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2018 Event Schedule

Date and Time	Event	Location
October 27, 2018	Fall Harvest Dinner	Spindletop Hall
December 2, 2018	Rehearsal	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
December 8, 2018	Luciafest	

SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

On June 16, members and friends of SHSKY met to celebrate Midsummer with the usual fanfare. David Williams and Craig Olson created a midsummer pole for us, and we danced and sang with great enthusiasm. The food and fellowship were wonderful. More photos will follow in a separate email.



In late July I was invited to go to Minneapolis with 2 friends. We took the old roads up the Mississippi River where Iowa has rolling landscape and beautiful green fields. I later learned that farmers now can operate tractors remotely to plant and tend to 32 rows of corn at once!

We stopped at Dubuque, an amazing find. It's a lovely small city that has preserved historic architecture and encourages the arts. The Hotel Julian has been restored to past days of glory. We were on a schedule so went on to Decorah, Iowa, where we visited Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum. There are wonderful indoor and outdoor exhibits, including exquisite needlework and fine crafts. I think back to my school days when they had us make baskets from popsicle sticks and wish the Fine Arts were not the first to go with every budget cut in schools!

Of special interest to me was the Tradewind, a small sailboat, 25 feet long and 9 feet across in which Harald M. Hamran and his brother Hans travelled to America in 1933. They covered 8,000 miles from Kristiansand, Norway to New York Harbor in 125 days, leaving March 26 and arriving July 29. Their voyage at that time was in the smallest sailing vessel yet. They did not travel straight across, due to the wind pattern, but south past Germany, England, France, Spain, Portugal and the Canary Islands and then over to the West Indies, and up America's east coast. Harald was captain, having some 21 years of experience at sea and his brother Hans, 8-10. His 75 page log is exuberant, and captures their joy in being alive, independent and tackling something perhaps insurmountable. They gave their sailboat to Arthur Anderson who later founded the firm of Accountancy, and he donated it to the museum. Harald later attempted a solo voyage across the Atlantic in a very small boat, seemingly most content when battling the sea, but he was lost in 1934. His brother Hans built a home called Enebo or hermit's dwelling near Hedalen, Valdres where he lived until 1971.

Another intrepid adventurer, an American of Norwegian antecedents, Eric Sevareid had a long illustrious career as a journalist, working early on with Edward Murrow during WW II. He was born in Velva, North Dakota, and later moved to Minneapolis with his family. Upon graduation from high school, Eric and a friend, Walter Port decided to canoe to the Hudson Bay from Minneapolis, a voyage of 2250 miles, a story you will find in Canoeing with the Cree published in 1935. Many tried to discourage them, but the Minneapolis Star sponsored them and they made it in 4 months. Their trip took them from the Minnesota River and its tributary, the Little Minnesota River, to Browns Valley. There they portaged to Lake Traverse and descended the Bois de Sioux River to the Red River of the North, up to Lake Winnipeg. They followed the Nelson River, Gods, River and finally Hayes River to Hudson Bay. They had tremendous fun, met wonderful people and had true grit to survive the challenges of weather and of getting along with just one other person, both struggling mightily. It's exhilarating to read. I am sure all of you have read Kon Tiki, Aku Aku, Rah Expeditions and Fatu Hiva by Thor Heyerdahl. One might think that the Vikings' spirit of adventure is in the blood!

Someday I hope to visit a settlement in L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site in Canada at the tip of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula which contains the first known evidence of European presence in the Americas. Norse

expeditions sailed from Greenland, building a small settlement of sod and wood over 1000 years ago. This Viking settlement lies along the ocean in a setting of cliffs and bogs, and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978.

Costumed guides offer tours of the recreated base camp, describe the findings, show you artifacts and give you a personal experience in how they lived and worked. See L'anse aux Meadows National Historic Site on the web. Unfortunately, it looks as though the season ends October 5 for this year.

Speaking of October, SHSKY will hold the Fall Harvest Dinner at Spindletop Hall on October 27. Daniel Phelps will speak to us on Geology and Natural History from an Ecotourism trip from the northern coast of Norway to Spitzbergen where the ship did a circumnavigation. The trip went as far as 82 degrees north to the pack ice; along the way the passengers saw polar bears, walruses and caribou. Daniel also has travelled to the Antarctic. Mary Ann Olson knows Daniel through the Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Society and kindly recommended him to us. Daniel is a Geologist, who retired recently from the state. He teaches part time at Jefferson Community college in Louisville and is President of the Kentucky Paleontological Society. Velkommen!

We will meet to visit at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7 pm. The menu will be as follows:

Mansion Salad

Artisan greens, grape tomatoes, cucumber, pickled baby beets
Deviled egg and buttermilk herb dressing

Grilled Frenched Center cut Pork chop

With root vegetable hash, Brussels sprouts, and apple cider jus

Dessert

Warm Bread Pudding
With Kentucky Bourbon Sauce

The cost is \$30 per person. This is the base price before service fee and tax which generally runs \$8-10 extra. SHSKY will absorb the cost beyond \$30 for paid members and their guests. Cost of annual membership is \$25 per single individual, and \$30 for families. It would be extremely helpful if reservations could be made by October 13 as SHSKY must make a deposit of half of the anticipated reservations to Spindletop by that date. After that date, last minute reservations may be made until October 24, on which date we must submit the final count. You may send checks to Kristie Eubank, 290 Loch Lomond; Lex, Ky 40517 or to Anne Keating, 608 Raintree Road; Lex, Ky 40502. We would prefer not to take checks for dinner at the door as any reservations made with Spindletop will be billed to the organization whether or not the guests attend. The chef, of course has to have a firm number for preparation. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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