

Scandinavian Studies Program Supports Scholarships for Study in Sweden

Through the Scandinavian Studies Program, Jamestown Community College students have the opportunity to spend the spring semester studying in Sweden at Sodra Vatterbygdens Fokhogskola (SVF) in Jonkoping. The JCC students will join students from around the world as part of the Dag Hammarskjold International Studies Program. Named for the Jonkoping native who served as secretary general of the United Nations from 1951 to 1963, the program awards 12 credit hours, and all classes are taught in English. Course work includes international relations, Swedish, Scandinavian history and culture, global environment, political science, and physical education.

Founded in 1919, SVF moved to its present premises on the western heights of Jönköping in 1930. The campus offers a fantastic view over the city and lake Vättern. Modern structures provide room for 280 students, including dormitories, which can house 130. Facilities include a fine library, studios for photography, radio and TV, computer labs, a chapel, and a sports center.

Scholarships for this opportunity are available through the JCC Scandinavian Studies Program. Interested students are encouraged to contact Professor Greg Rabb at 716.969.9524 or via e-mail at gregrabb@mail.sunyjcc.edu. Scholarship preference given to students who have reached sophomore standing with a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Swedish Feature Films at the Reg Lenna Civic Center



In collaboration with Culture Day, the Reg Lenna Civic Center will be featuring the Swedish blockbuster films in the Millennium Trilogy. Based on the books by Swedish author Stieg Larsson, the three films are entitled *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest*. The two main characters are Lisbeth Salander who is a young computer hacker, an asocial punk, and a driven woman; and the other is Mikael Blomkvist who is an investigative journalist. The films have received high ratings on a world wide basis. Roger Ebert has given four stars to the first film *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, which will be shown at the Reg Lenna on October 22 and 23. This film cost \$13 million to make and has grossed over \$104 million, one of Sweden's major exports. *The Girl Who Played with Fire* will be shown on November 19 and 20. The last film in the series is being released in the United States this fall and the date needs to be set for the Jamestown screening of *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest*. Each of the films is in Swedish with English subtitles and would carry an "R" rating. The pictures are the Swedish film posters for the films. Admission to the films will be \$7 at the door, but tickets can be purchased at Culture Day for \$6.



Culture Day

The 2010-2011 Culture Day program will begin on October 2, 2010. On the first Saturday of each month through May (exception second Saturday in January), Culture Day will continue at the Hamilton Collegiate Center of Jamestown Community College. Sponsored by the Scandinavian Studies Program, the purpose of Culture Day is to experience Scandinavia via a hands on experience. Workshops are scheduled at 10 AM and 11 AM, with a call to order at 9:45 AM and closing at noon. Typically there are 10-12 workshops during each session. Coffee, juice and a Scandinavian treat is served. There is no pre-registration for Culture Day and it is open to the public. All programs and supplies are free unless one chooses to develop additional or advanced projects. Donations are accepted.

There are some special events during the October to December sessions.

The craft project for October and November is a wooden candle holder in the shape of a fabric costumed Swedish girl. At least 60 people signed up for this project at the close of last year. One needs to be present on October 2 to begin the project and commit to completing the project in November or others will be given the opportunity. The candle holders were cut out by Steve Tedquist and the costumes prepared by Joyce Tedquist. Sandra Sandy will assist with painting the faces and lead the workshops.

The Millennium Trilogy has become a world wide publishing sensation selling over 20 million copies in 41 countries. The books take place in Sweden and are written by Swedish author Stieg Larsson. *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl who Played with Fire*, and *The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* are the three books in this detective series. Copies of the books will be available for sale or to borrow. Beginning in November, there will be a three

month workshop about the books.

Guests will share their immigrant stories and experiences of growing up as a Swedish-American. Gene Nelson from Jamestown will be share his story on October 2 and Carl Swanson from Bradford on November 6.

At the November 6th session, Swedish Varm Korv (hot dogs) will be served at Noon for a fee of \$1.50 each.

The December 4th session will again be part of Jamestown's Julmarknad, Swedish Christmas market day. With special Christmas workshops, a complete Swedish Christmas Smorgasbord at noon (\$3 donation) and several craft vendors, it will be a celebration at the beginning of the Christmas season.

Kathy Petersen, fiddle player from the group Svenska Spelmän, will offer a workshop each month about learning to play Scandinavian music. Bring any instrument and be part of the learning session.

From the collection of Nancy Mattson, wooden Dala horse blanks have been obtained and will be made available at the woodcarving workshop. The blanks are from the home of the Dala horse in the Village of Nusnäs, near Mora, Sweden.

Other workshops include hardanger embroidery, chip carving, woodcarving, knitting, cooking, Swedish language, Viking games, Swedish weaving, videos, genealogy research and Swedish rose maling painting.

We are always seeking people from the community who would like to share their expertise. If you have a special craft, hobby, skill, story that you learned from your ancestors, we encourage you to pass it along to the next generation before it is lost. This is the mission of Culture Day. For more information, call 716-484-0415.



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Scandinavian Folk Festival



If you haven't heard, the Ninth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival was a terrific success with a great attendance. This year we had a new sponsor – the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation, and the new site at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds proved to be an excellent site. The members of the Gerry Fire Department were very helpful and supportive. We want to thank all of this year's volunteers for making the Festival possible.

The Scandinavian Folk Festival is a fun and educational way to celebrate our Scandinavian heritage. The midsummer celebration on Saturday morning was fantastic with several hundred people in attendance.

Entertainment was at its best with Jeanne Erikson Andersen and her band and the group of Svenska Spelman with our own Don Sandy! The culture tent displayed artisans doing wood carving, hardanger embroidery and many other crafts.

Let's not forget the delicious food! Bullar, korv burgers, Swedish meatballs, korv dinners, Swedish pancakes – everything you could imagine, but no lutfisk! There were many vendors that had come from as far away as Michigan. A nice addition was Wegman's offering all their specialty Scandinavian items.

Believe it or not, next year we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the festival! It is scheduled for July 15-17, 2011, and will likely again be held at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds. The committee will soon begin meeting to start its plans for next year.

If you or someone you know would like to be on the planning committee for the festival or would like to volunteer at the festival, please contact Don Sandy, Festival Coordinator, at 716-665-0883. We could not put on such a large festival without the help of all the volunteers.

But one thing for sure, mark your calendars for July 15-17, 2011, for the Tenth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival!



Swedish Christmas Market Day - December 4, 2010

This year's Julmarknad, Swedish Christmas Market Day will continue to be held on the first Saturday in December. Beginning with all the special events at Culture Day including music, craft vendors and a smorgasbord, the day will continue at multiple sites around the Jamestown area and close with a homemade korv dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Watch for additional locations this year. Save the date. More details will be coming later. A day filled with Swedish food, music, raffles, and Christmas shopping opportunities. Where else but in Jamestown!

THULE CALENDAR (all events at VASA Park)

October 9th - Lodge Meeting and Nomination of Officers at 2 p.m.

October 26th - Harvest Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Get your turkey and all the trimmings.

November 29th - Lodge Meeting and Election of Officers at 2 p.m.

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

VIKING CALENDAR

November 14th Herring Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Herring is \$6 and ham/eggs are \$5. Call the office at 487-9305 for tickets.

October 17th Holiday Bazaar from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come and find some nice gifts for the holidays.

ASHF CALENDAR

October 15th - Harvest Dinner at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity.

November 21st - Christmas Dinner at a TBD location.

December 21th - Lucia is set for 4:00 pm at Holy Trinity.

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