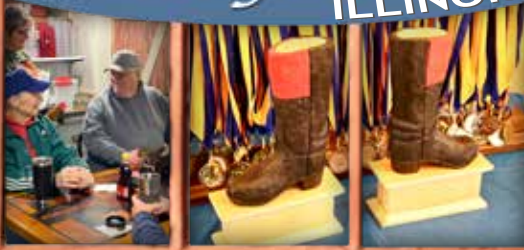


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Welcome to Bishop Hill, Illinois

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 178 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.

Consider yourself invited to come, step into a land of authentic enchantment, and become a part of a living tradition.



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- March 10** **UMCOR Sunday**
We are lifting the United Methodist Committee on Relief and taking a special collection to support the global work of disaster response and alleviating human suffering. Worship is at 10:15 am at Bishop Hill Community UMC, with fellowship time before the service.
- March 13** **St Patrick's Day Dinner | 5PM - 8PM**
at the Filling Station. Get your green on! **309-927-3355**
- March 24** **Palm Sunday Worship**
Come wave palm branches with us and shout "Hosanna!" as we start Holy Week together and prepare for Easter. Worship is at 10:15 am at Bishop Hill Community UMC, with fellowship time before the service.
- March 29** **Candlelight Good Friday Service**
Join us at the Bishop Hill Community UMC. This 5:30 pm Tenebrae service retells Christ's journey to the cross and the tomb, with increasing darkness as the candles are gradually extinguished.
- March 31** **Easter Service - Come celebrate the Resurrection with us!**
We will be having a Sunrise service at Galva First UMC at 6 am and an Easter celebration at Bishop Hill Community UMC at 10:15 am, with fellowship time before the service.
- March 31** **Easter Lunch | 11AM – 2PM** at the Filling Station **309-927-3355**
- April 5-7** **Book Lover Retreat Weekend**
Have you ever daydreamed about disappearing for a weekend with your favorite book, and nothing to distract you from the luxury of reading? Join us for a pampered reading retreat. *Hosted by The Twinflower Inn.* For reservations contact: KimberlySThrush@gmail.com | **309-696-0833** | **FB – The Twinflower Inn**
- April 6-7** **Spring Fling**
Welcome spring and the beginning of the tourist season as various stores, museums and restaurants offer special discounts, events, and activities. Collect signatures from 6 businesses or museums and be entered for a gift basket drawing at the Colony Store. Call **309-927-3898** or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.
- April 6-7** **Exhibit Opening | 10AM - 4PM**
Join the Vasa National Archives and Museum as we open our doors for the 2024 season with an Opening Reception for Rocky Mountain Lodges. The Vasa Order established lodges in Colorado and Wyoming in 1911. Take a look as we explore the history of the rise and fall of Rocky Mountain District #11. *A Sampling of our Samling* will be open for a second year showcasing the pieces from our collection that don't get a chance to come out and shine. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments available. Call 309-927-3898 or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.
- April 6** **Bishop Hill Book Fair | 11AM - 4PM**
at the Bishop Hill Creative Commons Meet local authors, collect autographed books, discuss your dreams of publishing your stories at this free event. Contact Brian "Fox" Ellis for more information: **309-696-1017** or foxtales@foxtalesint.com
- April 6** **Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History**
Kim Sigafus McIver gives a history of Natives in Illinois with a focus on Native women, or what was considered "*The Hidden Half*." Her primary focus is women such as Singing Bird (Blackhawk's wife), and Hononegah. Kim will bring the audience into these women's day-to-day lives, including courting, marriage, and child-rearing. She will also talk about their role in their husbands' lives, and how those lives affected the history of Illinois. Kim will also bring items that women would have used in their daily lives, as she discusses the role women played within the family unit. The audience will be able to pick up and view the items, learn Native language and music, and get the chance to play the drum in this interactive experience. This one-hour program is free and is open to the public. It will start at 1 p.m. at the Steeple Building Museum. For more information, contact the Bishop Hill



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Sunday | 10:15am

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Galva First UMC

Sunday | 9am

200 NW 2nd Ave.
Galva, IL 61434





Heritage Association at **309 927-3899** or bhha@mymctc.net. Sponsored by the BHTA and the Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar Program.

- April 6** ***This 'N That Rummage Sale | 9AM – 3PM***
Stop by the Colony School to find a special treasure, trinket, or tchotchke while you're visiting opening weekend in Bishop Hill! Sponsored by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association - a portion of the proceeds will be directed to our Town Flag fund for ongoing maintenance of the American & Swedish flags that line the town roads. www.bholdsettlers.org bholdsettlers@gmail.com
- April 12-14** ***Pottery Class | 10AM – 4PM each day.***
Seating is limited for this three-day pottery class. This hands-on clay experience is geared for high school age and up. Students will learn techniques in centering clay and pulling up forms on the wheel. This class will be taught by local potter Jeffrey Goard at the Dairy Building in Bishop Hill, IL. The \$150 fee includes all supplies. Call or text **309-883-1035** for details and to sign up. Bring a lunch or enjoy one of Bishop Hill's fine eateries. Partially sponsored by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association
- April 12-14** ***Book Lover Retreat Weekend***
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- April 20** ***Wild Boar to Baconfest: Pigs in History and Popular Culture | 1PM***
In this lecture, Cynthia Clampitt presents the history of pigs and pork to examine the impact these animals had worldwide. Clampitt will focus on the Midwest, including why poet Carl Sandburg would call Chicago "Hog Butcher for the World." This program is free and open to the public at the Steeple Building Museum. For more information contact the Bishop Hill Heritage Association at **309 927-3899** or bhha@mymctc.net. Sponso BHTA and the Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar Program.
- April 26** ***Valborg and Wiener Roast | 6 pm***
Experience an ancient Swedish traditional bonfire as we welcome spring's return at the Vasa National Archives. Yard games, activities, hotdogs, hot coffee and cocoa will be available. This event is free and open to the public. In the event of rain, we will be on the Vasa National Archive second level. Call **309-927-3898** or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.
- April 27** ***Annual Swedish Stomp & Skamparoo | 7:30AM***
Run or walk historic Bishop Hill and the beautiful hilly country roads surrounding the village or cheer on friends and family in this 5k event. Starts and finishes at the Colony School. A Pancake breakfast is open to the public. Hosted by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association 7:30 am School doors open for Onsite Registration and Pancake Breakfast. Race start is 9 am. www.bholdsettlers.org | bholdsettlers@gmail.com
- May 3 - 5** ***Book Lover Retreat Weekend***
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- May 4** ***Mommy & Me Fashion Show | 12:30PM – 2PM***
Join us at Krans Kafe for Entwined's Free Spring & Summer Fashion Show! See our new arrivals for both Women and Children. Sponsored by Entwined Boutique, Hosted by Krans Kafe, 103 S Bishop Hill St. **309-927-3282** | Entwined2015@gmail.com | FB Messenger: Entwined Boutique



Avoid disappointment and call ahead.
Check www.visitbishophill.com for the most current dates and times.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4** *Spring Open House at J Goard Pottery | 2PM – 6PM*
Stop by this local business to view the artistry of clay – from traditional wheel and firing to raku and slab work pieces. Take this opportunity to meet and visit with the local potters/artists. Door prize drawing and refreshments will be served. **Jeff Goard 309-883-1035** (call or text) **potter4now@yahoo.com**
- May 12** *Mother’s Day at the Filling Station | 309-927-3355*
Breakfast Buffet 7AM-10AM | Lunch 11AM-2PM
- May 17-19** *Bishop Hill Quilt Show*
A bedazzling display of color will fill the Colony School. This year’s theme is *Rainbows, Rickrack and Roses*. Quilts may be antique, miniature, patchwork, appliqué or something else. Colony School admission is \$5.00. Challenge quilts will be at the Steeple Building Museum. Colony School is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday. Sponsored by the Prairie Queen Quilt Club and the Bishop Hill Heritage Association.
- May 25** *Finnish Field Day: Hobby Horse Games | 1PM – 4PM*
Children and adults have been riding hobby horses, or stick horses, for centuries for play, to mock elites, and reenactments. In 2017, hobby horsing competitions (where teenagers and young adults mimicked horse competitions) were introduced to the public through Selma Vilhunen’s 2017 film *Keppihevosten vallankumous (Hobbyhorse Revolution)*. Come make a hobby horse or bring your own and enjoy a day of jumps, races and dressage/dancing. Hobby horses are \$10 each. Supplies are limited and reservations are suggested. Call **309-927-3898** or email **VasaArchivist@gmail.com** for more information.

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- May 26** ***Peace with Justice Sunday***
On this Sunday we lift up our historic commitment to peace and justice, and take a special offering to support programs and ministries to educate, equip, and mobilize actions of peace-making. Worship is at 10:15 am at Bishop Hill Community UMC, with fellowship time before the service.
- June 1** ***Bishop Hill Folk Music Festival***
Begin your summer by attending the Bishop Hill Folk Music Festival. Enjoy free music in the park all day long. Listen to Bucky Halker, Barry Cloyd, and many more folk musicians. Visit the Steeple Building Museum for a free presentation about dulcimers by Mike Anderson. This one-day festival is free and open to the public. Email bhha@mymctc.net or call **309 927-3899** for more information. Organized by the, *Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, Galesburg Foundation, and Geneseo Foundation.*
- June 2** ***Celebration of Loving Connection***
We are inviting those who have gotten married at Bishop Hill Community UMC over the years, or who have family that have, to celebrate and share pictures and memories of the ceremony and journey together since. We will have a blessing during the service at 10:15 am, and a potluck afterwards.
- June 8** ***Night Lighting for Moths | 8:30PM (after sunset)***
In the Prairie behind the Commons with Entomologist and author Angella Moorehouse. Last summer we saw more than 100 species of insects in two hours, including moths as big as a shoe! Join us for a fun evening with the author of *Flower Bugs* and explore the night life of Bishop Hill's prairie. Free. Contact Brian "Fox" Ellis for more information: **309-696-1017** or foxtales@foxtalesint.com
- June 9** ***Daniel Holmes performing***
Daniel Holmes is a Christian folk singer-songwriter whose father served as a pastor in Bishop Hill in the early 1960s. He will be giving a musical message at the 10:15 am service at Bishop Hill Community UMC.
- June 15** ***Honor Flight of the QC Fundraiser | 11AM – 3:30PM***
Join us for a fundraising event to benefit the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Lunch will be served starting at 11AM. Live Music/Live Auction at 2PM | Brown Bag Raffle 11AM-2 PM. Public support of this event is an important cause for our Veterans. Event Location - Colony School, 405 W Main St, Bishop Hill. For more information contact Linda Spring **309.507.3801**
- June 16** ***Father's Day at the Filling Station 309-927-3355***
Breakfast Buffet 7AM-10AM | Father's Day Lunch 11AM-2PM
- June 21** ***Stitched Shibori, Clay Resist and Mandalas plus Indigo Dyeing Class***
2-day workshop, taught by Sheri Wood | 9AM – 3PM
plus your choice of Thursday, June 27 OR Saturday, June 29
On June 21st, we will explore some advanced resist methods for patterning indigo, including Stitched Shibori designs, painting, stenciling and stamping with clay resist, and more detailed tying techniques to create Mandala or snowflake designs. We will spend the day working on the different techniques and designs, you may take home your stitched and tied items to complete before the dyeing class next week. Please leave your clay resist items with Sheri to finish drying before next week's class. You will choose which day, Thursday June 27 or Saturday June 29 the next week to return for dyeing. We will work with both fresh indigo and vat indigo to color your projects. Material and most supplies will be provided at class, but feel free to bring along natural fiber fabric or small clothing items from home to use. Bring along an apron, your needlework scissors, thimble and assortment of needles. Class will meet at the 1854 Dairy Building, 410 N. Erickson Street, Bishop Hill, IL 61419. We will take a lunch break around noon, please visit one of the local restaurants or bring your lunch. Class size is limited to 10 people. Class fee is \$150 and includes 2 days of class and most supplies. For more information or to sign up for class, contact Sheri at: sheri_jeanne@hotmail.com or **(309) 299-8007**.
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- June 22** **Midsommar Music Festival**
Bishop Hill's Midsommar Music Festival returns this year on Saturday June 22 with a strong line-up of musical performers. Some of the performers are Black Hawk Pipes & Drum and the Norwegian Bachelor Farmers. Other highlights of this event include a Swedish Maypole decoration and ring dancing. Join us for this lively Swedish tradition to celebrate the summer solstice. This festival is free and open to the public. Email bhha@mymctc.net or call **309 927-3899** for more information. *Organized by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Funded by the Bishop Hill Arts Council, Bishop Hill Vasa Lodge #683, Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association, Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency, Minneapolis Foundation, and the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.*
- June 22** **Midsummer Respite | 10AM – 4PM**
If you get too hot or dry while exploring Bishop Hill during this summer celebration, the Vasa National Archives invites you to take a break and enjoy fika with us. Fika is a Swedish custom of offering visitors a drink and a snack. To help pass the time while you cool off, we have a make and take clay sculpture station for you. Free and open to the Public. Call **309-927-3898** or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.
- June 27** **Fresh Indigo and Vat Indigo Dyeing Class, taught by Sheri Wood | 8AM – 3PM**
Please join me at the Dairy Building for a fun day of exploring the magic of dyeing with indigo! Starting with natural fibers and materials, we will add patterns and watch the magic as the fabrics change from white to yellow to blue right in front of your eyes. Material and supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring along fabric or small clothing items from home to use, natural fibers dye best. I will provide samples of many different natural fabrics and yarns for you to dye. Bring an apron, or wear clothing that may be blue before end of day. Everyone will take home their samples to finish at home, starts of the plants, and class handouts. Lunch break around noon. Visit one of the local restaurants or bring your lunch. Class size limited to 10. Class fee is \$75. For more information or to sign up, contact Sheri at: sheri_jeanne@hotmail.com or **(309) 299-8007**. *Partially sponsored by the BHHA.*
- June 29** **Fresh Indigo and Vat Indigo Dyeing Class, taught by Sheri Wood | 8AM – 3PM**
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- July 13** **Dancing Queen: ABBA Tribute Band Concert | 1PM**
Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute is quite literally the most accurate tribute band on the planet. With painstaking attention to detail, they've recreated an ABBA experience that is second to none. Fronted by two dynamic women with angelic voices, and backed by a group of world-class musicians, the music of the greatest pop band in history comes to life in a Las Vegas type show that captivates audiences, both young and old. This two-hour concert is FREE and open to the public. It will start at 1 p.m. in the Village Park. For more information about this concert, contact the Bishop Hill Heritage Association at **309 927-3899** or bhha@mymctc.net. *Organized by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Funded by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation, Community State Bank, Minneapolis Foundation, and Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency.*





- July 20** ***Basket Weaving Workshop | 9AM – 3PM***
At the Dairy Building, learn how to make an ivy basket with instructor Linda Simmons. \$15 per person, max of 10 people. Participants are to bring the following items: a towel, a pail, and some hand-held garden shears. All other materials will be provided. Lunch will be on your own. Call **309 927-3899** or email bhha@mymctc.net for more details or to register. The Dairy Building is located at 410 North Erickson Street. *Sponsored by the BHHA and the Illinois Art Council Agency, a state agency.*
- July 28** ***Antique Car Show | 8AM***
Antique and classic car show at the Bishop Hill Village Park. Registration is 8:00AM-11:30AM at the Colony School; Judging is noon-1:30PM; Award Presentation at 3:00PM. \$15 Entry Fee. New class this year – Working Trucks! *Hosted by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association* www.bholdsettlers.org bholdsettlers@gmail.com
- August 10** ***The Bishop Hill Hummingbird Festival | 8AM – 2PM***
at The Bishop Hill Creative Commons. A celebration of birds, butterflies, and pollinator gardening. A morning bird walk, bird banding, storytelling and music. Contact Brian "Fox" Ellis for more information: **309-696-1017** or foxtales@foxtalesint.com
- August 17** ***Fresh Indigo and Vat Indigo Dyeing Class, taught by Sheri Wood***
Class is from 8 am. to 3 p.m. at the Dairy Building. Please join me for fun day of exploring the magic of dyeing with indigo! Starting with natural fibers and materials, we will add patterns and watch the magic as the fabrics change from white to yellow to blue right in front of your eyes. Material and supplies will be provided at class, but feel free to bring along fabric or small clothing items from home to use, natural fibers dye best. I will provide samples of many different natural fabrics and yarns for you to dye. Bring along an apron, or wear clothing that may be shades of blue before the day is over. Everyone will take home their samples to finish at home, starts of the plants, and class handouts including sources for supplies, instructions for what we did in class, and directions for finishing your

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August 24 *Bishop Hill Chautauqua*

Join us for this historical re-enactment brought to life through storytelling and music. Spend the weekend in the village park with several characters from our past. After the performances, enjoy Fika in the park with some of the performers. All the park activities are free and open to the public. Later that evening, enjoy a dinner theater at the Bishop Hill Commons. For more information, contact the Bishop Hill Heritage Association at 309 927-3899 or bhha@mymctc.net. Organized by the BHHA, Fox Tales International and the Twinflower Inn. Funded by the Geneseo Foundation, Galesburg Foundation, and Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency.

Sept. 14 *Old Settlers' Day | 8:30AM – 4:00PM*

An annual event celebrating the founding of the Village on Sept 23, 1846. Events for the day include: a Pancake Breakfast at the Colony School (8:30-10:30); a free Band Concert in the Park (Noon); followed by a free Program in the Park (1:00); a free will offering Dessert Social and School Reunion for Henry County Schools (2:00-4:00) at the Colony School. Our "Meet the Colonists" exhibit will be on display at the Colony School for the entire day. Hosted by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association www.bholdsettlers.org | bholdsettlers@gmail.com

Sept. 28-29 *Agriculture Days – Jordbruksdagarna | 10AM – 4PM*

As always, there will be a variety of traditional craft demonstrations, music, food, dancing, vendors, and hands-on activities for the children during Jordbruksdagarna (Swedish for "earth work days"). Enjoy the petting zoo and the antique tractor display, with demonstrations. This 19th century harvest festival is free and open to the public. Email bhha@mymctc.net or call 309 927-3899 for more information. Organized by the BHHA. Funded by the Illinois Art Council Agency, Nature's Creations, Wilbur and Marilyn Nelson, Peck Farms, River Valley Cooperative, State Bank of Toulon, TerraForm Power by Brookfield Renewable, and the Henry County Independent Insurance Agents Association

Sept. 28-29 *Butter Making | 10AM – 5PM (during Jordbruksdagarna)*

Bishop Hill colonists, like many Swedes, were excellent butter and cheese makers. Stop by our booth in the Demonstration area to learn about butter making and make your own butter to take home. Free and open to the public. Call 309-927-3898 or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.

Sept. 28-29 *Lunch at the Colony School | 11:00AM – 2:00PM*

Serving beef barley stew, rice pudding, and hardtack at the Colony School (while supplies last). Our "Meet the Colonists" exhibit will be on display at the Colony School for the entire weekend. Hosted by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association www.bholdsettlers.org | bholdsettlers@gmail.com

Sept. 28 *Bishop Hill Community UMC Bake Sale*

During Jordbruksdagarna we will be having a Bake Sale as a fundraiser to support our local 4H.

Oct. 6 *World Communion Sunday*

Every year on the first Sunday of October, Christians around the globe celebrate Holy Communion and promote Christian Unity. We have an open table, and invite people of any denomination or faith tradition to join us for worship at 10:15 am at Bishop Hill Community UMC.

Oct. 12-13 *Bargain Hunter Weekend*

Celebrate the bounty of fall in Bishop Hill as various stores, museums and restaurants offer special discounts, events, and activities. Collect signatures from 6 businesses or museums and be entered for a gift basket drawing at the Colony Store. Call 309-927-3898 or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.



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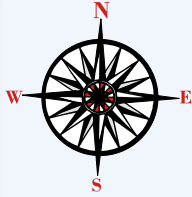
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- 8** Bishop Hill Creative Commons, 309-927-3851
- 14** Mother Corn Studio
- 16** Entwined Boutique, 309-927-3222
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- 19** Prairie Arts Center, 309-927-3008
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- 23** Post Office, 309-927-3595
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- 31** Colony Store, 309-927-3596
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- 10** The Filling Station, 309-927-3355
- 13** PL Johnson's, 309-927-3885
- 15** The Colony Inn, 309-927-3335
- 32** H Wyatt Bakery, 309-927-3300
- 48** Krans Kafe, 309-927-3136

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- 22** Twin Flower B&B, 309-927-3506
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- 11** Colony Church, 309-927-3345
- 21** Krans Livery Stable, 309-927-3899
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Points of Interest

- 2** Dairy Building
- 3** Spets Stuga
- 6** Jansson House
- 7** Meat Storage House
- 9** Fire Station
- 12** Boys Dormitory
- 19** Colony Blacksmith Shop
- 20** Eric Krans House
- 22** Colony Hospital
- 23** Colony Carpenter Shop
- 26** Colony School
- 28** Olson Barn
- 29** Colony Residence
- 30** Colony Administration
- 37** Eric Troil House
- 39** Red Oak House
- 40** Methodist Church
- 42** BH Municipal Building
- 43** Swanson House
- 44** Jacobson House
- 45** Krusbo House

Points of Interest

-  Open to public
-  Walk-by viewing only

-  Open Year Round*

-  Public Restroom

* Events can be postponed please call to avoid disappointment.





- Oct. 12** ***Bishop Hill Pottery Festival | 10AM – 5PM***
The Pottery Festival will include demonstrations in pottery, and the art of raku. Artists from the surrounding area will be set up featuring glass, wood, textiles, candles and soap. Entry is free to the public, and advance fee of \$45 for vendor set-up. Contact Jeff to reserve your vendor spot. *Sponsored by J Goard Pottery.* Jeff Goard **309-883-1035**(call or text) | **potter4now@yahoo.com**
- Oct. 26** ***Ghost Stories Around the Bonfire featuring Brian “Fox” Ellis***
Silly scary stories at 6:00 | More seriously scary stories at 7:00
This annual event draws a large gathering of strange spirits and even stranger stories sure to send a shiver up your spine! Located at The Twinflower Inn. \$10 - \$20 suggested donation Contact Fox for details **309-696-1017** | **foxtales@foxtalesint.com**
- Oct. 26** ***Witches Night Out | 4PM – 7PM***
Who doesn't love a good sale? Join us for shopping and a Halloween Party on Witches Night Out! Sponsored by Entwined Boutique and Krans Kafe **309-927-3282** | **Entwined2015@gmail.com** | FB Messenger: **Krans Kafe Entwined Boutique**
- Oct. 26-27** ***Hopewell Weaving Weekend***
Join Jennie Hawkey of Hopewell Weaving for a two-day weaving workshop at the Bishop Hill Schoolhouse. Looms and materials will be provided, and all levels of experience are welcome! This event takes place at the Colony School, and out-of-town participants can include a stay at the Twinflower Inn. Some meals included. For work shop details, times, and more information go to **hopewellweaving.com** or contact Jennie at **hopewellweaving@gmail.com**
- Nov. 3** ***All Soul's Day***
This Sunday we gather as a community and commemorate those who have passed over the previous year, and celebrate the saints in our lives who have helped us to grow in faith and love. Worship is at 10:15 am at Bishop Hill Community UMC, with fellowship time before the service.
- Nov. 10** ***Kongero Swedish Folk Music Vocal Workshop***
Kongero, a touring Swedish Folk'appella group, will conduct a workshop on Swedish folk and Christmas songs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Dairy Building in historic Bishop Hill IL. This is a free walk-in workshop that is open to all ages. Please come and learn how to sing a variety of holiday songs. The Dairy Building is located at 410 North Erickson Street, Bishop Hill IL. For more information, please call **309-927-3899** or email **bhha@mymctc.net**. *Organized by the BHHA. Funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency, and the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.*



Join the Bishop Hill Arts Council

Since 1982, BHAC has supported the arts and artisans that reflect the traditions of Bishop Hill. The BHAC produces and distributes the annual visitor's guide, hosts the [visitbishophill.com](http://www.visitbishophill.com) website, and utilizes print and TV media to market Bishop Hill. The BHAC yearly provides funding for events such as Midsommar, Julmarknad, and Lucia Nights. As financing permits, the BHAC sponsors concerts, workshops, and classes. By joining the BHAC, you can help support the arts and ensure the economic vitality of Bishop Hill. The BHAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Individual members receive: Special discounts offered at participating stores and voting privileges.

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Please make checks out to Bishop Hill Arts Council, and mail with this form to BHAC, Attn: Membership, PO Box 47 Bishop Hill, IL 61419. For more information, contact BHAC at artscouncilvents@gmail.com.



Planning a wedding? A Family Reunion? A

corporate retreat, bus tour, dog show or baby shower? Bishop Hill can offer space and atmosphere! The 1861 Colony School, the 1854 Dairy Building, Krans Kafe, H. Wyatt Bakery and the Bishop Hill Commons are available to rent. The Vasa National Archive and the Steeple Building have space as well. Contact them directly for rental information. Looking for food to go with that rental? The Filling Station and PL Johnsons can make it for you. Contact them directly for menu options.

EVENING MEALS in Bishop Hill:

The Filling Station 10 serves dinner every Friday. **The Colony Inn Tavern** 15 has pizza and pub foods, but other nights it is recommended that you make reservations at one of the many restaurants that are within a short drive.



Ongoing Events...

Vasa Game Nights - January through March

Join in the fun! Meet new people. Everyone welcome. Bring a game, bring a snack. Beat the winter blues! Tuesday evenings. 6-8pm **309-927-3898**

Concerts at the Commons

Join us for our weekly concert series with some of the best bands touring the world-from Ireland to Peru, Nashville to Austin and all points in between. These family friendly concerts are great fun and you get to see Grammy winning artists in an intimate setting. Full schedule at visitbishophill.com Look under the "Listen" tab or contact John Taylor at john.r.taylor@gmail.com. Potluck at 6pm. Music at 7pm.

Art Workshops at The Commons

Weekend and weekday hands-on workshops for kids and adults throughout the year. Follow us on FB or call **309-927-3851** for upcoming events.

Trivia at The Colony Inn

Every other Friday at 6:30pm.
Last Saturday of the month at 2pm.



Nov. 29-Dec. 1 JULMARKNAD (Christmas Market) | 10AM – 5PM

& Dec. 7-8 Visit traditionally decorated shops and museums. Encounter Swedish folk characters roaming the village. Special music, Swedish foods, unique gifts, and more. *Organized by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, Bishop Hill Arts Council, and the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.*

Nov 29-30 Annual Cookie Walk | 9AM – 3PM

Make your Christmas Market visit complete! Stop by the Colony School for the annual Cookie Walk where homemade cookies will be available for purchase by the pound while supplies last. www.bholdsettlers.org | bholdsettlers@gmail.com

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Make and Take Dala Horses | 10AM – 4PM

& Dec. 7-8 Paint stations will be set up in the Vasa National Archive for painters to decorate their own wooden Dala Horse. Participants are welcome to leave their Dala horses at the archive to dry while shopping in Bishop Hill. Paint, brushes, and smocks provided. During the week, the paint stations will not be available, but you can take Dala Horse kits home to paint. Each kit includes 3 colors of paint, brushes, and a Dala Horse. The Dala Horses are available for a \$8 donation per horse whether you paint here or at home. Call or email to reserve horses to ensure supply. Call **309-927-3898** or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.

Dec. 13-14 LUCIA NIGHTS (Festival of Lights) | 6PM – 9PM

Experience a unique Swedish holiday. Luminaries line the sidewalk and candles are in every window. Live music at several locations. Young girls dressed as St. Lucia serve drinks and sweets in shops and museums throughout the village. Soup supper available at the Methodist Church. All Bishop Hill restaurants and shops will be open. December 13 is the Christmas Tree lighting in the park at 6 p.m. On December 14, Barn Dance at the Colony School at 7 p.m. Call **309 927-3899** or email bhha@mymtc.net for more information. *Organized by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, Bishop Hill Arts Council, and the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.*

Dec. 13-14 Vasa Closing Reception | 6PM – 9PM

Come say goodbye to the Vasa exhibit on *A Sampling of Our Samling*. This is also a final celebration of the 2024 season. Coffee and cookies will be available to visitors at the Vasa National Archives for the closing reception. Free and open to the public. Call **309-927-3898** or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.

Dec. 21 Brunch with Santa and the Grinch | 10AM – 1PM

Here's your chance to have Brunch with your favorite Christmas characters! Adults \$15, Children \$10. Reservations required. *Hosted by Krans Kafe, 103 S Bishop Hill St. | 309-927-3282 | Entwined2015@gmail.com | FB Messenger:Krans Kafe*

Dec. 21 Holiday Open House at J Goard Pottery and PL Johnson's | 2PM – 6PM

Shop for last minute gift ideas while meeting the local potters/artists. Door prize drawing and refreshments will be served. Jeff Goard **309-883-1035**(call or text) | potter4now@yahoo.com

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We prepare for the Nativity of Christ through scripture and song, as we light candles together and share the story and hope of Christmas. We will have a 7pm service at Galva First UMC and a 9pm service at Bishop Hill Community UMC.

Dec. 25 Julotta | 6AM

Celebrate Christmas in a unique way by attending the annual Julotta service at the Colony Church. Held annually since 1970, the candlelight service incorporates traditional readings and hymns in both Swedish and English. Coffee and rusks served after the service. Be sure to dress warmly as the sanctuary is unheated during the event. **309-927-3345**

Jan. 1, 2025 New Year's Day Swedish Smorgasbord | 11AM – 2PM

Join us at the Filling Station | **309-927-3355**

Feb. 14, 2025 Valentines Day Dinner at the Filling Station | 5PM – 7PM

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Bishop Hill:

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 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!



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OLOF KRANS: *Bishop Hill's Painter*

Olof Krans, Illinois's foremost folk artist, journeyed with his family from Sweden to join the Bishop Hill Colony at the age of 12.

As his contribution to the 50th anniversary celebration in 1896 of the founding of the Bishop Hill Colony, Krans painted his childhood memories of communal life.

The remarkable Olof Krans Bishop Hill Collection can be viewed at the Bishop Hill Museum. **47** 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. **24**



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The organizations of Bishop Hill work together to preserve this special 19th century community for the many visitors who come from all over the world to explore and experience what Bishop Hill has to offer. Bishop Hill organizations depend on volunteers to make things happen. Special event weekends, tours, gardening, ticket taking, cleaning, renovating and the publication of this visitor guide can only happen with the dedication of our volunteers. Consider volunteering once a week, once a month or for one event and help to preserve and nurture this unique historical town.

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. They continue 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

Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association

PO Box 68, Bishop Hill, Illinois 61419

The Old Settler's Association was organized in 1896 to observe the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Bishop Hill Colony. In 1953 they purchased and restored the 1861 Colony School. The schoolhouse, kitchen and grounds are maintained by the group and are available to rent for meetings, parties and special occasions. www.bholdsettlers.org

Bishop Hill State Historic Site

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

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 Department of Natural Resources.

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. www.henrycountyhistoricalsociety.net

Vasa Order of America National Archives Inc

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

The Vasa Archive preserves the records of the Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal organization with lodges through the US, Canada and Sweden. The Vasa Archive collects genealogical information on Vasa members and their families. Visitors can utilize the archive's records to conduct their own genealogical research or hire the archivist to conduct the research for them. Assistance is available for those doing their own research. Visitors can listen to over 1,400 of Lennart Setterdahl's Swedish Immigrant interviews. Space for meetings and special events is available for rent.

Bishop Hill Arts Council

PO Box 47 Bishop Hill, IL 61419 • 309-927-3064

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.



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