

Scandinavian

Happenings in the Greater Jamestown Area

November 2015

JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Johnson Foundation Supports Swedish Groups

The Johnson Foundation, supervised and managed by Carole Sellstrom as Executive Director and John Sellstrom Co-Trustee, have made a major donation of \$50,000 to be divided between two local Swedish organizations. The check was presented to Norm Owen, President of the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (ASHF). The Viking Lodge is to receive \$20,000 to replace their patio/deck furniture. The remaining \$30,000 is to be retained by ASHF with \$15,000 to support their Scandinavian Folk Festival and \$15,000 to be used to provide Swedish entertainment in the community.

The mission of the Johnson Foundation is to provide funding to worthy causes that seek improving and providing a better quality of life for residents of Jamestown, New York and Chautauqua County area in accordance with the terms of the will of the late John Alfred Johnson.

We thank the Sellstroms and the late John Alfred Johnson for making this all possible.

LUCIA



Lucia Day in Sweden is December 13 which is the same day Jamestown will celebrate this Christmas tradition. The Lucia pagent of the Scandinavian Studies Program will be at 2 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 825 Forest Avenue, Jamestown, NY,

This year's Lucia is Samantha Hearburg, daughter of Beverly Heglund and Jarrod Hearburg. She is a Sophomore at Maple Grove Jr.-Sr. High School. Samantha has been a member of the Thule Three Crown Children's Club since she was 4 years old and is presently dancing with the Adult Folk Dance Team since she was 13. Her hobbies include drawing and ice skating and she hopes to be a hairdresser in the future.

After the traditional pagent, 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 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.

Julmarknad 2014 Pictures (2015 Julmarknad info on back)



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Julmarknad 2015

The Jamestown area Julmarknad (Swedish Christmas Market Day) will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015 at many locations around town. Several villages in Sweden continue this tradition with these markets mostly outside in the Nordic tradition. In the old days, farmers would prepare their products and gather in the market square on the designated day to share their goods. Julmarknad provides a unique market of many handmade and other manufactured Swedish items that are both Christmas decorations and gifts.

The Scandinavian Studies Program will have their Julmarknad at Jamestown Community College (JCC) in the Hamilton Collegiate Center with vendors open from 9 AM through 12 Noon. More than 20 tables will be filled with the traditions of a Swedish Christmas. Enjoy the colorful Swedish Christmas tableclothes, hand painted tomtar, Swedish tree ornaments, artifacts from our past, Norwegian style knitted items, Swedish Christmas greeting cards, music CDs, hand woven rugs and much more. This is a rare opportunity to have all these products gathered in one place.

Also at JCC from 10 AM to 12 Noon there will be the regular Culture Day. Workshops will include the Swedish language, making a craft ornament or your own tomtar, hardanger embroidery, knitting, Swedish weaving, dance instruction, chip carving and much more. Special events will include a procession of Lucia and her court, Scandinavian Christmas music by Svenska Spelman, traditional Jul ring dances and more. Coffee and lingonberry drink will be provided beginning at 9:30. A door prize will be awarded. All of the above is free and open to the public. At 12 Noon a sampling of a traditional Scandinavian Julbord (Christmas dinner) will be served. There will be a request for a donation for this sampling.

Other locations around town include the following:

Country Woods Country Store, 1771 Foote Ave. has a Swedish Room that is well stocked with items such as traditional red wooden candle holders, tomtar, straw goats, ornaments, garlands, candles, rugs, and many other decorative items. Stop in for free coffee and enter a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate.

Ecklof Bakery, 832 Foote Ave. has baked up Swedish seasonal items such as vort limpa bread, spritz, pepparkakor, holiday cookies, cardamom braids and rolls, Tom and Jerry mix, scorper, almond braids and tarts. Check out our Swedish cook and knitting books, braided straw ornaments and other gifts. Enjoy a korv burger or shop for deli meats and cheeses such as Bond Ost in the deli.

Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St. is all decorated for Christmas including the southern Sweden Ljuskröna Christmas Tree in the Swedish Room. Admission \$8 with children free. Candlelight tour of Fenton Mansion 5:45 and 7:15 reservations required at 716-664-6256 Adults \$15 Children \$5

Jones Valhalla, 306 N. Main St. is open from 10 AM to 3 PM this day offering Swedish pastries, cookies and breads as well as serving an upscale lunch menu. Enter a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate.

Korv Dinner will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church with settings at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30. The dinner includes homemade korv, rye bread, pies and all the trimmings. The dinner is sponsored by the Tree of Life Community with funds being raised for youth church outreach. Reservations are required by calling either 716-488-1555 or 716-664-2733.

Peterson Farm, Fluvania Ext. will present a free sampling of Swedish Christmas foods including, meatballs, Julskinka (Christmas Ham), yellow pea soup, alcohol free glogg. Place your orders for Julskinka, sylta, lutfisk, and korv. Visit the Christmas Gift Shop with many Swedish items such as books, ornaments, napkins, straw goats, food products and other items. Enter the drawing for a gift basket.

Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, 311 Curtis St., Free Admission for the day from 10 AM to 4 PM. See artwork and memorabilia of America's great naturalist of the 20th Century - Roger Tory Peterson, Jamestown's native son. Life size Julbok - Refreshments - Raffle

Wegmans, 945 Fairmount Ave., Scandinavian dinners to go, Norm's korv, Bond ost, salt herring, lingonberry sylt, Limpa rye, WASA products, Samples - Raffle Svenska Spelman Swedish music from 1:30 to 3:30. Thule Swedish Child and Adult Folk Dance Teams at 2:00 PM

Legends of Christmas, presented by Viking Chorus. December 6, 2015, 3:00 PM at Celoron Legion. Free will donations, refreshments.

What a day to celebrate our Swedish heritage in Jamestown, NY. For more information call 716-665-0883.