meal with kraut, dumplings, green beans and rye bread, or a hot dog meal with wieners from Wilber, Nebraska, potato salad and chips. Czech beer was also available. The club also made over 85 dozen kolace which were for sale at the Festival's Bake Sale along with other donated baked goods. Both the food and the baked goods sold out by 1:00 p.m.

The Festival included the local Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant. A group of accordion players provided the Czech music for polka and waltz dancing. The Queens present had a chance to judge the best-dressed male and female Czech costumes (kroje) among festival attendees. Many vendors and exhibitors participated.

We also want to thank all of those whose donations made our festival possible. Please see page 1 and our website: lincolnczechs.org for complete information.

OUT-OF-STATE JUNE CZECH FESTIVALS

June 9 & 10
Sugar Creek Slavic Festival
Friday, June 9 from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 10 from noon to 11:00 p.m.
Kansas City, MO

June 16 & 17
Czech/Slovak Festival
Phillips, Wisconsin

June 16 & 17
Tabor Czech Days
Tabor, South Dakota

Our 2022-2023 Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen
Miss Iva Marie Volfova
Hickman, Nebraska

Our 2023 Lincoln Czech-Slovak Princess
Miss Eizley Martinsen
Hickman, Nebraska

