

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

December 2023



God Jul and Gott Nytt år to all.

Picture from Jeff Flug of the Karl Oskar House coming up from the lake trail. Peaceful!

Thanks to all who gathered for our [GOD JUL Party](#) on December 11th.

We had twenty-eight people in the Verkstad and the temperature was perfect thanks to Arild's fire starting and Gary's supply of wood.

Scenes from the God Jul Party .



Peggy & Bill



Left: Charlie & right

Deb, Betty & Dan



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Meeting Saturday, April 13^h at the

CL High School Wildcat/ Community Center (Chisago Lakes High School on Olinda Trail South). Watch for advertisements, morning start time, notice of featured speaker and more details.

The Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag kicked off the holiday season by playing at Gladje on November 25th



Joy Carlson served as the Santa Lucia for the 51st Santa Lucia event at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church on December 9th.



2023!

What a year we've had! We are grateful for the musicians who participated in the NORDIC FOLK MUSIC JAMs UNDER THE ASTRAKHAN APPLE TREE and throughout the summer. Thank you to Marilyn W. for coordinating the music and to Sven & Marilyn W. for hosting the music events. Thanks to all our volunteers who hosted the events and Sunday afternoons, as well as scrubbed and prepared our facilities for events. This year we had a wonderful Midsummer Picnic, hosted both the Chamber and Rotary meetings. We had an increased number of visitors and international tourists, hosted girl scouts, second graders, pressed apples, played KUBB, had an afternoon with Jill Johnson painting dala horses, and more!

We are thankful for the grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council which helped support our music program, bought new chairs, built the kiosk and provided for the Karl Oskar family mural on the wall. The final report is being completed and will be submitted to the Arts Council.

Tack så mycket

Please remember to thank your state representatives when you see them for supporting the arts in Minnesota.

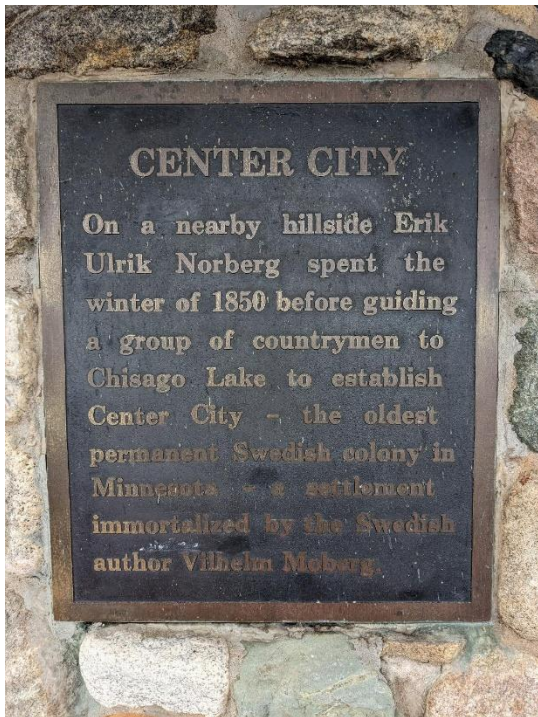


- *This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Chisago County Historical Society

Plan to visit the Chisago County Historical Society in downtown Lindstrom Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10-4pm. The "Scandinavian Christmas" exhibit is a delight to see. The exhibit shares the traditions and culture of the four Scandinavian countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland.



Recently noticed on a walk in Center City. Ponder this for a minute and enjoy your holiday!



Thank you to Peter Osterberg and Gary Noren who installed the kiosk this fall. It will allow visitors to learn the history of the Karl Oskar House when we are not present.

Thanks to all who have made donations or paid annual dues (Individual \$20 & \$30 family).

It's not too late to make an end of the year donation.

PayPal may be used at any time for any donation.

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Peter O., Ian & Gary



Steve, Cheryl & Peter L.

PRATSTUND



Sven Sjöstedt reports that the conversations have been well attended and enjoyable. Join Sven for the continuing **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



Jill & Beth



Karl Oskar Ambassador reps joined the celebration.



Carla & Judy



Gary & Marty

Transitions in leadership

Effective January 1st, Gary Noren will replace Carla Norelius as the president of the Friends of the Karl Oskar House. Gary has served along with Carla as the vice president since 2017. Carla will remain active as a volunteer and board member. Chuck Gramling will serve as Vice President and replace Gary as the liaison to the Chisago County Historical Society.

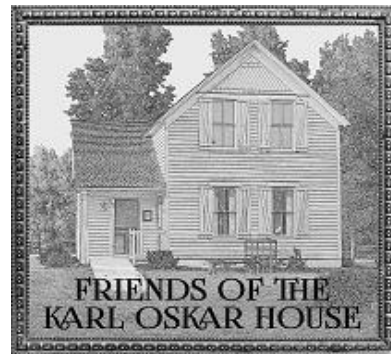
Also retiring from the board are Ian Dudley who has served in many roles since 2019 and Betty & Arild Hagberg (since 2017 and before). Arild served in the treasurer role for several years and he and Betty have done so much for the grounds and events over the years. All will stay as active volunteers.

Additional board members are needed to join, Gary, Chuck, Marilyn W., Pam, Corliss, Peter, Becky, Sven and Carla as they work to further our mission.

Board meetings are quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday. Contact any board member for more information.



This fall there was vandalism at the KiChiSaga Park including damage to our sign. Thank you to Steve Fish who repaired and painted the sign. It looks like brand new and is ready to hang next spring.



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Gloria shared the Moberg's story of Ulrika's Christmas celebration.

Gott Nytt år to all



Corliss & Ty



An aquavit toast to the year!

Ian, Arild, Peter L & Gary N

