

## 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:

- Organizing and promoting many Bishop Hill festivals, including Jordbruksdagarna, Julmarknad, Lucia Nights, Chautauqua, and the Midsommar Music Festival.
- Preserve and display 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.

- Host a variety of lectures and workshops about Bishop Hill and Sweden.
- Provide guided tours and other educational programming, such as the pioneer children's playhouse at the Spets Stuga.
- Conduct family research for individuals seeking information about their Colony ancestors.
- Maintain a Facebook page and a website, at [www.bishophillheritage.org](http://www.bishophillheritage.org), to inform the public about Bishop Hill's unique history.



### 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 Bishop Hill events.
- ✚ Involvement with Heritage projects.
- ✚ Discount on Colony Store purchases



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

For questions, call 309 927-3899.

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

CVC or CVV 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. For \$50 or more, you will receive your 10% store discount, workshop discounts, and a special Colony Store coupon.

Dollar amount of membership \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS OWNED  
AND MAINTAINED BY THE  
BHHA WITH YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS!**



1857 Colony Blacksmith Shop



1908  
Albert  
Krans  
Livery  
Stable:  
2nd  
BHHA  
museum



1851  
Carpenter  
and Paint  
Shop

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1854 Steeple Building: main BHHA museum  
and archives



1853 Colony Store:  
BHHA gift shop



1855  
Dairy  
Building

**Become Part of  
Something Special!**



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BISHOP HILL  
HERITAGE  
ASSOCIATION!**