

December 8, 2023 – Program: ‘Christmas Cheer!’

Presented by Maurice & Beverly Vonásek

Our program for this evening is to be both relaxing and fun. We thought it would be fun to do something a “little different” this year for our December program by having everyone participate in a hands-on “craft” project that you may take home with you and display during the holidays for this year and for years to come.

We came up with this idea from a discussion that Maurice & Diane had following a board meeting from earlier this spring. So, here we go....for our project(s) tonight, we are going to put the finishing touches on these Christmas holiday Door/Wall hangers.

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As you can see [<show two completed examples>](#) these are wooden rounds that we have pre-painted in various colors and patterns. What is left to do is to choose which Door/Wall hanger you wish to use and we have a multitude of pre-tied bows and accessory decorative “picks” that you can further decorate with. We have glue guns and wire ties and pliers and such available.....so, let’s get started decorating!

Regarding the bows, we purchased different rolls of ribbon material and hand-made the bows by following a combination of online videos. The tails on the bows were intentionally left as they were so you may cut them to a desired length and/or trim them on an angle or fish-tail as you wish. Also, the paint used on the wooden rounds is water-based acrylic...so, best to hang your door/wall hanger where weather will not impact. For the lettering, we used a Cricut machine to cut a plastic reusable stencil to place/paint the Veselé Vánoce (*Merry Christmas*) script. On the back of each hanger is a label noting this occasion.

We have some Czech/Slovak Christmas related items that if we have time, we’d like view and also talk about & share some Christmas related traditions from the Czech Republic and our member’s favorite family traditions as well.....

- **Christmas Traditions in the Czech Republic**
 - [Christmas Season Slideshow](#) - This is a short & silent slideshow of Czech Christmas tradition
 - [Advent and Christmas Tradition](#) - Some things you may not have known
- **Christmas Music**
 - [Nesem vám noviny](#) - Women`s chambre choir Gloria Brunensis....
“Nesem vám noviny” = “We bring you news”
 - [Czech Christmas Songs](#) - A variety of songs...scroll down when you get to the site as there are quite a few items listed.
- **Vocabulary** - An [easy way](#) to learn or enhance your Czech vocabulary for the holidays....with playback sound!
 - [Holiday Greetings/Wishes for the Holiday season](#)
 - [Christmas Day vocabulary](#)
 - [12 Days of Christmas](#)
 - [Christmas Day](#)

Veselé Vánoce a šťastný nový rok, (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)