



2021 Calendar of Events

February 8, A *Virtual Chocolate Lover's Affair*

Lindsborg Arts Council (LAC) is excited to announce the 26th 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. Watch online (more information to be announced) to 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.

~~February 13~~, Swedish Luau (canceled in 2021)

What do you get when you cross homemade snow with a luau? A Swedish Luau!! This interesting concoction between a luau and snow in this Swedish town will have you enjoying an afternoon of shenanigans! Join us on the corner of Main and Lindsborg (K4) streets in the parking lot behind Heritage Square for an amazing afternoon. Snow Bros will be here to make snow from 10:00am-3:00pm.

The Lindsborg Convention & Visitors Bureau is now accepting teams to sculpt a 4ftx6ft block of snow. If you have a group that would like to participate, please call 785-227-8687 to sign up. 6 teams are wanted! We are also taking reservation for play time in the snow! Up to 8 people will be able to play during a reserved 25-minute period.

March 20, 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!

March 21 – May 23, 123rd 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.

March 25 – April 4, Messiah Festival of the Arts

The Messiah Festival of the Arts will feature a wide variety of art, music and theatrical events beginning Thursday March 25, continuing through Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. For all live stream information and possible ticketing information as well as a complete festival calendar, go to <https://www.messiahfestival.org>.

The Bethany Oratorio Society presents its historic and rich performance G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday, April 4. The Bethany Oratorio Society has been performing Handel's "Messiah" continuously since 1882. Normally each year, during Holy Week, the more than 300-member community chorus and orchestra are joined by professional operatic guest soloists for performances.

Possible tickets for the concert can be purchased at the door pending the COVID situation. Visit www.messiahfestival.org or call the Messiah Festival office at (785) 227-8229, ext. 8235.

April 24, Lindsborg in Bloom

Feelin' groovy? Lindsborg will be filled with cool cats on Saturday, April 24, 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 1, Citywide Garage Sale

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

CANCELED - May 1 & 2, 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 will experience as you retrace the steps of a bygone era.

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 12, 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!

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 16, 17, 23 & 24, Broadway RFD presents "Theatre Under the Stars"

The 2021 production of the musical "Mamma Mia" 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 17 & 18, Storm the Castle – July 17 and 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. www.mowbraymetric.com/

August 7, 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.

August 21, 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 South Main Street.

October 8, 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. www.bethanylb.edu

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.

October 9, 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.

October 10, Falun Classic 32-Mile Bicycle Ride

The Falun Classic 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.

TBD, Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series – Jazz Walk

Experience jazz like never before! A mainstay of Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series, 2021 marks the fourth 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.

November 13, Holiday Open House

Lindsborg 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 27, 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 4, 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.

December 4, 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 TBD, 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.

December 11, 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 processional 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 11, 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 18, Christmas Cookies at First Bank

Stop by First Bank Kansas to share your Christmas wishes 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

This traditional Swedish Christmas Lutheran Church service 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.