

## ASTORIA SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL — TAKING PLACE JUNE 15-17 — IS A MULTIGENERATIONAL AFFAIR



# FESTIVAL FAMILIES

JOSHUA BESSEX PHOTO

Festivalgoers dance during the Queen's Ball at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

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**J**udith Lampi, a fourth-generation Finn, thinks of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival as the biggest family reunion in the Lower Columbia Region.

And Friday through Sunday, June 15 to 17, will mark the event's 51st year. The all-ages celebration of the region's Scandinavian



heritage will be held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on Walluski Loop.

Last year, the festival reached a major milestone when it was chosen by the state to be an Oregon Heritage Tradition. The recogni-

tion is only given to festivals 50 years or older, and Astoria is one of two cities in Oregon that holds two of these titles (the other is Astoria Regatta).

Scan Fest will be featured in "The Blue Book" where the state's

history is archived. This year, a photographer will document the festival's memorabilia and activities to place in this archive.

"We're very, very honored," Lampi, the Festival publicist, said.

### Queen of fun

Carla Oja, along with Tony Larson, is a co-chair of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association. She was assigned the moniker "Queen of Fun" by a friend who