

BISHOP HILL, ILLINOIS UTOPIA ON THE PRAIRIE

The Bishop Hill Colony began in Sweden when a group of religious dissenters dreamed of creating a utopia—a place where they could live in harmony with their beliefs, free from the dogma of the established church. In 1846, Eric Janson and his followers, sailed from Sweden to New York, made their way to Chicago and walked the last 160 miles to Bishop Hill. They established a communal Colony on the prairie that grew in numbers and prospered. In the 15 year history of this religious collective, over a thousand immigrants journeyed from Sweden to join the Colony. The Bishop Hill Colony was one of the most significant forces in the later immigration of millions of Swedes.



WHAT IS THE BISHOP HILL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION?

We are a private, non-profit organization that promotes and protects Bishop Hill and Swedish heritage in the following ways:

- Assist in the organizing and promotion of most major Bishop Hill festivals, including Jordbruksdagarna, Julmarknad, Lucia Nights, and the Midsommar Music Festival.



- Preserve thousands of Bishop Hill and Swedish artifacts, dating back to the 1700's
- Raise funds for the repair and restoration of our historic buildings. We also organize and supervise these construction projects
- Conduct a variety of Swedish workshops, such as the Swedish Folk Art Workshop.
- Provide guided tours, school fieldtrips, and educational programming with our Astrid Lindgren Festival.
- Conduct family research for individuals seeking information about their Colony ancestors.
- Maintain a website at www.bishophillheritage.org to inform the public about Bishop Hill's unique history and to sell unique Swedish items from our Colony Store.

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE BHHA!

By joining the Heritage, not only would you be helping us protect and preserve Bishop Hill but you would also receive the following benefits:

- Subscription to the "Newsbulletin."
- Announcements of upcoming events.
- Involvement with Heritage projects.
- 10% discount on Colony Store purchases and—with a membership of \$35 or more.



BECOME A MEMBER!

Fill out the form below!

Mail it to BHHA, P.O. Box 92, Bishop Hill, IL 61419. You can also sign up online at www.bishophillheritage.org.

BHHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print your information as you wish it to appear on your membership card.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

Telephone number _____

Make checks payable to the BHHA.

Visa Mastercard

Exp. Date _____

Card Number _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Signature of cardholder _____

A BHHA Membership fee can be as little as \$10, but for \$35 or more you will receive a 10% discount at the Colony Store and workshop discounts. For \$50 or more, you will receive your 10% store discount, workshop discounts, and an ornament featuring a Bishop Hill Building!

Dollar amount of membership _____

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS OWNED
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BHHA WITH YOUR
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1857 Colony Blacksmith Shop: artisan shop

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1854 Steeple Building: main BHHA museum
and archives

**Become Part of
Something Special!**



1908 Albert
Krans
Livery Stable:
2nd BHHA
museum



1853 Colony Store:
BHHA gift shop

1905
Cobbler
Shop



1855
Dairy
Building



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