

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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SECOND GRADE TOURS ARE BACK!

We were excited to bring back 2nd grade tours for the first time since 2019. The students were excited to see how this home differs from theirs , learn about the emigrant experiences and hear about the challenges of the early settlers.

One student was a direct descendant of the Linn family. Bonnie Anderson and Terri Ristow, both retired 2nd grade teachers were integral parts of the tours.



Thank you to all the volunteers who hosted during the 4 days! Chuck, Terri, Valerie, Laurie B, Arild, Betty, Cheryl, Pam, Gary, Becky, Peggy, Bonnie, Terri & Carla

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Closing Day! Monday, October 16th at 10am.

It's hard to believe that another season is completed. Come and help pack up for winter.

Pizza will be arriving about 11:30 as we'll be done and can celebrate the season.



2022 crew

October 20th Age Well Expo at CL High School Community Center. Plan to visit or help with the booth we are partnering with CCHS from 9:30-1pm.

The Karl Oskar House band/Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag is entertaining at Glädje November 4 from 11 to 1pm for opening of their holiday season. Stop and listen for a bit as you begin your holiday shopping.

GOD JUL Party

Plan to gather in your warmest clothes in the Verkstad on Monday, December 11th at 11:30am for a potluck holiday gathering. Arild has promised to start the fire again!



SEASON FINALE- MUSIC & MURAL!



Thanks to the musicians who participated in the NORDIC FOLK MUSIC JAM UNDER THE ASTRAKHAN APPLE TREE on September 24th.



The Karl Oskar and Kristina family mural was also dedicated on September 24th. The artist, Lilli Lennox is in the center of picture holding the baby was present for the "unveiling."



Plan ahead for the annual meeting to be held on Saturday, April 13th a.m. at the CLHS Community Room . More details to follow.



The Dala Horse Cake Pan Printing Event, September 17th was a huge success.

Community Cultural Artist, Jill M Johnson led us through the process of creating our own contemporary fine art print using a Dala horse cake pan as the print block. Jill plans to return in 2024 for more special events with us.

TOURS! A busy time!



On September 7th Sven and Marilyn hosted a Swedish group from Mellerud, the sister city of Scandia. They visited the Karl Oskar House, Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, had lunch at Gustaf's Eatery and more!



Tack så mycket

Thank you to Darlene Sarne and Karlind Moller (brother and sister and Linn family members) who donated the beautiful baby buggy that their father slept in back in 1905. The Mollers were neighbors of Gary during his early years in Chisago City. Darlene reminded him that she used to babysit him! ☺

East Central Regional Arts Council Grant Update

The work on our grant is almost complete. The mural was mounted, dedicated and has already been appreciated by visitors . We are still awaiting the parts for the kiosk frame and hope to have it installed before the snow flies. The kiosk will allow visitors to learn about the history when the house is not attended. Funds from the grant have also gone towards our summer musical programming. We are very grateful for the opportunity this grant has given 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.



Lindstrom Mayor Judy Chartrand greeted the Mellerud group at the KOH.



- *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.*



Solheim Norwegian tours returned on September 18th for the first time since 2019. It was so fun reconnecting with Kristin and Terje Solheim



Thanks to Peter Lindberg and Ian Dudley who transported the mural and to the crew who assisted in mounting it. As the final screws were placed, we had visitors from Sweden arrive who were impressed.

The pavers were recently done by Mickelson Landscaping to complete the Verkstad Landscaping project. Thank you to the City of Lindstrom Park Board who donated towards the pavers.

Pictured: Vince, Peter, Carla, Gary, Ian & Becky

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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Göran Ekblad and his wife from Skåne, Sweden brought a group of 15 to the Karl Oskar House on September 19th. They enjoyed a tour and FIKA.



CL 4th Grade Girl Scout Troop visited on September 19th.



Rusty Johnson connected us to this fun group that he ran into at the Swedish Inn on Sunday, Oct 1st. The AgTour.US tour spent time at the Karl Oskar House while exploring the area.



*Chisago County
Historical Society*

Plan to visit the Chisago County Historical Society in downtown Lindstrom. The “Small Town Christmas” exhibit will be opening soon and give us a glimpse of early holiday celebrations in Chisago County .

Thank you to Marilyn Wahlstrom & Sven Sjöstedt who coordinated the musicians for the summer programs.

PRATSTUND



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

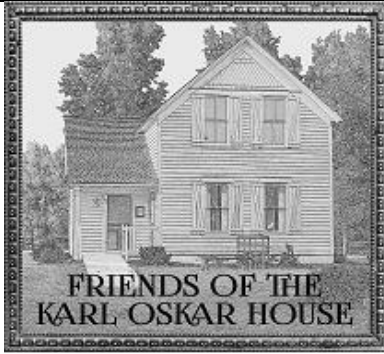
Anyone wanting to chat in Swedish is welcome.

Join the conversation and make new friends.
Meeting ID: 815 2431 9160 Password: NWW2021



The barn quilt created by Gloria Peterson was recently placed on the house wall to serve as the background for our events under the Astrakhan tree.

Check out the popular Chisago Lakes Chamber Barn Quilt tour guide.



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Gary & Chuck welcomed the 2nd graders!



Additional board members are welcome if you'd like to join this group!



Sending the 2nd graders on their way!

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

For more photos of all the events, check our Facebook page. Friends of the Karl Oskar House

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