

Friends of the Karl Oskar House/Nya Duvemåla

September 2025

Preserve, Share and Celebrate Swedish Immigration and Culture



Coming Events in September

Every Sunday in September 1-4pm.
Museum open, tours and fika. Free will offering.

Sunday September 7, 1-4 pm Tours and fika.

Sunday September 14, 2-3 pm.
Lauluaika entertains. 3-4 pm pratstund med Sven

Sunday September 21, 1-4 pm Tours and fika.

Sunday September 28, 1.30-3.30 Nordic Folk Music Jam.

FIKA

What is it? It's a uniquely Swedish tradition of stopping everything you're doing to have a cup of coffee and spend time with your friends. Sweet treats are also mandatory. - Every Sunday during Summer at the Karl Oskar House.

Word from the president

We have a wonderful volunteer team working for you at the Karl Oskar House. If you are interested in helping, please contact the following members:



Volunteering? Contact Corliss Vadner, churchlady12@aol.com

- Website development? Contact Carla Norelius, neilcar@frontier.com
- Scandinavian music or dance? Contact Marilyn Wahlstrom, miwahls@msn.com
- Newsletter ideas? Contact Sven Sjöstedt, SvenDaSvede@aol.com
- Purchasing a memorial brick? Contact Peter Osterberg, petermilo8@aol.com
- Making a donation? Contact Pam Deimel, pdeimel@hotmail.com
- Other ideas? Contact Gary Noren, garynoren@gmail.com or Becky Dudley ibdudsmn@yahoo.com or Pete Lindberg plindberg@surfnetausa.com or Chuck Gramling chazmg1@citlink.net or Peggy Kamish-Eral kamish565@gmail.com or Bonnie Anderson brinkanderson@gmail.com

Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag – Our own house band

Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag was formed in 2021 by a group of musicians who love to play music, especially Swedish folk music. They want to share this beautiful music and keep the traditions alive. They are also known as the “Karl Oskar House Band”. They have performed in and around the Twin Cities, at the Karl Oskar House in Lindström, at the



American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis and in music festivals in the area.

To have them play at your event, kontakt Marilyn Wahlstrom, mjwahls@msn.com.

Membership

Support Preserving, Sharing and Celebrating the Swedish Immigration and Culture.

Become a member of the Friends of the Karl Oskar House.

In addition to a great fellowship, members receive a monthly newsletter and advance notice of special events.

\$20.00 annually for individual,

\$30.00 for family membership

Checks may be mailed to PO Box 12, Lindstrom, MN. 55045

Contact: Gary Noren e-mail: garynoren@gmail.com





KUBB

Kubb is a Swedish lawn game made of wood (with roots suggested in Gotland, Sweden more than 1,000 years ago) using batons (kastspinnar) thrown to knock down wooden kubbs or blocks (vedkubbar) on an opponent's side of the field. Ultimately, the goal is to be able to knock down the king after knocking down all the kubbs on that opposite side. Games can last a very short time (an inadvertent knocking down of the king – much like getting the 8-ball in prematurely in a game of pool) to perhaps as long as two hours. While its roots claim to be more than 1,000 years old, it was reportedly invented by Alton Kuse in the early 1900s.

Kubb is a game of strategy, coupled with a bit of a sharp eye and good hand coordination, and has been likened to a combination of bowling and horseshoes but with a bit of chess built in. Best played on grass, the “pitch” or Kubb field, is approximately 24' x 16' with Kubbs initially lined up on either end, and the king is in the center of the pitch.

There are two teams playing the game, and consisting of as few as one and as many as six individuals, who alternate throws to achieve the right to attempt to knock the king down for the win.

Each year, several hundred individuals participate in competition in Eau Claire, WI, and then many more vie for the national prize at Gotland in later July and early August. Several individuals from the Chisago Lakes area have attended, competed, and/or won in the events at both locations.

Kubb sets are readily available in game stores, or through on-line sources, mostly being made out of pine (regulation for the game). The game can be played by individuals of all ages, though when children play, the length of the pitch is usually adjusted.

Here is a short You Tube video on the rules:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZisjpAlarhM>

An introduction to the game of Kubb is offered periodically at Nya Duvemåla during the summer months. Check the newsletter for days Kubb will be played/demonstrated

Virginia Stark has donated a Kubb set to the Friends of the Karl Oskar House. Friends may borrow it for use at home. Contact garynoren@gmail.com for further information. Tusen tack, Virginia!



Karl Oskar Hus/Nya Duvemåla (Chapter 1)

I have the intention to write some about the Karl Oskar House and it's history in each issue of the newsletter in the future. This is the first entry.

1825, 11/18 Carl Jonasson/Linn was born as well as his twin sister, Kajsa

1852, 08/?? Carl Linn sails from Gothenburg on Abrosius

1852, 08/03? Carl Linn arrives in New York

1853, Spring Carl Linn files for homestead on a property between Linn Lake and Kroon Lake and builds a log cabin there.

1854 Carl Linn married Lena Kajsa Falk

1855, 02/14 Carl and Lena Kajsa's daughter Maria Charlotta was born.

1857, 03/12 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son J. William was born.

1858, 10/01 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son Lot Albert was born.

1861, 04/23 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son Jonas Oscar was born.

1862, Carl Linn built the regular house, which today is the Karl Oskar House

1863, 04/11 Carl and Lena Kajsa's daughter Olivia Vilhelmina was born.

1865, 10/30 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son Joseph Willhelm was born.

1868, 01/31 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son Luther Edwin was born.

1872, 06/30 Carl and Lena Kajsa's son Otto Christian was born.

1912, ??/?? Oscar Linn, son of Carl Linn takes over property after Carl died.

1914, ??/?? Charles G Johansson, married Dora Linn (Niece to Carl Linn) rented the property and farmed there.

1919, ??/?? Charles G Johansson and Dora moved to Cushing, WI.

?? The property was bought by Gerald and Urban Holt

1948 Swedish author Vilhelm Moberg visited the Chisago Lakes Area while researching his acclaimed book series: The Emigrants, Unto a Good Land, The Settlers and Last Letter Home. He then saw this house and said: "In that house shall Karl Oskar die".

1995 The Gerald and Urban Holt families donated the house to Chisago County. (Today the organization Friends of the Karl Oskar House maintains the houses at Nya Duvemåla)

Carl and Lena Kajsa Linn are buried at Glader Cemetary across the road and a block east from Nya Duvemåla.



What happened in August?

Sunday August 3. Kubb

Regular open house with fika 1pm -4 pm



Sunday August 10 .

Tours and fika. 1 pm – 4 pm.



August 11. Pratstund

The second Monday in each month we meet on Zoom to speak Swedish. Pratstund i svenskbygderna klockan 19 till 20. (Minnesota tid). Zoom mötesdetaljer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81524319160...>

Meeting ID: 815 2431 9160

Passcode: NWW2021

Vi ses och hörs.



Sunday August 17. American Swedish Male Chorus. Kubb

A wonderful perfect afternoon at the Karl Oskar House. American Swedish Institutes Male Chorus sang for us. Before that some Kubb games. The ASI Male Chorus was founded in 1936. Its goal is to preserve Swedish heritage in song and contribute to the culture of the Minnesota community.



Sunday August 24. Twin Cities Scandijam Trio

The Twin Cities Scandijam Trio entertained us. With dance tunes that were played in the living rooms and back yards of this region from a bygone era. Which we enjoy very much.



Sunday August 31. Kubb

Regular open hose with fika 1pm -4 pm. 1-2pm Kubb – Swedish lawn game. Leaders Craig and Boni Stockel.



For more information:

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