

assist in the pageantry of the raising of the flags of these Scandinavian countries. Follow the Queen and her court to the Midsummer Pole while local men (and volunteers!) skillfully raise the Midsummer pole. Jorgen will play tunes for ring dancing led by Christine Smith and the dancers from VASA Youth of Portland. (In case of rain, flag raising will be moved to the Exhibit Hall.)

KUBB EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENT

1 to 3 p.m. – Midsummer Pole

Kubb is pronounced "koob" and is a yard game of Scandinavian origins that has been played for about 1,000 years. Show up at 1 p.m. on Saturday in front of the Midsummer Pole to join a team and be part of the Kubb exhibition. No prior skills are required. All are welcome.

PARADE OF COSTUMES

1 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Are you curious about the lovely costumes worn by representatives of the Scandinavian countries? Come hear them explained in a fashion show with live models.

SCANDINAVIAN COURT AND DANCERS REUNIONS FOLLOWED BY CAKE RECEPTION

2 to 4 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Our 50th anniversary special activities include

reunions of previous Scandinavian courts and queens, and Nordic, Viking or Scandia dance groups of the past. There will be photos and a cake and coffee reception.

AEBELSKIVER AND MEATBALL-EATING CONTESTS

3 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

How many aebleskiver (Danish donuts) or Swedish meatballs can you eat in three minutes with your hands behind your back? Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver. 18 or older. There will be prizes!

VIKING DINNER SERVED BY SCANDINAVIAN CAFÉ OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

4 to 7 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Danish Pork Roulade (Danish-style pork roast rolled with apricots and prunes), Danish ham with cream sauce, Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy, Medister Polse (Norwegian pork sausage), braised red cabbage, Janneson's Temptation (a traditional Swedish casserole made of potatoes, onions, pickled sprats, bread crumbs and cream), garden salad, Danish Smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches), shrimp and herring salad, Nordic cheeses, fresh-baked bread and crisps, cream-filled pastry shells drizzled in dark chocolate, cookies and pastries, soda, coffee and bottled water. \$15; kids 6 and under: \$7

ARRIVAL, CANADA'S ABBA TRIBUTE BAND CONCERT

7:30 to 9 p.m. – arena (doors open at 7 p.m.)

This 50th anniversary special event requires a special ticket: \$15 general admission; \$25 reserve seating is sold out. The concert ticket includes admission to the festival after 5 p.m. If you arrive before 5 p.m., you will need to purchase a festival admission wristband good for all three days.

Playing hundreds of sold-out live shows, Canada's ABBA tribute band ARRIVAL has a sound and stage show that has been honed and fine-tuned to such a degree that they have many times actually been mistaken for the real ABBA. The crowd loves to sing along with ABBA's famous and well-known tunes during ARRIVAL's exciting high-energy live stage show. Come to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 17, and relive the magic of "Dancing Queen," "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," and "Mama Mia" just to name a few.

SCANDINAVIAN BALL WITH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

9 to 11 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Local favorite Coreen Bergholm will return with her band Scandinavian Country to provide music for dancing. Dance the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey and the locals' favorites: the Butterfly and the Varsouvienne. 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 this great music.

Sunday, June 18, 2017

PANNUKAKKU BREAKFAST SERVED BY ASTORIA ROTARY CLUB

7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Finnish pancake, ham, fruit cup, coffee, tea, juice or milk. \$6 for adults and kids.

BOOTHS OPEN

9 a.m. to 4 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

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – arena

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment throughout most of the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table or view one of the posted schedule to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe. Featured entertainers from Denmark, the Harald Haugegard / Helene Blum Band and the accordion fiddle duo AALLOTAR from Finland will each perform twice. Shows vary each performance so try to catch them all.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

Noon – Loom demonstration

1 p.m. – Viking demonstration

2 p.m. – Chainmail making

BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games and a puppet show at 1 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE

10:30 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Join us for a non-denominational church service hosted by a local minister. AALLOTAR of Finland will present the special music.

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BARNEFEST RAFFLE

3:30 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Who will win the great prizes donated by community members and businesses to support the children's activity area?

FESTIVAL RAFFLE

4 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Who will win the raffle grand prize of \$1,000 and other beautiful prizes donated by the Scandinavian Festival Association and lodges and businesses? Did you buy your tickets? Join us on Sunday to learn who the winners are. You need not be present to win.

FLAG CEREMONY AND FESTIVAL CLOSING

4:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

The 2017 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival ends as the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are sung one more time, and the flags leave the hall. Say goodbye to your friends and family and make plans to join us again in 2018 for our 51st anniversary festival.

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