

# Scandinavian



Happenings in the Greater Jamestown Area

May 2006

## "Behold Scandinavia"

The slogan for this year's **Scandinavian Folk Festival** is "Behold Scandinavia." Behold the music, the handwork and the foods of Scandinavia. Behold the traditions, the immigrant stories, and the literature of Scandinavia. Behold the Viking heritage, genealogy and history of the Scandinavian people. The Festival creates the opportunity to immerse oneself into a cultural experience: it provides a link, a connection. Behold Scandinavia and have a better understanding and appreciation of the culture of our ancestors. Behold Scandinavia and have a better understanding and appreciation of who we are as a people today.

The Scandinavian Folk Festival will be held on the campus of Jamestown Community College once again this year. Dates and times are Friday July 28th, 3 pm to 10 pm, Saturday July 29th, 10 am to 10 pm, and Sunday July 30th, 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Ecklof's Bakery, Peterson Farm, Viking Trader, and the JCC Box Office. \$10 is the weekend pre-sale price, or at the gate you can buy a single day pass for \$5 or a weekend pass for \$12. All entertainment, presentations and workshops are included.

### Music, Comedy and Dance



Smörgåsbandet

**Smörgåsbandet**, led by Jeanne Widman, daughter of Walter Erickson will be with us from New York City playing traditional waltz, schottis, hambo, polka for Gammeldans (dancing!). You will remember Jeanne and her cheerful nature from her past visits to Jamestown.

**Gjallarhorn**, a band from Finland with a contemporary sound based on folk traditions, will provide music that the younger crowd will really tune in to.

**Peter Puma Hedlund**, two-time world champion nyckelharpa player from Sweden, will be returning for his third year. He will also be teaching a nine-hour course on playing the nyckelharpa co-sponsored by The American Nyckelharpa Association.

**Thomas Åberg**, organist and composer from Stockholm will perform both at the festival and one special event Tuesday before the fest (see the calendar).

**Magnus Mårtensson**, conductor of the Scandinavian Chamber Orchestra, will do a Victor Borge comedy routine that should be great fun. He is also planning a special musical tribute to Gerald Heglund, who was a friend.

**Sarah Granskou**, a Norwegian hardanger fiddle player, is coming from Canada. She is a storyteller as well as a fine musician.

Everyone's favorites, **Nordavind**, a Gammeldans accordion group, **Svenska Spelmän** our local Gammeldans band, the **Viking Choruses** of Jamestown, and the **Thule**



Peter Puma Hedlund



Magnus Mårtensson



Gjallarhorn

**Lodge Swedish Folk Dance Teams** will, of course, be part of the festivities

once again!

### Scandinavian Foods to Try

On Friday night the Thule Lodge will be hosting their traditional **Swedish meatball dinner**. On Saturday night there will be a **korv dinner**. In addition, all day Saturday and Sunday there will be Scandinavian foods available in the festival's food booth such as **yellow pea soup**, **rotmos**, **bruna böror**, **kåldolmar**, **rice pudding**, **Danish dessert**, **lingonberry drink**, **meatballs and pickled herring**. The **varm korv** booth will be back again this year, also serving **pickled herring pizza**. The American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation will serve their famous **korv burgers**. There also will be **strawberry sundaes** provided by the auxiliary of Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services. The Norden Club will coordinate the **beer & wine** tent by offering wines from **Swedish Hill Winery**. There will be a number of other vendors offering American foods, but you really should come taste something traditional, too.

### Learn about the Culture

Over thirty presentations have been scheduled covering topics such as the first Swedes in Jamestown, stories of local immigrants, recent student exchange visits, the Sami people, and Swedish music. In addition, there will be Gammeldans (folk dancing!) classes, chip carving, hardanger embroidery, Swedish card weaving and other hands-on workshops. Many crafters will be demonstrating their Scandinavian skills all weekend.

**The Society of Creative Anachronism** will host a larger, more interactive **Viking Village**, along with the crew of the **Norsemen from Philadelphia**. The **Norsemen Viking Ship** will sail on Lake Chautauqua Thursday and be displayed on land at the festival during the weekend. The Kubb tournament will be part of this year's Viking Village experience, also.

**Nils and the Flying Goose** by Selma Lagerlöf is a feature this year. 2006 is the 100th anniversary of the publication of this book, which won the Nobel Prize for literature. Besides readings of the book over the weekend, there will be an interactive map, which will depict the location in Sweden where the story is taking place. Children will have the opportunity to make a wooden ornament of Nils and his goose. There will also be a 6" model of Nils and the flying goose.

The Jamestown area **Children's Museum** will be back to provide special programming for young people. They are creating activities around the story of Nils.

Make sure to see the **Carl Larsson Art Exhibit**. The Festival has purchased 10 framed prints of Carl Larsson's work. This will be a permanent exhibit at each Festival.

On Saturday morning, all of the musicians will join together to lead a **Midsummer celebration with a grand parade**, raising the midsummer pole and including everyone in traditional dances.

### Specialty Shopping

Both the **Festival Gift Shop** and the **"Made in Jamestown" Shop** will be open at the Festival. The Gift Shop offers official souvenirs and other items that promote the themes of the event. The **Scandinavian Folk Festival Cookbook** sold out last year and will be reprinted in time. The "Made in Jamestown" Shop provides the opportunity for local handcrafters to display and sell their Scandinavian products. **If you have items to include, contact Sandra Sandy 716-484-0415.**

There will be many other booths to shop at including **The Viking Trader**, **Peterson Farm**, **Ecklof's Bakery** and some of our out-of-town vendors who do their best to bring things you'd love to take home and enjoy!

### Help the Festival By Volunteering

An event of this magnitude does not exist without a large number of volunteers (and three hours gets you into the Festival free for the day!). Before the event begins we need volunteers to help put up advertising signs, posters, and distribute activity guides. Other pre-festival volunteers are needed to prepare foods and set up the site with chairs, tables, and signs. During the festivities we need volunteers to help with the admission gate, the info center, and booths where food or handcraft items are sold and to help with keeping the Festival neat and clean. We also need people on Sunday evening or Monday taking down the Festival. **Contact Toots Porter 716-484-8861, if you are interested in being a volunteer.**

### Plan Your Nordic Weekend!

For further information about the Festival and to keep updated regarding the program, check out our web site at [www.scandinavianjamestown.org](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org). The complete final schedule will be available in early July. If you would like a copy mailed to you, send e-mail to [dsandy@netsync.net](mailto:dsandy@netsync.net) or dial 716-761-6184 and leave your name and address.

## Address Services Requested



### Gunnard F. "Kinky" Kindberg

Gunnard F. "Kinky" Kindberg, 74, died unexpectedly Feb. 9, 2006. He was born Oct. 4, 1931, in Jamestown, a son of Thore and Svea Ellison Kindberg.

Although Kinky spoke only Swedish when he started school, he graduated on time from Jamestown High School in 1950. He continued his love for his heritage, which he shared with the whole community through his music and folk dancing.

Prior to his retirement in 1987, Kinky was employed by the City of Jamestown Police Department for 31 years, 25 of which were as a traffic officer on the corner of Third and Main Streets. One of his proudest moments as a member of the department was being a part of the security detail during King Carl XVI Gustaf's visit to Jamestown in 1976.

Although Kinky was a police officer by profession, he was a goodwill ambassador for the community in various ways, including conducting school assemblies on bike safety and tours of the police department, and greeting visitors to the city, especially those from Sweden.

Kinky was a member of First Covenant Church, its choir and Living Christmas Tree and served as the church's custodian for 18 years. He was also a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 145 F&AM and several Scandinavian organizations, including the Salvation Army Advisory Board; Norden Club, serving as past president and secretary and current board member; the former Swedish Society; the Scandinavian Studies program at Jamestown Community College; and Thule Lodge, where he was chairman of the Swedish Folk Dance Team for 25 years. He also was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1952 to 1956.

When he wasn't doing for others, Kinky could be found rooting passionately for his beloved New York Yankees, who he saw play in person several times each season. Kinky was born with a wonderful sense of humor, exhibited kindness to everyone whose lives he touched and was a blessing to all who knew him. Thank you, Kinky, for showing us all how to live life right.



### Gerald C. E. Heglund

Gerald C. E. Heglund, 87, a well-known Jamestown community leader and music educator, died Dec. 30, 2005. A lifelong area resident, he was born in Jamestown, Oct. 22, 1918.

Mr. Heglund received his bachelor's degree in music education from Augustana College and master's degree from the University of Buffalo. He taught for 21 years in the Falconer High School Music Department, serving as director of vocal music, and following retirement in 1974, taught Swedish and Scandinavian arts courses at Jamestown Community

College. For over 20 years he hosted the weekly "Swedish Hour" radio program on WJTN, bringing Swedish music, news and art to the Swedish community.

He pursued his journalism career writing for *The Post Journal*, *The Chautauqua Daily*, the Swedish American weekly newspaper *North Star*, and the Holy Trinity monthly *Messenger*. Mr. Heglund had been active in Rotary Club, American Guild of Organists, and was founder and first president of the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown Concert Association, and had served as president of the Chautauqua County Music Teachers Association and the Falconer Teachers Association. He had organized, led and directed events including Scandinavian Day at Chautauqua Institution, Midsummer Day, Scandinavian Vespers, and Lucia celebrations. In addition to choral directing, he had composed several choral works and was known also as a gourmet cook.

Honors and awards for Mr. Heglund include the 1986 Service to Mankind Award by the Sertoma Club, being named Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club in 1990, and the 1991 Award of Harmony by the Jamestown Harmony Express. In 1994, he received the Medal of the Polar Star bestowed by King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden for his outstanding and never ceasing work in maintaining Swedish culture and traditions. In 2003 he received the key to the City of Jamestown on the occasion of his 85th birthday. His guiding influence will be greatly missed by this community.

## Scandi Calendar

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 14th** - Svenska Spelmän will be performing Swedish music at Taste Corners on Foote Avenue, 7-9pm. Special Swedish sundaes featured.

**SATURDAY JUNE 17th** - ASHF Midsummer Celebration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 9am. Call for details - 665-3168, open to members and those interested in joining. Decorating the pole at 7 am, breakfast at 8 am.

**SATURDAY JUNE 17th** - Augustana Swedish Heritage Festival, at the Lutheran Church, 3143 Eggert Rd. at Colvin Blvd in Tonawanda, 11am- 7pm. For more info call 832-5720.

**SUNDAY JUNE 18th** - Scandinavian Festival at Swedish Hill Winery, Romulus, NY, 12-5pm. No charge. For info call: 315-549-8326.

**SUNDAY JUNE 18th** - Father's Day Fried Herring Breakfast - Thule Lodge VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd, Bemus Point, 9am-1pm, open to the public. Herring breakfast \$5.50, Ham & Eggs \$4.50.

**SATURDAY JUNE 24th** - Smorgasbord dinner at Thule Lodge's VASA Park, Pancake Hill Rd, Bemus Point, 5pm-8pm, open to the public.

**SATURDAY JULY 1st** - Swedish Choir Concert by Solberga-Flisby Church from Sweden, First Lutheran Church, 7pm.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 12th** - Svenska Spelmän will be performing Swedish music at Taste Corners on Foote Avenue, 7-9pm. Special Swedish sundaes featured.

**SUNDAY JULY 16th** - Herring breakfast at the Viking Lake Park 10am-12:30pm. Tickets on sale at the Lake Park or at the door.

**TUESDAY JULY 25th** - Organ Concert by Thomas Åberg- Organist/composer from Stockholm, Sweden, Zion Covenant Church, 7pm, free and open to the public.

**THURSDAY JULY 27th** - Sailing of The Norsemen Viking Ship on upper Chautauqua Lake. Watch the Post Journal for details.

**JULY 28-30th** - Scandinavian Folk Festival, Jamestown Community College, Call JCC at 665-3203 for tickets or info.

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9th** - Svenska Spelmän will be performing Swedish music at Taste Corners on Foote Avenue, 7-9pm. Special Swedish sundaes featured.

**AUGUST 11-12th** - Mt. Jewett Swedish Festival, Mt Jewett, PA.

**SEPTEMBER 14-17th** - Augustana Heritage Association Gathering at Chautauqua Institution. On Sat. Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm there will be a Swedish Folk Dance Mass in the Amphitheater, featuring the Thule Folk Dancers. For more information see [www.augustanaheritage.org](http://www.augustanaheritage.org).

**OCTOBER 7th** - Culture Day at JCC, 9:45am. Free and open to the public.



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**Scandinavian Festival, June 18th, 12-5pm**  
Traditional Scandinavian food, music, dancing and more plus many unique arts and craft exhibitors (fee to be paid). Local musicians 12-2pm and Nordarvind will be playing from 2-4pm. No admission charge.