2020 Calendar of Events

January 25, Swedish Luau
Can't swing an island vacation right now? No worries! Picture this - a roasted pig, featured in many luaus, combined with a dish of Swedish meatballs - and voila, a new and amazing dish called a Swedish Meatball Pig. This interesting concoction will be headmaster of the conga line, marrying these two cultures together for an afternoon of shenanigans. Join the fun to see Swedish dancers doing the hula and happy luau goers doing the lutefisk limbo. It's a mash-up of Swedish proportions!

February 8, A Chocolate Lover's Affair
Lindsborg Arts Council (LAC) is excited to announce the 25th Annual Chocolate Lover’s Affair and Art Auction. This event will feature various local businesses and artists showcasing their talents as well as supporting the arts for Lindsborg and surrounding Smoky Valley community at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center. Make the rounds, snap a commemorative photo, taste the chocolates and beverages at the local venues, pick up a fine art piece from the auction and support the arts and the artists of our community. Proceeds fund college scholarships for local aspiring high school artists.

March 21, Våffeldagen
Make plans to spend the day in Lindsborg eating waffles for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Originating in Sweden, Våffeldagen is an entire day dedicated to the delicious waffle and the upcoming arrival of spring. De smakar mycket goda! They taste very good! https://www.facebook.com/waffledaylbk/

March 29 – May 31, 122nd Annual Midwest Art Exhibition
The Midwest Art Exhibition was founded in 1899 by three local Lindsborg artists – Birger Sandzén, Carl Lotave, and G. N. Malm – as a complement to the annual Messiah Festival held at Bethany College. It represents the longest running annual art exhibition in Kansas.

April 4, Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series – Jazz Walk
Experience jazz like never before! A mainstay of Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series, 2019 marks the third year for the Lindsborg Jazz Walk. The walk features several jazz musicians throughout historic downtown Lindsborg. All events sponsored by the Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series are free and open to the public.

April 2 - 12, Messiah Festival of the Arts
The Messiah Festival of the Arts will feature a wide variety of art, music and theatrical events beginning Thursday, April 2, continuing through Easter Sunday, April 12, 2019. For all ticketing information as well as a complete festival calendar, go to https://www.messiahfestival.org.

The Bethany Oratorio Society presents its historic and rich performances of J.S. Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" on Good Friday, April 10, and G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday, April 12. The Bethany Oratorio Society has been performing Handel's "Messiah" continuously since 1882 and Bach's "Passion" since 1929. Each year, during Holy Week, the more than 300-member community chorus and orchestra are joined by professional operatic guest soloists for performances.

Tickets for each concert can be purchased online at www.messiahfestival.org or by calling the Messiah Festival office at (785) 227-8229, ext. 8235.
April 25, Lindsborg in Bloom
Feelin’ groovy? Lindsborg will be filled with cool cats on Saturday, April 25, for Lindsborg in Bloom, a celebration of peace, love and all things 1960s. Everyone is invited to join the fun and encouraged to dress up sixties style. Spread the love and come to Lindsborg!

May TBD, Citywide Garage Sale
Begin the day with a biscuit and gravy fundraiser breakfast, grab your map, and set out on a terrific treasure hunt!

May 2 & 3, Millfest
The 1898 Smoky Valley Roller Mills is put into operation once a year for the annual Millfest, hosted by the McPherson County Old Mill Museum, located at 120 Mill Street. Admission is $2 for adults; $1 for ages 6-12; youth 5 and under are free. Tours begin every ten minutes. During Millfest, guides and millers walk visitors through the mill with all the machinery in motion. You must be 13 or older to tour the mill while in operation. For families with small children, a tour is offered at 5:00 p.m. Lively music will be provided by regional musicians. Experience a one-room schoolhouse with slates and chalk. Challenge your dexterity with old-fashioned hoops and stilts. These are just some of the sights and sounds you’ll experience as you retrace the steps of a bygone era.

May TBD, Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series – Kids Concert
A creative, interactive, arts experience for all ages! Draw what you see and hear, experience a concert from the stage point of view, or just dance and move as the music takes you. Enjoy another great Lindsborg Landmark Concert. Lindsborg Landmark Concert events are free and open to the public.

June 20, Midsummer’s Festival
A Swedish national holiday celebrated with Swedish food, music, dancing, art, games and the raising of the Midsommarstång (Midsummer Pole). This festival, held to celebrate the beginning of summer, is one of the most popular of all Swedish celebrations. There will be live entertainment, children’s activities, blomkran’s (crowns of flowers), a Kubb tournament, and more. Admission is free to the festival!
midsummersfestival.com

July 4, Old-Fashioned 4th of July
Lindsborg’s Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration is free and open to the public. Festivities begin with a patriotic parade. All ages are invited to meet at the gazebo in Swensson Park on the 400 block of North Main Street at 5:00 PM to decorate strollers, wagons, bikes or yourself, then march through the park. The Lindsborg Lions Club will sell concessions starting at 5:00 PM. Entertainment starts at 6:00 PM in the bandshell and includes several local and regional performers, from twirlers to dancers to musicians. Finally, the Lindsborg Community Band plays, ending festivities by 8:30 PM. While there is limited bleacher seating available, you’re encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

July 17, 18, 24 & 25, Broadway RFD presents “Theatre Under the Stars”
The 2020 production of the musical “Music Man” will be held in Swensson Park on the Band Shell under the stars. All shows begin at 8:30 p.m. Grab your lawn chair and lemonade for a shady evening in Swensson Park, located on the 400 block of North Main Street. Established in 1959, Broadway RFD is the longest-running outdoor theatre in Kansas.

July TBD, Storm the Castle, a Mowbray Metric Ride
The Mowbray Metric Weekend is an annual celebration of cycling put on by the McPherson Area Cyclists. Three rides that take place over two days, each July, in McPherson and Lindsborg, KS feature fun cycling experiences for the entire family. Storm the Castle is a gravel ride that tests your endurance on hilly gravel with a final climb up to Coronado Heights for a light lunch.
August 1, Smoky Valley Classic Car Show
This show’s popularity stems from the shade-filled location and small-town hospitality. Growing larger each year, the car show gives out 100 awards to participants. Popular awards are Police Chief’s Choice and Sheriff’s Choice for the cars most likely to be stopped by those agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol award for the car most likely to be stopped for no reason at all! Dash plaques awarded to the first 125 entries. Vendors, food and t-shirts located in the shade of Swensson Park from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Located near shopping, galleries, and restaurants. https://www.visitlindsborg.com/smoky-valley-classic-car-show

August TBD, Annual Street Dance
Who is ready to get your dance on? Bring the family, your lawn chair, and get ready to dance the night away for our annual street dance! On the 100 block of North Main Street.

September TBD, Bethany College Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
Enjoy one of the hidden treasures of the Smoky Valley with new and enhanced play areas of lush, push-mown greens and established rough. The 64-acre, 9-hole golf course features 2,682 yards of golf from the longest tees with a par of 34. Par for 18 holes is 69 with additional tee boxes available for the back nine. This event is held at the Lindsborg Golf Course, located at 1541 Svensk Road.

October 3, Coronado Heights Run
15K, 5K, 1-mile youth run, and a 2-mile fun walk. This annual event began as a program to encourage Bethany College students to better fitness and has become an anticipated area event for participants of all ages. The 15K run includes a 1-mile run up and back down Coronado Heights, with an elevation change of 300 ft. Chip timing available by Oz Endurance Racing. https://www.active.com/lindsborg-ks/running/distance-running-races/coronado-heights-run-2020

October TBD, Falun Classic 32-Mile Bicycle Ride
The Falun Classic, sponsored by the McPherson Area Cyclists, is a fun, 32-mile ride on blacktop. The ride begins at 1:30 p.m. in Swensson Park, goes south on Main St., west on Highway 4, north and east on 6th Ave./Falun Rd., south on Burma Rd./13th Ave., and east on Swensson St. to finish up at Swensson Park.

November TBD, Holiday Open House
Come enjoy the sights and sounds of Lindsborg’s Holiday Open House! Start your holiday season with a full day of fun and shopping in Little Sweden, USA. Enjoy this all-day experience as businesses will open at 10:00 a.m. and stay open until 5:00 p.m.

November 28, Small Business Saturday
Small Business Saturday, dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country, is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Shopping, coffee, warm Swedish pastries, cozy dining…. sound good? Then come on out and support our local merchants as we enter the holiday season. Find that special one-of-a-kind gift for your friends and loved ones. Show love, shop small.

December 5, Artists’ Studio Christmas Open House
Acquaint yourself for the first time or yet again to the welcoming artistic community of Lindsborg. Enjoy the rare opportunity to see local artists working in their private studios. Start at the Red Barn Studio and pick up a map to serve as your guide. https://www.visitlindsborg.com/artists-studio-open-house

December 5, Snowflake Parade
The Snowflake Parade is for everyone! Don’t just come and watch, plan to be part of the fun. All snowflakes, Christmas bells, snowmen, reindeer, tomtes and ugly sweater-wearers welcome!
December 6, Jultide at Bethany
The Bethany College Choir and the Handbell Ensemble come together for a memorable evening of music. You are invited to Bethany College’s Presser Hall, home of the longest-running performance of the Messiah, for this holiday event. [https://www.visitlindsborg.com/jultide-concert-at-bethany-college](https://www.visitlindsborg.com/jultide-concert-at-bethany-college)

December 12, St. Lucia Festival
A favorite Swedish holiday tradition, also observed in Lindsborg, is St. Lucia Festival celebrating the figure that is the emblem of light on a long winter day. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with live holiday music downtown. Folkdancers, live Scandinavian music, and a procession of girls in white carrying candles and stjärngosse (star boys) lead the crowd to the Bethany Lutheran Church where the annual St. Lucia is honored with a crown of candles. Stay awhile and enjoy ginger cookies served by Lucia herself.

December 12, Old-Fashioned Christmas
The Old Mill Museum will be filled with the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned prairie Christmas. Enjoy a shepherd sharing the traditional Christmas story in the stable, a guided tour of the historic Smoky Valley Roller Mills, Santa Claus, children’s crafts and cookie decorating. Ring in the holiday season with this memorable family event! Follow the glowing lanterns from activity to activity in historic buildings from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

December TBD, Christmas Cookies at First Bank
Stop by First Bank Kansas to share your Christmas wishes (and cookies!) with Mrs. Claus. There will be sugar cookies for the kids to decorate and hot chocolate for all to enjoy! Warm up inside before heading downtown to finish out your holiday shopping list.

December 25, Julotta
The traditional Swedish Christmas Lutheran Church service, Julotta, begins at 6:00 a.m. Come early and enjoy the beautiful sounds of a brass ensemble sending the call to worship at 5:45 a.m. from the bell tower of Bethany Lutheran Church. A memorable way to start your Christmas morning.

December 26, Annandag Jul
Annandag Jul means literally "another day of Christmas" an official part of the Christmas holiday in Sweden. Experience a traditional Lutheran Church service in Swedish. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church.

SAVE THE DATE

2021 October 8 & 9, Svensk Hyllningsfest
Occurring in October of odd numbered years, the residents of Lindsborg host a community-wide festival and don traditional Swedish folk costumes to celebrate the Swedish pioneers who settled the Smoky Valley in 1868 – 1869. The festival features art and crafts, special foods, ethnic music, and other special entertainment while Swedish folk dancers and musicians add to the flavor of the festival. Newcomers have as much fun "becoming Swedish" as do the long-time residents. For a complete festival calendar, visit [www.svenskhyllningsfest.org](http://www.svenskhyllningsfest.org).