



**Midsummer's Festival**  
**LINDSBORG, KANSAS**  
*Little Sweden USA*



*June 17, 2023*

**FREE ADMISSION\***



**Welcome to Lindsborg's Midsummer's Festival**

Midsummer is widely celebrated in Sweden. It is a public holiday associated with nature and the hope for a good harvest in the coming fall/autumn. The holiday always begins on Midsummer Eve. In the beginning, it marked the summer solstice - the longest day of the year and the shortest night.

There are many traditions about Midsummer that are still alive in Sweden. Family and friends get together to eat pickled herring ('sill'), the first fresh potatoes of the season, sour cream, crisp bread, and drink vodka and beer. Fresh Swedish strawberries are also important as a dessert.

Flowers are an important feature at Midsummer. Many girls and women wear wreaths (blomkrans) in their hair. Houses are decorated inside and out with wreaths and flower garlands. In many parts of Sweden, people like to dress up in national costumes, play folk music, and dance old dances.

*We hope to see you again!  
Next year's Midsummer's Festival  
June 15, 2024*

*Tack så mycket (thank you very much) for attending.  
We hope you enjoy your day!*

*A big thank you goes to our hosts, the City of Lindsborg and the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum (Heritage Square).*

*The work they do preparing for the festival is greatly appreciated.*

*\*Some fees apply, including: Blomkrans, Carriage Rides, Fun Run/Walk, and Kubb Tournament*



# SATURDAY ACTIVITIES



*Schedule Subject to Change*

9:00 a.m. Traditional Swedish Folk Art *(throughout the day)*

Hemslöjd

*Check downtown shops and businesses for other activities!*

## LINDBORG OLD MILL & SWEDISH HERITAGE MUSEUM

All Day Rocking B Carriage (\$30/ride) Old Mill Museum

8:30 a.m. 5K Fun Run & 2 Mile Walk Old Mill Bridge

11:00 a.m. Kubb Registration (Play Starts at Noon) Heritage Square

### FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

10:00 a.m. Swedish Tea-Ring Demo Heritage Square Chapel

11:00 a.m. Swedish Pancakes Demo Heritage Square Chapel

12:00 noon Swedish Pancakes Demo Heritage Square Chapel

### SWEDISH LANGUAGE AND GENEALOGY

1:30 p.m. Swedish Genealogy – Lenore Lynam Heritage Square Chapel

2:30 p.m. Learn Swedish – Dr. Gretchen Esping Heritage Square Chapel

3:30 p.m. Swedish Genealogy – Lenore Lynam Heritage Square Chapel

4:30 p.m. Learn Swedish – Dr. Gretchen Esping Heritage Square Chapel

*Tusen tack: Dr. Gretchen Esping, Lenore Lynam, Carla Wilson, Judy & Ed Pilewski*



## RIVERSIDE PARK



10:00 a.m. Entertainment, Activities & Food Vendors

Incl: Blomkrans, Craft Demonstrations & Kid's Activities  
(Train, Face Painting, Inflatables, Outdoor Games & More)

**FOOD VENDORS:** 350 Degrees, American Legion Beer Garden and Turkey Legs, Dala Van, Fun Time Limeades, Indigo Moo'd, Kettle Corn, Lost in the Sauce, Roasted Corn-on-the-Cob, Silvey Concessions, Smashburgers, Val's Berry Bowls.

**CRAFT VENDORS:** Marjie Anderson, Bill Brassea, Gladys Brockway, Andra Bunch, Debra & Weez Duntz, Jen Ebling, Anna Erickson, Dean Gipe, Carol Goering, Jerry & Ruperta Hammerton, Barb Hoffman, Carolyn Lemon, Cal McNichols, Chad Michaelis, Jeanie Murphy, Lan Nelson, Rita Peterman, John Presley, Angela Price, Allen Stoval, Janie Tubbs, Josh Womelsdorf, and Roy & Hosie Wood.

Crafts Include: Art Work, Basket & Wheat Weaving, Blacksmith, Leather & Rope Making, Scrimshaw, Spinning, Soaps/Wool, Straw Art, Tin Decorations, Wood Carving

**All Day: Learn the Viking Way** Across Bridge South of the Park  
**Bjornstormr-Dansk Spyd and Glomesdal Viking Camps**



# RIVERSIDE PARK (Continued)



## ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome to Lindsborg Midsummer's Festival  
Mayor Clark Shultz & Geneva Hay (Midsummer's President)
- 10:05 a.m. Birch Horn and Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers
- 11:00 a.m. Jazz Band
- 12:00 p.m. Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Kansas City
- 12:30 p.m. Twirlers
- 1:00 p.m. Viking Reenactment and Demonstrations  
Bjornstormr Vikings and Glomesdal Vikings
- 2:00 p.m. Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers
- 3:00 p.m. Broadway RFD "Brigadoon"
- 3:15 p.m. Marquette Cloggers
- 3:45 p.m. Folkdanslag Swedish Dancers
- 4:30 p.m. Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Kansas City
- 5:00 p.m. Scandinavian Joke Telling (Audience Participation)
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Dance Games
- 6:00 p.m. Surstromming Stinky Fish Eating Challenge
- 6:45 p.m. Processional to Heritage Square (Audience Participation)

*Entertainment Emcees: Bill Nelson, Kristi Northcutt, and Mark Lucas*

## HERITAGE SQUARE

- 5:20 p.m. Kubb Tournament Championship Match
- 6:45 p.m. Processional from Riverside Park
- 7:00 p.m. National Anthems & Kansas State Song
- 7:20 p.m. Raising Midsummer Pole (*Najstångsresning*)
- 7:30 p.m. Swedish Folk Dancing (*Performances & Audience Participation*)

*Emcee: Jeanne Lucas      Song Leaders: Campbell Gaskill and Jeanne Lucas*

## SWIMMING POOL

- 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Free Swim      Compliments of the City of Lindsborg

### MIDSOMMARS DAG

*Bonus Celebration*

**Sunday, June 18**

**2:30 p.m. Sång Fest      Bethany Lutheran Church**

Fika & Swedish treats served by Bethany Church following the service.

**PLATINUM (\$500+)**

David J Nutt for Lindsborg Fund/McPherson County Community Foundation  
Smoky Valley Community Foundation

Hemslöjd  
Peoples Bank and Trust  
The Service Center  
Lindsborg Community Hospital

Peterson McNett Drilling  
The Associated Churches of Lindsborg  
Larry & Rebecca VanDerWege

**GOLD (\$250-\$499)**

Barry McMillan, Financial Advisor  
Dröm Sött Inn (Sweet Dreams)  
First Bank Kansas  
Einar & Kristin Johnson

Murphy's Law LLC  
Pfizer  
Small World Gallery

**SILVER (\$100-\$249)**

350 Degrees Bakery  
Billyray Enterprises  
Dana Byers  
Greg & Kelly DuMars  
Farmers State Bank  
Fuqua Insurance Group  
Heartland Pediatrics  
Lindsborg Kiwanis Club

Lindsborg Veterinary Medical Hospital  
Barry & Michele McMillan  
Sister Bojangles  
Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center  
Trendy Tomte  
Trollslända Toy Store  
Wimer Family Foundation

**BRONZE (\$50-\$99)**

Anonymous  
Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery  
Clark Cumbo  
Designs  
Brian & Victoria Freeman  
Jay D Jensen Agency

Kelly J Wilson Design  
Lindsborg Senior Center  
Mark & Joyce Peterson  
Rosberg House Bed & Breakfast  
The White Peacock  
White's Foodliner

**BRASS (\$25-\$49)**

Mark & Pam Breese  
Collections & Essentials

Family Hair Studio

**IN-KIND SPONSORS**

Banning Family Chiropractic (Fun Run)  
Lindsborg CVB  
Lindsborg News Record

Lindsborg Old Mill Museum (food demos)  
USD 400 Smoky Valley (backup location)

***Midsummer's Festival Committee Members***

Geneva Hay – President

Megan Elmer - Vice-President

Denise Peterson – Treasurer

Mim Carlson - Secretary

Bill Chase Clark Cumbo Chase Ellis Natalie Nelson Karna Peterson

**Liaisons:** Pari Ford, Angelica Carrillo-Hernandez, Aden Olson & Julie Holk