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Opening Event for “The Art and Crafts of Ancient Scandinavia” Exhibit at Vesterheim

DECORAH, Iowa —Celebrate “The Art and Crafts of Ancient Scandinavia,” the newest exhibition at Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, on May 11 at 1:00 p.m. with a special reception and presentation in Vesterheim Commons by exhibit artist Sven Lindaur! There will be free museum admission during the event.

Lindaur is an artist, author, and publisher whose professional career spans over 40 years. He was the former Official Historical Artist for the U.S. Marshal Service National Museum and for the National Geographic television.

The exhibit showcases original oil paintings by Lindaur with specially carved frames for each of the paintings, also by Lindaur. The paintings focus on Viking scenes, handcrafts, and landscapes. The models in the paintings are real people that Lindaur encountered in everyday life. The mood, materials, and decorative motifs of the frames reflect each artwork individually.

“This exhibition is for those who value the arts and crafts of Scandinavia and those interested in the daily life of people during 700 and 1000 CE. It is also for those who love painting artistry,” Lauryn Johnson, Vesterheim Collection Assistant, said.

There will also be a free webinar presentation with Lindaur on Zoom on June 9 at 1:00 pm CT, and Lindaur will demonstrate his painting during Decorah's Nordic Fest celebration on July 26-27. Find details at vesterheim.org

This exhibit is made possible through the generous support of Vesterheim’s friend and members.

Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the conversation of the American immigrant journey through the lens of the Norwegian-American experience. Vesterheim offers innovative and interactive exhibits, classes, and programs, both at the dynamic campus and park in scenic Decorah, Iowa, and online at vesterheim.org and Vesterheim social media. For more information on exhibits, classes, programs, tours, membership opportunities, and ways to

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