

Welcome!

to the 48th annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Sankt Hans, Juhannus, Jónsmessa, Midsomar, Sankhnsaften, MIDSUMMER! However you might say it in Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish or English, you will thoroughly enjoy the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival! Whether you have family roots in the Scandinavian cultures or not, there will be something for you to enjoy. Booths, entertainment, costumes and the extreme pride everyone has in sharing traditions will leave you richer for having experienced it all.

This is a festival that showcases the beautiful midsummer celebrations observed in Scandinavian countries. It's the longest day of the year that we celebrate with an amazing three-day festival right here in Clatsop County at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Raise the Midsummer Pole, and watch the flags fly while the audience sings along with each national anthem. Hear the princesses talk about their heritage, and watch the ultimate selection of the new Miss Scandinavia. Dancers from near and far will show off their excellent skills, and musical entertainment — new and returning — will enthrall you.

This is not a festival put on by one, but by many. This is a community of volunteers who work hard year round to put together an enjoyable experience for everyone. Their pride shines through all the events that have been arranged and coordinated for your enjoyment. To the multitudes of volunteers I must say thank you for ALL your efforts to make this the best festival yet!

For those who have been to the festival for multiple years or for those who come for the first time, there is always something to enjoy. Learn dances, burn a hex, eat many delicious foods, quiz the princesses about their heritage, experience the sights of beautiful authentic costumes, and eat lutefisk — just kidding!

Leila Collier

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

**2015 Astoria
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival**
Friday to Sunday, June 19, 20 & 21

Clatsop County Fairgrounds
92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria

Admission

\$8 for adults, \$3 for children age 6 to 12, free for children age 5 and under. Admission wristbands are good for all three days of the festival.

Parking

\$2 per day or \$5 for a weekend pass

No pets are allowed at the festival.

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2014 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival activities

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Schedule of Events



Friday, June 19

BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m., Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items, handcrafted treasures and Scandinavian foods.

ENTERTAINMENT

3 to 7 p.m., Arena Stage

There will be live entertainment every hour on stage including performances by featured groups from Norway and Denmark.

BEER GARDEN

3 to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu with live music.

BEEF DINER HOSTED BY OLNEY GRANGE

4:30 p.m. until supply runs out, Exhibit Hall

Beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, salad, pie, beverage, \$13

Liberty Theater players present "DORA"

5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

"Dora" is a one-act comedy written by Pauline Phelps in 1932. The script was recently discovered in the attic of the Finnish

Brotherhood's Suomi Hall and is believed to have been performed on stage there. Dora is a Swedish immigrant maid who has saved her hard-earned money for seven years. Suddenly her hiding place has been sold to a junk man. The fun begins with everyone trying to find the money. The play will be presented in readers theater format.

QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m., Arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2015. Hear featured entertainers from Denmark and Norway, enjoy national songs, see the Nordic Viking Dancers perform traditional folk dances.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND BONFIRE

8 p.m. approximately, immediately following the Queen's coronation, Parking Area

Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year. Accordionists will play.

QUEEN'S BALL

8 to 10:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special

partner will lead the first dance of the 2015 festival. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will provide tunes for the waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humppa, occasional tango or hambo for the experts, the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey and the locals' favorites — the Butterfly and the Varsouvienne.

Saturday, June 20

MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

7 to 11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Jarlsberg egg cake, Finnish Pyttipannu (pan-fried scramble of potato, onions, sausage and egg), Swedish pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries, Norwegian Rommegrot (sour cream porridge/pudding with cinnamon and sugar), lefse, Scandinavian cheese, shrimp and salmon lox, bread, fruit, Danish pastry, coffee, OJ served by Scandinavian Cafe of Vancouver, Washington. Adults \$9, kids 6 and under \$4.

TROLL RUN/WALK

8:30 a.m., Walluski area

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival presents the 12th annual Running of the Trolls. Join us for a walk or run in the beautiful Walluski countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund. Registration is available online or at the festival. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Main Entry Hall.

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Tickets on sale ONE HOUR before all shows!

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