

SCANDINAVIAN EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY MAY 27TH, 7PM. Showing of the movie, "The Emigrants" in the Hultquist Library at JCC. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY JUNE 3RD, 7PM. Showing of the movie, "The New Land" in the Hultquist Library at JCC. Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH, 8-9:30PM. Svenska Spelmän performing traditional Scandinavian music on their fiddles and accordion at The Stedman Corners Store. Coffee, chai, cool drinks, cookies, sandwiches.

SATURDAY JUNE 12TH. Midsummer Festival, VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd, Bemus Point. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 3rd Annual Swedish Heritage Gathering, at Yesterday's, Renovo, PA. Contact Carl Helstrom, 717-774-1063. Bring family photos, Bibles, etc. Help add to the stories of Renovo's immigrant Swedes.

SUNDAY JUNE 20TH, Father's Day Herring Breakfast, 9am-1pm \$5.50 Herring, \$4 Ham & Eggs, VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd.

JULY 17-18TH, ASHF and Scandinavian Studies food booth at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena during the Art & Nature Festival. Serving cardamon rolls, cookies and korv burgers.

SATURDAY JULY 24TH, Hawaiian Luau, 5-8pm, VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd.

AUGUST 7TH, Downtown Culture Days, ASHF booth serving coffee, cookies and korv burgers. Contact Norm at 487-1849 for info.

SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH, Mt Jewett Swedish Festival, Mt Jewett, PA.

SUNDAY AUGUST 22, Herring Breakfast at Viking Lake Park 10-12:30pm, \$5 Herring, or \$4 Ham & Eggs, Tickets at door or call 487-9305.

SATURDAY AUGUST 28TH, Ox Roast, 5-8pm, VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd.

SEPTEMBER 10-12TH, Scandinavian Folk Festival.

Scandinavian Studies Advisory Committee of Jamestown Community College

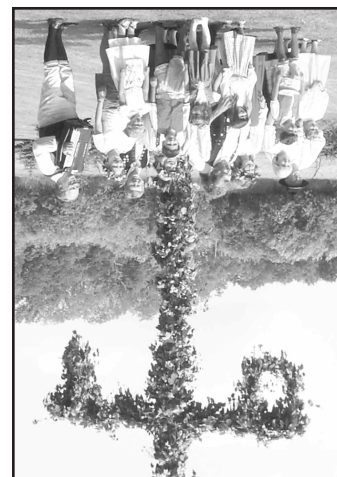
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OCT 1-2ND, Swedish Council of America Fall Board meeting at Chautauqua.

SATURDAY OCT 2, JCC Culture Day will be a Chautauqua. Details in Fall newsletter.



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MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL IS JUNE 12TH

Other than Christmas, Midsummer is the most celebrated holiday in the Scandinavian culture. After the long dark winter, Scandinavians celebrate the midnight sun by enjoying the bloom of nature.

Many of the Scandinavian organizations from Chautauqua County are collaborating in order to provide a traditional Midsummer Festival for the community on June 12, 2004. The Scandinavian Studies Program is the primary sponsor. Thule Lodge is the primary host by providing the site for the Festival at their Vasa Park as well as food in the afternoon. The Norden Woman's Club will host the Swedish pancake breakfast. The American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation is hosting Elva Kaffe (11am coffee) and serving Norm's Korv burgers during the afternoon. The Thule Lodge Swedish Folk Dance Team is coordinating the decoration of the Midsummer pole with branches and wildflowers. The Salvation Army is hosting the afternoon coffee. Culture Day is coordinating craft workshops through instructor Sandra Sandy and the game tournaments through Allen E. Johnson. With the pooling of these resources, this Midsummer will be a major community event.

Besides nature, music and folk dancing are a major part of the midsummer celebration. Four accordion players from the group Nordanvind will be playing waltz, polka, schottis and hambo music. In addition, Svenska Spelmän, will provide traditional music with their fiddles, upright bass, and accordion instruments. The children as well as the adult Swedish Folk Dance Teams will carry and raise the Midsummer pole. These dance teams will demonstrate traditional ring dances around the pole and encourage audience

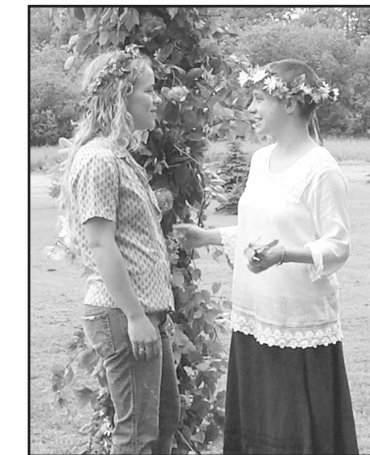
participation. At the close of the day's activities, there will be a bonfire with the singing of traditional spring/summer songs.

The equipment to play the ancient Viking games of Kubb and Hnefatafl will be available. The rules of the game are easy to learn and there will be the opportunity for instruction. Kubb is a lawn game consisting of wooden blocks that must be knocked down. Hnefatafl is a strategic board game like chess but far less challenging. During the day there will be tournaments with prize money for each game.

Weather permitting; all of the day's activities will be outside. Please bring your own lawn chairs. The event is free and open to the public. Vasa Park is

located on Pancake Hill Road, which runs off Dutch Hollow Road. For further information please contact Don Sandy at 716-484-0415.

If you have Scandinavian background, this event is your opportunity to experience midsummer as your ancestors did. If not, it is a great opportunity to learn more about the Scandinavian culture. Welcome one and all. The day's schedule is on page 3.



Nordanvind



Svenska Spelmän

TOBY AND GINNY



Toby Weinberg and Ginny Lee love to share Norwegian folk music and dance

Toby is one of the best American players of the music of Telemark Norway. He's a graduate of the New York Conservatory of Music and played with the Syracuse Symphony for several years. Ginny has been a folk dancer all her life, she plays the nyckelharpa and hardanger fiddle, too.

Toby and Ginny first came to Jamestown from Syracuse to attend the Scandinavian Festival last year and to meet Peter Puma Hedlund. They have come every other month since to attend the Scandinavian Studies Program at JCC. They have been to Scandinavian festivals all over the USA and find our educational offerings very unique and something to be proud of.

Along with being musicians, they are both dance instructors. They found out about the Thule Dancers and were very interested in what Swedish dances we have preserved over the years here in Jamestown. Now they have begun to teach us dances we have never seen before. They are very kind to keep coming to help strengthen our local dance community and connect us to other Scandinavian dancers in the Northeast.

Dance workshops at VASA Park have been scheduled on the same days as Culture Days at JCC on the months that they come. We hope this will continue when those programs start up again in the fall. We will surely also be seeing Toby and Ginny performing, teaching and dancing at the Folk Festival in September.

Contact one of the Thule dancers (Don Sandy, Donna Johnson, or Julie Erickson), anytime, if you are interested in being added to our e-mail lists for notices of practices and special music or dance events.

SCANDINAVIAN FOLK FESTIVAL

It is finally official that the festival is a "Go!" for 2004. The dates are Sept 10-12th, the weekend right after Labor Day. We'll be utilizing the Allen Park Ice Rink. The Mayor generously offered this location, so that we could keep this event in Jamestown. Plans for construction at Lutheran

Social Services (LSS) make it unsafe to plan the event on their campus this year.

We have received another generous grant commitment from the Johnson Foundation. Without their faith in us, we wouldn't have an event at all. Funds were also received from the Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation, The United Arts Appeal for Chautauqua County, and New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant. These will all be a great help to assure quality programming.

Most of the event will be inside the rink with the main stage and dance floor as the focal point. Vendors will set up displays as before and there will be lots of good food to sample. Our "Share the Culture" exhibits and workshops will have plenty of room within the rink, too. Lectures will also be part of the program and the Viking Village will be outdoors with a large encampment and target range.

The entertainment line-up is close to completion. New additions will include a Skölmusik, a folk group from Minneapolis, the Lingonberries from Ottawa, Canada, an a cappella trio, and a Norwegian group called Flukt, that should appeal to a younger crowd. Our local Svenska Spelman and Nordenvind will be returning favorites along with regional dance teams that add so much color.

Look for flyers at the Viking Trader and Peterson Farms very soon. A mailing will go out in June so that you will have all the info you need to plan your weekend. For now, spread the word to all your out-of-town guests, so they can come celebrate our Scandinavian heritage with you!

YMCA CAMP SCANDINAVIA

Since 1992, Camp Onyahsa has been proud to offer an exciting cultural experience that is both fun and educational! Led by staff from the YMCA of Sweden, **Resident Camp Scandinavia** will introduce campers ages seven to fourteen to Scandinavian culture, while a choice of one or two weeks of **Day Camp Scandinavia** will be offered to area youth ages 5-11.

Camp Scandinavia's campers will have fun preparing Scandinavian foods, learning the essentials of the Swedish language, Scandinavian history, geography, games, and sailing; while also enjoying many other great cultural activities with Swedish staff at a developmentally-appropriate level.

Adult counselors from Sweden will also be on staff throughout Onyahsa's eight weeks of Traditional resident



The Scandinavian Folk Festival found a new home.

camp programming, which will add a creative cultural element to the Camp's entire summer-long offerings. Onyahsa also offers a Day Camp on-site for residents of the northern lake neighborhood, and the North County area.

Activities will take place at YMCA Camp Onyahsa, on Chautauqua Lake. **Day Camp Scandinavia** will depart from and return daily to the Jamestown YMCA, and will be offered from 7/5 - 7/9, and 7/12 - 7/16. **Resident Camp Scandinavia** will be offered 7/18 - 7/24. Please contact the YMCA Camp Onyahsa office at 664-2802 ext. 238 or via email to office@onyahsa.org for more information.

The Emigrant Movies

The Scandinavian Studies program, through their Culture Days workshops, will present on the big screen, the two movies based on the four Emigrant novels by Vilhelm Moberg. "The Emigrants" is the first film in the series and is based on the first two novels The Emigrants and Unto a Good Land. The second film, "The New Land" is based on the last two novels The Settlers and The Last Letter Home. Both films star Max von Sydow and Liv Ullmann. Each film is rated PG, is in color, is dubbed in English, lasts for 2.5 hours and is digitally processed.

The movies will be shown in the Lenna Theater located in the Hultquist Library at Jamestown Community College beginning at 7:00 PM. Using the Curtis Street parking lot provides the easiest access to the theater. "The Emigrants" will be shown on Thursday, May 27, 2004 and "The New Land" will be shown on Thursday, June 3, 2004. Both films will be shown free and the public is welcome.

During Culture Days this past winter, there were two study groups that read and discussed each of the four novels. Many participants purchased their own copies of the books. Additional copies of the novels will be available for sale at the Midsummer Festival as well as the Scandinavian Folk Festival for \$14 each.

THE WORLD OF THE VIKINGS

Dr Daniel Carlsson, Associate Professor at Gotland University, Sweden, presented a power point slide program regarding the world of the Vikings on April 28th at Jamestown Community College. Approximately 85 people attended the event and found the presentation most enlightening. Dr. Carlsson discussed the range of Viking archeological sites and shared details regarding what has been learned about their daily life. He made the point that the Vikings were more than invaders. The Vikings were also peaceful people who lived in family units, were excellent sailors and played a major constructive role in the history of mankind. He also discussed another myth that Viking helmets had horns. No such helmet has ever been found anywhere in the world except at Germanic operas and tourist shops.

There was a special presentation regarding the silver hoards that are being found on the island of Gotland located in the Baltic Sea on the east coast of the Swedish mainland. These silver hoards are being rediscovered on family farms and there is some evidence they built up over years as part of a religious practice. Thousands of coins and bracelets are

being discovered. It is now illegal for people to use metal detectors on the island.

A videotape of his presentation was made and is available for personal viewing through the office of the Scandinavian Studies Program at Jamestown Community College. Dr. Carlsson is editor of an English language magazine titled "Viking Heritage." The Scandinavian Studies program will begin a subscription to this journal and it will be available through the Hultquist Library.

Following the presentation, coffee and cookies were served by members of the Scandinavian Studies Advisory Board.

Midsummer Festival June 12, 2004 - Vasa Park

9:00-10:30 AM	Breakfast - Swedish Pancakes with Lingonberries and Ham - \$3. Hosted by Norden Women
10:00-1:30	Picking Wildflowers and Decorating Midsummer Pole
10:00-2:00	Kubb and Hnefatefl Tournaments
10:00-10:30	Registration
10:30-End	Tournament
	Prizes - Kubb
	12 and up 1st-\$30, 2nd-\$10
	11 and under 1st-\$7, 2nd-\$5
	Prizes - Hnefatafl
	12 and up 1st-\$15, 2nd-\$5
	11 and under 1st-\$3, 2nd-\$2
10:00-11:00	Craft Workshop - Headwreath
10:30-12:30	Music - Nordanvind Accordion Group
11:00-12:00	Elva Kaffe (Coffee hosted by American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation - ASHF)
12:00-4:00	Food - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Norm's Korv Burgers
12:30-1:30	Music - Svenska Spelmän, Fiddle/Accordion Group
12:30-1:30	Craft Workshop - Yarn Dolls
2:00	Midsummer Program Raising Midsummer Pole Ring Dances Official Greetings Folk Dancing Midsummer Traditions Folk Dancing
3:00-4:00	Coffee (Host - The Salvation Army)
3:00-4:00	Music - Svenska Spelmän
4:00	Bonfire - Sing-a-long

For Further Information - 716-484-0415
Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs