

Julmarknad (Christmas Market)

Swedish Christmas market day (Julmarknad) is based on Scandinavian traditions dating back to the Middle Ages when farmers and artisans would gather in the village squares to sell their wares. Since Jamestown is one of the Swedish cultural centers in the United States, it is a natural location for the area's Julmarknad to be held Saturday December 4, 2010. This year the Julmarknad has eight locations.

Free Julmarknad activities include winning one of seven raffles for Swedish prizes, attending seasonal workshops such as making a Swedish Christmas ornament or learning Christmas ring dances, listening to seasonal music provided by the band Svenska Spelman, browsing through a Scandinavian Handicraft Marketplace with unique gifts made by local artisans, sampling Swedish korv, cookies and many other foods. Where else but in Jamestown can you enjoy a complete Swedish Christmas Smorgasbord (Julbord) for a \$4 donation or a homemade korv dinner for \$9 including homemade pie for dessert.

Begin the day by attending the free and open to the public Culture Day sponsored by the Scandinavian Studies Program held at Jamestown Community College in the Hamilton Collegiate Center. This is the scene for the Scandinavian Handicraft Marketplace from 9 AM until Noon. Over 15 workshops will be held at 10 AM and 11 AM with the Christmas Smorgasbord served at Noon. Exhibits include seasonal holiday cross-stitched wall hangings and Carl Larsson's Christmas paintings. An angel painted by hand in the Swedish style called rosemaling will be raffled.

Other sites with free samples and door prizes include

Ecklof Bakery, 832 Foote Ave. featuring vört limpa, spritz, pepparkakor and other holiday cookies, cardamom braids and rolls, scorper, almond braids and tarts, Tom and Jerry Mix, and korv burgers in the deli; Peterson Farm, Fluvanna Ave. Ext. taking orders for pick-up and mailing of Julskinka (Christmas Ham) and sylta with imported Swedish foods, lut-fisk and their own korv available; Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History with half priced admission for the day, guided tours at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM, see the Linnaeus Gold Medal from the Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded to Peterson and visit the gift shop for many gift ideas; Jones 212 Bakery and Café, 212 Pine St. with Swedish baked items like limpa and vört limpa bread, Swedish Christmas cookies and Tom and Jerry Mix.

Other sites in the area with raffles include the Viking Trader, Route 430, Bemus Point, with an array of Scandinavian gift ideas and Wegmans, 945 Fairmount Ave. with an expanded Swedish foods section including Norm's korv, bond ost cheese, salt herring, and lingonberry sylt.

Enjoy your evening dinner with the complete homemade korv dinner for \$9 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 556 E. Second Street with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30. Call 716-664-7104 or 716-488-1555 for reservations.

Don't be surprised to see Svenska Spelman provide musical entertainment at any of the above locations. Where else but in Jamestown can one be immersed so easily into the Swedish Christmas season. For further information contact our web site www.scandinavianjamestown.org, call 716-484-0415, or pick up a flyer at any of the above locations.



Enjoy Swedish Christmas Music on the Swedish Hour

The Christmas season on the Swedish Hour radio program begins with the first Sunday of Advent on November 28, 2010. The Advent music flows into the music of Lucia with the December 12 program. This will be followed by three weeks of the sounds of Christmas. Coordinated by Gerd Brigotta, the Swedish Hour is now in its seventh year on radio station WRFA-LP 107.9 on the FM dial. One can also listen to the program any place in the world on the internet site www.wrfalp.com. The program is broadcast at 7 PM on Sunday evenings with a rebroadcast at 3:00 AM Sunday morning for our Swedish listeners who pick it up at 9:00 AM. It is quite an honor for Jamestown, New York to be the origination of this world wide program.

Swedish Just For Fun

Have you always wanted to study Swedish culture and customs? Do you want to know how to speak Swedish? If so, then take this class where you'll combine exploring Swedish culture with learning the basics of this language giving you the recipe for a great class! This course will be an introductory level Swedish language course that will incorporate many aspects of Sweden such as its history, culture, customs, and contemporary society. If you're a traveler, beginning language student, or have some background in Swedish study and are interested in a conversational refresher this class is for you.

CRN: 5365 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$60
Date: Jan. 19-Feb. 23 (Wednesdays – **NEW MEETING NIGHT!**)
Location: CARN Multi A Instructor: Jeff Kroon

To Register:

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Lucia Pageant

On Sunday December 12, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 825 Forest Avenue, Jamestown, NY, the Lucia Pageant will begin. This traditional celebration of the Swedish culture is coordinated by the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. Along with Midsummer, the Lucia celebration is one of the foremost cultural traditions. Gerd Brigiotta is teaching the songs to the children with Donna Johnson and Norm Owen coordinating the event.

This year's Lucia is Kristine Nelson, daughter of Deborah and Thomas Nelson, She is 16 years old and a student at Jamestown High School.

Saint Lucia was born in Syracuse, Sicily. Tradition says she had her eyes plucked out because their beauty attracted a heathen nobleman. She was denounced as a Christian and martyred for her faith in the year 304. The story of Lucia's death was carried to Sweden. Since the saint's day comes at the season of deepest winter darkness, the legend of the young martyr whose name means "light" took deep root in popular imagination in the north. Observance of Lucia's festival in Sweden, as elsewhere, has come down through hundreds of years. The first recorded appearance of a Lucia in Sweden was in a country house in 1764.

Lucia Day in Sweden is December 13 and is widely celebrated. In some towns, Lucia candidates are pictured in local newspapers and subscribers are encouraged to vote for their choice. Being the Lucia for the day is quite an honor with the selected candidate driven around town to spread light and song in food stores, factories, old-age homes and medical centers.

After the traditional pageant on December 12th, coffee and lussekatter buns will be served. These saffron-flavored buns are shaped like curled-up cats with raisin eyes. In addition the Thule Lodge Children's Folk Dance Team under the leadership of Donna Johnson assisted by Heather Oquist will perform. Children in the audience will be encouraged to participate in traditional Christmas ring dances. The event is free and open to the public.

(Much of the above information was obtained in the booklet "Celebrating the Swedish Way" published by the Swedish Institute.)

Swedish Floats

Keep a look out for the Swedish floats this year in the Christmas parade in downtown Jamestown to be held on Friday, December 3. The Viking Lodge and Lutheran Social Services will both have floats that will be full of the Christmas traditions of Scandinavia. Lutheran Social Services will also be celebrating its 125th anniversary next year.

The Toronto Swedish Folk Dancers and Singers will be at the Scandinavian Folk Festival July 15-17, 2011. Save the date!

THULE CALENDAR (all events at VASA Park)

December 11th - Swedish Folk Dance Team at Wegmans at 1:00 p.m.

December 18th - Lodge Meeting, Doppi Gryta, and Tom/Jerry Party at 2 p.m.

ASHF CALENDAR

December 12th - Lucia program at 2:00 pm at Holy Trinity. Followed by social hour in Fellowship Hall. All welcome to attend

January 8th 2011 - Culture Day

January 26th 2011 - Lutheran Social Services 125th Re-Dedication Service in Christ Chapel at Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center at 1:30 p.m.

February 5th & March 5th 2011 - Culture Day

NORWEGIAN HOCKEY TEAM COMES TO JAMESTOWN

The Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Area will host some of the pre camp games of the Hockey World Junior Championship. The team from Norway will be one of the visiting teams and will play Slovakia on December 21. Norway will also play the team from the United States on December 23. Both games have a tip off at 7:30 PM. This is a great chance to see world class hockey in Jamestown. The Renaissance Center on the corner of Third and Washington Streets will have special activities celebrating Christmas around the world. The Scandinavian community will be represented so be sure to check out the activities.

The Thule Lodge Swedish Folk Dance Team will be performing at Wegman's Supermarket on Saturday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. In addition, the band, Svenska Spelman, will be playing their Scandinavian music for two hours during the afternoon in the coffee shop.

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