



Vesterheim Schedule for Decorah's 54th Annual Nordic Fest, 2021

GENERAL INFO

Main Building open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. (Regular hours are 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
Free admission on Thursday, July 22.

Historic buildings in Vesterheim's Heritage Park are open Friday and Saturday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. to tour on your own with no admission fee. Guides will be on hand to answer questions.

Vesterheim Museum Store: Extended hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. (Regular hours are 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) Sweaters, jewelry, folk art, cooking supplies, books, and more.

The special exhibits on view:

New Nordic Cuisine

Sponsored by Jon and Mary Hart, Jim and Marge Iversen, Philip and Sarah Iversen, John and Birgitte Christianson, and Tom and Linda Brandt.

Socially Distanced, Creatively Connected – Be sure to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award

Sponsored by Iowa Arts Council, a division of Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; The National Endowment for the Arts; and Decorah Bank & Trust Co.

An Artist's Journey: Carl Homstad, 50 Years – Carl Homstad will be on hand to answer questions.

Sponsored by William and Kathi Wild, Decorah Bank & Trust, and Anonymous with additional support from Peggy Beatty, Brenda Carlson, Mary Jo Finholt, Barb Gavle, Melinda Hanson, Elea Jourdan, Kris Kratz, Elise Mullen, Linda Quaas, Leslie Sand, and Joann Voltmer.

Visit Vesterheim Folk Art School under the timber frame in Heritage Park following the parade on Saturday to pick up a free kit to explore Norwegian handcrafts and learn Norwegian words and phrases. There will be a limited number of kits with supplies for rosemaling, kolrosing, and kroting. Kits are designed for kids ages 8+ to do with an adult and come with the links to video tutorials prepared by master folk artists.

Membership: Staff is available in the Amdal-Odland Heritage Center to answer questions.

ENTERTAINMENT

In Vesterheim Heritage Park amphitheater

Friday 10:30 a.m. Genieve Gornichec, bestselling author of *The Witch's Heart*, a gorgeous retelling of Old Norse myths of Rangnrok, the end of the world, and the birth of a new one, through the eyes of Angrboda. This tale is infused with Viking culture, cursed romance, and the strength of motherhood.

Sponsored by Vesterheim and Dragonfly Books.

Friday 12:30 p.m. Eden Ehm will play the Hardanger fiddle. A native of Decorah, Iowa, and a member of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America (HFAA), Eden has studied the Hardanger fiddle with renowned fiddler Andrea Een.

Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. Music Jam with participants from a group of amateur players who have met at Vesterheim for years. Drop by to hear some traditional music and learn about the different instruments, the history of Scandinavian tunes, and how oral traditions are passed on through generations.

Vesterheim Nordic Fest music is sponsored by Dawn and Josh Svenson Holland, dedicated in memory of Gary and DiAnn Svenson.

Near John Cline Elementary School

The Skjaldborg Vikings return to the fest! This group of authentic and fun reenactors has camped on Vesterheim's campus for years, and this year they will be located near John Cline Elementary School while we give our new landscaping time to take hold. Sponsors Viking State Bank & Trust.

DEMONSTRATION and DISPLAYS

Folk-art demonstrations are sponsored by Decorah Sons of Norway Lodge.

In Heritage Park - throughout the day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday

Near Dayton House: Carl Homstad, Print Making and Jock Holmen (with fellow carvers), Woodcarving

First Glade: John Drewes, Knifemaking and Leatherwork

Second Glade: Steph Anderson, Authentic Viking Garments

Third Glade: Tom and Kitty Latané, Locksmithing and Tablet Weaving (Sat. only)

Outside Bethania Church: Food demonstration, Mt. Horeb Wisconsin Sons of Norway (*sirupsnipper*, orange cardamom cookie, *æbleskiver/monks*, *sandbakkelse*, *goro*, *vafler*)

On Water St. in Front of Vesterheim

Friday

- 9-11 David Susag: Spring Pole Lathe Carving
Kathleen Almlie: Table Loom
- 11-1 Paul Nyborg: Ale Bowls
Melba Granlund: Spinning
- 1-3 Kim Glock: Kuksa Carving
Ruth Paulson: Cradle Loom
- 3-5 Paul Anderson: Dough Bowl Carving
Linda Canton: Spinning

Saturday

- 9-11 Rebecca Hanna: Ale Bowls
Kathleen Almlie: Table Loom
- 1-3 Becky Lusk: Woodworking
Melba Granlund: Warp Weighted Weaving
- 3-5 Becky Lusk: Woodworking
Kitty Latané: Tablet Weaving

Timber Frame by the Mill

Friday

- 9-11 Paul Anderson: Chip Carving
- 11-1 Jim Langhus: Acanthus Carving
- 1-3 Lynn Sove Maxson: Rosemaling
- 3-5 Scott Johnson: Kolrosing

Saturday

- 9-11 Jill Willems: Rosemaling
- 1-3 Diane Edwards: Free Telemark Rosemaling
- 3-5 Renee Thorson: Hardangersøm

Main Building, Mill St. side: Be sure to check out "Together in Decorah," the mural in progress by artist Lauren Bonney. Sponsored by the John K. and Luise V. Hanson Foundation; Decorah Bank & Trust Co.; Anonymous; and the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.