

## Scandinavian Fest Measureable Outcomes

Created an evaluation form based on the outcomes from the grant application-Results:

**OUTCOME: Participants will enjoy Scandinavian entertainment and food.**

**OUTCOME: Participants will enjoy direct access to a James Beard Cookbook Hall of Famer and a Minnesota Book Award nominee.**

**OUTCOME: Participants will engage with literary classic *Pippi Longstocking*.**

For the second outcome, Beatrice Ojakangas was the James Beard Cookbook Hall of Famer and Eric Dregni was the Minnesota Book Award nominee.

As for the last outcome, none of the kids filled out evaluations (library staff did hand them out, but no kids turned them in), but all of the kids that came to the event participated in the Pippi events.

### **Did you enjoy Scandinavian Fest today?**

Yes: 81

No:

### **If so, what most interested you?**

- Food, displays, authors
  - Bethel Anderson's hardanger. Cook book lady presentation and cookbooks
  - The food! The clothing and crafts
  - Speaker, tables of ethnic articles
  - Everything Scandinavian! You did a fabulous job! Loved the Scandinavian sampler plate!
- Thank you!!
- Everything—speakers, displays, food
  - The food was wonderful—speaker also was great!
  - Amazing fest. Food-excellent, books, speaker
  - Of course the food. But I also enjoyed the guest speakers and viewing of the many traditional things. It is a real treat getting to experience such tradition
  - Excellent speaker and food
  - Stories—local connections
  - Tasting foods
  - Everything, lunch was 5 stars!!
  - Much fun! Really good! The spinner lady, seeing who came and from what distances
  - Food and crafts
  - The Norwegian wedding cake
  - Enjoyed Beatrice's Talk—fun person
  - All! It was delightful and well planned.
  - The great variety of displays of Scandinavian items. Excellent speakers.

- The speaker was so interesting and informative.
- Everything: 3
- Tasting different food, displays, recipe books
- Food, displays, Norwegian speaker, cookbooks
- Speaker
- It was all interesting!
- Both presentations were very interesting.
- Everything, the displays, the food, the speakers
- Displays, authors, visiting, food. Everything was great!
- Your speakers and food
- Everything—food, crafts, people—speakers and attendees
- Food: 2
- Cookbook author and humorous author were great. Food was wonderful too!
- Enjoyed the speaker.
- Treasures of community folks, beautiful food
- The speakers. Food was wonderful!
- Good work
- Eric Dregni
- Speakers, displays, foods
- Morning speaker and food
- Enjoyed meeting Beatrice, as we have enjoyed her on cooking shows
- #1 Great speaker, writers cook book, humorous, old pictures, local history
- Food and displays, music, speakers, all
- Looking at the displays, food was great
- Seeing items, history, community working together
- Spinning demonstration, wonderful food
- Food, demonstrations of spinning, seeing hardanger that Bethel Anderson has made
- This was fun!
- Displays-lunch
- Rosemaling. The people
- The displays, Rosemaling, food variations, people, music
- Beatrice

**OUTCOME:** Participants will become more familiar with Scandinavia, both in its modern and historical forms.

**2. Did you become more familiar with Scandinavian history and culture?**

Yes: 67

No: 5

**If yes, what did you learn?**

- Not to use Crisco! Or margarine! Scandinavian cooking-heritage cooking
- Beatrice Ojakangas's talk was so good! Interesting because she has lived what she talks and writes about!
- That they began farmers' co-ops and invented the paperclip, plus many more interesting facts
- Co-op movement, humor
- The appreciation for traditional foods
- Yes, local history
- Was in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden a few years ago but enjoyed seeing all displays and speakers
- Old traditions
- Viking brought Native Americans to Scandinavia 300 years ago, Norway is the most expensive country in the world, population 4/5 million, they like their socialist state a lot!
- Current Norway
- That there was so much crafts I've never seen before and love the event.
- The flags (I had guessed right), Different foods.
- Always find new things--displays
- Refreshed my memory!
- Learned about the history of baking—and about the difference the seasons make in your baking outcome
- Rosemaling is Norwegian. Just goats, Norwegian spiritualism
- There's not that much difference between the cultures
- New food, displays
- Use butter for cooking
- Not to cook with Crisco
- Food traditions and some historical traditions
- It was interesting to hear about the Finish compared to the Norwegian
- So many interesting items
- Many basics
- Many basic and general facts
- The food is great! We came in late and just caught the end of the talk
- More about food and artifacts. You all did an awesome job on this event! It was fantastic!! ☺
- That a lot of people come to things like this—so come early! I like the different textiles.
- Even though I am of Swedish descent
- The difference between trolls and Nyssa and tom-toms
- Food, literature, differences and similarities
- That Norway pays for babies
- Cooking, loved the tasting
- We always learn every day

### 3. Please list suggestions for future library programs:

- Other ethnic groups
- German heritage, Hispanic heritage
- Idea: Put small pencils in the center of tables for folks to fill out these surveys. Thank you so much for doing this. Elin Peterson would have loved it.
- Perennial planting for the area, quilting ideas, cooking with rhubarb
- German Fest
- Mexican
- German??
- German
- Any authors or people of interest in the area—I really enjoy meeting new people
- Be more specific in newspaper ads—such as scheduled times for speakers, etc.
- More things along
- If you have another event like this (I hope you do) having coffee on the tables would be nice.
- Another heritage fest such as German or whatever
- A history and culture of Germany
- Having different cultural: German, Finland, etc.
- Have annual ScandiFest
- More Scandinavian—could be better
- They're all been good
- I enjoy the free books—I read four books a week
- (If Scandinavian) Larger venue, Serve aquavit!, It looked like a lot of time and volunteer work, Scandinavian music, a hardanger fiddle on display, use plastic spoons!
- More events about local culture: Scandinavian, German
- Thanks
- German cooking and heritage
- Trips to see various museums or historical places, houses, events all around the state

### 4. Where did you hear about this program?:

Library: 16 Library E-Newsletter: 6 Sign at local business: 6 Facebook: 1 Library Mailing: 5 Friend/Relative: 40 Newspaper Article: 33 Newspaper Ad: 31 Library website: 1 Church notice: 12	Other: Member of the Library program Saw it advertized on the sign up town in the Park Mankato Sons of Norway: 2 Sons of Norway North Mankato Library Mankato Newsletter
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