

painting and a raffle. Saturday's puppet shows at 1:30 p.m. include The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Princess and the Pea. The 3 p.m. puppet show will feature The Terrible Troll Cat & Ivar the Short but Brave Viking.

OPTOGO – 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 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 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!) raise the Midsummer pole. (In case of rain, flag raising will be moved to the Exhibit Hall.)

TUG OF WAR

1 p.m. – outdoors by Midsummer Pole

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

KUBB EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENT

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – in front of Midsummer Pole

Here's your chance to participate in a sport activity at the Midsummer Festival! Kubb (pronounced "koob") is a yard game of Scandinavian origins that has been played for about 1,000 years. No prior skills are required. All are welcome.

MEATBALL EATING CONTEST

2:45 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Yum! How many Swedish meatballs can you eat in five minutes with your hands behind your back? The champion will win a prize. Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver. 18 and older.

ÆBLESKIVER EATING CONTEST

3 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

How many Æbleskiver (Danish donuts) can you eat in five minutes with your hands behind your back? The champion will win an Æbleskiver's pan and recipe. Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver. 18 and older.

NORDIC VIKING DANCERS



REUNION

4 to 5 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Did you dance with the Nordic, Viking or Scandia groups in the past? Can you remember Dudlepska and Little Man in a Fix? If not, no worries. Come to the Dancers Reunion and socialize with your former dance partners. Afterwards, there will be reunion dancing on the arena stage with the current group of dancers.

VIKING DINNER served by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash.

4 to 7 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Danish Pork Roulade (Dan-



ish-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 AND DREAMS, CANADA'S TRIBUTE TO ABBA AND FLEETWOOD MAC

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

This special event requires a special ticket. Tickets at the door are \$17 for general admission, \$37 for reserve seating in first five rows and \$27 for reserve seating in rows 5 to 16. The concert ticket includes admission to the festival after 5 p.m. Save \$2 per ticket by purchasing tickets in advance at the Liberty Theatre Box Office, 1203 Commercial St., open 2 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Come for dinner and the concert! If you arrive before 5 p.m., you will need to purchase a festival admission wristband good for all three days. Tickets are available for presale at the Liberty Theatre Box Office.

By popular demand, ARRIVAL, Canada's tribute to ABBA, will return to the 2018 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival accompanied by DREAMS, Canada's Fleetwood Mac tribute band. ARRIVAL performed their ABBA show to a large, enthusiastic audience at last year's 50th anniversary festival, and people who saw the show and people who missed the show requested that we bring this group back. There will be one performance only at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. DREAMS will perform Fleetwood Mac favorites 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. During the half-hour break for costume changes, there will be a Scandinavian joke-telling contest. Bring your best jokes and audition at 5 p.m. if you'd like to be included. ARRIVAL will perform their ABBA tribute from 8:45 to 9:30 p.m. and a public dance with Coreen Bergholm's Scandinavian Country Band will follow in the Exhibit Hall.

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. Join the dancing or watch the dancers and listen to this great music.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

PANNUKAKKU BREAKFAST

served by Scandinavian Cafe of Vancouver, Wash.

7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Pannukaku (Finnish pancake), ham, Nordic sausage, fresh fruit, Scandinavian cheese selection, fresh pastry, breads and crisps, water/OJ/coffee. \$9 per person.

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 schedules to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe.

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.

BARNEFEST

11 to 2:30 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.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE

11 a.m. – Dairy Barn Chapel

Join us for a non-denominational church service hosted by Pastor John Slivkoff with special music by Isabella Morrill.

PARADE OF NATIONAL FOLK WEAR

12:45 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

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

SCANDINAVIAN SPELLING BEE

1:45 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

This is a new activity for 2018. Scandinavian lodges have submitted a list of words they think everyone should know. There will be a brief pencil and paper quiz to determine semi-finalists who will stand up and face the quizzes for an oral spell down. Prizes will be awarded.

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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

3:45 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Who will win the raffle grand prize of \$1,000 and the 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 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

The 2018 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 2019 for our 52nd anniversary festival.

LOWER COLUMBIA **Danish** SOCIETY

Come visit our booth at the Midsummer Festival!

FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY

Frikadeller
(lean pork meatball)
Red cabbage & rye bread
\$4

Pickled Herring
\$3

SATURDAY | SUNDAY

Aebleskiver
(Danish pancake balls)
75¢ or 3 for \$2

SUNDAY SPECIAL COUPON

1 order of 3 aebleskiver FREE With the Purchase of **1 order of frikedeller**

Good at our booth only on Sunday, June 17, 2018