

Norden Folk

"The Midwest Institute of
Scandinavian Culture"



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Celebrating 60 years of Scandinavian Culture

Our website www.visitnordenfolk.org

The 47th Annual Wahlstrom Workshop

The 47th annual Wahlstrom Workshop is coming up soon. This will be held at Beaver Creek Park Reserve on the weekend of February 21-23. We had to cancel last year's workshop due to bad weather. Brian Kays will be the main speaker for the event and Luther College is organizing the event the same as last year.

The Finn Hall Trio will provide Nordic dance instruction and music at the workshop on Saturday evening. We expect students coming from UWM, St. Olaf, Gustavus, Mankato, The U of M, Luther, Finlandia, and Augustana, IL.

This year's student presentations are being organized by faculty and students from Luther College in Iowa. Informal activities begin Friday evening as students arrive. Saturday morning activities begin at 9 with some ice breakers. Brian Kays presentation is



scheduled for 11 A.M. Dan Ryder will again provide his excellent Scandinavian food and breads for the weekend.

Many different Scandinavian crafts will be available for attendees to try their hands at during the weekend. Saturday afternoon participants will have the opportunity to compete in axe casting and kick sled racing.

Anyone whose dues are received by February 15 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.

Culture Fest

The International Folk Fair is now called "Culture Fest". It will be held Sunday April 19, 2020 in Davies Center on the University of Eau Claire Campus.

The International Folk Fair will continue to have all of your favorites. It includes music, dance, language, culture, and of course, FOOD! MWISC/Norden Folk will again join with the Sons of Norway and the Ager Association to sponsor a room for the event.



Recent Events:

The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture/Norden Folk annual meeting was held June 20, 2019. After approving the financial reports the election of officers was held. Tim Sivertson was elected the new President; Diane Lund, Treasurer; Bethany Jacobson-Flieger, Board Member; and Paul Kaldjian, new Board Member.

Following the business meeting acting President Dawn Bergstrom gave a tribute to Orville Bierman, our President, who passed away March 19, 2019. He was a very dedicated member and steward of our land. A tribute was also given to Corinne Charlson, a Board Member, who passed away February 26, 2019. We appreciated all of their years of service and dedication to MWISC.

MWISC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm. It will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

More about Brian, the keynote speaker for the Wahlstrom Workshop:



The title of Brian Kays presentation is "Swedish: As practical as you make it".

Kays has traveled extensively across the Nordic countries (including studying abroad in both Sweden and Iceland). He will share examples of how he has integrated Swedish and Nordic themes in his life, and show pictures that he has created.

Cover Image: Swedish artist Carl Larsson 'My Country Cottage in Winter. Sundborn' 1904.

Syttende Mai

Plans are under way for the 2020 the annual Syttende Mai celebration to be held in Eau Claire on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Holiday Inn South, at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse.



The menu will include cod, meatballs, lots of sides and plenty of lefse. The program will also feature a silent auction.

Our speaker for the event is Professor Emeritus Ivar Lunde. His topic "*Bits and Pieces - Two Centuries of Musical History*".

In pictures and beautiful sound, Professor Emeritus Ivar Lunde (Music, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) offers a musical tour of 200 years of Norwegian music.

Beginning and ending at Eidsvoll Manor, the site of the signing of the Norwegian constitution on May 17, 1814, Lunde introduces some of Norway's major musicians and shows us many of Norway's musical forms and styles, and how the culture changed over the years.

Plans for MWISC 60th Anniversary Celebration Are Underway

MWISC 60th Anniversary Celebration to be held Thursday, July 16, 2020 starting at 5:30 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 1915 Hogeboom Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54701. More details to come closer to the celebration.

The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture Board Members are:

Tim Sivertson - President

Dawn Bergstrom - Vice President

Linda Curtis - Secretary

Diane Lund - Treasurer

Board Members - Marv Anderson, Bethany Jacobson-Flieger, Paul Kaldjian, Terry Kelzer, Janice Wnukowski