

2024 SEPTEMBER



Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln

**CZECH PUBLIC
HOLIDAY
September 28, 2024**

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September 13 Membership Meeting
October 11 Membership Meeting
November 8 Membership Meeting
December 13 Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday: Conversation Club (Zoom)
Last Tuesday: Reading Circle (Zoom)

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

Reservations due by Wed., September 11, 2024

If you make a reservation but don't attend, we will bill you since we are charged for your meal. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs when you make your reservations.

LOCATION: HyVee 2nd Floor Party Room
1601 N 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68505
SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
WELCOME & DINNER: 6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. (Cost \$15.00)
MEAL: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, rolls & butter
BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.
PROGRAM: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
RESERVATIONS: 402-416-6390 (avolf83@gmail.com)

Back Together Again! Friday, September 13 Membership Meeting

HyVee at 84 & Holdrege, 2nd Floor Party Room
5:30—6:00 Social Time
6:00—7:30 p.m. Meal & Program (TBD)

The 2024-2025 Season at the Lied Center, Lincoln!
February 26, 2025 at 7:30 PM
THE CZECH NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
*Praised by The New York Times for
"brilliance and infectious exuberance"*
See an officer or board member for tickets!

MONTH AT A GLANCE SEPTEMBER 2024

August 30, 21 & Sept. 1
Labor Day Weekend
WESTFEST, West Texas

Friday, September 13
NE Czechs of Lincoln
Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 17
Czech Conversation Club

Tuesday, September 24
Czech Reading Circle

Friday, September 27
Astrological Clock Unveiling
National Czech Museum
Cedar Rapids, IA

Saturday, September 28
Czech Republic Statehood Day





SEPTEMBER 28 A Public Holiday in the Czech Republic



In the **Czech Republic**, **September 28** is actually two holidays on one day. The day celebrates the creation of the Czech Republic state. So the holiday is called ***Czech Statehood Day***.

The day also celebrates **Saint Wenceslas**, the Duke of Bohemia (born A.D. 907) who is the patron saint of what is today, the Czech Republic. Wenceslas was a Christian who ruled with dignity, kindness, and piety in a pagan world. He was assassinated on September 28, A.D. 935. The Holy Roman Emperor, Otto (912—973) elevated him to King after his death. We know him throughout the world as *Good King Wenceslaus*.



THE GENEALOGY CORNER Genealogy Resources

Submitted by...Maurice Vonasek



Are you a Genealogist?

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow, they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Hmmm...genealogy research pitfalls anyone?

From Maurice Vonasek

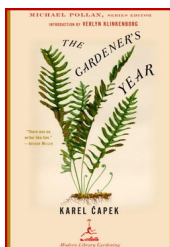
Take it one generation at a time - it can get overwhelming when you start diving into aunts, uncles, cousins - take your time.

Don't trust everything you see in print. Editors of any documentation old or recent make mistakes unintentionally as well as intentionally. Misspellings and incorrect dates top the list. Some scribes will have inserted their own "slant" of information reporting that will confuse you. Use of nicknames is one example. Names of parents of illegitimate children on birth records is another... sometimes father names were "guessed or assumed" to be correct for the child in question.

If it's on the Internet, it must be true. Well, not quite... the internet is a valuable genealogy research tool, but internet data, like any other published sources, should be approached with caution & skepticism.

NEBRASKA CZECHS OF LINCOLN CZECH READING CIRCLE & CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

MONTH: September 24, 2024
BOOK: *The Gardener's Year* (1929)
AUTHOR: Karel Čapek
LEADER: Carter Hulinsky



Karel Čapek

Carter Hulinsky

SUMMARY:

From the internationally acclaimed Czech writer Karel Čapek comes this beautifully written and marvelously apt account of the trials and tribulations of the gardener's life. First published in Prague in 1929, *The Gardener's Year* combines a richly comic portrait of life in the garden, narrated month by month, with a series of delightful illustrations by the author's older brother and collaborator, Josef. Čapek's gardeners—all too human, despite their lofty aspirations—often look the fool, whether they be found sopping wet, victims of the cobra-like water hose, or hunched over, hands immersed in the soil, "presenting their rumps to the splendid azure sky." In their repeated folly, Čapek gives us not only cause for laughter but also, in the end, "testimony of the imperishable and miraculous optimism of the human race." (Source: Amazon.com)

CARTER HULINSKY

Carter Hulinsky is an emerging professional focused on preserving and promoting the history, art, and culture of plants, gardens, and landscapes. As the Metadata Librarian and Special Collections Cataloger at the Oak Spring Garden Library in Upperville, Virginia, he maintains Rachel "Bunny" Lambert Mellon's collection of rare books, manuscripts, and works of art. Carter earned his Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2023. Prior to his current role, he gained valuable experience through internships at the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens and Duke University Libraries.

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CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

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Invitation to Nebraska Czech Conversation Club

From: Mila Saskova-Pierce

Our conversation group is organized and hosted by the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln. **The Czech Conversation Club** is a group that assembles once a month on ZOOM (except during June, July, and August on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM). The participants do not have to be from Lincoln, any state is good.

We are a group of people who have some knowledge of the Czech language (heritage speakers, former students of Czech language, etc.). For each session, one of the participants volunteers and prepares a subject we converse about, makes a list of relevant vocabulary and questions that might be entertained. In this sense it is a participatory club. The material is sent to the Club members, if possible, ahead of the relevant meeting.

People interested in the Conversation Club can get in touch with me at msaskova-pierce1@unl.edu

Podzim 2024 Program 2024

září: Karen Moritz	Téma: Profese a práce
September: Karen Moritz	Topic: Professions and Work
říjen: Brianna Tichý	Téma: České legendy
October: Brianna Tichý	Topic: Czech legends
listopad: Ryan Range	Téma: Můj dokumentární
November: Ryan Range	Topic: My Documentary
prosinec: Garret Scholberg:	Téma: Ant. Dvořák
	Biblické písně
December: Garret Scholberg	Topic: Ant. Dvorak
	Biblical Songs

Řekněte to česky!
Via ZOOM



Introduction to Accordion

Diane states...
"I took the class and it was very enjoyable."

There is only limited space available and the class fills quickly. So register today!



From Diane Vesely-Robb

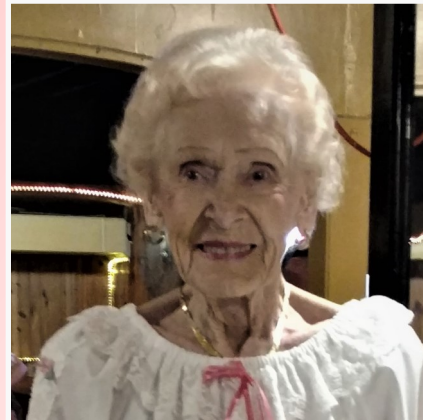
Go to: <https://www.southeast.edu/>

Southeast Community College will be offering the course *Introduction to Accordion* from September 18 through October 23 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost of the course is \$59.00.

In this class you will learn the basics of accordion playing either button or piano style. You will also learn to read basic tablature and explore the rich musical heritage.

You can bring your own accordion to class but if you do not have an accordion, there is a limited supply available to use in the class. You need to call 402-437-2700 to tell them if you will be bringing your own accordion or will need to use one.

Anne Callahan Honor Brick Wilber Hotel, Wilber, NE



Always in our hearts...

The Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln honored Anne Callahan with an Honor Brick at the Wilber Hotel, Wilber, NE Czech Capital of the United States of America. This Honor Brick was in place prior to this years festival. Anne served our club from 1997 to 2016 holding positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and board member. She was our leader, mentor and friend.



**2024 National
Czech / Slovak
Queen
Video Link!**

**Our New Queen!
Great Video!**

TRINITY PESKO

MISS CZECH-SLOVAK US 2024-2025

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1052099665751187>

WESTFEST

**Labor Day Weekend
West, TEXAS**

**August 30, 31
September 1, 2024**

**Arts & Crafts
Carnival
Kolache 5K Challenge Run
Parade
Polka Mass**

<https://westfest.com/>

**National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library
Cedar Rapids, IA
Astronomical Clocktower
Unveiling**



Friday, September 27th!

Go to Website for Details!

<https://ncsml.org/event/ncsml-orloj-clocktower-unveiling/>



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.

Connie Jean Hulinsky

Chairman, Courtesy Committee 2024
402-464-5184 (leave message)
(land line with recorder after four rings)

**It's
Real!**

Be sure to get your application for the Czech Heritage License Plate!



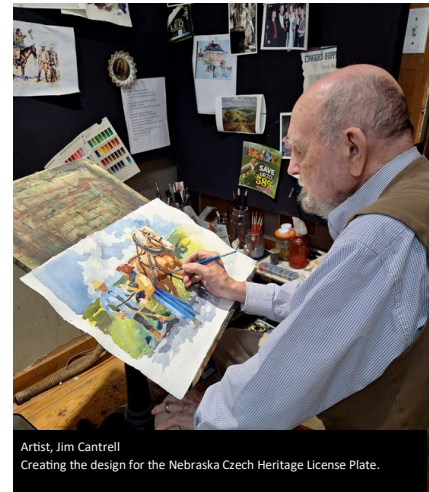
PHOTO: Committee Members with Governor Jim Pille and Senator Tom Brandt
Back row: Patti Fortik, Dr. Mila Saskova-Pierce, Governor Pille, Senator Brandt, Linda Taborek; Front Row: Lois Shimerda Rood, Debby Spayers

From Patti Hurst Fortik

The Czech Heritage Plate was conceived by Linda Taborek, Patti Fortik, and Debby Spayers. On January 6, 2023, LB 140 was introduced by District 32 Senator Tom Brandt, with co-signers District 3 Carol Blood, and District 46 Senator Danielle Conrad to provide for a Czech License Plate. After committee approval, the bill was presented to the Nebraska Legislature on February 8, 2024. Governor Jim Pille approved it on February 13, 2024. Dr. Mila Saskova-Pierce, Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic in Lincoln and the Department of Motor Vehicles were charged with completing the process. Dr. Mila Saskova-Pierce led a committee to finalize design details.

The license plate was designed by Jim Cantrell, a nationally recognized, independent studio artist who grew up west of Wilber, the Czech Capital of Nebraska and USA Czech Capital. He is now living in Bardstown, Kentucky.

The image captures the spirit of Czechs as they arrived and settled in Nebraska, helping to build our great state through hard work, dedication and commitment. The Czech National Flag flies in the background representing the historical connection, but the words at the bottom indicate their hopes and dreams to make Nebraska their new home.



Artist, Jim Cantrell
Creating the design for the Nebraska Czech Heritage License Plate.

**Available
January
2025!**



The Nebraska Czech Heritage License Plate was officially unveiled at the 2024 Wilber Czech Festival on Sunday on August 4th at the Wilber-Clatonia High School. (NOTE: Artist Jim Cantrell was a 1953 graduate of Wilber High School).

