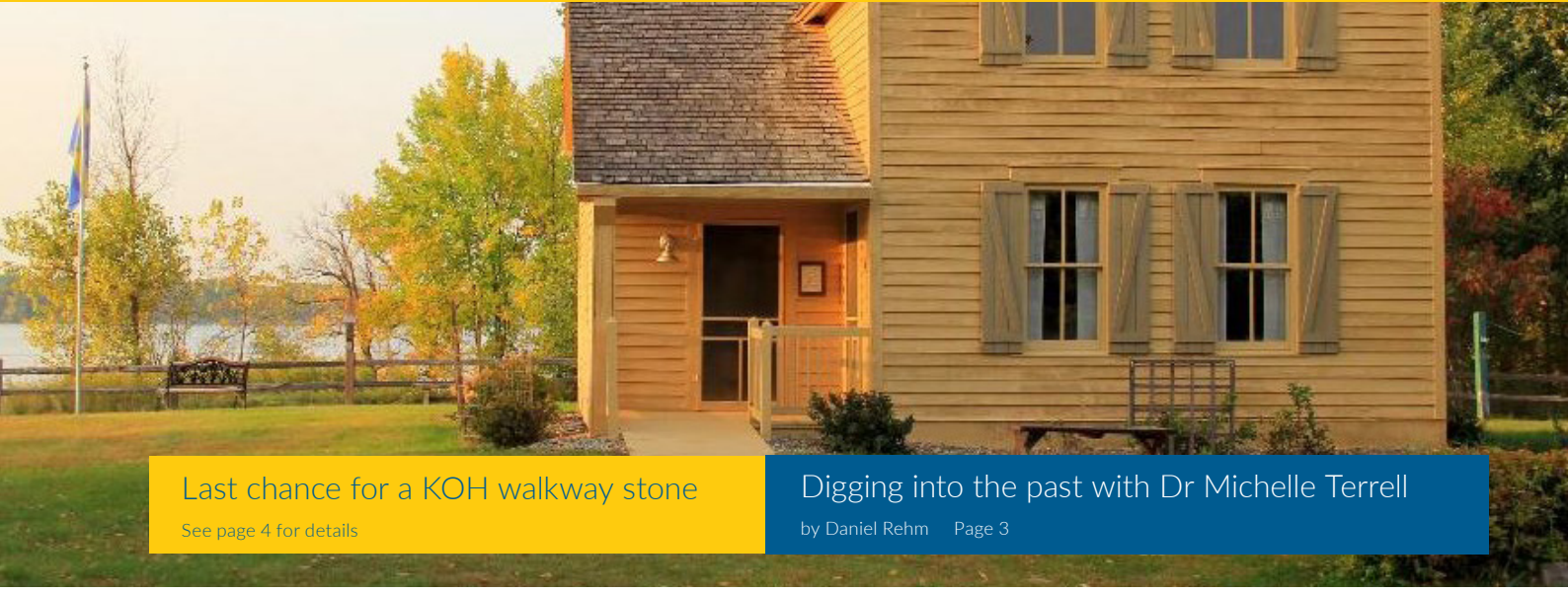


NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE KARL OSKAR HOUSE

Preserve, Share and Celebrate Swedish Immigration and Culture



Last chance for a KOH walkway stone

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Welcome!



Gary Noren, President
Friends of Karl Oskar House

As I am writing this article for our spring 2025 newsletter, I am boiling sap from our maple trees and listening to the calls of our nearby sandhill cranes and Canada geese, with an occasional melodious trumpeter swan in the distance.

April seems to be the month of annual meetings and the Friends of the Karl Oskar House is no exception. Our annual meeting is right around the corner-April 12 at 10 am.

Plan to arrive at 9:30 for fika and music, by Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag. The meeting will be held at the Chisago Lakes High School Wildcat community center again this year. We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker is Dr. Michelle Terrell, who will be "Digging into the Past".

Turn to page 3 for more information about Dr. Terrell.

One other exciting opportunity at our meeting: you will be able to purchase a memorial brick to help fund our new walkway to the entrance of the Karl Oskar House. Turn to page 4 for details on how to secure your brick.

You can also reserve your personalized brick by visiting thatsmybrick.com/karloskar

Friends of the Karl Oskar House invites you to visit in May

Nya Duvemåla, also known as the Karl Oskar House, will be open each Sunday during the summer months from June through September from 1:00-4:00pm.

Opening Cleaning Day! Monday, May 5th at 10am

Ki Chi Saga Park 29101 Glader Blvd, Lindström, MN

Come in your cleaning clothes for the spring house (and shed) prep at the Karl Oskar House in Lindstrom. We will sweep, shine and prepare for the 2025 season beginning at 10am with a pizza lunch served at noon.

All are welcome to come and learn about the Karl Oskar House and the early immigrant story.

A good time was had by all back in December at the Karl Oskar House Verkstad.





Musicians gather every year at the beginning and end of the season to celebrate Swedish music

Nordic Folk Music Jam Under the Astrakhan Apple Tree

The Karl Oskar House offers monthly music events to celebrate the local Swedish culture and heritage as a way to preserve, share, and celebrate Swedish Immigration and Culture

Join the Friends of the Karl Oskar House on Sunday, June 1st, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, to celebrate the opening of the house for the season.

The Nordic Folk Music Jam Under the Astrakhan Apple Tree always brings joy to the attendees as musicians gather at Nya Duvemåla, the Karl Oskar House, to celebrate Swedish music.

The Friends of the Karl Oskar House offer regular music offerings throughout the open season to celebrate the Swedish music heritage of the region.

The leader of the session this year is again Eric Platt. All musicians are welcome and are encouraged to bring your fellow musi-

cians who play Nordic music as well as supporters.

Follow the Friends of the Karl Oskar House on Facebook for details of the music list.

For questions, please send email to nyaduvemalamic@gmail.com

**Mark your calendars!
Karl Oskar Days 2025
July 9-13**

Celebrate Lindström's Swedish heritage and our modern-day community at Karl Oskar Days, our annual city festival!

Find details at
www.cityoflindstrom.us/KOD

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Michelle Terrell PhD, RPA, an expert on historical Minnesota Farmsteads, scheduled to speak April 12

By Daniel Rehm

The distinguished archaeologist is the featured keynote speaker for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Karl Oskar House board

Old farmhouses have a certain charm best definable in artist renderings and warm midsummer days. They are more than just a picture of the past, they are living, breathing testaments constantly changing with or without the help of human intervention. They are personal statues of liberty, lighthouses in amber waves of grain. They welcome us with their wisdom of age and remind us of simpler times and they have many tales to tell.

All too often those golden tales are told in language many are not qualified to understand. For an accurate translation, a person needs a professional, and there may be no one more qualified to com-

plete this task than Dr. Michelle Terrell PhD, RPA.

In laymen's terms, Dr. Terrell has earned a doctorate in archeology and is a distinguished member of the organization Registered Professional Archaeologists. Her work adheres to a strict code of standards, ethics, and excellence.

Along with her business partner Eva B. Terrell, Dr. Terrell is the co-owner of Twin Pines Resources Group LLC., a cultural resource management service based in Shafer, MN.

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Summer 2025 Nordic Folk Music at the Karl Oskar House

June 1: Nordic Folk Music Jam/
Eric Platt leading (1:30-3:30 pm)
June 8: Cloudberries/Vocal En-
semble from ASI
June 15: Sami Presentation
June 22: Tjärnblom (Midsummer
Celebration) & Chris & Karl Ruser
/Teaching dances
June 29: OPEN

July 6: KUBB (1-2:30 pm)
July 12: Nya Duvemåla Folk-
musiklag
July 13: Twin Cities Hardingfelelag
July 20: OPEN
July 27: Tom Sullivan

August 3: KUBB
August 10: OPEN
August 17: ASI Male Chorus, plus
KUBB
August 24: Twin Cities Scandijam
Trio
August 31: KUBB

September 7: OPEN
September 14: Lauluaika
September 21: OPEN
September 28: Nordic Folk Music
Jam/Tom Sullivan leading (1:30-
3:30 pm)

All events are 2-3pm unless noted

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What services does a cultural resource management company provide? The answer is too much to list but in a nutshell, if it happened in dirt or on paper, Twin Pines is going to find out about it. For a detailed list go to Twinpinesresource.com and click on services.

As for her qualifications, Dr. Terrell has been conducting cultural resource studies in the area for more than twenty years. In that time she has sunk her fingers in the soil of multiple Native American camps and sites of historical relevance and has even investigated the man-made bones of a steam powered sawmill in Still-

water. Furthermore, she is the author of *The Jewish Community Of Early Colonial Nevis*, which begs the question of what exactly happened to a community of Sephardic Jews on the West Indie island over 300 years ago, and the trials and tribulations of those who would reach their epic conclusions.

Discoverable information from her website includes Dr. Terrell's authorship of the historic context for the "Historical Archaeology of Minnesota Farmsteads" for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. It may or may not read like your favorite romance or mystery novel, but if a reader had a desire to learn everything and anything about farmsteads in

Minnesota from 1820-1860, Dr. Terrell's knowledge has proven to be an invaluable resource.



Dr Michelle Terrell in another of her many roles, a roadside cleanup volunteer with Wild River Audubon. Dr Terrell is also the vice president of WRA.

Walpurgis Night (Valborg) and May Day

How do you plan to celebrate the last day in April and May Day this year? Traditional celebrations include a giant bonfire to ward off evil spirits but modern celebrations are more joyful and fun.

Celebrate the changing seasons and gather with your friends this year with this nice lemonade recipe:

- 6 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup lemon juice (fresh or bottled)

Mix, chill, serve with ice and floating lemons. Enjoy!



Stake your claim now for a commemorative brick in a new walkway at the Karl Oskar House in Lindstrom. **Remember a loved one or state your support with a \$100 donation for a personalized, engraved brick that will live on in the community as a statement of your support.** Reserve your personalized brick now by visiting thatsmybrick.com/karloskar

