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Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2013 EVENTS AT TCHCC

Museum Exhibit: November 2 through 30, 2013

Millennial Heritage of Czech Currency

This Exhibit presents the historical tradition of current Czech currency. History of the Czech currency in the wider European context is presented with ten exhibition panels. Dr. Petr Vorel, University of Pardubice, will be present during the opening of the exhibit on November 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM. The public is invited.

NOVEMBER 2, 2013

In the Fair Pavilion 6-9 PM

4th ANNUAL TCHCC GALA

Honoring Texas Czech Bands of The Past

Jimmy Brosch & His Happy Country Boys-

Vernon Drozd and the Texas Brass

Eric Honza Band

Music provided by The Czechaholics Band

Open Bar, Caterer Bistro 108, Silent Auction

\$125 each

Table of 8: Band Director Table \$3,000

Musician Table \$2,000

CONTACT TCHCC for tickets

This is a major fundraiser for TCHCC

Donations are tax-deductable as law allows.

TCHCC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

NOVEMBER 16, 2013

10 am—3 pm

Advanced Genealogy Seminar

Presenter: Holly Heinsohn

The seminar will cover dealing with brick walls, publication, forensic genealogy, specialty libraries, citing sources, becoming a certified genealogist and an open forum for questions.

Registration Fee: \$15

(includes handouts and lunch)

Contact TCHCC to register

Deadline: Saturday, November 9

Preserve and Promote Czech Heritage for future generations

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Send questions to Retta Chandler, President and Chairman of the Board. Published on behalf of Board of Directors, Volunteers and Supporters of TCHCC



A Czech Christmas Open House

December 14, 2013— 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

In the Museum 10:00 AM—4 PM: Czech Christmas Decorations and Customs

In the Melnar Library 11:00 AM —1:00 PM: Activities for the Children

(hands-on, creative projects)

In the Hanslik Hall 11:00 AM —1:00 PM: Cooking demonstrations on how to make

Kolače · Christmas Cookies · Strudel · Rosettes

Samples available for sale: A \$5.00 coupon booklet will award you six samples

of these homemade goodies.

ALSO! A soup & sandwich lunch will be available for purchase.

In the Gift Shop 10:00 AM—4:00 PM: A variety of Christmas items for purchase.

In the Czech Village 1:00—4:00 PM: Step into vintage homes displaying an earlier time.

Thank You to TCHCC Volunteers & Sponsors

A grateful and hearty Thank You to our Volunteers, who planned and worked very hard to make the Czech Heritage Festival and Muziky, Muziky on October 11th and 12th a roaring success. Approximately 50 volunteers donated their time to make the 2-day event very special.

Thank you to all who came and presented demonstrations of day to day tasks that our ancestors experienced before modern conveniences were invented—from blacksmithing to weaving.

Thank you to Bea & Rudy Patek and Mark Hermes, TCHCC Manager, and band members, George Koudelka, John Dujka, Mike Marek, Donald Cernosek, Donnie Vavra, Daniel Malek, Paul Darelík and Lawrence Wagner for months of planning for the reenactment of the Joe Patek Orchestra performance. The Sanford Schmid Amphitheater was packed for a stellar performance. Funding for the Joe Patek Band Stands was provided by Shiner Brewery. Vests were made by Margie Petru, granddaughter of Charlie Patek. and the patches for the vests were made by Tracy Jalufka, Charlie's great granddaughter. Thank you to Alfred Vrazel, the one and only Master of Ceremonies for Czech Bands, who added just the right touch. Before the performance, George Koudelka gave a wonderful history of Czech Bands.

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Congratulations to all TCHCC Staff, Volunteers and Supporters!

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center was voted as the BEST MUSEUM in Fayette County. After canvassing 177,388, the Fayette County Record revealed the favorites selected for this recognition. We thank all who voted for us and we will continue to do our best to remain your favorite.

Děkujeme! -Thank you from the TCHCC Officers and Board of Directors

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Heritage of Czech Currency Exhibit

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center announces the opening of the Millennial Heritage of Czech Currency Exhibit that will open on November 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM. in the TCHCC Museum at 250 West Fairgrounds Rd., La Grange, TX 78945. It will be on exhibit from November 2 through November 30, 2013.

Ten panels depict a thousand years of tradition in developing Czech currency. Designed by Prof Dr. Petr Vorel and his team of the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, it was on exhibit at the Bohemian Hall in Manhattan, New York City, this summer.

“We are looking forward to sharing this exhibit and to have Dr. Vorel at the opening to answer questions and to present remarks about the exhibit”, said TCHCC Museum Chairman Janis Hrcir. The public is invited to the opening.

“The exhibition **Millennial Heritage of Czech Currency** presents the historical tradition of current Czech currency, which reaches back to the middle of the 10th century, and introduces the main milestones in the development of Czech currency. The Czech state, which in the Middle Ages represented the main European exporter of silver, contributed to the history of the development of European money circulation. The history of Czech currency is presented in a broader European context. Presented panels contain rich pictorial material and also galvanoplastic copies of rare historic coins. The last part of the exhibition is devoted to the current Czech currency, which in 2013 celebrates its 20th anniversary.”

This is Dr. Vorel’s second visit to LaGrange. He and two colleagues spent several days doing research in the TCHCC Melnar Library in 2012. “We are honored to have this delegation from the Czech Republic present for this opening and also to have them as our guests at the 2013 Gala on Saturday evening, November 2”, said President Retta Chandler. For more information about the exhibit or the Gala, call 1-888-785-4500, 979-968-9399 or E-mail: info@czechtexas.org