

Bexar County Czech Society Newsletter –February 25, 2020

Letter from the President: Next meeting is May 3rd at 1:30pm-St. Anthony de Padua

We had a very productive meeting on Feb 9. Our 2020 Budget was approved, and we worked to update our Scholarship Guidelines, which were voted on and approved by the membership. Evelyn Clauss and her daughter shared the art of egg decorating, and members were able to create designs on eggs. I hope we have members who will take the opportunity to submit applications for one of the three scholarships being offered. The Scholarship guidelines and application are attached, and will be posted on our website.

Speaking of websites I recommend you "Czech" check out the Bexar County Czech Heritage website bexarcountyczechheritagesociety.com and the Texas Czech State website czechheritage-texas.org. Both sites have some good information or links to other sites. While browsing these sites I found a list of museums you can visit here in Texas concerning our Czech culture. (see below) This could be a fun day trip. – Kay Vajdos - President



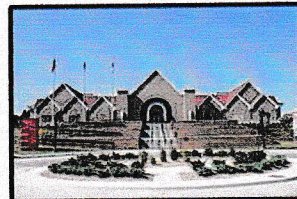
Czech Heritage Month in Texas Czech Facts provided by Czech Heritage Society of Texas

Czech Heritage Month
Fact 26:

There are many Czech related museums in Texas and the United States:

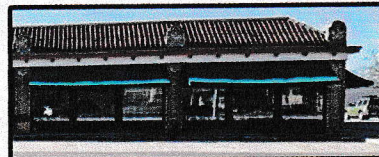
- 1 • Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange
- 2 • Texas Polka museum in Schulenburg
 - Painted Churches tour
 - Czech exhibit at the Institute of Texan Culture in San Antonio
 - Czech Center Museum Houston Museum district
- 3 • Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center in Temple
 - Various local and county museums
- 4 • National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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OCTOBER IS CZECH HERITAGE MONTH IN TEXAS

Egg Decorating with Vegetation

Materials: 4" X 6" pieces of panty hose/cooled boiled or hollow eggs, plastic tie wraps, prepared dyes either from natural sources (purple cabbage juice, turmeric, yellow onion juice, or any other dye), vinegar, empty egg carton, plastic gloves, plastic cover, blow dryer, and drying stand-styrofoam with straight pins in a square to hold an egg, oil

Directions: PREPARATION

Clean every egg with vinegar and dry to clean the surface

Lay one piece of panty hose 4' X 6" on protected surface

Place a piece of moist vegetation on the panty hose piece

Place cooled boiled egg or hollow egg lengthwise on the panty hose

Pull two corners together, then pull the other two corners

and keep twisting until tight

Fasten with a plastic tie wrap



Directions: DYEING and DRYING

Dip in room temperature dye that has some vinegar added to it. Keep dipping until the desired color is achieved. If you want to have two dye colors, dip the egg in a lighter color first, then blot the egg before dipping it into a darker dye, dipping only at the bottom or the top.

Remove egg from dye, gently blot excess liquid, gently blow dry with a hair dryer for less than a minute

Gently remove the tie, the panty hose, then the vegetation from its corners –outside to inside or bottom to top.

Place on stand of some kind (straight pins in 4 corners to form a square on a block of Styrofoam) **to dry thoroughly** . If the egg was hollow, let the water inside drip out.

Gently rub egg with oil on a paper towel or cloth and wipe each egg giving the egg a nice sheen.



The following guidelines were voted on and approved at the Feb. 9, 2020 General Membership meeting of the Bexar County Czech Heritage Society.

Bexar County Czech Heritage Society Scholarship Guidelines

- Scholarships will be awarded at the May General Membership Meeting each year to be used for costs related to attending a college, university, trade school, or other continuing education institution (graduate school, etc.).
 - The number of scholarships and the amount of award must be set at the February General Membership Meeting, depending upon BOD and Membership approval.
- The following individuals would be eligible for a scholarship. Only members are allowed to nominate individuals.
 - Any Member of the Bexar County Czech Heritage Society
 - Spouse of Member of Bexar County Czech Heritage Society
 - Child of Member of Bexar County Czech Heritage Society
 - Grandchild of a Member of Bexar County Czech Heritage Society
 - Ward (a child placed under your guardianship) of a Member of Bexar County Czech Heritage Society)
 - An extended family member or blood relative (when the member of the society is a member of the clergy, religious life, or a member without children).
- There are no limitations on the residence of the applicant (i.e., they do not have to live in Bexar County).
- Interested members may submit an application, which will be attached to the Society's Newsletter or available from the Society's Secretary the beginning of each year.
- Members must be current with membership for at least 12 consecutive months to be eligible to submit or nominate someone for an application. All current members are eligible in 2020.
- Only ONE application per member.
 - If there is more than one member in the household, each member is entitled to an application.
- A member may nominate himself, a spouse, child, grandchild, or ward.
- The applicant must be planning on attending, or currently attending a college, university, trade school or other facility of higher learning.
- The applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Society by April 20th each year. Applications will be documented upon receipt and confirmation of receipt will be sent via e-mail by the Secretary of Society.
- The BOD will review all applications prior to the May General Membership Meeting.
 - The date of drawing will be at the May General Membership Meeting each year.
- The application should include the following:
 - Name of Member submitting the application.
 - Name of applicant of scholarship.
 - Current address, phone number, *and email address* of both applicant and member.
 - Applicant's Educational Goal (i.e., degree plan, etc.).
 - A 150+ word essay about applicant's Czech/Slovak heritage and its significance to applicant

Selection Process:

- All applications received will be placed in a lottery at the May General Membership Meeting.
 - A BCCHS member who has not submitted an application will be asked to draw the winning applicants.
 - After the winning applicants are drawn, an alternate will also be drawn.

- An applicant may have several nominations. However, each applicant is only eligible to receive one scholarship at the May General Membership Meeting.
- Scholarship recipients will not be eligible to reapply for a scholarship for a period of three (3) years (i.e., if selected in 2019, person could not reapply until 2022)
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing by the Secretary of the Society.
 - The scholarship recipient must submit **to the treasurer** a copy of a letter of acceptance or other proof of enrollment into an institute of higher learning, or if currently attending an institute of higher learning, a recent transcript from that institution in order to be awarded the scholarship. Upon receipt of the above referenced documentation, a check will be mailed to the scholarship recipient by September 1st.
 - If no proof of enrollment is received by September 1st, scholarship recipient will be notified by secretary that they will no longer receive the scholarship and the alternate will be contacted.

**BEXAR COUNTY CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
2020**

Name of Member: _____

Address of Member: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Please mail or e-mail by April 20, 2020 to:

Czech Heritage Society, Bexar County Chapter

Kimberly McCarron, BCCHS Secretary

1126 Creek Haven

San Antonio, TX 78253

millerkim89@hotmail.com

(361) 739-6132

Applications will be drawn at the May General Meeting.

If no confirmation of receipt has been received within seven days of submission, please resubmit application and confirm with Secretary.

Please reproduce this form, if needed, for another member in your household.

Previous Bexar County Czech Heritage Society recipients must wait three years before reapplying.

Scholarship Guidelines posted at <https://www.bexarcountyczechheritagesociety.com/>.

1) Applicant's Education Goal (i.e. degree plan, university attending, etc.)

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