

# Norden Folk

"The Midwest Institute of  
Scandinavian Culture"



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## The Annual Wahlstrom Nordic Workshop

We are excited to announce this year's Wahlstrom Nordic workshop will be held on February 23-25, 2024 at Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, WI hosted by St. Olaf College. The theme this year will be Nordic Food Traditions in Dialogue. The Finn Hall Trio will be playing and teaching folk dancing. We also have a new chef, Sara Mattieu, from The Cranky Buzzard restaurant in Eau Claire who will serve many authentic Scandinavian dishes with the help of her husband, mother-in-law, and father-in-law.

As always, this year's program will include Nordic games, axe casting, woodcarving, folk dancing and home cooked meals. Registration for all students will be \$60 for the weekend or \$40 for one day. Any members whose dues are paid by March 31, 2023, are welcome to attend Saturday's activities at no charge. Please let us know if you are attending and what meals you would be there for to give the chef an accurate count. Please write us at: MWISC P.O. Box 522 Eau Claire, WI 54702, contact a board member, or click on box on the contact page on our website!

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tion in 1814. Plans are under-  
way for the annual Syttende  
Mai celebration on Thursday  
May 16, 2024. The celebration  
will be held at Holiday Inn  
South/Johnnys Italian Steak-  
house in Eau Claire. The fea-  
tured entertainment will be  
Tom and Debbi King presenting  
Sunny Cove Registered Iceland-  
ic Sheep Woolly Adventures  
overlooking Lake Superior.



# The Land

To provide continued public access, *MWISC has officially sold our 69 acres of forested property to Landmark Conservancy.* We continue to work with Landmark for signage that reflects MWISC's mission and use of the gifted money to them for that purpose." The 69-acre forested property is located at the confluence of the Chippewa River and Elk Creek, located in Dunn County between Eau Claire and Menomonie. MWISC acquired the land in the 1960s and took steps in the 1970s to improve the property in preparation for building a Nordic Cultural Center. When the organization recognized their vision was no longer attainable, they decided to work with Landmark to protect the ecological resources of the property for generations to come.

Permanent protection of the Elk Creek Bottoms property was made possible by a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, willingness of the MWISC members to sell below market value, and the generosity of Landmark Conservancy supporters. The property is located across the river from the Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Landmark Conservancy is an accredited, nonprofit land trust that has permanently protected over 40,000 acres across 20 counties in northwest Wisconsin. Their mission is to conserve Wisconsin's natural legacy for everyone, forever. Primary tools used for land protection are conservation easements and land acquisition. To learn more, visit [www.landmarkwi.org](http://www.landmarkwi.org)

## The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture

**Officers are:** Tim Sivertson - President

Janice Wnukowski - Vice President

Linda Curtis - Secretary

Diane Lund - Treasurer

**Board Members** - Bethany Jacobson-Flieger, Paul Kaldjian, Jeremy Gragert, Garry Running, and John



## The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture Annual Meeting

was held on June 29th, 2023 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Annual meeting June 17, 2022 meeting minutes approved etc. The three board positions nominees were voted in for a 3 year term. Janice Wnukowski - Vice President, Linda Curtis - Secretary, and Jeremy Gragert - Board Member.

## Culture Fest fka International Folk Fair at UWEC - Davies Center date to be announced.

This family friendly event is a great way to learn more about different cultures from around the world.

The MWISC Archival Collection archived at UW Eau Claire and on our website <http://Nordenfolk.online> At the website you can find links to these collections and links to the minutes of the meetings There is also a new 30 minute You Tube-video about MWISC.

<https://youtu.be/WIvVxremirO>

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