

# Friends of the Karl Oskar House

News about our mission of: Preserve, Share and Celebrate Swedish Immigration and Culture

29061 Glader Blvd., Lindstrom, MN. USA

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## It was fun to host the Chisago Lakes Rotary for their July meeting at the Karl Oskar House.

Pictured: Betty Hagberg, Dan McGonigle Chisago Lakes Schools Community Ed Director, Arild Hagberg and new CL schools superintendent Brian Dietz.



On July 30<sup>th</sup> Corliss taught some Swedish phrases and fun Swedish facts. She'll be back to repeat on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Karl Oskar Days at the House was a great success!

Crister and Maria brought a group from Sweden with their Saxen Tours. A stop at the Karl Oskar Statue is always part of the tour!

This group visited the Karl Oskar House on Wednesday for a tour and were able to see the raising of the Swedish flag for Karl Oskar Days.



Thanks to Perry Lindberg who drove his '57 for Sven Sjöstedt and Marilyn Wahlstrom (alias Karl Oskar and Kristina) along with CCHS Historian of the year Linda Stream in the parade.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> KUBB with Craig & Boni

Marilyn C & Carla will host. All are invited to play KUBB with Craig & Boni. Thank you to the Stockels!



#### Upcoming events:

August 10<sup>th</sup> Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at the Karl Oskar House

September 17<sup>th</sup> **NEW!** Special Event with Jill Johnson Community Cultural Art Making—**Dala Horse Cake Pan Printing** Artist: Jill M Johnson

September 18<sup>th</sup> Solheim Tour from Norway will arrive at 2pm. #10 in the group

September 19<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Troop Tour @ 6pm

We will welcome back the Chisago Lakes 2<sup>nd</sup> graders the first week of October (4 days)

Volunteers welcome for all the above.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (highlighted)**

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> KUBB with Craig & Boni

Marilyn C & Carla

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> **Twin Cities Hardingfelelag**

Cheryl F, Jill B & Carla

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm Ian & Becky

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> **Kristi & Tom Sullivan** Janet & Corliss



The Saxen tour group at the Karl Oskar House with the barn quilt created by Gloria Peterson. Note Gary in the upstairs window.



The tour group was greeted at the KOH by Mayor Chartrand, the Karl Oskar Ambassadors (who gifted them all with the 'Get Your Swede On' tshirts) and later had special seating for the Karl Oskar Parade.

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4pm Corliss Swedish Lesson & Cheryl & \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **Laula Aika**

Gary & Marty

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm Gary, Marty & Sharon T.

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> **Nordic Folk Music Jam**

Carla & \_\_\_\_\_

**We need at least two people on all Sundays.**

Email [neilcar@frontier.com](mailto:neilcar@frontier.com) to sign up for your preferred dates.

**Tack så mycket**



We are celebrating the first year of apples on the Astrakhan tree planted in memory of Alice and John Mortenson.



Marilyn C & Peggy ready to host on a recent Sunday.

**THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers!

**Karl Oskar Days Music! Thank you to Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag** for the entertainment on Sunday and to **Värskspelmän** for Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Both groups were fun to listen to and we had good attendance.

Thank you to Marilyn Wahlstrom & Sven Sjostedt for being at the Karl Oskar House for every musical presentation.

**Board Update:** At the July board meeting two new board members were approved. They are Becky Dudley and Peter Lindberg. We welcome them and encourage anyone else who would like to serve on the board to contact any board member.

## East Central Regional Arts Council Grant Update

Work continues on the ECRAC grant. The new chairs have been used on several days. Alyssa Auten Corliss, Gary & Carla have met and finalized the kiosk design (to be installed near the entrance of the Karl Oskar House to allow visitors to learn about the history when the house is not attended). The printing and mounting parts are in process.

Another team has met and given feedback on the mural depicting Karl Oskar and Kristina for the shed wall. Funds from the grant also go towards our summer musical programming. We are very grateful for the opportunity this grant is giving us to enhance our visitors' experience. Below is the logo and statement that is included in all our activities related to the grant. Please thank your state representatives when you see them for supporting the arts in Minnesota.



**Of Interest to share:**

"Ole & Lena's Wedding" will be performed at the St. Croix Art Barn (in Osceola) from Sept. 22-25. FYI, tickets include the show plus a wedding dinner and cake!

Join your favorite Scandinavian couple Ole and Lena as they exchange vows in the social event of the season. You'll witness the loving couple become man and wife before helping them celebrate at their wedding reception - complete with a wedding dinner (no lutefisk, we promise) and cake! You won't want to miss this laugh-out-loud riot chock full of classic Ole and Lena humor. Uff da!

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**PRATSTUND**



Thanks to Sven Sjöstedt who is continuing to host the **Pratstund Zoom Swedish speaking** conversations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm.

Anyone wanting to chat in Swedish is welcome.

Join the conversation and make new friends.

Meeting ID: 815 2431 9160 Password: NWW2021

- *This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Thanks to all who have made donations or paid annual dues (Individual \$20 & \$30 family). PayPal may be used at any time for any donation.

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Arild learning about Becky's instrument after the Twin Cities Nycekharpalag performance.



Twin Cities Nycekharpalag- Marilyn, Tom & Joe





## *Chisago County Historical Society*

Plan to visit the Chisago County Historical Society in downtown Lindstrom soon. The "High School Years" exhibit is a look back at the six high schools in Chisago County from the 1900's-1992: Chi Hi, Chisago City, Chisago Lakes, North Branch, Rush City and Taylors Falls.

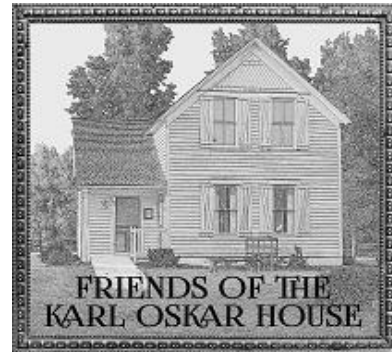


Gary caught this picture after a much-needed rain.

**Board of Directors:** President Carla Norelius, VP: Gary Noren, Treasurer: Pam Deimel, Secretary: Marilyn Wahlstrom, Corliss Vadner, Sven Sjostedt, Ian & Becky Dudley, Arild & Betty Hagberg, Chuck Gramling & Peter Lindberg

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