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Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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June 2007

2006-2007 Events

Midsommar June 16

Maypole 4:00

Dinner 6:00, Bonfire at dusk

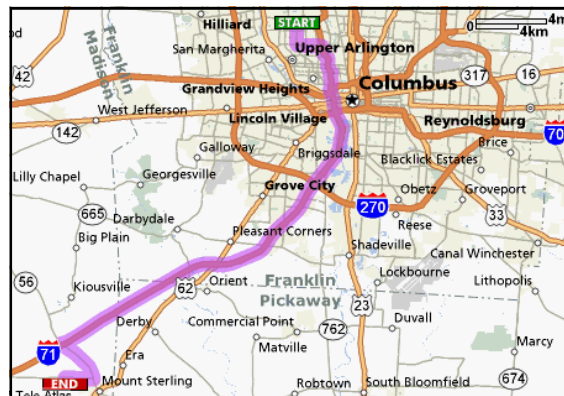
Cost is \$6 for member adults, \$9 for guest adults, \$5 students and guest children, and \$3 member children ages 6-16. Under 5 years old are free.

Midsommar Picnic Down on the Farm!

Midsommar Fun is here again! This year the picnic will be held on a farm, with plenty of space for the kids to run. The address is 9201 State Route 323, Mt. Sterling Ohio 43143. Per our tradition, the Midsommar picnic will be a potluck. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, beer and soda. Please bring a dish according to your last name:

A thru K — Dessert for 13 or more

L thru Z — Salad or Side Dish, large size to serve 13 or more.



Members should bring their own tables (card tables, folding tables, tray tables), chairs to sit at those tables and or lawn chairs, their own table service, silverware, plates, serving spoons or serving utensil for their potluck dish, lawn games such as a soccer ball, badminton set, and flowers and greenery to decorate the Maypole. The Maypole will be about 4:00 pm, dinner/barbecue about 6:00 pm, with the bonfire at dusk.

Directions: Take I-71 south about 16 mi. from Grove City. Take exit #84, County Road 56, toward Mt Sterling. Go about 2.7 mi, turn right on # 323 and go about 1.5 mi. On 323 you will pass a green propane tank place; the farm is the 2nd house after that. There is a grey barn and a lovely white farm house. We will have a large tent set up, and a sign of some kind.

A Scandinavian Exchange Experience *By Caitlin Kilka*

Student exchange is one of the best ways to learn a new culture as well as make personal and lasting bonds to a new family or family member. When I was sixteen years old, I went as an exchange student to Oulu, Finland and was welcomed into the Korhonen family. We shared many memorable times...

Spending time with my three-year old Finnish sister, Terhi, was one of the best opportunities to learn the language. She loved to correct my pronunciation when I read her Muumi bedtime stories, and I loved to hear her practice the English words I taught her... Book! Pen! I love you!

The family was in the midst of building an addition onto the little house. My host dad, "Isä," was pouring the cement for the new foundation, and we each put in a handprint and etched our names.

I know I left my own handprint on more than just that foundation. Two years after I returned to the States, my other Finnish sister, Laura, decided to become an exchange student as well. She was welcomed into my American family. We were sisters, twice over. I know that every time I return to Finland, I have another home to return to and another family who loves me.

Since that year I've spent abroad, I became a volunteer with Youth For Understanding, to help other teenagers experience life in the United States. This next year, I'll become a first-time host mother of my own exchange student. Sixteen-year old Charlotte, from Dragoer, Denmark will arrive in August and attend the local Hilliard Davidson High School. I'm excited to learn about her life in Denmark, and to be able to share Columbus and American life with her!

For more information on Youth for Understanding, please see page 2.

The Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet on Thursday, June 28 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!



Danish Art Exhibit Coming to Otterbein



On the Track by Tine Hind

Otterbein College will host an exhibit of prints from sister city Odense, Denmark from June 14 through July 20 at the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall. The exhibit is entitled IMMIGRANTS and will feature graphic images from the Funen Graphic Workshop located in sister city Odense, Denmark.

The Funen Graphic Workshop is one of the world's premier print shops with 250 artists from seventeen different countries. For Immigrants, eighty of the workshop's artists relied on their own experiences, insights and interpretations to address what it means to be an immigrant in contemporary society. Although these artists utilized only the three main print techniques of lithography, woodcut and intaglio, they all produced astonishingly varied results, with prints ranging from the figurative and representative to the wholly abstract. From Kirsten Svenstrup's migrating black birds to Ole Folmer Hansen's bifurcated rectangles, the prints on view in Immigrants all underscore the vast and varied experiences confronting immigrants in the twenty-first century.

In cooperation with the City of Columbus, Franklin County Commissioners, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Otterbein College, a reception will be held for this exhibit on June 26 from 5:30 – 8:30. Mr. Søren Møller of the Danish Cultural Institute and Mr. Villy Petersen from the Funen Graphics Workshop,

along with Thomas Hansen, Scandinavian Club member and Director of Development for the Danish Immigrant Museum, will be in attendance. RSVP for the reception to Barbara Roscoe at bjroscoe@columbus.gov or 614-645-5264.

Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. is an organization whose mission is to encourage economic development, educational enhancement and cultural exchange by establishing and fostering relationships between Columbus and each of its sister cities. The city of Columbus formed its first sister city with Genoa, Italy in 1955 and over the years has added Dresden, Germany; Hefei, China; Herzliya, Israel; Odense, Denmark; Seville, Spain; and Tainan, Taiwan.

Odense, is the capital of the island of Funen. It is a center of engineering and technology and is home to a wide range of services and manufacturing companies offering high level products. It is a world leader in the area of water treatment systems. For more information about Odense or any of our sister cities please contact Barbara Roscoe at bjroscoe@columbus.gov or 645- 5264

Transportation of the exhibit from Denmark and within the United States has been generously provided by Leman USA.



*The Rescue Team
by René Olsen*

Consider opening your heart and your home to a high school exchange student for the next school year!

Or maybe you'd like to host shorter-term in a welcome placement?

You would provide a place to live, three meals a day, encouragement, guidance and love to your new exchange son/daughter. Families come in all shapes and sizes, with and without children of all ages. They can share a room with a host sibling. The students come with their own spending money, good health insurance, and the commitment to live according to the rules and values of your family and Youth for Understanding (www.yfu-usa.org). Youth For Understanding (YFU) is one of the world's oldest, largest, and most respected international exchange organizations.

For detailed information on these kids and to see if hosting might be right for you, contact:



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Letter from the President — Bob Holm

This month we share with you a photo of Mary and me celebrating Midsommar in Sweden two years ago. On June 19 we are returning to Sweden and Norway for five weeks, visiting with family in several places, and celebrating Midsommar in Sweden again!

First, however, we look forward to our Scandinavian Club Midsommar Picnic on Saturday, June 16. Our Midsommar celebration will be at a new location this year (see details on page 1). The farm should be an ideal location, and the familiar Maypole, bonfire, good food and fellowship will highlight our time together. Let's have a great turn-out for Midsommar as we conclude our 2006-07 year!

I want to express special appreciation to retiring Board members Marilyn Smith, Ake Hellstrom, Dianne Jatko Clark and Paivi Rajala-Schultz. Each has performed extraordinary service on the Board on behalf of our Scandinavian Club!

We welcome Carol Wickstrom, Arvo Pikkarainen, Caitlin Kilkka and Sven Lundstedt as new Board members.

I continue to be impressed by the hard work which so many members of our Scandinavian Club provide for the Club, as Board members, on dinner committees, at the International Festival and in countless other ways. Thank you all for all you do!!!



I look forward to working with all of you during the upcoming 2007-08 year, as I serve, at the Board's request, for another year as your president.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Holm, President 2006-07

Message from the Dinner Chair

Thank you so much to Bob and Marj Stevenson for being in charge of the Norwegian Dinner. Due to their tremendous organizing skills we were able to put this dinner together. There were 9 people scheduled on this dinner that were unable to make it. A huge thank-you to Dan and Cheri Fitzgerald who served on their second dinner committee this club year and same goes to Dianne Clark, the club's Secretary, for volunteering. Again, I would like to honor and thank the people who served on the May dinner:

May 19, 2007 - Norway
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Clark, Dianne
Fitzgerald, Dan & Cheri
Fitzgerald, Sean
Grimstad, Thomas & Constance
Lovendahl, Roy
Ojala, Kathy
Paulsen, Marilyn
Stevenson, Bob & Marj (Capts.)

The next and last dinner for this club year is our picnic. On this dinner I would like all the members that were not able to help out during the year to help make this event a smash.

June 16, 2007 - Picnic
Down on the Farm, Mt.
Sterling, Ohio
Danielson, Robert & Sara
(Capts.)
Kim DiLuzio
David & Elizabeth Firth
Jennifer Hambrick &
Timothy Dickey
Svein & Cara Haugland
Morten & Kristine Haugland
Bo & Anna Kimly
Edwin & Maureen Malek
LaTonya Poindexter
Michael & Iben Wasserman
Carol Waters
Johnerik Wenar

The Mid-Summer Picnic is always a fun family oriented event where we can relax and enjoy each other's company. I'm looking forward seeing as many of you as possible.

Thank-you,
Grete Davidsen-Kidwell
Dinner Chair





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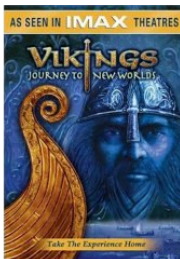
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The DVD from the May Program, *Vikings: Journey to New Worlds*, can be purchased through Amazon.com. If you go to amazon.com and type in "Vikings journey to new worlds" it will come right up. You have to type this in exactly though! The cost is now \$12.99, quite a bargain! I'm sure it could also be ordered through Borders or Barnes & Noble.



Viking Ship to Sail the North Sea from Denmark to Dublin



ROSKILDE, Denmark - The Sea Stallion of Glendalough is billed as the world's biggest and most ambitious Viking ship reconstruction, modeled after a warship excavated in 1962 from the Roskilde fjord after being buried in the seabed for nearly 950 years.

Volunteers are preparing it for a journey across the legendary Viking waters of the North Sea — leaving Roskilde in eastern Denmark on July 1 and sailing 1,200 miles to Dublin, which was founded by Vikings in the 9th century.

The crew will explore the challenges of spending seven weeks in an open vessel with no shelter from crashing waves, whipping wind and drenching rain. Working in four-hour shifts, the history buffs and sailing enthusiasts will have to steer the 100-foot-long ship through treacherous waters with a minimum of sleep, comfort and privacy — just as the Vikings did.

"They must have been incredibly tough to do what they did," said 24-year-old crew member Triona Nicholl, an archaeologist from Dublin. "We all have waterproof gear. We have radios and life jackets and all the stuff. They must have been hardier people."

The Vikings turned to the stars and their ancient Norse gods for help as they navigated across the open sea, reaching as far as Iceland and North America. Many perished in the hostile waters of the North Atlantic.

This crew puts their faith in modern technology: a GPS satellite navigation system and radar. They wear baseball caps and wind-breakers rather than helmets and chain mail shirts. Mobile phones are allowed, but no battle axes.

Using replicas of Viking era tools — chisels, knives, spoon bits and axes — craftsmen built the 8.25-ton Sea Stallion using 5,250 cubic feet of oak and 7,000 hand-forged iron rivets.

"Within a certain framework, we knew how they built the ship and how the missing parts should be," said Erik Andersen, 68, who designed the replica.

"The only guesswork was the color of the ship and the sail."

The builders settled for a brown-colored hull and a red-and-yellow sail, drawing inspiration from the famed Bayeux tapestry in France, which depicts the 11th century Norman conquest of England. The Normans were descendants of Viking settlers in northwestern France.

The voyage across the North Sea, passing north of Scotland and down the famously ill-tempered Irish Sea, will test both the crew and their ship.

The goal is to sail nonstop to Dublin, but the plan could change depending on the weather. The Sea Stallion will sail around the northern tip of Jutland and across the North Sea to the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland. From there, it is to veer south at Cape Wrath on Scotland's northern tip and down the Irish Sea to Dublin.

The crew — mostly volunteers from Scandinavia, Britain, Ireland, the United States and Canada — will eat, sleep and work in extremely close quarters. The 78 men and 22 women will take turns sailing the ship on the seven-week voyage. Many will remain onboard from start to finish, said Rather Soerensen, the project manager.

"They have to know something about square sails. And they have to be very socially competent," he said.

The longship on which the Sea Stallion was modeled is believed to have been built in 1042 in Glendalough, south of the Irish capital. It was considered one of the most advanced vessels of its time.

Some historians believe it crossed the North Sea to carry the two adult sons of English King Harold Godwinson to Roskilde, where they sought to form an alliance with the Danish king against William the Conqueror.

The ship eventually was among five sunk in the Roskilde fjord around 1060, probably to block access to the port. The five vessels were excavated and are now on display at the Roskilde Viking ship museum.

Christened by Denmark's Queen Margrethe in 2004, the Sea Stallion is expected to reach Dublin on Aug. 14, where it will be exhibited before returning to Denmark in August 2008.

For more details and updates on the voyage, visit the official website at:

<http://www.havingsten.dk>