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The Annual Wahlstrom Nordic Workshop

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We're excited to announce the Wahlstrom Nordic Workshop April 8, 9 and 10, 2022, at the Beaver Creek Nature Reserve in Fall Creek, Wisconsin! After last year's event was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, we look forward to welcoming students back to Beaver Creek Nature Reserve.

As always, this year's program will include Nordic games, ax casting, spark sled races, woodcarving, weaving, folk dancing, home cooked meals, use of snowshoes and cross country skis, weather permitting, as well as discussions and presentations about Nordic culture on both sides of the Atlantic.

Thanks to a generous grant from the American Scandinavian Foundation, we'll also be hosting folk artists James Miller and Tara Lynn Austin to teach flat-plane carving and rosemaling, respectively. We're excited to offer this additional folk arts programming "Tour of Traditions" alongside our regular woodcarving, weaving, and folk dancing, which this year will take a more pronounced place during the weekend.

To ensure everyone is staying safe, we've instituted a pandemic plan that includes masks being required indoors



*Sunshine in the Living Room by Viggo Johansen —
Danish painter 1851-1935*

(except to eat and sleep), proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the start of the event, and proof of vaccination for anyone staying overnight.

Registration for all students will be completely free thanks to the Sustaining Scandinavian Folk Arts in the Upper Midwest project. Registration for non-students is \$60 for the weekend or \$40 for one day. If you're interested in attending the Wahlstrom Nordic Workshop as a community member and supporter of The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture we ask that you register online at: <https://forms.gle/5p79Frq1SUqS2GUv5>

After a year and a half of uncertainty, but also resilience, we are excited to once again be bringing people together as we continue to support various forms of Scandinavian and Scandinavian American culture in the region. Anyone whose dues are received by March 28, 2022 is welcome to participate (at no charge) in the Saturday activities including the noon lunch. Please if you are coming, make reservations with MWISC so the chef will have enough food. Send correspondence to : MWISC at PO Box 522, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0522.

Syttende Mai

Plans are underway for the annual Syttende Mai celebration Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The celebration will be held at Holiday Inn South/Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in Eau Claire, WI with dinner starting at 6:00 pm.

The featured speaker will be Jeanne Anderson, presenting on the history and community of Happy Island. She wrote the book "Where the Lilacs Grow". This will be of interest to an audience of whom have ancestors who were among the early Norwegian settlers in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. This event is subject to Covid-19 recommended protocols.



Hygge (Hue-gah) A Danish and Norwegian word for a mood of coziness. A calm comfortable time with people you love, a complete absence of frustrations, often enjoyed with good food, drinks, warm blankets and candlelight.

Culture Fest

Culture Fest aka International Folk Fair will be held at UWEC Davies Student Center in-person on Sunday, April 24, 2022, during the spring semester. There is no specific theme this year and will instead be a celebration of all the wonderful cultures coming together to demonstrate each of their unique cuisines, customs, and culture. This family friendly event is a great way to learn more about different cultures from around the world!



Student Led Undergraduate Research Conference:

The first student led undergraduate research conference is scheduled for Friday, April 8 at the UW-Eau Claire Campus. This is a partnership with students and faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, students will have the opportunity to present at and attend an all-day student-led undergraduate research conference focusing on the languages and cultures of the Upper Midwest.



The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture Annual Meeting was held at our land on 960th Street in Elk Mound, WI on June 17, 2021. The meeting minutes from the annual meeting on June 18, 2020 were approved along with the financial reports. The three board positions nominees were voted in for a 3 year term, Paul Kaldjian, Garry Running, and John Streif. We want to welcome them. Tours of the land were provided after the meeting.

An update about our land. Landmark Conservancy has accepted our letter of intent to place our ecologically and culturally distinct land into a permanent, protected, and publicly accessible nature conservancy land trust. Landmark has applied to the State of Wisconsin for a grant for funds to purchase the land and we are waiting for the grant to be approved.

Friluftsliv (free-loofts-liv) The valuable act of spending time in remote, outdoor locations to enhance one's spiritual and physical well-being; literally "free air life". (Norwegian)

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