

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center

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NATIVITY ART FROM AROUND THE WORLD

La Grange—The second annual exhibition of nativity art created by artisans around the world will open at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange on November 21.

The exhibit will feature the work of Moravian artist Ferdinand Pribyl whose panels stretch across three of the museum walls, overlooking 65 large and small interpretations of the event. Through the variety of design, characterization, color, and medium, the nativities are cultural expressions of artisans around the world—from Uganda and Peru to the Tennessee Mountains and Sri Lanka—working with whatever is at hand: corn stalks, burlap, clay, bark, banana leaves, olive wood, glass, magazines. One exhibit is carved out of a two-inch tagua nut.

Space is available for additional nativity art. Anyone wishing to include a unique crèche or piece of nativity art in the exhibit at the center should contact Dr. James Ayres at (979) 249-7125.

The exhibit will be open to the viewing public from November 21 through January 20 in the museum room of the TCHCC's museum and library building. The doors will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., with the exception of holidays. The center is located in La Grange adjacent to the Fayette County Fairgrounds on the west side of Highway 77 north of the Highway 71 freeway by-pass.

For group reservations, please call 1-888-785-4500 or 979-968-9399, or by email at info@czechtexas.org. More information regarding this event and others may be obtained at www.CZECHTEXAS.ORG.