

The Grand *Midsommar* Procession, 2:30 p.m.

(listed in parade order)

Ellen Wijsman and Friends

Majstång garland

NHM Lilla Spelmanslag

Costumed Folk not in any other group

Seattle Skandia Spelmanslag

Nordiska Folkdancers

NW Nordic Ladies Chorus

Young Skandia Dansers

Allspice

Katrilli Finnish Folkdancers

Sami Heritage Representatives

Leikarringen of Leif Erickson Lodge #1
and Musicians

Barneleikarringen of Greater Seattle
and Musician

Sammenspil
Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver, B.C.

Poulsbo Leikarringen
and Musicians

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Flower Crown?
Skandia memberships, pins, dance class
information and more...**

**SKANDIA FOLKDANCE SOCIETY INFORMATION
BOOTH
(Between Main Stage & Music Corner)**

One man's vision has become a Puget Sound tradition:
for the past activities of Gordon Ekvall Tracie,
to all the hundreds of past and present volunteers,
for the work that led to this year's Fest . . .

Tusen tack!

2010 Midsommarfest Contributors

Many thanks to the following Skandia members and friends whose generous contributions prior to the festival helped make this event possible.

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Festival

Help keep Midsommarfest alive!

We are within \$2,000 of covering our expenses. With your help, we can do it. Just look for a bright yellow donation box! Thanks!!

Delicious food provide by the following vendors

A Touch of Sweden

As You Like It Catering

Daughters of Norway Thelma Lodge #26

Svedala Bakery

Swedish Women's Educational Association

The following vendors are proud sponsors of Skandia Midsommarfest

Desiree of Sweden

Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge #1

Thanks to the following vendors for being here and making the whole event more festive!

Finlandia Foundation

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Nordic Folklore

Nordic Heritage Museum

Runecraft Creations

Woven Traditions

Special thanks to:

ALL the members and friends whose volunteer efforts make this event possible

City of Kenmore for stage construction

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Scandinavian Hour (Doug Warne) for publicity

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History of the

SKANDIA Midsommarfest

In June 1959, Seattle's Skandia Folkdance Society -- founded a decade earlier -- inaugurated Skandia Midsommarfest. The initiator, Skandia founder and director Gordon Ekvall Tracie, aimed to re-create a traditional Scandinavian celebration of the summer solstice in as authentic a manner as possible, complete with the ancient pole-raising ceremony and outdoor dancing, as practiced in Sweden for centuries.

Starting modestly at Scandia Gaard farmstead in Gig Harbor on Puget Sound, the event rapidly grew in size, soon requiring a second stage. Like the first stage, it was built by folk-dancer volunteer labor. In 1976 Skandia Midsommarfest was held at Seattle Center in conjunction with the Bicentennial Nordic Festival; it featured 68 traditional musicians, dancers and craftspeople brought to the United States from Scandinavia by Gordon Tracie for the Smithsonian Institution.

By 1980 Skandia's midsummer festival had outgrown the Gig Harbor site. So the following year it moved to "Little Norway," Poulsbo, where an ample public park was made available for the event. Warmly welcomed by the townspeople with a longtime Nordic identity, Skandia folk dancers found new friends.

Today Washington State's Skandia Midsommarfest has grown to become the largest grassroots Nordic folklore activity outside Scandinavia. Each year many folk dancers from throughout the United States and Canada—and often overseas—take part; more fiddlers and other folk musicians are involved to provide authentic Nordic music throughout the day; more Scandinavian folk costumes appear; and more families from all walks of life come to enjoy the pageantry, music, dance, folk crafts and activities, and to experience the enjoyment of outdoor dancing.

In 2001 the midsummer site was moved to the East side of Puget Sound to beautiful St. Edward State Park on the shores of Lake Washington. Situated between Kirkland and Kenmore in suburban King County, the park, a quiet haven in the midst of urban bustle, is the largest remaining undeveloped area on Lake Washington.

Although location and times have changed over the years, two elements have remained constant at Skandia Midsommarfest: the strict standards of authenticity and tradition established by Skandia Folkdance Society's founder, and the wholesome spirit of fellowship and good fun which prevails. Thus, a New World public continues to enjoy a venerable Old World celebration, re-created on the shores of Lake Washington. Skandia Folkdance Society wishes participants and guests alike:

GLAD MIDSOMMAR!



Sunday 27 June 2010
11 am – 6 pm

SAINT EDWARD STATE PARK
KENMORE, WA

Produced by
SKANDIA FOLKDANCE SOCIETY
of Seattle

Founded by Gordon Ekvall Tracie
January 9, 1949

Celebrating 61 Years of Nordic Dance, Music and Joy!

SKANDIA Midsommarfest

**Welcome to Skandia's traditional celebration of summer,
with performances, demonstrations and participation events for everyone!**

PERFORMANCES of folk music and folk dance on two stages fill the day, both before and after the midsummer pole-raising. In addition to the after-pole performances, participation dancing begins at 3:30.

CRAFTS AND VENDOR BOOTHS comprise the *Hemslöjdsmarknad* on the north side of the park. Enjoy folk crafts, Nordic sagas, music, snacks, demonstrations, participation activities, and sales.

A NORDIC COSTUME PRESENTATION will be held at 3.30 at the Music Corner.

2010 MIDSOMMARFEST BUTTONS are available at the Skandia Booth

MIDSOMMAR FLOWER CROWNS are available ready-made, or make one yourself, at the *Kukka Kioski / Blomster Kransar* booth at the west side of the park, near the main Stage.

HOME-COOKED FOOD, Swedish meatballs and potatoes, open faced sandwiches, pickled herring, hot dogs, and beverages are served by **As You Like It Catering**, the main food supplier for events at Seattle's Swedish Cultural Center. You can find all this at the Main Food Booth.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES can participate throughout the day in activities at the Children's booth located at the southeast corner of the park.

Time	DANSBANAN Dance Platform / Main Stage	MUSIK HÖRNAN The Music Corner	"KID STUFF" Crafts all day plus more!
11:00-11:25	POULSBO LEIKARRINGEN <i>Youthful Energy Heats up the Stage</i>	ALLSPEL REHEARSAL <i>Warming up the Strings</i>	STORY TELLING <i>Kathy Carlson</i>
11:30-11:55	KATRILLI FINNISH FOLKDANCERS <i>Flying Finnish Feet for Fun</i>	TRESKO <i>Music for Trolls and Water Spirits</i>	DANCE CLASS <i>Eileen Little</i>
12:00-12:25	NW NORDIC LADIES CHORUS <i>Honoring Scandinavian Music with Folk and Traditional Songs</i> YOUNG SKANDIA DANSERS	EINAR TAPIO, ACCORDION <i>Music from Mosquitoland</i>	Nordic Heritage Museum's LILLA SPELMANSLAG <i>Fiery Young Fiddlers</i>
12:30-12:55	LEIKARRINGEN OF LEIF ERIKSON LODGE #1 <i>Traditional Norwegian Folk Dance</i>	JOSEFINA ÖSTLING <i>Songs Straight from Sweden</i>	YOUNG SKANDIA DANSERS <i>Living Our Scandinavian Heritage through Dance</i>
1:00-1:25	POULSBO LEIKARRINGEN <i>Youthful Energy Heats Up the Stage</i>	SUS <i>Songs for Drinking, Dancing and Dallying</i>	BARNELEIKARRINGEN OF GREATER SEATTLE <i>Nordic Dances for Children & Parents/Friends</i>
1:30-1:55	NORDISKA FOLKDANCERS & MUSICIANS <i>Swedish Gammal Dans by Gammal Swedish Dancers</i>	ROY WAGNER <i>Button Accordion Travelogue through Denmark, Finland, Sweden & Norway</i>	MIDSOMMARFEST TRADITIONS <i>Raising the children's pole, learning the ringlekar (game dances)</i>
2:00-2:25	SCANDINAVIAN DANCERS OF VANCOUVER, B.C. <i>Fun Dances from Nordic Nations</i>	ALLSPICE <i>Musical Consonance for Fun Dancing</i>	
2:30 -3:30	MAIN EVENT Music during pole-raising provided by HALE BILL & THE BOPPS . Greeting: Josefina Östling, Jämtland, Sweden		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Midsommarfest Terms</p> <p>Lurlåt: Fanfare on the Nordic <i>lur</i> (birch bark horn) heralds the start of the day's featured ceremony.</p> <p>Midsommartåget: Traditional procession of greens bearers, musicians, folk dancers and others in Nordic folk costumes, from the upper grounds to the site of the <i>midsommar</i> pole.</p> <p>Majning: Symbolic of the coming of summer, the prone pole is adorned with fresh greenery while the assembled musicians play Swedish <i>spelmanslåtar</i> (folk fiddling tunes).</p> <p>Majstångsresningen: This is the moment of truth—the raising of the <i>majstång</i> (greened pole) to its upright position by use of <i>klykor</i> (lashed, crossed poles) in a centuries-old manner, aided by encouraging shouts from all the onlookers.</p> <p>Ringlekar and långdans: Everyone who can run is invited to join the traditional <i>ringlekar</i> (game dances) and the serpentine <i>långdans</i> (long-dance) around the raised <i>majstång</i>—all to appropriate live music, of course.</p> <p>Allspel: The ceremony ends with an <i>allspel</i> (everybody plays): the musicians assemble on the main stage to play for participatory dancing.</p>		
	Everyone is invited to participate in a GAMMALDANS (old-time Nordic dance) featuring the following ensembles		
3:30-3:55	ALLSPEL <i>Leader: Ellen Wijsman</i>	COSTUME PRESENTATION <i>(time approximate)</i>	CHILDREN'S CRAFTS – COLORING, BUTTON-MAKING, WEAVING & MORE!
4:00-4:25	SAMMENSPIL <i>Nordic Music from Our Northern Friends</i>		
4:30-4:55	SEATTLE SKANDIA SPELMANSLAG <i>Nordic Northwest Notes</i>	EINAR TAPIO, ACCORDION <i>Music from Mosquitoland</i>	
5:00-5:25	SPRIDA UT <i>String, Strang, All Strung Out!</i>	FIRST CLASS <i>Swinging Scandi Strings</i>	
5:30-6:00	ALLSPICE <i>Musical Consonance for Fun Dancing</i>	HALE BILL & THE BOPPS <i>Does Irene still speak English?</i>	
6:00	LOWERING OF THE POLE – WITH MUSIC FOR THIS CONCLUDING EVENT <i>Thank you for attending Skandia Midsommarfest</i>		

SKANDIA INFORMATION

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<http://www.skandia-folkdance.org>

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES

are presented by Skandia in Seattle by local experts and occasional guest teachers from Scandinavia.

Next classes begin in the Fall

Scandinavian Basics - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00
Phinney Neighborhood Center, Room 2
6532 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle

UNTIL NEXT YEAR . . .

We hope you enjoyed this year's event.

Please join us again on Sunday,
June 26, 2011 to celebrate
Skandia's 53rd Midsommarfest.