

Scandinavian

Happenings in the Greater Jamestown Area

Summer 2014



FESTIVAL TIME

Soon it will be the third weekend in July and the thirteenth annual Scandinavian Folk Festival sponsored by the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. The celebration begins on Friday July 18 at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds in Gerry, NY and goes through Sunday July 20.

The sounds of ABBA will be the major event at this year's Festival. A six member group called ABBA GIRLZ will perform in the style of the original group. The performers include two female and two male singers along with two additional musicians. Their sound, costumes and stage special effects will bring back memories of the original ABBA group. ABBA Girlz

will have a full 1.5 hour show on Friday July 18 at 7:30 PM and again on Saturday July 19 at 8 PM. There is no extra fee for the ABBA concerts. This concert is supported by the Swedish Council of America.

At this year's Festival one can eat Swedish meatballs, make money with Swedish meatballs and listen to Swedish meatballs. What? Swedish meatballs are one of the many food items served from the Scandinavian food kitchen. There is a Swedish meatball cooking contest on Friday night at 7 PM with the first prize being \$50. The Swedish Meatball band from New York City will be performing every day.

Other entertainment highlights include the Toronto Swedish Folk Dance Team and Singers, Cleveland Vasa Voices, and local groups such as Svenska Spelman, the Viking Chorus, Thule Lodge Swedish Adult and Children's Folk Dance Teams and singer Ylsa Maj.

Special event highlights include the Viking Village theme area including the Viking ship from Philadelphia and Norwegian Fjord horses, a Swedish Midsummer celebration at 11 AM on Saturday with a parade and community ring dancing around the midsummer pole, a Viking Kubb tournament on Saturday beginning at 3 PM and much more.

In the Festival's air-conditioned building will be lectures and exhibits. Lectures will be presented about a Swede in the Civil War's Andersonville Prison, the Swedish meat markets and wood furniture industries in Jamestown, the significance of the Swedish Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair, Swedish folk costumes, the genealogy resources at the Fenton History Center, photos of Sweden by a Swedish as well as a local citizen, and the Swedish language. In the exhibit section there will be displays of Swedish folk costumes, pictures of Sweden, and Carl Larsson prints. In addition, there is the Prata Svenska corner where people can just talk or listen to Swedish and also the Fenton Genealogy Research corner where one can bring information about your Swedish ancestors and perhaps find additional information.

Be sure to check out the tasty and traditional Scandinavian foods such as Swedish pancakes on Sunday morning and Swedish waffles on Saturday morning. A complete Swedish platter with the choice of three meats - kory, Swedish meatballs and kaldolmer and a wide variety of side dishes including yellow pea soup, pickled herring, fruit soupa, rice pudding, rotmos etc. will be served from the Festival kitchen. Another highlight is Norm's famous kory burgers.



Other special tent areas include the Child and Family activity center, the Swedish beer and wine tent, and the Culture Tent with craft demonstrations and workshops. The Market Tent will feature the loppis (Swedish flea market), the Made in Jamestown booth, the Festival gift shop and raffle center. Special raffles this year include a homemade afghan and tickets to Mama Mia – the Broadway show featured at Shea's Theatre in Buffalo.

At this year's Festival there are many ways to celebrate the Scandinavian heritage. For more information check out our web site at www.scandinavianjamestown.org or dial 716-665-0883. Weekend passes for \$15 are available at Ecklof Bakery, Peterson Farm and the Reg Lenna Box Office at 716-484-7070.



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TIM MILLER RECIEVES AWARD OF MERIT

On June 7, 2014, the Scandinavian Award of Merit was presented to Tim Miller at the Sheldon House by “Toots” Porter. The event had many in attendance, with a nice buffet of Swedish foods, though it was said the herring was not as good as Tim’s.

Tim was nominated by the Connie Sherman, manager of the Vikings, where Tim has given over twenty-five 25 years of hard work and dedication. Tim was on their board (House Committee) for over six years. He served as vice chief, as well as the “CHIEF” for two years – only two other members have been chief for two years. Tim is currently co-membership chairman for the Vikings.



Being the chief of the lodge is a day-to-day responsibility along with hard work. Tim fixes the lodge’s water problems, plumbing problems, and even fills in as a dishwasher. This man does it all, and he does it because of what the Vikings stand for, a fraternal organization made of Scandinavian members. He is a proud Swede and is proud of his heritage.

According to Connie, “I have been the manager of the Vikings as well as a member for over twenty years, and Tim is one great volunteer that asks for nothing in return.

He is proud of his Scandinavian heritage and reflects this in his everyday life.”

Tim is married to Janet and has two children – a daughter, Julie, who is married to Matt Harper; and a son Randy. Rachael and Kamryn Harper are his granddaughters. All of whom were in attendance for the award ceremony.

Tim makes his own Korv and pickled herring, of which there is an ongoing battle of whose herring is the best. I have never seen Tim miss our annual Doppa Gryta; he always helps with the cutting of the Winka ham and Korv.

Tim is also a member of the Thule Lodge and serves as a trustee. He has helped hundreds of hours with this club. Tim pan fries fish, as well as helps with their maintenance needs. Tim’s family keeps up the Scandinavian tradition. His granddaughters dance with the Thule Children Folk Dancers and also attend Swedish events at JCC.

An award well deserved, and the Scandinavian Studies Program was pleased and proud to present this year’s Award of Merit to Tim Miller. Congratulations, Tim!

SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT AT ALLEN PARK



The Jamestown Municipal Band will put on a special concert with selections by Scandinavian composers on Wednesday night July 9, 2014 at the Allen Park Band Shell at 7 PM. The concert is

free and open to the public. Bench seating is limited so you should consider bringing your own lawn chairs. This concert is presented by the Scandinavian Studies Program.

Selections will include music from Peer Gynt by Grieg, Midsommarvaka by Hugo Alfvén, First Swedish Rhapsody by Eric Leidzén, Norwegian military marches, some Danish music and other selections composed by Leroy Anderson. In addition, there will be some selections by ABBA as we prepare for the ABBA Girlz performance at the Scandinavian Folk Festival.

The Thule Lodge Adult and Children’s Swedish Folk Dance Teams will perform during the band’s intermission. The Allen Park Women’s Club will serve Norm Owen’s world famous korv burgers with optional lingonberries at the beginning of the concert. Norm promises to have twice as many korv burgers as last year.

What a great way to spend a warm summer evening with an outdoor Scandinavian program.

MAMMA MIA BUS TOUR

A bus tour to the live stage production of MAMMA MIA! at Shea’s Theatre in Buffalo, New York is planned for Saturday November 8, 2014. Details are being finalized for a luxury bus departing from Jamestown and including a fabulous dinner.

MAMMA MIA! is the ultimate feel-good show that has audiences coming back again and again to relive the thrill. Now it’s your turn to have the time of your life at this smash-hit musical that combines ABBA’s greatest hits, including “Dancing Queen,” “S.O.S.,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me” and “The Winner Takes It All,” with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. Whether it’s your first visit or your fourteenth see the show that has the whole world coming back for more, because every time feels like the first time at MAMMA MIA!

To sign up for more information or express an interest in the trip contact Don Sandy at dsandy@netsync.net or 716-665-0883. Seating will be limited, so first come first served. Cost has not been finalized but is expected to be in the area of \$130 with great orchestra section seating. This is the year for ABBA music at the Scandinavian Folk Festival and then at Shea’s Theatre.

