

Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture
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Celebrating Syttende Mai [Suit-en-duh My]

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The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture, Sons of Norway, and the Waldemar Ager Association invite the public to celebrate Syttende Mai (May 17, 1814), Norwegian Constitution Day.

The annual event usually brings 125+ people together to celebrate with a banquet and a program. This year, the event takes place on May 16, at the Holiday Inn Eau Claire, South, 4751 Owen Ayres Court.

Social period starts at 5:30. Banquet begins at 6. Program follows the meal. You don't need to be Norwegian to enjoy this night out.

Starting April 12, tickets may be purchased at Customer Service, Festival Foods, **Mall Drive only**, in Eau Claire, or online at agerhouse.org. Sales end on May 12.

Presentation:

Friluftsliv: Celebrating Open Air Life and Traditions in All Seasons

For Debra Raye King and Thomas Wayne King, every day is an opportunity to celebrate their Norwegian heritages and the joys of *Friluftsliv* in Northwestern Wisconsin. Preparing for weather challenges, *Pakledning*, is important to them in every season. Their presentation highlights the joys of hiking, skiing, skating and tending their flock of registered Icelandic wool sheep at Sunny Cove Farm overlooking Lake Superior.

Presenters:

Debbi and Tom--authors, folk composers, and UW-Eau Claire alumni--live, write, and create in Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Sunshine, their Shetland Sheepdog, romps with them at their forested homestead and hilltop farm. Debbi and Tom are descendants of Norwegian immigrant families whose stories, music, photos and treasured items will touch your hearts and inspire you to celebrate the open-air life.

Also enjoy the silent auction. Take home some treasures as well as some memories. And plan your future in the outdoors. Be encouraged to get healthy--choose the right clothes, enjoy the outdoors—*friluftsliv!* It's a Scandinavian thing to do.

Bring your friends, bid in the silent auction, sing a little, and enjoy the celebration.



Note: If you need more information, just give me a call (715 834 5204) or an email (pearsoda@uwec.edu).



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