

Festival Events

Friday, June 16, 2017

BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m. – arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

ENTERTAINMENT

6 to 7 p.m. – arena stage

The Harald Haugaard / Helene Blum Band from Denmark will entertain prior to the Queen Coronation. Enjoy their folk jazz from Scandinavia.

BEER GARDEN OPEN

3 to 11 p.m.

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

BEEF DINNER

HOSTED BY OLNEY GRANGE

4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until supply runs out) – Exhibit Hall

Beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, roll, salad, pie, beverage, \$13; children under 11, \$7.

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 2017. Soloists from the community will sing the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Nordic Viking Dancers will perform traditional folk dances.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE TO BONFIRE AND HEX BURNING

8 p.m. approximately (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 Danish tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year.

QUEEN'S FAMILY BALL WITH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

8 to 10:30 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner will lead the first dance of the 2017 Midsummer Festival. Tonight's the night if you like the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey, and the locals' favorites: the Butterfly and the Varsovienne. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will be providing the tunes. It's your turn

to participate and dance a waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humppa or other favorite Scandinavian dance. Join the dancing or watch the dancers and listen to great music.

Saturday, June 17, 2017

MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST SERVED BY SCANDINAVIAN CAFÉ OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Jarlsberg egg cake, Finnish Pyttipannu (Scandinavian 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 (fresh off the griddle), Scandinavian cheese, Shrimp and salmon lox, Fresh assorted breads, fruit, fresh-baked Danish pastry, Coffee, orange juice, water. \$10; kids 6 and under: \$5

RUNNING OF THE TROLLS SPONSORED BY COLUMBIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

8:30 a.m. – Walluski area

The 13th annual Running of the Trolls is 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 is from 7 to 8 a.m. Saturday in the Main Entry Hall.

BOOTHS

9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. – arena

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ENTERTAINMENT

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., arena

Noon to 6 p.m., beer garden

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment on two stages throughout most of the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table or view one of the posted schedules to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe. The Harald Haugaard Helene Blum Band from Denmark will entertain three times in the arena. The show varies each performance so try to catch them all. The Astor Street Opry will entertain three times in the beer garden with oleo acts from Shanghaied in Astoria.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment out-

doors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

TUG OF WAR

10:30 a.m. – outdoors by Midsummer Pole

Teams of eight will vie to be champion. Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver.

BEER GARDEN

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu. The Astor Street Opry will present its standing-room only show of olio acts from "Shanghaied in Astoria" at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. There will be additional live music with The Squeezer and the Geezer (Coreen and Ken) in the afternoon.

BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. This area is staffed by volunteers from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the Nordic Viking Dancers, and by parents. Children under 12

need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games (fishing, wheel spin, plinko, golf and bean bag toss), face painting and a raffle. Puppet show at 1:30 p.m.: "Ivar, the Short but Brave Viking" by Annie Jacobsen and "The Princess and the Pea" by Hans Christian Andersen; puppet show at 3 p.m.: "Ivar, the Short but Brave Viking" by Annie Jacobsen and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" by Christen Asbjornsen.

OPTOG – FESTIVAL PARADE

11:30 a.m. – festival grounds

Miss Scandinavia and her court, costumed dancers and entertainers, representatives from the Scandinavian lodges, and family groups will assemble in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall and then parade through the arena and festival grounds to the outdoor stage for the Flag Raising and Midsummer Pole ceremony.

FLAG RAISING

FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY MIDSUMMER POLE RAISING

Noon – outdoor stage

Come and hear the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden while Miss Scandinavia and her court

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