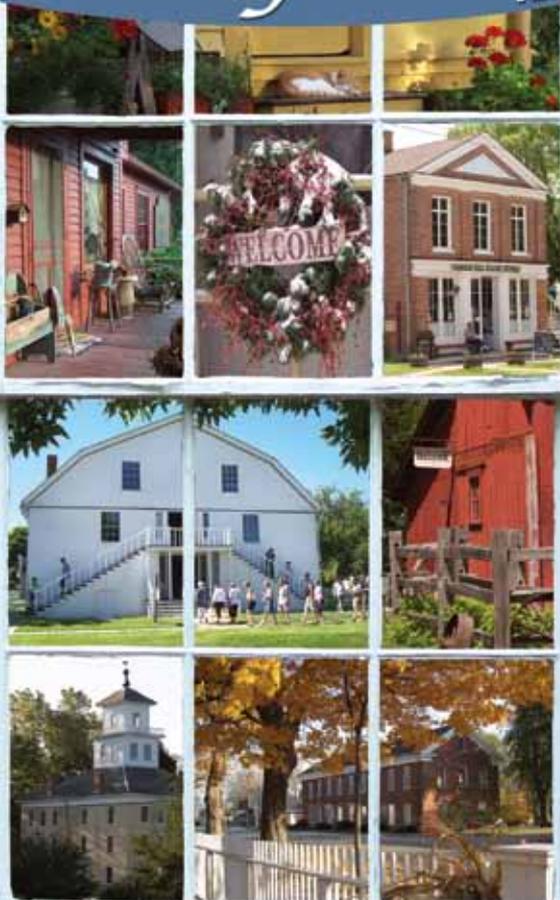


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Many other 'historic villages' one might visit are actually reproductions. They may have done some archeology and built new, or moved a mish-mash of historic structures to an artificial commons. But Bishop Hill is very much the same town you would have seen if you came through in a horse and buggy 160 years ago. It is a living, fully functional village with a mayor and fire department. What makes us unique is that the entire town is a registered historic landmark. The people who live here still farm the surrounding country side, cut firewood for the winter, plant broom corn in the spring, and celebrate the changing of the seasons, just as our Swedish ancestors did. Yes, we do this for the folks who come to participate, but more importantly, we do it because it is our way of living authentically. The crafts and trades that supported our fore-fathers and mothers are still a source of livelihood today. The pottery and brooms you buy are the same ones we use in our kitchens.

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We host a quilt show every May and both an Antique Market and an Antique Car Show in July. There is a Clay and Fiber Weekend in August, and a Harvest Moon with ghost stories in October. There are concerts in the Welcome Center and an annual Chautauqua in the park.

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## 16 The Bishop Hill Welcome Center

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**19 Prairie Arts Center** – *Frank & Ella Davison*  
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**19 VagnHall Galleri** – *Jeff Goard, Curator*  
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## Bishop Hill State Historic Sites

**11** The Colony Church

**27** The Colony Hotel

**47** The Bishop Hill Museum

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The **Bishop Hill Museum** provides visitor information and an orientation DVD. The remarkable collection of Olof Krans folk art paintings depicting Bishop Hill Colony life is exhibited at the Museum. The **Colony Church**, 1848, has been restored. The first floor contains exhibits about Colony life and the sanctuary with its original walnut pews is on the second floor. The **Colony Hotel**, 1852-1861, has been restored and furnished as it was during the late Colony era. The **Village Park** was established by the Colony in 1853. The bandstand has been reconstructed and there are picnic tables and a playground. The Site hosts special activities including school programs throughout the year and offers a Site passport for children.

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## Bishop Hill Heritage Association

**24** The Steeple Building

**21** The 1908 Albert Krans Livery Stable

**3** The Dairy Building

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The **Steeple Building** contains exhibits, visitor information, Colony archives and an orientation video. The **Livery Stable** contains early 20<sup>th</sup> century items. The **Dairy Building** is home to many concerts and workshops and is available to rent for meetings and get togethers. The BHTA features educational programming and special events throughout the year.

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**41** The Henry County Historical Museum

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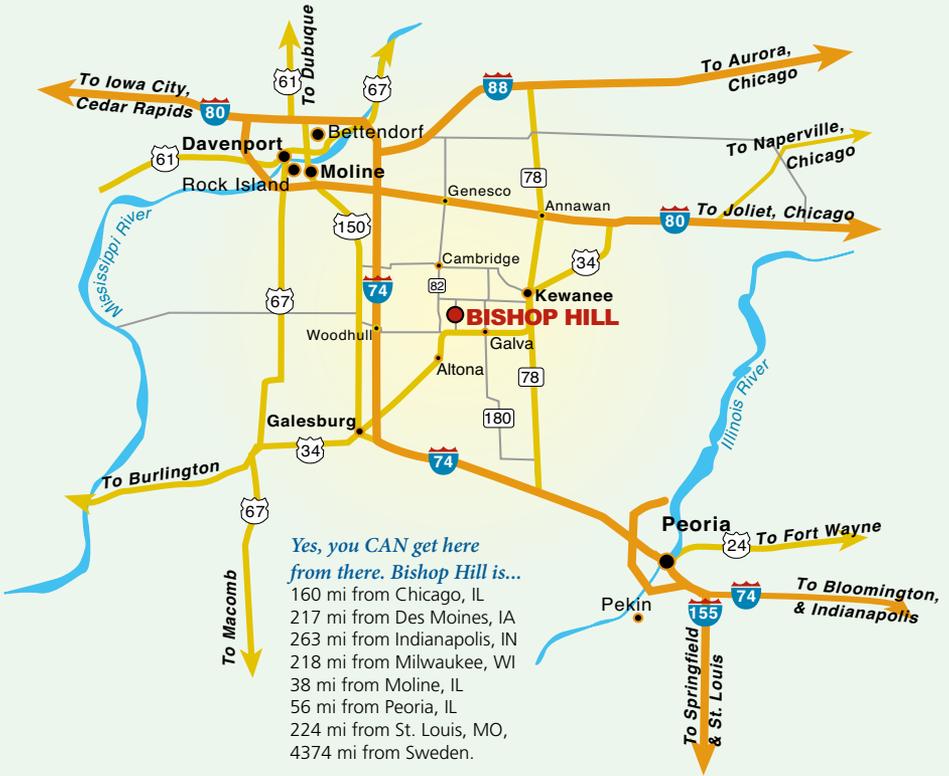
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# OLOF KRANS:

## Bishop Hill's Painter



Olof Krans, Illinois's foremost folk artist, is the subject of a book published last fall, ***The Art of Olof Krans: A Prairie Vision***. This book is a comprehensive survey or *catalogue raisonné* of Krans's work and documentation of his life in the Bishop Hill Colony.

He was born Olof Olsson. In 1850, at the age of 12, he journeyed with his family from Sweden to join the Bishop Hill Colony. Olof learned English at the Colony's school, and served as an ox boy. He worked under Olof Hanson learning the painting trade.

In 1861 he joined the Union Army, Company D, 57th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At that time he changed his name to Krans, which his family adopted permanently. Company D fought in several battles including Shiloh. Krans became ill and was discharged. He returned to Bishop



Hill from the war, but moved to Galesburg where he met and married Christina Aspequist. The couple moved to Galva where Olof began his

life's work as a house, sign, and decorative painter.

In 1896 the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association organized a celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Bishop Hill



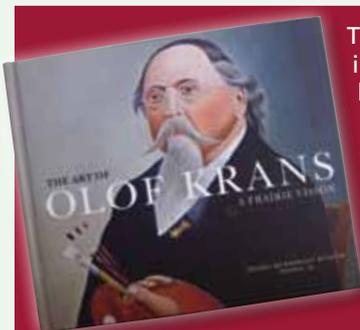


Colony. As his contribution to that gathering, Krans painted his childhood memories of communal life.

Included were depictions of Colony labor: "Breaking Prairie," "Sowing," "Women Pile Driving," "Corn

Planting," "Harvesting." For subsequent Old Settlers' reunions Krans painted additional memories of Colony life and the faces of its people. His paintings are a vital part of the record of Bishop Hill Colony life.

He also painted Galva history, recording the Galva Fire of 1872, the Galva Cyclone, 1908, and Firemen James Pemberton Gibbs. Property of the Galva Fire Department, these paintings are exhibited at the Galva Historical Society Museum along with other Krans paintings, his paint box and tools.



This fully illustrated hardcover book is available for purchase at the Bishop Hill Colony Store. It was published by Peoria

Riverfront Museum and sponsored by Illinois folk art collector, Merle H. Glick, with additional funding from the American Folk Art Society and David Connor. Printing was made possible by a grant from the Barbro Osher Pro Suesa Foundation of San Francisco, CA.

The remarkable Olof Krans Bishop Hill Collection can be viewed at the Bishop Hill Museum. Currently 91 of Krans's paintings are on exhibit, making this the largest collection of Olof Krans folk art in the world. Additional Krans paintings are on exhibit at the Bishop Hill Heritage's Steeple Building Museum.

Long celebrated by Bishop Hill and lovers of folk art, Olof Krans finally has a book dedicated solely to his work. From its pages Krans's remarkable talent is evident as is the courage, perseverance and faith of those Swedes that settled Bishop Hill.



## 16 Bishop Hill Arts Council

207 North Bishop Hill Street, PO Box 47 Bishop Hill, IL 61419

For more than three decades the Bishop Hill Arts Council has promoted the arts and artisans that reflect the traditions of Bishop Hill. The Arts Council produces this visitors' guide, sponsors performing and visual arts events and activities throughout the year. We are always looking for members and volunteers to work with us. Please come to our monthly meetings or sign up to staff the Welcome Center for an afternoon. We provide a place for artists and their supporters to work together to encourage those who chose The Creative Path.



## Bishop Hill Heritage Association

PO Box 92, Bishop Hill, IL 61419 • 309-927-3899

The Bishop Hill Heritage Association was organized in 1962 with the original goal of saving the Colony era buildings that were in disrepair and restoring them to functional use. The BHAA continues to maintain these historic properties and the culture unique to Bishop Hill. The administrative office, museum and archives of the BHHA are located in the 1854 Steeple Building. The BHHA also manages the 1908 Krans Livery Stable museum and the 1854 Dairy Building which is used for workshops and concerts and is also available to rent for meetings and get togethers. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. The BHHA also offers group tours by appointment. Become a member at [www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org) or shop the Colony Store online.

Apr.–Dec. Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun. Noon–5pm  
Jan.–Mar. Mon–Sat 10am–4pm, Sun. Noon–4pm



## Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association (BHOSA)

PO Box 68, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419 • 309-927-3044

The Old Settler's Association was organized in 1896 to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Bishop Hill Colony. In 1953 the BHOSA purchased and restored the 1861 Colony School. The schoolhouse, kitchen and grounds are maintained by the group and is available to rent for meetings, parties and special occasions. Today, Old Settlers' Day is held on the second Saturday in September.



## Bishop Hill State Historic Site

P.O. Box 104, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419 • 309-927-3345

[bishophill@mymctc.net](mailto:bishophill@mymctc.net)

[www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/NorthWest/Pages/Bishop-Hill.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/NorthWest/Pages/Bishop-Hill.aspx)

[facebook.com/illinoisHistory](https://www.facebook.com/illinoisHistory)

The State of Illinois has been an active partner in Bishop Hill's preservation since 1946 when the village donated the Colony Church, 1848, and Village Park, est. 1853, to the People of Illinois. The Colony Hotel, 1852-1861, Colony Barn, c. 1856-1860, Boy's Dormitory, 1847, and the Bishop Hill Museum have been added to the Site. Today the Site is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.





The Bishop Hill Museum, located at the south entrance to Bishop Hill, provides visitors with information and an orientation DVD. While there, visitors can view the extraordinary collection of paintings done by Olof Krans. In 1850 Krans, age 12, and his family came to the Bishop Hill Colony. Years later he painted his unique childhood memories. Today he is recognized nationally and internationally as a folk artists and historian. The Museum is landscaped with prairie grasses and plants.

Bishop Hill's most historically significant building is the Colony Church. Here the Colonists gathered morning and evening to worship. The second floor sanctuary has its original walnut pews. The chandeliers have been reproduced from an original. The first floor rooms, originally used as Colony living quarters, now have exhibits relating to life in the Bishop Hill Colony.



The Colony Hotel provided lodging for travelers most being salesmen doing business with the Colony. Sven and Karin Bjorklund managed the property for the Colony. Today the Hotel has been restored and furnished as it would have been during the Colony. The Colony Barn is located where the original Hotel Stable had been.

No admission is charged, but donations are encouraged and welcomed. Groups of 25 or more must have a reservation. The Museum, Park and restrooms are handicapped accessible. There is first floor access to the historic structures.

**March–October: Thursday–Sunday 9am-5pm**  
**November–February: Thursday–Sunday 9am-4pm**

## Henry County Historical Society

**202 South Park Street, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419**

The history of Henry County, Illinois is close at hand when you enter this one story museum housed in a former school house. Displays are nicely organized and catalogued to make your visit one that won't be forgotten. You will find items that were typical of historic Henry County, including a steam engine, tools, clothing and quilts. The museum also displays a replica general store, a harness shop, and professional offices. Group tours are available, but please call ahead.

**Open daily May thru October: 10am-4pm** [www.historichenrycounty.com](http://www.historichenrycounty.com)

## VASA Order of America National Archives Inc

**109 South Bishop Hill Street, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419 • 309-927-3898**

The VASA archives are designed to preserve the Swedish culture in America and Canada. Visitors can utilize the Archives to complete genealogical research. Assistance is available for members and nonmembers in America and Sweden who are interested in genealogical research. You will also find a collection of several hundred cassette tapes of interviews of Swedish immigrants conducted by Lennart Setterdahl. Your visit is quite welcome, and you will find that at VASA both English and Swedish are spoken. Space for meetings and special events is available for rent.

**April–December 20: Wed.–Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 11am-3pm**  
**Winter hours by appointment**





Many towns can boast of an active arts council but few can say that the arts council is a vital player in the economy and governance of the town! Bishop Hill's Arts Council is one of several key players that is at the core of Bishop Hill's revival and renovation. Working closely with the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, The Old Settlers, The Bishop Hill State Historic Site, Henry County Historical Society and VASA we are building on our town's rich history, creating a path to a bright and vibrant future. It is this unique partnership between the historical societies, shop owners, and artisans that is vital to our growth and ongoing success.

The Arts Council is dedicated to promoting the arts by promoting artists. One of our most important fundraisers is our annual quilt raffle where all proceeds are given to a scholarship fund to nurture the next generation of artists. To buy raffle tickets or apply for the scholarship, please stop by the Welcome Center.



**1st Annual  
Bishop Hill Arts Council  
Photography Contest**

**"Focus on Bishop Hill"**

Get out your cameras, phones and tablets on your next visit to Bishop Hill and take your best shot ... or two. Categories: Festivals, Buildings, Seasons, and Anything Else. Category winners will be published in the 2016 Bishop Hill Visitor's Guide.

Entry forms and full details available beginning in May at the Welcome Center and online. Gallery opening October 23 at the Welcome Center.





In recent years we have refurbished the old Arnquist General Store as our Welcome Center. We host a regular concert series on the third Saturday of the month with some of the best folk, blues, and bluegrass musicians you could ever wish to hear. There are regular workshops and classes in the visual, literary and performing arts. The Welcome Center hosts three new businesses, a free WiFi hotspot, and handicap accessible restrooms. Our large meeting room is also available to rent for your next event.

If you would like to join, donate, volunteer, purchase an ad, or contribute photography to this publication please contact us at BHAC, Box 47, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419.



The Bishop Hill Visitors' Guide is a publication of the Bishop Hill Arts Council. We wish to thank the **Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Lou Hanson, Lou Lourdeau, Jack Kenward, Roger Luft** and **Beth Magnuson** for the use of their photographs.

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# Bishop Hill's Story:



Like the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and the Quakers who followed William Penn to Pennsylvania, the Jansonists were a group of Protestants who fled oppression seeking religious freedom on the shores of America. Eric Janson was known as the Wheat Flour Messiah. He had a debilitating illness cured by a miracle that reshaped the rest of his life. He began preaching about our personal relationship with the Lord, not one filtered by the state religion. After being jailed for his beliefs, he fled Sweden with more than 1000 followers. These people sold everything they owned, some families were divided, and they took the arduous journey across the North Atlantic to America in 1846.

They sent a scout out ahead to purchase property in what was then the western wilderness of Illinois. The first winter they lived in dugouts along the creek. Cholera claimed the lives of many. They soon built a church for worship, large dormitories for housing, a bakery and a brewery to feed their growing numbers. They built industry: brooms, buggies, and woven rugs for income. They built a community that shared the wealth harvesting the bounty of the land. They built a hospital, a school, and administrative offices. More than a town, they built what became a successful economic enterprise that valued the labor of women and men, and educated their children.



# Steeped in History

The preaching and philosophy of Eric Janson is too complex for these few paragraphs, except to say that his convictions inspired many and caused consternation among more than a few. He was murdered in the Henry County Courthouse over a quarrel with his cousin's husband. The community was then managed for a number of years by a board of trustees. The community was eventually dissolved and the holdings were divided among the members with women and children also receiving shares of property, unusual in the 1860's.

Bishop Hill became a hub for thousands of Swedish Immigrants who eventually settled much of the Midwest, from Galva to Galesburg, Minnesota to North Dakota.

At the turn of the last century many of the colony buildings were falling into disrepair. The Old Settlers, The Bishop Hill Heritage Association and the State of Illinois stepped up to save the buildings still standing. Throughout the 1970s restoration and preservation became the call to arms. With help from the Swedish Royal family, descendants of the hardy pioneers and thousands of hours of volunteer labor, Bishop Hill became a thriving community once more. With tens of thousands of visitors every year, visitors from all 50 states, Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, Bishop Hill has a well-earned reputation as a place to step out of the hustle and bustle and back to a simpler time. Truly a Utopia on the Prairie, it is the kind of place where it is easy to expect enchantment!





## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**March 16, 2015** (March 16, 2016)

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and the wearing of the green at The Filling Station.

**5-8pm 309-927-3355**

## Dreaming Tree Coffee House at the Welcome Center

**March 21, 2015**

This world premiere performance blends the red hot Piedmont blues and finger-picking guitar of David Berchtold with the classic American humor, wit and wisdom of storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis. [www.twinflowerinn.com](http://www.twinflowerinn.com)

**7pm 309-696-1017**

## Toy Tractor Weekend

**March 28, 29, 2015**

Over 100 toy tractors and implements of all shapes, sizes and brands from local collectors will be on exhibit at The Steeple Building.

**309-927-3899**

[www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org)

## Spring Jubilee

**April 11, 2015** (April 2, 2016)

Bishop Hill springs to life with special exhibits, fresh shops, and new ideas. Many shops will be serving coffee, cookies, and other delights. We invite you to experience Bishop Hill renewed. **309-927-3899**

## He Gave the World the Steel Plow: The John Deere Story

**April 11, 2015**

The Bishop Hill Heritage Association will host Richard Morthland, a scholar with the Illinois Humanities Council, to present a first person portrayal of John Deere in the story He Gave the World the Steel Plow. The Dairy Building.

[www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org)

**2pm 309-927-3899**



## Sweet Annies Spring Open House and Home Tour

**April 11, 2015**

Join in Sweet Annies Spring Open House and Home Tour. **10am-4pm 309-927-3072**

## Swedish Stomp and Skamparoo

**April 25, 2015** (April 23, 2016)

Run or walk historic Bishop Hill and the beautiful country roads surrounding us, or come to cheer on friends and family in this 5K event.

Applications: [www.bishophill.com](http://www.bishophill.com)

**9am 309-927-3044**

## Rug Hooking Retreat

**April 17–18, 2015**

Come and learn more about the craft of rug hooking. Prairie Arts Center **309-927-3008**

## Swedish Immigration Program

**April 21, 2015**

Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey will present a program with accompanying music, about Swedish immigration. The Dairy Building.

[www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org)

**7pm 309-927-3899**

## Valborg Bonfire

**May 2, 2015**

Come help us welcome spring! Join in this ancient Swedish tradition. Enjoy the bonfire, listen to songs and stories, roast a wiener, sip coffee and hot chocolate, and bring a dish to pass. **6-9pm 309-927-3898**

## Civil War Days

**May 8–9, 2015**

A new event this year! Infantry, Calvary, a fashion show and Ladies Tea, embalming, a hospital tent, and an evening dance at the Colony School. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and General John A. Logan will be here, will you? May 8 is School Day, when reenactors conduct demonstrations for area students. May 9 is open to all ages with a Civil War encampment in the village park and free programming throughout the day.

[www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org) **309-927-3899**

## Quilt Show: Wine, Women, & Windows

**May 15–17, 2015** (May 13–15, 2016)

A bedazzling display of color will fill the Colony School. Quilts may be antique, miniature, patchwork, applique, or something unique.



Admission is \$5. Special quilt exhibit will be in VagnHall Galleri and the Steeple Building.  
**May 15–16, 10am-5pm. May 17, 10-4pm**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**May 16, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Bishop Hill Dulcimer Festival

**May 23, 2015**

Workshops in the morning, an afternoon of picking and grinning where everyone is invited to play along. An evening concert of some of our workshop presenters and participants.

**309-854-3817**

## The Humor of Abraham Lincoln

**June 13, 2015**

A program on the Humor of Abraham Lincoln presented by Dr. Hampes from Black Hawk College on this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's death. The Dairy Building. [bishophillheritage.org](http://bishophillheritage.org)

**1:30pm 309-927-3899**

## Honor Flight Benefit

**June 14, 2015 (June 12, 2016)**

This is a fundraising event for the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Enjoy music, an auction, and a dinner in the Bishop Hill Village Park.

**3-6pm 309-927-3355**

## Midsommer Music Festival

**June 20, 2015 (June 18, 2016)**

Join in a lively Swedish tradition to celebrate the summer solstice with music and dancing. Decorate a Maypole and follow the procession to ensure a bountiful summer. Shake a leg at the barn dance held at the Colony School. Music in the Bishop Hill Village Park **11am-4pm**. Pole decorating and procession at **4pm**. Barn Dance at **7pm**. **309-927-3899**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**June 20, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Dreaming Tree Concert Series at The Twinflower Inn

**June 28, 2014**

The first of our summer backyard concert series. Guest TBA. [www.twinflowerinn.com](http://www.twinflowerinn.com)

**4pm 309-696-1017**

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Antique Market

**July 11, 2015 (July 9, 2016)**

Quality antiques including primitives, country, folk art, pottery, and much more are available on the lawn of the Colony School. This event benefits a Bishop Hill organization.

\$6 admission. **9am-3pm 309-927-3072**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**July 11, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Summer Bonfire at The Twinflower Inn

**July 17, 2015**

Hosted by storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis. [www.twinflowerinn.com](http://www.twinflowerinn.com)

**7pm 309-696-1017**

## Antique Car Show

**July 26, 2015 (July 24, 2016)**

Come view or display great antique and classic cars. Registration is **9am-noon**, judging is from **12-1:30pm**, with awards presented at **3pm**

**309-932-2474**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**July 26, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Dreaming Tree Concert Series at The Twinflower Inn

**July 26, 2014,**

Guest TBA. [www.twinflowerinn.com](http://www.twinflowerinn.com)

**4pm 309-696-1017**





## Clay and Fiber Fest

**August 15–16, 2015** (Aug 13–14, 2016)

Enjoy fine pottery and fiber work as dozens of the Midwest's best display their wares.

Demonstrations include pottery making and firing, spinning and weaving techniques, and broom making. Hands-on activities include spinning and weaving. Enjoy a soup supper on Saturday featuring homemade soups served in handmade bowls at the Colony School.

**309-927-3008**



## Pie and Ice Cream Social

**Aug 15, 2015** (Aug 13, 2016)

Join this delicious fundraiser for the Bishop Hill Heritage Association in the Village Park.

**1-4pm 309-927-3899**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**Aug 15, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Dreaming Tree Concert Series at The Twinflower Inn

**August 16, 2014**

Guest TBA. For more information visit

**[www.twinflowerinn.com](http://www.twinflowerinn.com)**

**4pm 309-696-1017**

## Bishop Hill Chautauqua

**Aug 29–30, 2015**

Located in the Village Park, this small town tradition is a free family oriented event where you will hear re-enactors tell inspiring stories portraying famous historical figures from the past.

**[www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org)**

**1-4pm 309-927-3899**

## Sweet Annies Autumn Open House

**August 29, 2015**

Celebrate the coming of fall at Sweet Annies

Fall Open House. **10am-4pm 309-927-3072**

## Old Settlers Day

**Sept 12, 2015** (Sept 10, 2016)

Celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colony

and the 119<sup>th</sup> year of the Old Settlers Association. A traditional chicken dinner is served at **11:30am** at the Colony School. In the Village Park, attend a band concert at **12:15pm** and a program featuring Colony descendants at **1:30pm 309-927-3044**

## Colony School Reunion

**Sept 13, 2015** (Sept 11, 2016)

Former students and teachers from the Colony School and area country schools meet annually to celebrate. **2-4pm 309-927-3044**

## Agriculture Days – Jordbruksdagarna

**Sept 26–27, 2015** (Sept 24–25, 2016)

Bishop Hill's biggest event features traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century demonstrations, harvest activities, music, dancing, farm produce, and Colony Stew. **10-5pm 309-927-3345**

## Prairie Market at VASA

**Sept 26, 2015**

You will find treasures at the Prairie Market held at VASA National Archives Museum.

**8am 309-927-3898**

## Harvest Moon Shopping and Bonfire

**October 23, 2015**

Return to Bishop Hill and shop by the light of the harvest moon when Bishop Hill galleries and restaurants will be open after dark. Then come enjoy ghost stories around the bonfire at The Twinflower Inn. Shops open until **7pm**. The bonfire and ghost stories run from **7-9pm**

**309-927-3506**

## 1st Annual BHAC Photo Show

**October 23, 2015**

Opening night of the BHAC Photo Show at The Welcome Center. Refreshments served.

**7pm 309-927-3008**

## Collectors Weekend

**October 24, 25, 2015**

For one weekend only at the Steeple Building Museum, antique and vintage items of all shapes, sizes and topics will be exhibited by local collectors. These items are not for sale but are being displayed for visitors' viewing pleasure.

**309-927-3899**

## Rug Hook-In

**October 24, 2015**

Come and learn more about the craft of rug hooking. Prairie Arts Center **309-927-3008**



## Sweet Annies Christmas Open House

**November 7, 2015**

Start the holiday season with an open house at Sweet Annies! **10am-4pm 309-927-3072**

## Christmas Market – Julmarknad

**Nov 27–29, 2015 (Nov 25–27, 2016)**

Swedish traditions come alive with folk characters causing mischief throughout the village. Music and the smell of food fill the air. Shops are filled with handmade items, antiques, folk art, and other gift items. **10-5pm**

The **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held at the Colony School Fri and Sat (Nov 27-28) from **9-4pm**. Local elves make cookies that are sure to please everyone. **309-927-3899**

## Christmas Market – Julmarknad

**Dec 5–6, 2015 (Dec 4–5, 2016)**

This is the second weekend of the Christmas Market. Shopping for gift items continues and the music and food is just as tantalizing.

**10-5pm**. The **Chocolate Walk** will be held at the Welcome Center. Many chocolate treats will be available for you to enjoy. Saturday and Sunday **9-4pm 309-927-3899**

## Lucia Nights – Festival of Lights

**Dec 11–12, 2015 (Dec 9–10, 2016)**

Coffee and sweets are served in shops and museums by young girls dressed as St. Lucia.

Musical entertainment fills the air throughout the village. Luminaries line the sidewalks.

Restaurants are open both evenings.

**6-9pm**

**309-927-3899**



## Dreaming Tree Coffee House at The Welcome Center

**December 19, 2015**

Our annual celebration of the Winter Solstice with singer/songwriter Barry Cloyd and storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis.

**www.twinflowerinn.com 309-696-1017**

## Julotta – Candlelight

### Non-Denominational Church Service

**Dec 25, 2015**

Services are held in the Colony Church and conducted in Swedish and English. Coffee and rusks served following the service.

**6am 309-927-3345**

## New Year's Day Smorgasbord

**January 1, 2016**

Celebrate the New Year with a Swedish smorgasbord at The Filling Station.

**11am-2pm 309-927-3355**

## Twinflower Inn Annual Writers' Retreat

**January 15-18, 2016 (January 13-16, 2017)**

This year's theme is Playing with Poetry.

**www.twinflowerinn.com 309-696-1017**

## Dreaming Tree Coffee House at the Welcome Center

**January 16, 2016**

Guest TBA. For more information visit

**www.twinflowerinn.com**

**7pm 309-696-1017**

## Weekend Wedding Affair at Hantverk Galleri

**January 22–24, 2016 (January 20–22, 2017)**

A three day show of the best local and handmade wedding ideas from necessities.

Information on picturesque Bishop Hill wedding and bridal shower venues, restaurants and B&Bs.

**hantverkgallery.com**

**10am-5pm 309-927-3064**

## Robbie Burns Dinner

**January 25, 2016 (January 25, 2017)**

Enjoy a roast beef dinner, the bagpipes and a poem while you get in touch with your Scottish roots at The Filling Station. Kilts optional!

**5-8pm 309-927-3355**

## Fabulous February

**February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016**

(February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017)

Four Saturdays filled with workshops. Get out of the house and be inspired! Hands on workshops to motivate, inspire and cure the winter blahs!

**hantverkgallery.com 309-927-3064**

## Valentine Dinner

**February 13, 2016**

Special Valentine Meal. Reservations encouraged. PL Johnsons

**5:45-8pm 309-927-3885**

## Sweetheart Dinner

**February 14, 2016**

A special Valentine's Day dinner for you and your main squeeze. The Filling Station

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