



Vesterheim | The National Norwegian-American Museum & Heritage Center

Vesterheim Schedule for Decorah's 50th Annual Nordic Fest, 2016

HOURS, ADMISSION, AND TOURS

Main Building open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. (Free admission on Thursday, July 28.)

The Open Air Division of 12 historic buildings is open Friday and Saturday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. to tour on your own with no admission fee. Guided tours of the Open Air Division are at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (free) and Sunday (with admission ticket.)

FOLK ART BANQUET

July 29, 2016, with social hour and a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:45 p.m. in Peace Dining Room at Luther College. Advanced reservations are required. No tickets will be sent. Your name will be on a list at the door, and check-in begins at 6:00 p.m.

BETHANIA CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT

Oneota Film Festival Presents Friday and Saturday, 3:30 p.m. No charge.

In the Stream (Bekken) A 10-minute short Norwegian documentary directed by Ida Kleppe. The film explores the people of historic Havrå, a farm cluster on the west coast of Norway connected by a singular stream of water.

Driftless: A Film About Decorah, By Decorah The community of Decorah residents submitted 300 video clips to filmmaker Jonathan Rattner, Valderbilt University professor and director, who edited them, 24 minutes.

The Oneota Film Festival brings together hundreds of film enthusiasts in scenic Northeast Iowa to enjoy award-winning films.

DEMONSTRATION, DISPLAYS, and SALES (by location)

(9:00-5:00 Friday and Saturday, unless otherwise noted)

Main Building

The National Exhibition of Folk Art in the Norwegian - Bids must be made in person and will be accepted on pieces from 9:00 a.m. Thurs., July 28, until 4:00 p.m. Sat., July 30. Any entries that were marked "for sale," but did not receive any bids, can be purchased for the starting bid amount from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Sun., July 31.

Demonstrators in the exhibition:

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Friday—woodworking with Becky Lusk

1:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday—woodworking with Hans Sandom

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday—woodworking with Harley Refsal

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Floyd Foslien and Beatrice Hole – psalmodikon

Dick Enstad – ropemaking (periodically)

Oneota Weavers Guild – demos, spinning/weaving

Vesterheim Raffles—Folk Art Raffle of a bowl with rosemaling by Norwegian artist Turid Helle Fatland. Tickets on sale at the front desk, Museum Store, and *National Exhibiton*. Drawing at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Main Building lobby. Cash or check only.

Water Street in front of the Main Building

Folk Art School Demonstrators - students and instructors of Vesterheim's Folk Art School demonstrate a variety of folk arts.

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Open Air Division

Living Heritage Demonstrators:

KJ Groven – blacksmithing, knifeblade forging
John Drewes – leatherwork
Tom Latané – smithing
Jim Van Hoven – chairmaking and tine boxes

David Johnson – dovetail chests
Bill Jaeger – figure carving
Jasper Bond – pottery
Tom Dengler – woodworking

Skjaldborg Viking Encampment:

This group from Elk Horn, Iowa, will present their Viking encampment and will entertain throughout the day with full Viking combat demonstrations. Skjaldborg means “fortress of shields.”

Viking artisans:

Andrea Myklebust and Tansy Sears, hand processing flax for linen and spinning Icelandic wool.
Alec Tunheim, jewelry making.

Carl Homstad: Local artist presents woodcut prints.

Information booths:

Norway House from Minneapolis.

The Norwegian American newspaper from Seattle, Washington.

Westby-Torgerson Education Center

Vesterheim Museum Store – Open 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Sweaters, jewelry, folk art, cooking supplies, books, and more.

Book signing with Lauraine Snelling, best-selling author of over 80 Norwegian-American pioneers books, including the Red River of the North series. Saturday - 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Museum Store on the 1st floor.

Trunk show of Nordic-inspired wool blankets and clothing by Laurie Jacobi, award-winning textile designer from Minnesota. In the Bruening Visitor Center on the 1st floor.

Rosemaling demonstrations, 3rd floor

Friday: Nancy Schmidt, Os style, 11:00 - 1:00; Norwegian Turid Helle Fatland, Rogland style, 1:00-3:00; Marilyn Olin, Shaded Telemark style - 3:00-4:30

Saturday: Andrea Herkert, Gudbrandsdal/Telemark style, 11:00 - 1:00; Norwegian Turid Helle Fatland, Rogland style, 1:00-3:00; Teresa Ann McCue Thompson Telemark style, - 3:00-5:00

Vesterheim Ribbon-Winning Rosemalers Sales Shop—Staffed by Nisse Rosemalers, Postville, Ia., 3rd floor.

Oneota Weavers and Spinners Guild Sales Shop—3rd floor

Hand-felted Santas and Christmas ornaments/figures, hand-woven rugs, scarves/shawls, table runners, and more.
Plus, Norwegian fiber artist Britt Solheim making sheepskin coverlets.

Country Gallery Antiques—3rd floor

Specializing in Scandinavian antiques—textiles, jewelry, decorated woodenware, sewing tools, kitchenware, prints, and painted furniture.

Norwegian-American Genealogical Center, 2nd floor

Open from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Jerry Paulson from the center, located in Madison, Wisconsin, will be on hand to offer genealogical research advice.