



Vesterheim | The National Norwegian-American Museum & Heritage Center

Vesterheim Schedule for Decorah's 51st Annual Nordic Fest, 2017

HOURS, ADMISSION, AND TOURS

Main Building open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. (Free admission on Thursday, July 27.)

The Open Air Division of 12 historic buildings is open Friday and Saturday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. to tour on your own with no admission fee. Guided tours of the Open Air Division are at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (free) and Sunday (with admission ticket.)

FOLK ART BANQUET

July 28, 2017, with social hour and a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:45 p.m. in Peace Dining Room at Luther College. Advanced reservations are required. No tickets will be sent. Your name will be on a list at the door, and check-in begins at 6:00 p.m.

FOOD Near the Viking Encampment

Nordic Waffles by Norway's Stine Aasland, the "Waffle Queen," and her company Nordic Waffles. These waffles are different from American and Belgian waffles and resemble the texture of a crêpe. A meal in themselves, they will be served with sweet or savory toppings.

BETHANIA CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT No charge.

The Newlands Coop Friday and Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Nordic Roots music by accomplished musicians, Norwegian Vidar Skrede and Finnish-American Sara Pajunen. This concert is dedicated to the memory of Gary D. Svenson (1939-2005) by his family.

Mette Bowen Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Bunad Advice: Caring for Traditional Norwegian Costumes. Are you the proud owner of a *bunad*, or hope to be? Learn all about proper care, storage, and cleaning of these heirloom garments from this *bunad* expert. Mette is a Vesterheim trustee, who was previously the owner operator of L&M Fabrics in Decorah, where she had the largest selection of cotton *bunader* under one roof in the United States.

Liz Bucheit Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Traditions in Transition: Fantasy Filigree Jewelry, a fascinating presentation by this accomplished jeweler from Lanesboro, Iowa.

Oneota Film Festival

Friday and Saturday, 3:45 p.m.

The Viking Battalion, the story of the 99th Infantry Battalion, told by battalion members. This battalion was the only Norwegian-American Battalion in WWII, formed of Norwegians living in America and Norwegian Americans. They fought in Europe and were the Guard of Honor for the Royal Family on their return to Oslo in 1945. The Oneota Film Festival brings together hundreds of film enthusiasts in scenic Northeast Iowa to enjoy award-winning films.

DEMONSTRATION, DISPLAYS, and SALES (by location, 9:00-5:00 Friday and Saturday, unless otherwise noted)

Main Building

The National Exhibition of Folk Art in the Norwegian - Bids must be made in person and will be accepted on pieces from 9:00 a.m. Thurs., July 27, until 4:00 p.m. Sat., July 29. Any entries that were marked "for sale," but did not receive any bids, can be purchased for the starting bid amount from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Sun., July 30. Sponsored by Decorah Bank and Trust.

Slooper Society – information and book sales from the descendants of Norwegian immigrants who sailed to The United States in 1825 on the ship *Restauration*.

Floyd Foslien and Beatrice Hole – psalmodikon

Dick Enstad – ropemaking (periodically)

Oneota Weavers Guild – demos, spinning/weaving

Courtyard outside the Main Building

Folk Art School Demonstrators—Students and instructors of Vesterheim's Folk Art School demonstrate a variety of folk arts.

Open Air Division

Living Heritage Demonstrators Sponsored by Decorah Bank and Trust.

KJ Groven – blacksmithing, knifeblade forging

Norwegian Morten Håkonsen – knifemaking

Jock Holmen – woodworking

John Drewes – leatherwork

Bill Jaeger – figure carving

Tom Latané – smithing

Andrea Myklebust and Tansy Sears – weaving and various textile techniques.

Skjaldborg Viking Encampment

This group from Elk Horn, Iowa, will present their Viking encampment and will entertain throughout the day with full Viking combat demonstrations. Skjaldborg means “fortress of shields.” Sponsored by Viking State Bank & Trust.

Carl Homstad—Local artist presents woodcut prints.

“Ole Oleson”—Portrayed by living history presenter Roger Hellisvig from Minneapolis, will be in the Haugan House from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. He'll bring the story of Norwegian immigration to life with storytelling and conversation around the contents of his immigrant trunk.

Norway House—Information booth for this organization from Minneapolis.

Westby-Torgerson Education Center

Vesterheim Museum Store—Extended hours of 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Sweaters, jewelry, folk art, cooking supplies, books, and more. 1st floor.

Book Signing—*The Curve of Her Life: Folk Artist Laura Hoeg* By Carol Hoeg Oliver.

Friday and Saturday - 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Museum Store on the 1st floor.

Filigree jewelry making—Liz Bucheit, accomplished jeweler from Lanesboro, Iowa. 1st floor. (Saturday only)

99th Infantry Battalion (Sep.) WWII Educational Foundation—Foundation representatives offer information and book and DVD sales. 1st floor.

Woodworking demonstrations—Norwegian Rolf Taraldset, Becky Lusk, Phil Odden, and Else Bigton, 1st floor.

Rosemaling demonstrations—3rd floor

Friday: Nancy Schmidt, Gudbrandsdal style, 11:00-1:00; Norwegian Egil Dahle, Telemark style, 1:00-3:00; Astrid Fisher, Os style, 3:00-4:30

Saturday: Teresa Ann McCue Thompson, Telemark style, 11:00-1:00; Norwegian Egil Dahle, Telemark style, 1:00-3:00; Patti Goke, Agder style, 3:00-5:00

Vesterheim Ribbon-Winning Rosemalers Sales Shop—Staffed by Nisse Rosemalers, Postville, Ia., 3rd floor.

Rosemaling Book Sale—3rd floor

The group Rosemaling Coast to Coast will be selling used book and a new book of designs by ten Gold Medalists, Friday 10:00-5:00 and Saturday 10:00-4:00.

Oneota Weavers and Spinners Guild Sales Shop—3rd floor

Hand-felted Santas and Christmas ornaments/figures, hand-woven rugs, scarves/shawls, table runners, and more.

Country Gallery Antiques—3rd floor

Specializing in Scandinavian antiques—textiles, jewelry, decorated woodenware, sewing tools, kitchenware, prints, and painted furniture.

Norwegian-American Genealogical Center—2nd floor

Open from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Jerry Paulson from the center, located in Madison, Wisconsin, will be on hand to offer genealogical research advice.

VESTERHEIM RAFFLE

A Decorah experience with Vesterheim Folk Art School class. Tickets on sale at the front desk, Museum Store, and *National Exhibition*. Drawing at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Main Building lobby. Cash or check only.