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Welcome!



Gary Noren, President
Friends of Karl Oskar House

The Friends of the Karl Oskar House are pleased to invite you to Nordic Folk Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree on Sunday, June 2nd, starting at 1:30pm, to celebrate the season opening at the Karl Oskar House. The season officially opens on May 19, 2024 and runs through September 22nd. During this time the Karl Oskar House is open every Sunday for visitors from 1-4pm. The Friends of the Karl Oskar House are always in need of volunteers. But we could especially use help to open and prepare the house on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 10am. To volunteer or to schedule a special tour, contact us at friendsofthekarloskarhouse@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you to the Karl Oskar House in 2024!

Friends of the Karl Oskar House Annual Meeting

Annual meeting was held on April 13, 2024

On April 13, 2024, the Friends of the Karl Oskar House Board of Directors held its annual meeting.

Invited to the meeting was Cyndy Milda, an enrolled member of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Cyndy Milda serves as the Cultural Outreach Coordinator for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. She grew up on the reservation and went to school in Shakopee, MN. Cyndy is an accomplished seamstress and beader and has served in many capacities in the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Cyndy spoke to the board about the treaties of Minnesota and the impact of these treaties on the Dakota Tribes.

During the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Karl

Oskar House Board of Directors, the incoming Board President, Gary Noren, presented the 2023 year in review, welcomed everyone, and introduced the 12 board members. Board members reviewed the Treasurer's report, presented by Pam Deimel.

Those in attendance learned about the volunteer opportunities from Corliss Vadner, and the 2024 Event Highlights from Carla Norelius and Sven Sjöstedt.



Cyndy Milda, Cultural Outreach Coordinator
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Opening Cleaning Day!
May 13, 2024 10am-
Noon

Karl Oskar House Ki Chi Saga
Park 29101 Glader Blvd,
Lindström, MN

Plan to join Friends of the Karl
Oskar House Volunteers on
Monday, May 13th at 10am to
open, clean and prep the Karl
Oskar House for the 2024
season. This is a fun day to
spiff up the house for summer
visitors!

Nordic Folk Music Jam
under the Astrakhan
Apple Tree, Sunday, June
2nd, 1:30pm

Karl Oskar House Ki Chi Saga
Park 29101 Glader Blvd, Lind-
ström, MN

This will be the 4th summer of
Nordic Jams under the Astra-
khan apple tree at the Karl Os-
kar House. Join musicians with
your instrument at 1:30pm on
June 2nd. All are welcome to
join in the toe tapping and even
dancing.

Kubb!

Sunday, May 26 and
June 30, 1-2pm

Karl Oskar House Ki Chi Saga
Park 29101 Glader Blvd, Lind-
ström, MN

Craig and Boni Stockel will be
leading a Swedish lawn game
called Kubb. Join us and learn
how to play this super fun lawn
game.



Volunteer for the Karl Oskar House

By Corliss Vadner

The Karl Oskar House depends on dedicated volunteers for maintenance and open houses. Consider sharing a little bit of your time to help the Friends to preserve, share, and celebrate Swedish Immigration and Culture

The Karl Oskar House (Nya Duvemåla) was built in the 1860's by the Carl and Lena Kajsa Linn family. At the time it stood about a half-mile west of its present location at the Ki Chi Saga Park. In 1995, the Gerald and Urban Holt families donated the Nya Duvemåla house to the Lindström Historical Society and ever since, it has served as an educational and historical interpretive site playing host to more than a thousand visitors each year from across the world.

The Nya Duvemåla is open on Sundays in 2024 from May 19 to September 22 from 1-4pm, and is available for special tours and local school field trips. The House is staffed and maintained by a small group of dedicated volunteers who regularly lead tour groups, host open houses, and

work to enhance the visitor's experience. If you or your group are available to volunteer in 2024, we would love to have the benefit of your time.

If you are unable to give your time, but would like to donate to the Karl Oskar House (Nya Duvemåla), please visit <https://friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org/donate-to-the-karl-oskar-house/>

Pete Lindberg, member of the Board, is organizing a Memorial Brick Fundraiser for 2024. Details will be provided in an upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact Pete Lindberg with your interest or questions. plindberg@surfnetusa.com

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Music with Tom and Kristi Sullivan
June 9, 2024, 2-3pm

Kristi started playing the nyckelharpa in 2013 after she retired from teaching. She studied nyckelharpa with Becky Weis and has attended camps in Sweden and US many times. Tom dabbles on the accordion, guitar, ukulele, vocal, and Irish bodhran. He performs solo, in small ensembles and with the Irish ensemble An Luan. Both are members of the Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag and the Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag."



Music with Susan Karpowicz (Lindvall)
June 23, 2-3pm

You are welcome to relax or get up and dance to Scandinavian fiddle tunes played by Susan Karpowicz (Lindvall). She will joyfully introduce some Norwegian Folk tunes that came from her great-great grandfather, the famous Vikka- Petter (1822-1884) that were played on the west coast of Norway. She will also add in some of her best loved Swedish tunes to honor her Swedish heritage from her father. There may be a hardangar fiddle, a Swedish Latfiol fiddle or a flatfele being played!



2024 Events at the Karl Oskar House

By Carla Norelius & Sven Sjöstedt

The Friends have put together a great year at the Karl Oskar House - join us this year to celebrate Swedish culture and more

Every year the Friends of the Karl Oskar House hosts events in celebration of Swedish Culture. This year is no different, beginning with the Nordic Folk Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree on Sunday, June 2nd. Join us starting at 1:30pm with your instrument or your ears and enjoy toe tapping and even dancing.

Musical events happen all summer long at the Karl Oskar House, with two events each month through the last day of the season on Sunday, September 22nd with another Nordic Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree.

A complete list of 2024 events can be found on our website, and follow us on Facebook or X (Twitter) for updates.

The newsletter will feature the most recent upcoming events, like those you see on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

The House is open every Sunday from 1-4pm for tours or you can contact us to schedule a special tour. Simply email friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com



Talk in the Swedish countryside

Every second Monday of the month, the Friends of the Karl Oskar House invite you to speak SWEDISH by participating in "Talk in the Swedish countryside".

Hosted on Zoom, the second Monday of the month, from 7pm to 8pm (Minnesota Time), the only agenda item is a nice chat between friends.

You don't have to speak fluent

Swedish and you do not have to be Swedish at all - we just want you to speak SWEDISH.

Follow us on Facebook for the Zoom meeting details.



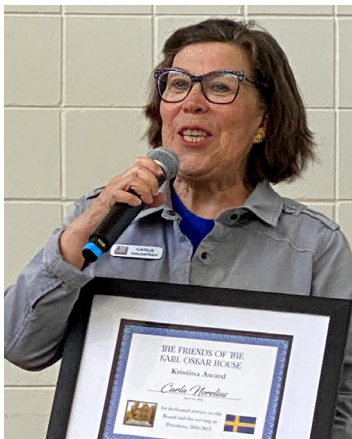
Join the Friends of the Karl Oksar House for a Nordic Folk Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree, Sunday, June 2nd, 2024 1:30-3:30 pm

The last three summers, the Friends of the Karl Oskar House have held a well appreciated jam at Nya Duvemåla. In 2024, two jam sessions are planned - the first on June 2nd and the second on September 22nd.

All are welcome to join the jam. The leader of the jam is Eric Platt. Please bring fellow musicians who play Nordic folk music and supporters.

To view last year's jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree, scan the QR code to the right or visit this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHC97MgtYGE>

For questions, please send email nyaduvemalamic@gmail.com



Carla Norelius received the Kristina Award for outstanding service as president of the Friends of the Karl Oskar House at the annual meeting on April 13, 2024.

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The Treasurer's report included the annual 2023 cash summary which was:

Beginning Balance	\$49,013.36
Receipts/Deposits	\$26,550.93
Disbursements	\$22,900.78
Ending Balance	\$52,663.51



Eric Platt, leader of the music jams under the Astrakhan Apple Tree at Nya Duvemåla.

Celebrate Walpurgis Night (Valborg) on April 30

Minnesotans generally need no excuse to celebrate the night with a bonfire, and so long as the winds are favorable and Smokey the Bear's fire warning is "Low", we should all find time to gather around a good bonfire and share good spirits.

In Sweden, the evening of April 30 to May 1 is a time to celebrate the beginning of summer with a bonfire to ward off evil spirits, or to simply burn the yard waste we have been gathering as we prepare our gardens for the summer.

Regardless of your reason to celebrate Valborg, be sure to have warm drinks and delicious snacks on hand to enjoy while you congregate around your bonfire.

