

# Scandinavian



Happenings in the Greater Jamestown Area

Winter 2005

## Culture Day at JCC

This season our workshops will be held in the newly renovated Hamilton Collegiate Center at Jamestown Community College. All programs are free and open to the public. There's something for all ages and it's a great way to get involved with your heritage.

### Daily Schedule

9:30 AM Coffee/Lingonberry Drink;  
9:45 AM Call to Order – Announcements and Swedish “Word for the Day” and  
the Norwegian Primstav event for the day; 10:00 AM Session 1;  
10:45 AM Break; 11:00 AM Session 2; 12:00 Noon Adjourn.

### JANUARY 7, 2006

#### Session 1

Card Weaving  
Scandinavian Research on Internet  
Knitting  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Cooking – Danish Pastries  
Craft – Swedish Scrapbooking Page  
Hnefatafl  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Video – Festival Lecture  
Story Time – *The Wonderful Adventures of Niles*

#### Session 2

Frame Loom Weaving  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Swedish Language  
Cooking – Danish Pastries  
Craft – Swedish Note Card  
Hnefataf  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Swedish Weaving  
Knitting  
Scandinavian Research on Internet

### FEBRUARY 4

#### Session 1

Card Weaving  
Craft - Troll Figure  
Knitting  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Cooking – Rotmos  
Hnefatafl  
Kubb  
Video – Festival Lecture  
Story Time – *The Wonderful Adventures of Niles*

#### Session 2

Frame Loom Weaving  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Swedish Language  
Cooking – Rotmos  
Hnefataf  
Kubb  
Swedish Weaving  
Knitting  
Craft – Troll Figure

### MARCH 4

#### Session 1

Card Weaving  
Scandinavian Research on Internet  
Knitting  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Cooking  
Craft - Dala Horse via Felting (Limit 20)  
Hnefatafl  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Video – Festival Lecture  
Story Time – *The Wonderful Adventures of Niles*

#### Session 2

Frame Loom Weaving  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Swedish Language  
Cooking  
Craft -Dala Horse via Felting (Limit 20)  
Hnefataf  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Presentation - Adventures in Sweden  
Swedish Weaving  
Knitting  
Scandinavian Research on Internet

### APRIL 1

#### Session 1

Card Weaving  
Scandinavian Research on Internet  
Knitting  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Cooking – Dream Torte  
Discussion - Easter Traditions  
Hnefatafl  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Video – Festival Lecture  
Story Time – *The Wonderful Adventures of Niles*

#### Session 2

Frame Loom Weaving  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Swedish Language  
Craft - Paskris (Branches w/ feathers)  
Cooking – Dream Torte  
Hnefataf  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Swedish Weaving  
Knitting  
Scandinavian Research on Internet

### MAY 6

#### Session 1

Card Weaving  
Scandinavian Research on Internet  
Knitting  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Cooking  
Craft - Viking Ship Magnet  
Hnefatafl  
Kubb  
Woodcarving

#### Session 2

Frame Loom Weaving  
Hardanger Embroidery  
Chip Carving  
Genealogy  
Swedish Language  
Cooking  
Craft - Viking Ship Magnet  
Hnefataf  
Kubb  
Woodcarving  
Swedish Weaving

### Course Highlights

**Cooking** – We have several guest cooking instructors this term. In January Fanchon Fuller will be cooking rotmos – the traditional Swedish dish made with rutabagas and potatoes. In February the Nelson sisters will be back in order to cook Danish pastries. Norman Owen is the guest instructor for March, Donna Johnson in April with dream torte, and Marlene Lucas in May.

**Weaving**- Eileen Sundquist will teach two kinds of weaving. With card weaving, you can make hatbands and belts. She has had great success teaching this to young children and adults. The frame loom weaving will give you the basic skills you need for making tapestries and larger pieces.

**Knitting** – This craft is taught by Gale Peterson. She is prepared to teach beginning knitting as well as assisting those who are ready to complete a Norwegian sweater.

**Scandinavian Research on the Internet** – We have a group of computers available that are connected to the Internet. This is an opportunity to learn how to visit Scandinavian web sites as well as share our instructor's favorites.

**Story Time** – The year 2006 is the 100th anniversary of *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* being published. Selma Lagerlöf, the author, was born in Sweden in 1858 and was the first Swedish author to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. During this term we will read and share the stories of Nils as he traveled all over Sweden on the back of a goose.

*Many thanks to all of the volunteers who make Culture Day possible.*



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## Swedish Hour Radio Program

The Swedish Hour has been on the radio for one year now and is currently presenting music for the Christmas season. Gerd Brigotta is the announcer for the program, which is broadcast on WRFA at 107.9FM on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. The time was recently changed as the result of feedback from our listeners.

There will be a special guest announcer for the December 25 program. Gerald Heglund, who presented the Swedish Hour for over 25 years, has agreed to come back for this special day. Be sure to tune in on Christmas Day for this special program.

This community service is unique to Jamestown. It appears that one cannot listen to traditional Scandinavian music on the radio in other parts of the United States. In fact, it is extremely rare that this music is played on the radio in Sweden. There is a fund raising effort underway by WRFA to purchase the equipment that will make the station's programs available over the Internet. When this occurs, Jamestown's Swedish Hour will be able to be heard all over the world.



*Gunnard Erickson - Award of Merit Honoree for 2005 with Norm Owen (left) and Durand Peterson (right)*

Congratulations go out to Gunnard Erickson, this year's Scandinavian Studies Award of Merit Honoree. Gunny has been an active member of our Scandinavian community assisting whenever asked with many cultural events. He is often seen side by side with Norm Owen fixing korv burgers for a crowd or setting up ASHF programs. His reading of the Christmas story at the annual Lucia program has always lent a distinctive note.

Gunny's Norwegian heritage and his late wife Geri's interest in Rosemaling drew them to Decorah, Iowa to the Norwegian American Museum for 3 visits. Gunny perfected his skills in chip carving there and began teaching the craft at the monthly Culture Day programs at JCC years ago. This class still is one of the most popular offerings. Gunny spends countless hours preparing projects for the students and always is willing and patient enough to pass on what he has learned.

Gunny is also an active member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church and it's choir and a programming board member of the Scandinavian Studies Program at JCC. A Big TACK for all you have done, Gunny, and will continue to do to preserve our Scandinavian heritage.

## Svenska Spelmän Winning Praise by Gerald Heglund

Jamestown's Svenska Spelmän are continuing to win plaudits for their stunning performances in the area. They are, without a doubt, the finest exponents of the traditional Scandinavian folk music to be heard in several decades.

The Svenska Spelmän include Don Sandy, accordionist, Kathleen Howard Petersen, violinist and Tim Cudney, bass viol. This capable trio plays with enviable precision and perception. Even if you do not dance, the music sets the toes a-tapping and brings a smile to the listener's face.

The players themselves seem to enjoy their mission of bringing the best of Swedish folk music (gammaldans) to the listener or dancer. This is no doubt why the members of the trio can plant the seeds of keen Swedish folk music.

## Scandinavian Folk Festival Planning Underway

The Scandinavian Folk Festival will be held July 28, 29, and 30, 2006 again on the Jamestown Community College Campus. The steering committee has been meeting to review the success of last year's Festival as well as begin planning for next year.

It takes a group of dedicated committee members to accomplish such a successful event. We are looking for additional volunteers who would like to join the committee and assist with the planning and development process. Come and join us and be part of this wonderful experience. Call Don Sandy at 716-484-0415. We look for "out of town" volunteers also in order to bring the Festival's story to your community. The next meeting is January 17th at 7pm in the Carnahan Center at JCC.

## Scandi Calendar

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH**- ASHF Lucia Fest, Zion Covenant Church, 3pm.  
Info: 665-3168.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH**- Thule Lodge meeting. 2pm at VASA Park. Installation of new officers, Doppi Gryta and Tom & Jerry.  
Info: 665-3077.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH**, Swedish Hour Radio Program with special guest Gerald Heglund, 7-8pm. WRFA, 107.9FM.

**SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH**, Culture Day at JCC, free. 9:45am-noon.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH**, Culture Day at JCC, free. 9:45am-noon.

**SATURDAY MARCH 4TH**, Culture Day at JCC, free. 9:45am-noon.

**SATURDAY APRIL 1ST**, Culture Day at JCC, free. 9:45am-noon.

**SATURDAY MAY 6TH**, Culture Day at JCC, free. 9:45am-noon.

**JULY 28, 29, 30TH** - Scandinavian Folk Festival at JCC.  
Info: HYPERLINK "<http://www.scandinavian-jamestown.org>" [www.scandinavian-jamestown.org](http://www.scandinavian-jamestown.org) or 484-0415

