

ALPHABETICAL EVENT LISTING

Arts and Crafts Fair

River Bluff Middle School Gymnasium, Cafetorium, and Grounds

Over 65 artist booths, all featuring hand-made items from rosemåling, woodcarving, pottery, jewelry, weaving, and more. This event has both indoor and outdoor vendors.

Saturday • 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday • 9 am - 2 pm *

Canoe Race And Portage • 47th Annual

Race Start: 2717 Yahara Road off Williams Drive

You can catch the Viking paddlers at these locations: Bridge over the Yahara River (*County Hwy B near County N), Forton Street Bridge (Forton and N. Division Streets), W. Main St. Bridge (W. Main and S. Water Streets), Pedestrian Bridge (W. Jefferson to Main Page Ct.), Finish Line near Mandt Park on Riverside Drive.

Friday • 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Chamber Bucks Matching Bucks!

One Community Bank Plaza

Visit the One Community Bank tent and buy your Chamber Bucks! Thanks to our sponsors One Community Bank, Conant Automotive, Eldon Homes, Emmi Roth, Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, Stoughton Trailers, and TDS, buy \$20 and you will get \$40. Perfect for shopping during the festival! *One offer per family, limit to first 125 customers. Not valid on booster button sales.

Friday • 4 pm – 6pm*

Costume Style Show

First Lutheran Church, 310 E. Washington St.

*Saturday • 2:30 pm **

48th Annual Style Show! Come enjoy the beautiful Norwegian Costumes (bunads) and learn about these national, traditional costumes representing the different districts of Norway. In addition, we will tell the personal story of each wearer's costume.

Duck Draw hosted by Stoughton Youth Baseball Association

Forton St Bridge

Friday • 6 pm

Edvard Grieg Chorus

Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main Street • Saturday • 11:30 am *

Christ Lutheran Church, 700 County Road B • Sunday • 10:30am

For over 90 years the Edvard Grieg Chorus has performed Norwegian, spiritual and secular songs. The Chorus performs at the Syttende Mai Festival every year.

Fab Lab Open House

600 Lincoln Ave, Door #1 • 11am - 2pm

FabLab Stoughton is the birthplace of inspiration, insight, and creativity for the dreamers in all of us. Come see for yourself! FabLab Stoughton / Stoughton High School is a shuttle bus stop. Stoughton High School is the location of the shuttle bus park and ride for Syttende Mai 2023.

Handicapped Accessible Parade Viewing

Livsreise Parking Lot, next to 277 W. Main Street

Sunday • Noon - 3:30 pm

Handicapped Accessible Dedicated Parking

- Street parking on Jackson St between Water and Division will be reserved for handicapped accessible parking.
- North-facing lots in the Livsreise Parking Lot will be reserved for handicapped accessible parking.

Hardanger Embroidery Exhibit

Chorus Public House, 154 W. Main Street

The annual Hardanger Exhibit is a display of this intricate textile art from local embroiderers.

Friday • 9 am – 4 pm | Saturday • 9 am – 5 pm | Sunday • 9 am – Noon *

Krokbragd/Rosepath Weaving

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street

Fiber artist Sarah Bukrey will demonstrate the Norwegian art of Rosepath and Krokbragd weaving. Krokbragd (pronounced croak- brod) is a Norwegian version of tapestry style, weft-faced weaving.

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm *

Lil' Syttende Mai Community Run • 29th Annual

Race Start: Yahara River Trail entrance in Stoughton Business Park

The **new route** starts in the Business Park and follows the Yahara River trail to downtown, ending in Mandt Park. This 2-mile run/walk is open to all ages. The race is not timed..

Saturday 7:45 am Start

Nordic Fiddles

Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main Street

Celebrate your Norwegian heritage listening to folk tunes played on the Hardanger Fiddle, often called Norway's National Instrument. Nordic Fiddles is a group of talented local students, taught by Carlyce Skjervem, who enjoy playing this very special music from Norway.

Saturday • 9:30 am - 10:30 am*

Norwegian Flat Plane Carving

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street

Scandinavian style of woodcarving is a style of figure carving where figures are carved in large flat planes primarily with a carving knife. Tool marks are left in the carving and very little rounding or sanding is done.

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm

Norwegian Church Service

Christ Lutheran Church • 700 County Road B

The Sunday celebration includes part of the traditional Norwegian liturgy. The Edvard Grieg Chorus will perform, and the service ends with the singing of one of Norway's patriotic songs "Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet," or "Yes, we love this land."

Sunday • 10:30 am

Norwegian Dancers

The Dancers kick start the festivities with a performance at the Capitol in Madison on Wednesday, May 17 at Noon. Then, the World Famous Stoughton High School Dancers perform four times over the weekend. Enjoy their outdoor street performance at the Festival Tent, (Division and Main Street) on Saturday at 2pm.

Performances

Saturday, 2pm (Festival Tent)

Saturday, 3:45pm* (Community Building)

Saturday, 5:30 pm* (Community Building: Dancer and Alumni Performance)

Sunday, 3:45 pm* (Community Building: Final Show of the Season)

Norwegian Heritage Center - Livsreise

277 W. Main Street

Livsreise uses modern technology to tell the story of Norwegian immigration to the United States.

Friday • 11 am – 6 pm | Saturday • 9:30 am – 5 pm | Sunday • 10 am – Noon *

Norwegian Parade

Westbound Main Street

The area's largest parade moves west on Main St from Fourth St to Gjertson St. This is arguably the highlight of the festival!

Sunday • 1:30 pm

Opening Ceremonies

Festival Tent, Division Street and Washington Street.

Reading of the 2022 Syttende Mai Proclamation, Introduction of the 2023 Syttende Mai King & Queen and Prince & Princess, Singing of the Norwegian National anthem and more!

Friday • 6:00 pm

Opera House Tours

Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.

Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm (except during performances)

Oseberg Wagon Replica

Chorus Public House, 154 W. Main Street

Longtime art instructor and educator, Rodger Hansen presents on Don Rorvig's project for recreating the Oseberg Wagon, circa 800 AD. This richly carved fjord horse drawn wagon was used by Norse royalty when visiting neighboring realms. Such an ambitious undertaking will take us several years to complete.

Friday • 9 am - 4 pm, Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm, *

Pole Lathe Turning Demonstrations

315 E. Main Street

The pole lathe gained traction in Europe in the Middle Ages and saw regular use until it nearly disappeared. Now a small growing community of talented individuals, mostly hobbyists, are breathing life back into the trade.

(This demonstration will be outdoors, and is weather permitting)

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm *

Posments & Whipcording

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street

Witness the recreation of viking-age posments-knotting and braiding wire into ornaments used to adorn textiles.

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm *

Quilt Show

Chorus Public House, 154 W. Main Street

Featuring local hand-made quilts. 2023 Featured Quilter is Alice Moen

Friday • 9 am - 4 pm, Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm, Sunday • 9 am - Noon *

Roadhouse Chiefs

Entertainment Tent

Cambridge-based band, Roadhouse Chiefs, bring their veteran rockin', rhythm 'n blues to the Syttende Mai Entertainment Tent Friday evening.

Friday • 5pm – 8pm

Rosemåling Exhibit And Sale

Fire Station Training Room • 401 E. Main Street

Rosemåling is the term for the bright, flowing Norwegian folk art painting that decorates many Norwegian wooden objects. This event is presented by the Wisconsin State Rosemåling Association.

Friday • 9 am – 4 pm, Saturday • 9 am – 4 pm, Sunday • 9 am – Noon*

Rosemåling Demonstration

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street

Nancy Odalen, Veesterheim Museums newest Rosemåling Gold Medalist, will demonstrate the rosemåling folk art painting that originated in Norway.

Saturday • 9 am – 11am *

Rusty Hearts

Entertainment Tent

Bring your dancing shoes for this old time, hard rockn', honky tonk and country music from the 6-piece band! We're sure you'll recognize a few familiar faces.

Saturday • 5-8 pm

Sami Bracelet Making

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street

Jewelry artist Sandy Fleming will demonstrate Sami bracelet making. The Sami nomadic tribes in the north of Scandinavia have a rich and ancient native culture.

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm *

Scandinavian Old Time Dance Music Ensemble

Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main Street

The Scandinavian-American Old Time Dance Music Ensemble, based out of Madison, Wisconsin, will perform traditional music from Scandinavian immigrants who settled in the Driftless region.

Saturday • 2 pm *

Scandinavian Skills Demonstrations

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.

Meet today's artisans, crafters, and musicians who are preserving traditional Scandinavian art for the next generation. This event is designed to bring you up close with artists in a setting where you can ask questions and learn more about what they do. You'll see wood carving, krokbragd weaving, modern knitting, rosemåling, and more.

Saturday • 9 am - 4 pm

Shuttle Bus Service

Stoughton High School, 600 Lincoln Ave

Park your car at Stoughton High School and utilize the shuttle service with their multiple stops throughout festival grounds.

Saturday • 9:30 - 6 pm, Sunday • 10:30am - 5 pm

Sons Of Norway - Mandt Lodge: Norwegian Style Bingo

317 S. Page Street

Join us for an evening of bingo and fun with cash and fabulous free door prizes. Doors open and food will be offered after 5 PM and during the bingo break. We are handicapped accessible with a lift located on the south side of the building. All ages welcome but youth must be accompanied by an adult family member over the age of 18.

Saturday • 6 pm (Food served at 5 pm)

Spinning and Fiber Preparation

Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.

Fiber artist Sylvia Lawrence will demonstrate the art of spinning on a wheel as well as a drop spindle. She will walk you through the steps it takes to turn raw wool into yarn.

Saturday • 9 am - 4pm *

Stamp Cancellation

Downtown Post Office, 246 E. Main Street

Syttende Mai Stamp Cancellation will also be available for 30 days after the festival during regular business hours.

Saturday • 10 am - Noon

Stoughton City Band Concert

Division Street Park, Forton Street and N. Division Street

The Stoughton City Band is a group of music-lovers of all ages! They will perform a variety of music styles as people gather for the canoe portage.

Friday • 6:30pm

Stoughton Historical Museum

324 S. Page Street

Exhibit: Holiday Collections from 1800's - Present!

Friday • 1 pm - 5 pm, Saturday • 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday • 11 am - 1 pm & 3 pm - 5 pm

Stoughton Village Players Presents: It's a Blunderful Life or Ole Gets His Wish (Ole får villjen sin)

Stoughton Village Players Theater, 255 E. Main Street

Tickets \$16, online at stoughtonvillageplayers.org, or at the door if available.

Thursday • 7 pm & 8:30 pm

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Saturday • 2:30 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm

Syttende Mai Classic 20-Mile Run • 51st Annual

Race Start: Mandt Park • 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton

The Syttende Mai Classic 20-Mile Run is one of Wisconsin's longest running races. The top male and female finishers are awarded a hand-painted wood trunk in the Norwegian rosemåling style. The race starts and ends at Mandt Park while following the vibrant downtown and energetic neighborhoods throughout Stoughton

Saturday • 7:30 am Start

Syttende Mai Classic 17-Mile Walk • 37th Annual

Race Start: Mandt Park • 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton

The Syttende Mai Classic 17-Mile is a loop course that starts and ends at Mandt Park, following the vibrant downtown, serene residential neighborhoods, and beautiful scenery through the Yahara River Trail.

Saturday 7 am start

Syttende Mai Classic 10-Mile Run • 14th Annual

Race Start: Mandt Park • 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton

The loop course starts and ends at Mandt Park, following the vibrant downtown, serene residential neighborhoods, and beautiful scenery through the Yahara River Trail.

Saturday • 7:45am Start

Syttende Mai Entertainment Tent

S Division St near W Jefferson St

Friday, May 19 • 4pm - 9 pm *

Music by Roadhouse Chiefs • 5 - 8 pm

Taste of Stoughton Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, May 20 • 10 am – 9 pm *

Nottingham Mead Tasting • 2pm – 4 pm

Music by Rusty Hearts • 5 pm - 8 pm

Taste of Stoughton Happy Hour!

Syttende Mai Entertainment Tent • Kegonsa Plaza Parking Lot

Bring your friends and enjoy the live music in the Syttende Mai Entertainment Tent. Drink specials sponsored by Taste of Stoughton

Friday • 5 - 7pm

Viking Games • 9th Annual Strongman Competition

Syttende Mai Entertainment Tent • Kegonsa Plaza Parking Lot

Viking Games Strongman Competition is a United States Strongman qualifying event. Enjoy a cold beverage from the beer stand while viewing a variety of sanctioned events.

Saturday • 10 am - 5 pm *