

Welcome!

one and all to the 2016 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

This is our 49th festival, and we are anxiously awaiting the celebration of our 50th festival next year. 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 that everyone has in sharing their traditions will leave you richer.

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.

Come 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 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. A non-denominational church service will also tie together all the traditions Sunday morning.

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, see beautiful authentic costumes, run with the Troll, learn the game Kubb, and take pride in your inner Scandinavian!

Leila Collier
Chairperson

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

2016 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Friday to Sunday, June 17, 18 & 19

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. No pets are allowed at the festival.

Parking

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

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Schedule of Events

Friday, June 17

BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m., Arena

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

ENTERTAINMENT

4 to 7 p.m., Arena Stage

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

BEER GARDEN

3 to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Co. will present a selection of microbrews and a limited menu with live music.

BEEF DINNER

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

The Olney Grange presents a dinner of pot roast, baked potato, green beans, roll, salad, pie and beverage for \$13.

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 Scandina-

vian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2016. Hear featured entertainers from Denmark and Finland. Soloists from the community will sing the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Nordic Viking Dancers will perform.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE, BONFIRE AND HEX BURNING

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

With torches in hand, Scandia men will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and the audience to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year. Accordionists will play tunes, and there might be a dance.

QUEEN'S FAMILY BALL

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

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner will lead the first dance of the 2016 Festival. Tonight's the night if you like the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey and the locals' favorites: the Butterfly and the Varsouvienne. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will provide the tunes. Dance a waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humppa, or other favorite Scandinavian dance. There will be an occasional tango or hambo for the experts.

Saturday, June 18

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 with cinnamon and sugar), lefse, cheese, shrimp and salmon lox, bread, fruit, Danish pastry, coffee, OJ, served by Scandinavian Cafe of Vancouver, Washington. Adults \$10, kids 6 and under \$5).

RUNNING OF THE TROLLS

8:30 a.m., Walluski area

The Running of the Trolls is a walk or run in the countryside. Proceeds benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund. Registration is online or at the festival. Check-in is from 7 to 8 a.m. in the Entry Hall.

BOOTHS

9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Arena

ENTERTAINMENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Arena & Exhibit Hall

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment on two stages throughout the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe.

Welcome to the 49th Annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

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•32nd Season of SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA

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•ASOC Fall Show BAREFOOT IN THE PARK by Neil Simon

October 7th-8th, 14th -16th & 21st -22nd

•3rd Annual "Be An ASOC Angel" Fundraiser

November 9th, 6PM

•21st Annual Starving Artist Faire

December 2nd-4th

•10th Annual SCROOGED IN ASTORIA

December 2nd-4th, 9th-11th, & 16th-18th



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