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## 2022 Calendar of Events

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### January 29, Swedish Luau

Shake off the winter blues on Main Street, Lindsborg!

Drag out that favorite, loud Hawaiian shirt and grab a lei to begin the afternoon. Enjoy a round or two of lutefisk limbo and show off your speed at the Swedish meatball races. Learn a few quick notes on the ukulele and join the Conga line tour through Lindsborg's favorite restaurants and drinking establishments. It's going to be a beautiful January afternoon in Lindsborg! The fun starts at 2:00 on Main Street. Conga line tour starts at 5:00.

### February 12, A Chocolate Lovers Affair & Art Auction

The Lindsborg Arts Council is excited to announce the 28th Annual Chocolate Lover's Affair and Art Auction featuring various local businesses and artists showcasing their talents as well as supporting the arts for the Lindsborg and surrounding Smoky Valley community.

And this year we're going to PROM!

Break out that tux and tiara and get ready for:

- ★ Live and Silent Art Auctions
- ★ Swoon-Worthy Chocolate
- ★ Photo booth fun
- ★ "After Prom" fun

All the proceeds from the evening will be used to fund two \$1,500 scholarships awarded to local high school-aged, college bound students from the Smoky Valley area who have demonstrated great promise in an artistic field. The Lindsborg Arts Council will also be announcing 2022's Artist of the Year.

The LAC invites you to make the rounds, snap a commemorative photo, taste the chocolates and beverages, pick up a fine art piece from the auction and support the arts and the artists of our community.

\$25 at the door (\$20 for members.)

Doors open at 6:30pm, event begins at 7pm.

### February 13, Chamber Orchestra of the Smoky Valley Concert

Don't miss the Chamber Orchestra of the Smoky Valley's second concert at the Swedish Pavilion at the [Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum](#), scheduled for Sun Feb 13, two identical, hour-long concerts, beginning at 4 and 6 pm. Masking will be required, for the health and safety of all.

Seats must be pre-reserved. At each concert, there are 25 preferred seats up-front for \$25 each and 50 general admission seats available at no charge. Reserve yours today by contacting Anne Hassler Heidel at (785)227-3380 ext. 8235 or at [hasslerheidelas@bethanylb.edu](mailto:hasslerheidelas@bethanylb.edu). Enjoy live music in a heritage setting on Valentine's Day weekend!

### March 26, 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! 6:00am-8:00pm

### **March 27 – May 29, 124<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year's Annual Midwest Art Exhibition will feature paintings and sculpture by John and Connie Ernatt of Wichita; *B.J.O. Nordfeldt (1878-1955) in Kansas*; and *Big Nasty Press* decade exhibition. The reception will be on Sunday, March 27, from 2:00-4:00pm.

### **April 8-17, Messiah Festival of the Arts**

The Messiah Festival of the Arts will feature a wide variety of art, music and theatrical events beginning Friday, April 8 through Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. For ticketing information as well as a complete festival calendar, go to [Messiah Festival](#).

Bach's "The Passion According to St. Matthew" will be performed **Friday, April 15**, at 7:30pm.

The Bethany Oratorio Society presents its historic and rich performance G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on **Easter Sunday, April 17**, at 3:00pm. 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.

Tickets for the two concerts can be purchased at the door or in advance. Visit [Messiah Festival](#) or call the Messiah Festival office at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8235.

Bethany College will kick off the Messiah Festival with the musical "Godspell". Performances are **April 9 at 7:30pm and April 10 at 3:00pm**. Tickets can be purchased at the same number listed above.

### **April 8, Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series – 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 23, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kite Fly**

Wings of the Wind from Wichita will join us again on the top of Coronado Heights for some kite flying fun! There will be kite kits provided as well as kites to purchase. See you on the top of Coronado Heights! 10:00am-4:00pm.

### **April 30, Lindsborg in Bloom**

Feelin' groovy? Lindsborg will be filled with cool cats on Saturday, April 30, 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 7, City-Wide Garage Sale**

Grab your map and set out on a terrific treasure hunt!

### **May 7, Millfest**

The 1898 Smoky Valley Roller Mills is put into operation once a year for the annual Millfest, hosted by the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum, located at 120 Mill Street. Please check with [Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum](#) as the day approaches for additional information.

## **June 11, Midsummer's Festival**

Celebrated in Lindsborg, Kansas normally every third Saturday in June, this year marks a departure from the norm!

Midsummer's Festival, a traditional Swedish festival celebrated worldwide, is always a fun-filled day for the entire family, including a 5K Run, Free Swim at the local pool, Kubb Tournament, Swedish Dancing, craft demonstrations, and food vendors, including the Lindsborg Swedish Folkdancers serving Viking-on-a-Stick, Swedish Pancakes, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, and Swedish Limeades on the corner of Lincoln and main from 9am-5pm. For a full listing of events, go to [midsummersfestival.com/events](https://midsummersfestival.com/events)

## **July 4, 2022, Old-Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

Monday, July 4th, 2022

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.

Join the patriotic celebration on America's Day of Independence each fourth day of July.

All events are FREE and open to the public!

### **2022 Schedule of Events:**

- 5:00 pm - Children and adults are invited to meet at the gazebo to decorate strollers, wagons, bikes, etc. for a patriotic parade which will kick-off the evening's program at 6pm with a processional in the park. Various prizes will be awarded!
- 5:00 pm - Food vendors open; Lindsborg Lions Club will begin serving food (\$5 Free Will Donation suggested).
- 6:00 pm - Entertainment begins at the band shell, featuring local talent and the Lindsborg Community Band.

## **July 22, 23, 29, & 30 Broadway RFD presents "Theatre Under the Stars"**

The 2022 production of the musical "Shrek the Musical" 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 16, Storm the Castle**

### **July 17, Mowbray Metric Ride**

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. 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. Information: [Mowbray Metric](#)

### **August 6, 2022, Smoky Valley Classic Car Show**

Calling all gear heads and auto buffs to the Smoky Valley Classic Car Show, Saturday, August 1! There will be over 100 additional classic automobiles in the shade filled Swensson Park with vendors available.

Awards are given out to participants including: Best Club Participation for the largest paid registration from a single Club and the Long-Haul Award for the furthest distance traveled by the car. 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!

Registration begins at 8:00 AM, judging is from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM and awards will be given out from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Dash plaques will be given to the first 125 entries.

Download an entry form [here](#), or request a form from [cvbdir@lindsborgcity.org](mailto:cvbdir@lindsborgcity.org).

Enjoy a picnic in the park, choosing from a variety of food vendors, or visit quaint and historic downtown Lindsborg just two blocks away. Experience the small-town charm of Little Sweden, USA. Amenities include contemporary shopping, unique art galleries, running and bike trails and fun dining. There is something for everyone. Lodging options include a Scandinavian inn, cozy B&B, upscale vacation rentals and hotels

### **October 9, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Ave./Falun Rd., south on Burma Rd./13<sup>th</sup> Ave., and east on Swensson St. to finish up at Swensson Park.

### **November 12, 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 26, 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 3, 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 3, 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. Visit [bethanylb.edu/music](http://bethanylb.edu/music) for more information

**December 10, 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 10, Old-Fashioned Christmas**

For more information as the day approaches: [Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum](#)

**December 17, Christmas Cookies at First Bank Kansas**

Also known as Cookies with Mrs. Claus.

**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. Information: [Bethany Lutheran Church](#)

**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. Information: [Bethany Lutheran Church](#)

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**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 South Main Street.

**TBD 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.