

SCANDINAVIAN EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 12TH, 6:30PM Alltel Holiday Parade on Third St. in downtown Jamestown. Look for Lucia and her Court on the Scandinavian Studies float.

DECEMBER 14TH, 3PM Lucia Program, Zion Covenant Church, Fairmount Ave, Jamestown. Lucia Kaffe, Lucia Buns and Thule Children's dance performance to follow.

JANUARY 3RD, Scandinavian Studies Culture Day At JCC. 9:45 am to 12:00 Free!

JANUARY 3RD, Thule Adult Folk Dance Team Holiday Party, members and prospective members please come. Scandinavian Potluck. Call Gerd for details, 664-6246.

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2004, Scandinavian Studies Culture Day at JCC. 9:45 - 12:00 Free!

JUNE 12TH, 2004, Community Midsommar Festival.

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 2004, LSS Scandinavian Folk Festival. Plan ahead to attend!

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Winter 2003

Scandinavian Award of Merit Recipient 2003-Norm Owen

Norm Owen, creator of the "Korvburger", is a latecomer to the Scandinavian scene. A few years ago he decided to join the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (ASHF). He soon became very active and when assigned to refreshments or supper committees, Norm found his niche. And so the journey of culinary exploration began.

His love for the culinary realm seemed to be a "natural". He was first a meat salesman, then a capable clerk and supervisor behind the meat counter at Pearson's Market and later at Wegmans. Wherever he served the public, he became a popular figure and customers almost always wanted Norm to wait on them. They too sense that Norm loves people; he always has a smile and kind word for the customers. This has caused him to be named "The Happy Norwegian" by Gerald Heglund.

Norm was born 73 years ago and raised in Jamestown. Norm and his wife, Evelyn, began their married life in Buffalo. Soon after their marriage, they became interested in the church and its outreach. So when they moved to Jamestown, about 36 years ago, they joined Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Both are very involved with activities of the church.

Norm and Evelyn are the parents of two sons and two daughters. Five years ago the children sent them to Scandinavia as a 40th anniversary gift. Earlier this year, they were given a trip to the Grand Canyon. Two things (besides the kids) hold great interest for Norm, travel and preparing culinary items.

About two years ago, a new item appeared on the list of food offerings at the Nature Art Festival

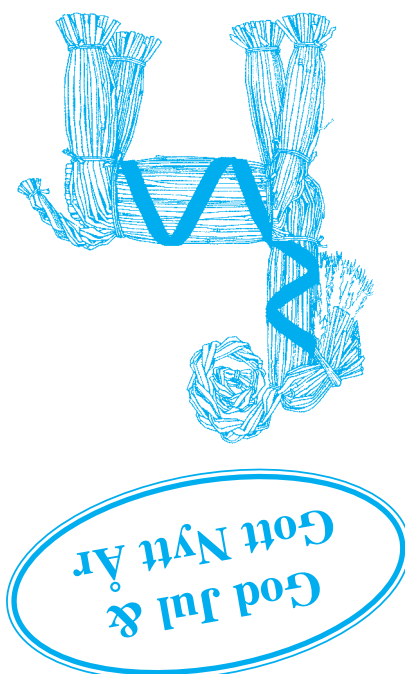


Left to right: Moira Lindsey, secretary, Scandinavian Studies; Juanita Porter, chair, Program Committee; Evelyn Owen, Norm's wife; and Norman A. Owen, recipient of Scandinavian Studies Program's Award of Merit.

and the Scandinavian Folk Festival menu. It is a Korvburger, an item that seems to have brought Norm, and the Jamestown area, great fame.

Three years ago, Norm volunteered to become president of the ASHF. No one was willing to assume this post, so he decided to throw his hat in the ring. He knew little of the traditions of the organization, but set out to learn them. He will readily confess that it is a post where one is constantly learning.

Norm is not ready to retire as yet from any of his work. He loves people and loves to make other people happy. He deserves to be called "The Happy Norwegian."



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Lucia Program



Nothing can stir the heart more at Christmas time than the sweet lyrics of "Sankta Lucia" sung in Swedish by the "Queen of Lights" as she flows down the church aisle in her white gown with candles ablaze atop her head. The merry Lucia Court of attendants and Star Boys follow her. Special holiday readings are part of the event; some are done in Swedish and some in English. Music selections and instrumental solos fit within the theme, and are sure to fill you with the spirit of the season.

This traditional service will be performed at the Zion Covenant Church, (520 Fairmount Ave, WE) on Sunday, December 14th at 3pm. It is an annual event of the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (ASHF). Following the program, Lucia Kaffe, Lucia Buns and holiday cookies are enjoyed while the Thule Children's Folk Dance Team share some of their talents. Come and experience this beautiful Christmas event, so important to people of Scandinavian heritage.

New Swedish Genealogy Resources at the Fenton

Thanks to the Johnson Foundation, the Fenton History Center Library now has, on microfilm, many of the Swedish-language newspapers that were published in Jamestown, NY from 1874-1946. A new microfilm scanner is also in place so microfilm can be viewed. The images can be printed on paper or transferred to a CD and soon we will be able to e-mail images to another computer. Local area Swedish church records will be the next acquisition. The Library has other research tools, including the CD of the 1890 Swedish census and the CD of emigrants leaving Sweden from 1869 to 1950 that can help with Swedish genealogy. Calling ahead (664-6256) to see if there will be someone at the Library to help you when you want to visit is recommended. There is a fee for non-members to use the Library.

Swedish Delegation

Jamestown Community College and the Jamestown YMCA recently hosted a delegation from various cities in Sweden. The visit was designed to explore student and faculty exchange programs between JCC and a college in Sweden and also served as a leadership retreat for the leaders of the YMCA-



Left to right: Jon O'Brien JCC, Cecilia Ralfe-Stelander YMCA-YWCA of Sweden, Greg Rabb JCC, Asa Lind, Michael Svensson, Ragnar Persson of YMCA-YWCA of Sweden, Greg Fish JCC.

YWCA of Sweden and Camp Onyahsa of Jamestown YMCA. Members of the delegation were housed at Sheldon House and Camp Onyahsa.

JCC students, along with area high school students, enjoyed classroom sessions at JCC offered by two of the delegates. Future plans for members of the group include establishing a student exchange program with JCC, enhancing Camp Onyahsa's Camp Scandinavian programs, and enriching culture days and other programming opportunities offered by the Scandinavian Studies Committee of JCC.

A Scandinavian Christmas

The Scandinavian Studies Program, in conjunction with the Arts Council of Chautauqua County, coordinated an event on December 6, 2003 encouraging people to come to Jamestown in order to get ready for a Scandinavian Christmas. The keystone for the event was the December Culture Day session where a traditional Christmas smorgasbord was served and a series of workshops were held. Participants had the opportunity to learn to make a Christmas cookie, Julgranskorg, Julgranskaramel, a tomte ornament and braided straw ornaments. Videos of the local 2002 Lucia Pageant and one entitled "Christmas in Sweden" were shown. Traditional Scandinavian ring dances were enjoyed by many. Open houses occurred at Jones Bakery, the Viking Trader and Peterson Farms, which were also part of this promotion. They offered special hours, sampling and an opportunity to purchase supplies for a Scandinavian Christmas. Where else besides Jamestown, is one able to eat free Scandinavian food all day long?

This event was part of the Chautauqua Art Trail. Forty thousand brochures were distributed throughout the region promoting this event.

Scandinavian Studies Program - Culture Day 2003 - 2004

The Scandinavian Studies Program offers Culture Day on the first Saturday of each month from September, at the Folk Festival, through May. Following is the agenda for the January - May sessions. All events are held at Jamestown Community College's Hamilton Collegiate Center, free and open to the public. Enrollment is limited in some classes and therefore will be filled on a first come basis and permission of the instructor.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

Coffee/Lingonberry Juice

9:45 AM

Call to Order - Announcements and Swedish "Word for the Day"

10:00 AM - Session 1

10:45 AM - Break

11:00 AM - Session 2

11:45 AM - Closing Event

12:00 PM - Adjourn

JANUARY 3, 2004

Session 1

Cooking - Hardtack
Swedish Language
Kurbits Painting A
Genealogy
Hardanger Embroidery
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - A
Video -

"Tales of his Younger Days" by the Old Swedish Viking - Thord Buresson
Craft - Cross Stitch Miniature

Session 2

Book Discussion Group - The Settlers
Book Discussion Group - Introduction to the Emigrant Series
Genealogy
Craft - Cross Stitch Miniature
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - B
Kurbits Painting - B
Hardanger Embroidery
Crocheted Lace
Cooking - Hardtack

FEBRUARY 7, 2004

Session 1

Swedish Loom Weaving
Video - "Stamping Through Sweden" Allen Lake
Swedish Language
Genealogy
Craft - Heart Decoration
Kubb

Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - A
Hardanger Embroidery
Kurbits Painting - A
Cooking - TBD

Session 2

Book Discussion Group - The Last Letter Home
Book Discussion Group - The Emigrants
Genealogy
Craft - Heart Decoration
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - B
Hardanger Embroidery
Crocheted Lace
Kurbits Painting - B

MARCH 6, 2004

Session 1

Genealogy
Swedish Loom Weaving
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - A
Swedish Language
Cooking - Ambrosia Cake
Hardanger Embroidery
Video - "The Real Eliot Ness - A Norwegian Immigrant's Son"
Kurbits Painting A
Craft - Miniature Figure

Session 2

Book Discussion Group - Unto a Good Land
Genealogy
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - B
Hardanger Embroidery
Craft - Miniature Figure
Crocheted Lace
Kurbits Painting - B
Cooking - Ambrosia Cake

APRIL 3, 2004

Session 1

Swedish Loom Weaving
Kurbits Painting A
Craft - Paskris
Genealogy

Hardanger Embroidery
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - A
Swedish Language
Cooking - Baked Omelet
Video - "Find Your Swedish Family" - Marie Louise Bratt

Session 2

Book Discussion Group - The Settlers
Kurbits Painting
Swedish Weaving
Crocheted Lace
Genealogy
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - B
Hardanger Embroidery
Craft - Paskris
Cooking - Preparing Semlor

Closing Event: Easter Traditions

MAY 1, 2004

Session 1

Swedish Loom Weaving
Genealogy
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - A
Swedish Language
Cooking - A Danish Dish
Hardanger Embroidery
Kurbits Painting - A

Session 2

Book Discussion Group - The Last Letter Home
Swedish Weaving
Kubb
Hnefatafl
Woodcarving
Chip Carving - B
Hardanger Embroidery
Craft - May Day Swedish Flag Pin
Crocheted Lace
Kurbits Painting - B

Closing Event: Walpurgis and May Day Traditions

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Book Discussion Group - Participants will be given the opportunity to share their impressions, reactions, and learning points regarding "The Emigrant Novels" by Vilhelm Moberg. Copies of each book will be available to borrow or for purchase at \$14 each (published price is \$15.95)

For those already reading the series, The Settlers will be discussed at the January session and The Last Letter Home at the February session.

A new discussion group regarding the series will begin in January. At the January session, there will be a discussion led by Don Sandy regarding the author, reasons for writing the series, and an introduction to the first book. The first book will be distributed. In February there will be a discussion regarding the first book and distribution of the second book. This cycle will continue through May until all four books have been reviewed. Sometime in the spring there will be a screening of "The Emigrant" movie.

Swedish Loom Weaving - Solvig Bauer has arranged for Culture Day to obtain 10 hand looms. Instruction will be provided to weave a Scandinavian designed product.

Swedish Weaving - JoAnn Anderson will provide instruction regarding the craft of weaving onto monk's cloth. The materials will be provided for making a pillow case cover.

Video - Videos were made of several of the lectures at the Scandinavian Folk Festival. Tapes of these lectures will be played throughout the year.