

NORDEN CLUB TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

The Norden Club of Jamestown is celebrating 100 years of activity in this year of 2011. The club was formed in 1911 to promote social intercourse among Swedish Americans and to preserve the cultural heritage of its Swedish members. The club consisted of 100 members and was later expanded to include all persons of Scandinavian backgrounds, not just Swedish.

The club consisted of many local industry leaders, as well as local business professionals and civic leaders. The Norden Club built its own building in 1914, which was formerly on the site of the current Jamestown Post Office facing Second Street. Over the years, the club has hosted many dignitaries from Sweden, including explorers, artists, Swedish royalty,

political leaders, industrialists, and media personalities.

Each year the Norden Club celebrates the Swedish mid-summer festival and also celebrates the Swedish Christmas festival of Tjugonedag Knut. The members continue the tradition of making sill (pickled herring), korv (sausage), and glögg (Christmas drink) each Christmas season.

The Norden Club continues to keep its ties with Sweden intact and recently hosted the Swedish Ambassador to the United States, Jonas Hafström, at its annual Christmas celebration. The Norden Club also recently admitted its first fourth generation club member. The club will celebrate this centennial event at its fall meeting in October.

NORDEN CLUB HOST TO ROYALTY

The Norden Club will host the King and Queen of Sweden at a private luncheon in Jamestown later this fall. Silvia Sommerlath (nee Silvia Renate Sommerlath) and Crown Prince Carl Gustaf (Carl Gustaf Folke Hubertus Bernadotte) met during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. In a later interview, the King explained how it just "clicked" when they met.

Prince Gustaf had promised his grandfather that he would not marry before the age of 30. When his grandfather, King Gustaf VI Adolf, died on September 15, 1973, Carl XVI Gustaf was enthroned a few days later on September 19. True to his word, he and Silvia announced their engagement on March 12, 1976, and were married three months later, on June 19.

The King and Queen of Sweden have three children - her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria Ingrid Alice Désirée, Duchess of Västergötland; his Royal Highness Prince Carl Philip Edmund Bertil, Duke of Värmland; and her Royal Highness Princess Madeleine Thérèse Amelie Josephine, Duchess of Hälsingland and Gästrikland. Princess Victoria was married on June 19, 2010, to Daniel Westling.



LEARN MORE!

Visit these webpages to learn more about the Swedish Royal Family.

wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustaf_VI_Adolf_of_Sweden

wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria,_Crown_Princess_of_Sweden

wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince_Carl_Phillip

wikipedia.org/wiki/Princess_Madeleine,_Duchess_of_Hälsingland_and_Gästrikland

ASHF CALENDAR

- Oct 21st** - Annual Harvest Dinner, 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Nov 18th** - Holiday Dinner, 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Dec 11th** - Lucia Fest, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

THULE CALENDAR

(all events at Thule Lodge on Pancake Hill Road)

- Oct 15th** - Harvest Dinner 4:30 - 7 p.m.
- Oct 22nd** - Lodge Meeting 2 p.m.
- Nov 6th** - Sunday Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Nov 19th** - Lodge Meeting 2 p.m.
- Dec 17th** - Doppri Gryta 2 p.m.

VIKING CALENDAR

- Oct 16th** Craft Bazaar at Viking Lake Park from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Do your shopping early! Food will be available. To rent a table, call Debbie at 665-4454.
- Nov 13th** Herring Breakfast from 9:30a.m. to noon. Reserve tickets by calling 487-9305 or the Lake Park. Herring is &7 and ham/eggs are \$6.



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CULTURE DAY 2011-2012

On October 1, the Scandinavian Studies Program will begin a new season of Culture Day. The purpose of Culture Day is to share the Scandinavian culture and to pass it along from one generation to another. Culture Day is held at the Hamilton Collegiate Center at Jamestown Community College and occurs the first Saturday of each month from October until May. A typical morning consists of coffee and juice available at 9:30 AM and a call to order at 9:45 AM. One round of workshops occurs from 10 AM until 10:45 AM and the second round from 11 AM to 11:45. Between the workshops is a break with additional coffee and a snack. The morning is free, open to the public, and there is no registration required. Just come and be immersed in the Scandinavian culture. The December Culture Day is unique

in that a Christmas smorgasbord sampler is served at noon and there is a Swedish Christmas market that day.

Special events occurring at the October 1 Culture Day includes the following:

A workshop about items that were contained in the 17th century immigrant trunk will be presented by David Cope of Erie, PA. The replica trunk is on loan from the Swedish Museum of Philadelphia and contains a sampling of what the Swedes brought with them to found and settle the New Sweden Colony at Christiana, DE. in 1638.

Last year, many participants made a Swedish girl candle holder. This year, a workshop will be offered to make the Swedish boy candle holder which will create a complementary pair. Sandra Sandy leads the workshop. The wooden cutouts, materials, and fabric for the costume have been made and cre-

ated by Joyce and Steve Tedquist.

If you play a musical instrument and would like to learn a Scandinavian tune, be sure to bring it to the workshop led by Kathy Petersen of Fredonia.

Other workshops will include woodcarving, chip carving, cooking, Swedish language, knitting, hardanger embroidery, genealogy research, Rosemaling, and Swedish huck towel-ing.

If you have an interest in learning more about the culture of your Scandinavian ancestors and therefore your own identity come and join us October 1 at Culture Day.

All Culture Days events will be held at the Jamestown Community College Hamilton Collegiate Center at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming dates are: October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th, and February 4th

SCANDINAVIAN FOLK FESTIVAL A SMASHING HIT!



The Rockridge Brothers

Though a bit warm, the weather was sunny for the Tenth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival, and it was again another fantastic weekend. Hundreds turned out for the midsummer procession on Saturday, including 60 students from Sweden who were in town attending the English Summer School of Sweden held at JCC. Over the weekend, close to 3,000 people attended.

The Rockridge Brothers, a bluegrass band from Stockholm, were a smashing hit! At times, it was standing room only in the entertainment tent! The Classical Trio from Finland and Peter Puma Hedlund, the world champion nyckelharpa player, rounded out the entertainment from Scandinavia. The Toronto Swedish Folkdancers and Singers put on a fine performance. Our local groups performed as well – Nordanvind, Svenska Spelmän, the Thule Lodge Swedish Folk Dancers, and the Viking Male Chorus.

There were fourteen different lectures held throughout the weekend, including Learning Conversational Swedish; Chandlers Valley and Scandia, Where the Swedes Settled First; A Brief Look at the Magical Runes; Karen Bergoo Larsson and Mother of Modern Swedish Design; The New Swedish Colony at Christiana; the Immigration Trunk of the 17th Century; Who's Who in Norse Mythology; and The Great Scandinavian Migration to Amerika.

As usual, the weekend was not complete until visitors had one of Norm's famous korv burgers. A korv dinner and Swedish meatball dinner with lingonberry juice was also served.

The Eleventh Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival will be held on July 20-22, 2012; again at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds. The planning committee will soon begin meeting to plan out the weekend activities again. If you would like to volunteer on this committee or at the festival, please contact Don Sandy at 484-0415.