

Scandinavian Folk Festival 2009



The Eighth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival again revived our Scandinavian heritage – even if we weren't Scandinavian! – by bringing forth the sights, sounds, and wonderful smells of Scandinavia! It was a terrific weekend, attended by thousands of folks from around the country!

Topping the entertainment again this year was Peter Puma Hedlund, the famous nyckelharpa player. He was joined by two other musicians. Perry Stenbäck, who is Swedish but lives in Denmark, had just won the Danish Grammy Award for "Instrumentalist of the year"; and Steffan Sjøgaard Sørensen from Denmark, who is a bass player who also plays the fiddle and piano. Julane Lund, a Norwegian fiddle player who studied classical violin at Ball State University in Indiana, also performed for us. She has a second bachelor degree in Norwegian traditional fiddling at Telemark University College, in Norway and received her masters degree in traditional arts/ethnomusicology.

You may have heard that the Ninth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival will not be at the Jamestown Community College next

year because of the construction of their new science building. We are looking at several possible sites, and will announce the new location shortly. We have already started the planning of next year's festival. Tentative performers are the Dalapolisens Spelmän, the Swedish Troubadors, and a musical group from Orebro. It has been decided that next year's Festival will return to a three day weekend on July 16-18, 2010.

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. The Festival Planning Committee has several volunteer opportunities available. So, if you'd like to be on the ground floor of planning the Ninth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival at its new location, now is the time! Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 26.

** Stay tuned to the next newsletter which will feature an article on Nels Nelson, who received the Award of Merit in October of 2008*

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Julmarknad



The Swedish Christmas Market, Julmarknad, returns to Jamestown on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The market features a series of events that occur all day long so one can join the festivities at their own schedule. Where else but in Jamestown can one begin their Scandinavian Christmas celebration! This event is based on Scandinavian traditions dating back to the Middle Ages when farmers and artisans would gather in the village squares to sell their wares. Each site offers major door prize drawings. Listen for live Swedish music and enjoy samples.

Highlights include the following:

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- Scandinavian handicraft marketplace - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Several local crafters offer their unique gift items. Free.
- Culture Day Workshops - 10 AM to 12 Noon. More than 10 one hour workshops are available to learn about the Scandinavian culture with such topics as Swedish language, cooking, crafts, chip carving, hardanger embroidery, Swedish weaving, genealogy and many more. Free
- Swedish Christmas Smorgasbord - 12 Noon. Enjoy a sampling of the tastes of Christmas for a \$3 donation.

Additional Locations

- Ecklof Bakery, 832 Foote Avenue - Swedish seasonal baked items
- Peterson Farm, Fluvanna Ave. Ext - Imported and homemade Swedish foods
- Viking Trader, Route 430, Bemus Point - Scandinavian holiday gifts

Immanuel Lutheran Church

- Homemade korv dinner - call 716-664-7104 for reservations

Scandinavian Christmas foods, shopping, traditions all day long. God Jul!

SWEDISH HOUR CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The current version of the Swedish Hour on WRFA-LP 107.9 FM has been on the air for five years. The Swedish Hour is broadcast at 7 PM on Sunday evenings as well as 3 AM early Sunday mornings. Besides turning the program in on the radio, it is also available on the internet at www.wrfalp.com at the same times. There are regular listeners in Sweden who tune in at 9:00 Sunday mornings. Gerd Brigiotta has been the announcer for the program with a new program every week. That amounts to 260 programs. The Swedish Hour has accumulated over 200 donated

CDs of Scandinavian music and more are added on a regular basis. The Swedish Hour is now entering the Christmas season. Although you can expect Christmas music from now until January 10, Gerd will focus on Advent music on November 29 and December 5, Lucia music on December 13, and Christmas music on December 20 and 27. A possible two hour Scandinavian Christmas special is being planned for Christmas Day with the times to be announced during the regular program. Enjoy

SCANDI CALENDAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH - ASHF Lucia, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3:00pm - Program will be followed by a social hour with entertainment by the Thule Children Folk Dancers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - Lucia Program, Salvation Army, 6:00pm, refreshments to follow.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH - Thule Lodge Meeting and Doppi Gryta & Tom and Jerry Party, 2:00pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2010 - Culture Day, JCC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH 2010 - Thule Lodge Meeting, 2:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010 - Culture Day, JCC

* ASHF's annual meeting will be held in late January