

75th Annual Danish Days

"Memories of the Past, Visions for the Future"

Sept. 16 - 18, 2011

With preparations for this years' **Danish Days Festival, September 16th – 18th** well under way, the Solvang **Danish Days Foundation** extends a hearty invitation to everyone. For more information about the **Saturday Parade**, contact Martha Nedegaard at 688-7169, **Sunday's Children's Parade**, contact Donna Beehler at 686-4553.

One area we are especially excited about is in the **Solvang Park** where all booths are offered to non-profit organizations in order to support their fund raising efforts. For info about the **Kid's Korner** area please contact Petti Pfau at 805-688-9973.

"Trip to Denmark" tickets are now on sale throughout the town, at the **Solvang Farmer's Market** – a perfect opportunity to meet this year's



Danish Maid – Kylie Petersen. Ticket sales continue to be one of the major sources of revenue for this event.

Returning this year is **Wood Carver's George Kenny** from Allyn, Washington.

Also returning this year, but in an even larger capacity, are the **Ravens of Odin**. A typical event will feature from 30 to 40 costumed members from ages ranging from 3 to 85, as they portray the various looks and mannerisms of people in ancient Scandinavia.

Visitors to the **Ravens of Odin** encampment, which will once again be in the **Solvang Park**, will see a thorough depiction of artifacts exemplifying the Norse warrior/trader lifestyle. They are invited to interact with the group members, try on armor, hold an exact replica of a Viking weapon, and examine such items as tents, cooking implements, tanning racks, fishing / fowling

gear, crates, barrels, storage chests, carts, tables, and stools. This provides a great photo opportunity. It also allows a chance for the members of Ravens of Odin to share their enthusiasm and passion.

Returning this year is the **Aalborg Police Band**, which dates back to 1920 in Aalborg when a group of policemen began playing string instruments. In 1934 the group borrowed instruments from a closed military band and on January 11th 1935 the Aalborg Politi Orkester was founded as a marching band. From 1936-1960 the band organized Christmas concerts for the citizens of Aalborg.

In 1970 the instrumentation was changed and the Aalborg Politi Orkester became a Big-Band as today. They rehearse every Monday evening at the police station in Aalborg. The band has played for police and public functions in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, England, The Netherlands, Japan and Solvang USA. They will be performing in Solvang Park from 10 am to 11:30 am both Saturday & Sunday and also playing at the **Rebild Dinner Dance** Saturday evening.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

4:00 pm

Free Concert featuring Sonny Semler in Solvang Park Gazebo, Mission Drive at First Street, downtown.

7:30 pm

Torchlight Parade beginning on Alisal Road at Laurel Street and ending at Solvang Park followed by

8:00pm

Opening Ceremonies introducing 2011 Danish Maid Kylie Lund Petersen, 17 years old, a senior at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. Born and raised in Solvang, her parents are Aaron and Elsemarie Petersen. Velkommen Street Dance follows with Danish dancers performing to live music.

8:00pm

PCPA Theaterfest presents “My Fairytale” an enchanting musical about Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark’s renown storyteller; 420 Second Street; Buy Tickets online or call 1-888-795-7922.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

8:30am-12:30pm

æbleskiver Breakfast on Copenhagen Drive & First Street for \$7 (with Danish sausage, \$8).

10:00 -11:30am

Aalborg Police Band of Denmark Free Concert in Solvang Park; specializing in traditional big band and swing music, has been collectively active since 1920; now on tour in the USA.

10:00am - 4:00pm

Kid's Korner and the Play & Rest Center in Solvang Park

10:00am - 4:00pm

Living History Festival at Elverhoj Museum of History & Art. Demonstrations and interactive activities for all ages. Free. 1624 Elverhoy Way, 805-686-1211 or <http://www.elverhoj.org>

11:30am

Free Aebleskiver Eating Contest (corner of Copenhagen Drive & First Street)

2:30pm

Danish Days Parade includes the Solvang Village Band atop the Carlsberg Beer Wagon, the Solvang Village Dancers, Solvang Village Singers & more. Begins at Old Mission Santa Ines, west on Mission Drive, south on Fourth Place, east on Copenhagen Drive to Alisal Road.

6:00-11:00pm

Danish Days Dinner Dance sponsored by the Rebuild National Park Society at Solvang Veterans Hall, 1745 Mission Drive. Tickets \$48 per person, reservations required, call Erik Pedersen at 805-688-1535.

7:00-11:00pm

New this year--Solvang 2nd Century Street Party around Centennial Plaza (482 Alisal Road) with free live rock & roll performances including: The Gary Foshee Band featuring Nathan Towne & Tompeet Fredericksen; Dubley Rouge; Les Mercy and Primal Tribe. Info: Hans Duus, 805-570-0019.

8:00pm

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

8:30am-12:30pm

Aebleskiver Breakfast on Copenhagen Drive & First Street for \$7 (with Danish sausage, \$8).

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