

**1894** on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September Industrial exhibition took place in Vodňany; the part of this exhibition was small ethnographics exposition too.

**1895** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February Ethnographics exhibition of Vodňany shire was opened in the Town hall. Amongst organizers there were Vodňany writers trefoil: František Herites, Otakar Mokřý, Julius Zeyer. Opening the exhibition the Vodňany mayor F. Herites announced he established the Town Museum with this deed. Donations were set meanwhile in the room of town hospice however and the true opening this new museum was postponed for ten years later.

**1904** on the 19<sup>th</sup> May the foundation of the Town Museum was unisono confirmed on the municipal council and the room on the second floor in the Town hall was assigned for its purposes. There was also elected a four people committee. The museum was opened one year later.

**1921** in July the Museum was closed and in its rooms there started the education of the new born Secondary Fisheries School.

**1926** on the 13<sup>th</sup> July the governor of the museum Haštal Mostecký, the teacher who worked in Vodňany from the year 1894 and who managed the museum from its start until his death on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1930, talked on another opening of the museum.

**1930** two room were added to the museum and the Hall of Mikoláš Aleš took place there in which there were exhibited the original sketches of the decoration of Decanal Church in Vodňany. Petr Vadlejch – the schoolmaster – was chosen for governor.

**1935** Administration of the museum was given to the hands of the teacher Čestmír John, the author of well known pen drawings of Vodňany. The exposition was broadened by the Hall of Czechoslovakian resistance in World War I.

**1938** on the 21<sup>st</sup> October Czechoslovakian National High School started teaching in the rooms of the Town hall. The high school was moved here from occupied Prachatice and the museum was closed again. The education passed here until December of 1940 off.

**1944** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July the Spectacular exhibiton of spacious paintings of Mikoláš Aleš opened



the museum; these were the sketches of the Decanal Church in Vodňany decorations.

**1945** Jan Prajer was delegated the leader of the museum which used only a part of pre-war rooms at that time.

**1955** the building adaptations of the orphaned synagogue began with the agreement of Prague Jewish Community. In 1959 Miloš Veselý as the director opened the fishery exposition here which could be seen in synagogue rooms until the half of 80<sup>th</sup> years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in different alterations.

**1961** the Memorial Hall of a writer Julius Zeyer was put into former synagogue. It was moved to the Town hall rooms in the half of 60<sup>th</sup> years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There was opened the Memorial hall of Vodňany native František Herites, the friend of the writer Zeyer, simultaneously.

**1967** PhDr. Blahomír Žahour established gallery next to the museum and he gave 157 pictures of prominent Czech painters to it.

**1978** in the gallery took place the pictures exhibition of the influential Czech painter Jan Zrzavý.

**1992** the Foundation of JUDr. Zdeněk Novák and Marie Nováková was established; it has been supplementing the collection of works of art with goal-directed purchases.

**1993** the historical exhibition with a new look was opened in former synagogue. Bad climatic conditions made its destruction unfortunately. The base of current fishing exposition was born in the year of 2003.

**2002** in the gallery took place the exhibition to the anniversary of 35 years of the Town gallery a 10 years of the Foundation of JUDr. Zdeněk Novák and Marie Nováková existence.

**2005** the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening the museum was celebrated with the exhibition of historical documents and photos of Vodňany square in the gallery.

**2014** the exhibition named „The art of restoration“ to the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing the museum in Vodňany took place in the gallery.



Long-term exhibiton at the ground floor of the former synagogue



Registers of fish seeds, fish harvests and fish sales from the town Vodňany fishponds, 1589 – 1615

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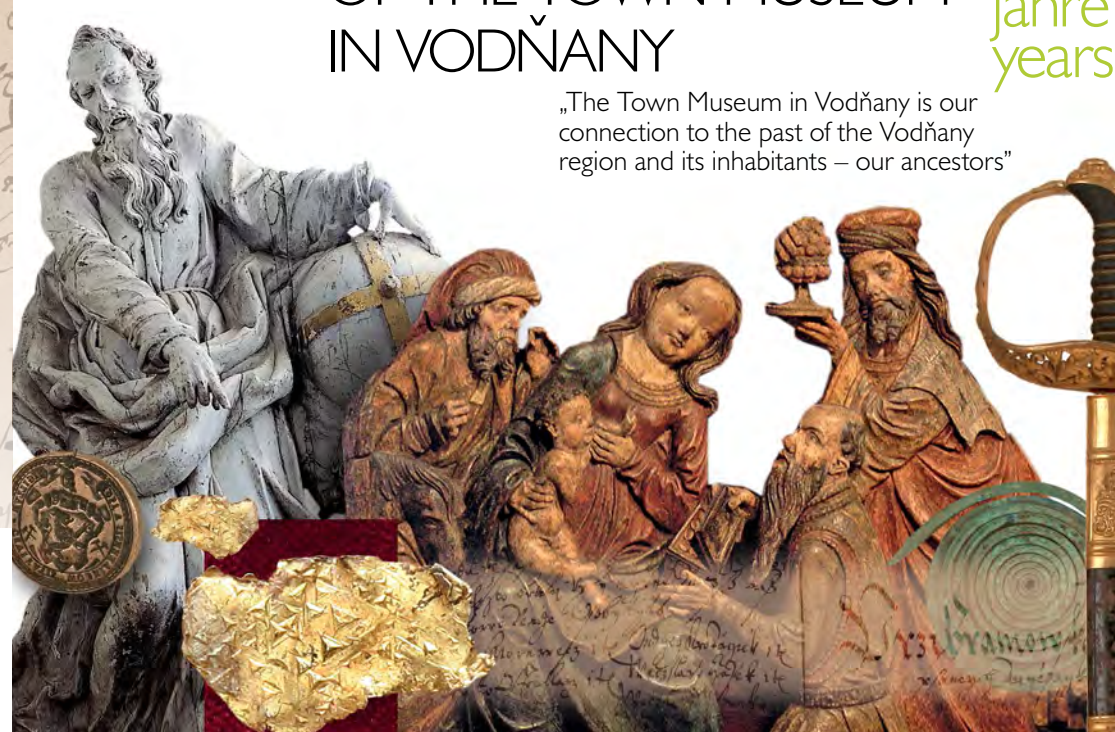
# HISTORICAL MEMORY



## OF THE TOWN MUSEUM IN VODŇANY

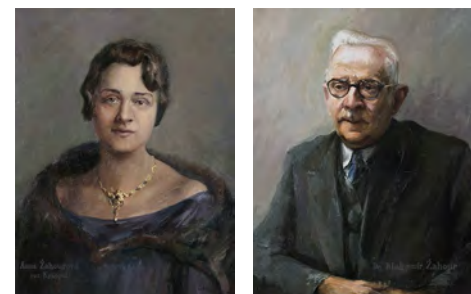
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„The Town Museum in Vodňany is our connection to the past of the Vodňany region and its inhabitants – our ancestors“





The Town Museum in Vodňany received from Vodňany native PhDr. Blahomír Žahour the collection of 157 pictures of Czech painters of the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and it became the art museum – gallery too. This act happened to be inspirational for many who lived in Vodňany, who live here today or who visited the gallery and they have been enlarging the museum with their donations or exhibitions henceforth. From the year 1992 onward the Foundation of JUDr. Zdeněk Novák and Marie Nováková has been supporting enrichment of the collection of works of art with goal-directed purchases. In the course of its existence it has been purchased 41 pictures and 24 sketches, mainly from Czech painters of the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.



Zdeněk Crha, the portraits of the gallery founders  
PhDr. Blahomír Žahour (1889 – 1972)  
and his wife Anna (1892 – 1965)



Václav Štětka,  
the portrait of *František Herites*  
(1851 – 1929)



Ladislav Tůma,  
the portrait of *Julius Zeyer*  
(1841 – 1901)



Neo-Renaissance furniture from 80<sup>th</sup> years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century come from household of a writer Julius Zeyer, glass bookcase designed by layout of an architect Antonín Wiehl (1846 – 1910)

Things from estate of Julius Zeyer