

Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin, Inc.

NOVEMBER 2025

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!
THE ARTICLES BELOW SHOW HOW
YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AND HELP
MAKE OUR EVENTS SUCCESSFUL-AND
HAVE FUN DOING IT!**

COMING EVENTS

November 21-23 – Holiday Folk Fair

December 14; 2-4:00 PM – Lucia Pageant
Fox Point Lutheran Church

2025 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR; NOVEMBER 21-23--STATE FAIR

SAHSWI, together with Linde Lodge, is representing Sweden in the 2025 Holiday Folk Fair International. We are participating in the **Nordic Council Cultural Exhibit booth**. The Nordic Council is coordinating the event for the Nordic countries: Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Sweden. The theme this year is “Celebrate the Culture of Traditional Music.”

**Celebrate the Culture of
TRADITIONAL
Music**

2025 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL

Friday, November 21 - Sunday, November 23

State Fair Park Exposition Center • 8200 West Greenfield Avenue • West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

***America's Premiere Multicultural Festival ... Explore the World of Music,
Food, Dance, and Arts***

Travel Around the World at the 82nd Annual Holiday Folk Fair International

Holiday Folk Fair International, America's premier multicultural festival and a program of the International Institute of Wisconsin, celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. You can explore the ways music, food, dance, and art weave together a message of welcome.

To best represent Sweden in this multi-cultural event, we need help from our members. We will have a booth set up with exhibit items, this year focusing on Music. However, they can include other typical Swedish items as well. On the next page you will find a picture of the Swedish display from last year.



The Swedish booth will be manned by a minimum of 2 people for each shift. Each shift is about 4 hours. Linde Lodge has already signed up people for each shift; however, in order to have 2 people there are several openings. All volunteers receive a three-day volunteer fair ticket for free. Volunteers will also be reimbursed for parking.

John Engle is the SAHSWI representative (board member) on the Nordic Council. John and Jan

Ehregren will be setting up the booth display together with Liza Ekstrand from Linde Lodge, so they have signed up for the first and last shifts. If you are interested in filling one of the other shifts, see the table below and contact John Engel (westalliskin@gmail.com) or Jan Ehregren (jehtengren@outlook.com) and they will coordinate the schedule and provide you with volunteer tickets.

If you have or think of any display items that fit the theme of “**The Culture of Traditional Music,**” please contact either John or Jan. There are also a limited number of tickets for sale available at a discounted price. The pre-sale ticket price is \$11 vs \$13 at the door of the event. John or Jan can provide you with pre-sale tickets.

Recognizing the Swedish ethnicity and, for many of us, the Swedish roots are important for our identity. The same goes for other Wisconsinites, descendants of immigrants from Germany, Poland, Italy, China and Norway and many more countries. The Holiday Folk Fair International is celebrating the international community of Wisconsin.

Volunteers needed	
Red Linde Lodge, Blue SAHSWI	
Friday November 21	
9 am to 1 pm	Liza Ekstrand, Jan Ehregren, John Engel
1 pm to 5pm	Margo and Mike Kinservik
5 pm to 9 pm	Allan, Linda /Anja Stenmark
Saturday November 22	
10 am to 1 pm	Cookie Anderson
1 pm to 4 pm	Elaine Johnson
4 pm to 9 pm	Marianne Ekstrand
Sunday November 23	
10 am to 2 pm	Cathy Lehr,
2 pm to 6 pm	Lisa Ekstrand, Jan Ehregren, John Engel

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2025 Lucia Celebration

2025 Lucia celebration will be at Fox Point Lutheran Church, 7510 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, WI on **December 14, 2025, at 2-4 PM**. The preparations of the Lucia program has already begun. If you know of anyone, child or young adult, who wants to participate in the Lucia program, please contact **Program Director Stina Lemery**, dannbergs@gmail.com. Practices are planned at the Fox Point Lutheran Church for the following dates:

- **Sunday, November 16th at 1:00 PM**
- **Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00 PM**
- **Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 PM**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Fika at the Lucia celebration, preparing Coffee and Juices, Cinnamon Buns and cookies. If you can help, please contact Jan Ehrengren, jehrengren@outlook.com