Eastern Division Mini-Convention Details

Fall Foliage Frolic Details

The Nordic Harmoni Chorus invites singers and delegates from the Eastern Division for a weekend of fun, singing and a some legal business. Of course, anyone in the AUSS is most welcome!

Our chorus has a standing date to sing at the Peru Fair on the last Saturday of September at noon. The town of Peru is blocked off to traffic and thousands come for the vendors, artists, crafters, and music. As luck would have it, this is foliage time, when Vermont explodes in a display of brilliant colors. Leaf peepers are everywhere and every town seems to have a festival.

The Eastern Division is not holding a full Convention this year but is required to conduct its legal business, elect officers etc. We therefore request all division choruses send delegates for an official meeting.

The weekend will have rehearsals, a concert, a dinner, socializing, and spontaneous singing—all the events you love about conventions.

Being an informal weekend, the dinner is casual: a buffet at Tater Hill Golf Club and will cost \$20, at most.

Important: We need to get a count for the music and also the dinner so send me an e-mail (<u>vartland@comcast.net</u>) by September 1, to say that you will attend!

- Carl-Erik, Vice President, Eastern Division

Weekend Schedule

Friday, September 27

Check in to the lodge of your choice (see "Lodging" at right).

7:00 p.m. Evening rehearsal at Second Congregational Church, in Londonderry.

Saturday, September 28th

9:45 a.m. Nordic Harmoni marches in the Peru parade with Viking shields, a cardboard Viking ship, not designed to float, and singing the marching song, *Vi gå över daggstänkta berg*. The parade runs the entire length of the town, perhaps 200 yards.

10:00 a.m. Meet at the Peru Church for a rehearsal.

12:00 noon. Concert in same church.

Afternoon. Delegates' Meeting at place and time to be announced, and free time.

6:00 p.m. Happy Hägar Hour, followed by dinner and party at Tater Hill Golf Club.

Sunday, September 29th

9:30 a.m. We will enliven the church service at the second Congregational Church, Londonderry.

Lengthen your stay with golf, antiquing, a cheese tour, outlet shopping, sight-seeing, and some serious leaf peeping. Vermont is a beautiful state, especially in the fall.

Lodging

As mentioned in the previous issue of Musiktidning, the Blue Gentian will be the "headquarters" for the weekend. Two other lodges are also available. Contact information for all three are below:

Blue Gentian Lodge

289 Magic Mountain Access, London-derry, VT 05148.

Website: www.bluegentian.com

Phone: 802-824-5908 or toll-free

1-800-456-2405

E-mail: <u>bluegentian@comcast.net</u>

Upper Pass Lodge

420 Magic Mountain Access Road, Londonderry, VT 05148

Website: www.upperpasslodge.com

Phone: 802-824-5600

E-mail: vince@upperpasslodge.com

Swiss Inn

Rt. 11, Londonderry, VT Website: <u>www.swissinn.com</u> Phone: 802-824-3442

A note from the Eastern Division President

Conventions are a blast! I always look forward to them with excitement. Ken and I will be in Minneapolis for the Central Division Convention, then in Vermont for the Eastern Division "Mini-Convention." We just can't get enough of them!

Even though the Vermont event is shortened, it will be fun. Our hosts, Nordic Harmoni, will make sure of that. They are a great group. Those who attended the 2010 division convention or a

fall weekend know what I mean.

We also need to hold a Delegates' Meeting to conduct division business. I promise to keep it as short as possible, so everyone can enjoy Vermont. I will be sending e-mails soon to each chorus to request delegates, but start thinking about your representatives now.

Looking forward to seeing all of my Eastern Division friends in Vermont!

- Ellen Svengalis, President AUSS Eastern Division