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**Press Release - For Immediate Release**

**Bishop Hill Plans for Julmarknad**

**BISHOP HILL, IL** – The holiday season will be opened the traditional Swedish way during *Julmarknad*, or Christmas Market, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. Nov. 27 through Sun. Nov. 29 and Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Sun. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> in Bishop Hill.

The free events' attractions include Swedish folk characters, traditional Swedish holiday decorations and special gifts for the Christmas season for sale. There will be "*Make and Take*" workshops **the first weekend only at**

**1 pm and 3 pm** at the historic Steeple Building. "*An Old Fashioned Christmas*" holiday exhibit will be on display in the Steeple Building including a special holiday Lionel Train display on the first floor. Trains will be running Friday, and Saturday; 10 am to 3 pm and Sunday; Noon to 3 pm. Schedule for second weekend; Saturday 10 am to 3 pm and Sunday; Noon to 3 pm.

**A Christmas Cookie Walk**, with homemade cookies and baked goods may be purchased by the pound, will be the first weekend only Nov. 27-29 at the Colony School hours 9 am to 4 pm.

Many wonderful artists will be demonstrating their crafts and performing throughout many of the shops during JulMarknad festivals. Check out all the great holiday décor and gift items found in our wonderful shops...often you will find that special one-of-a-kind item. Many shops are having great sales. Why settle for run-of-the-mill gift when you can give that one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone made by a local or area artist?

There will be a "*Chocolate Walk*" at the historic 1854 Steeple Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend only; Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 5 pm. Purchase quality chocolates made by expert area chocolatiers.

The historic Bjorklund Hotel will feature cookie baking in the restored 1860's kitchen from 1 to 3 p.m. Fri. through Sun. Nov. 27-29 (first weekend only).

**Don't forget about this year's Lucia Nights Fri. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> featuring the Peoria Cooperative Academy Chorale and much more!**

Bishop Hill is located 150 southwest of Chicago and 20 miles east of I-74 in Henry County, IL. For more information call 1-309-927-3345 or 309-927-3899 Visit the web at [www.bishophillartscouncil.com](http://www.bishophillartscouncil.com)

\*Events of the Bishop Hill Arts Council are sponsored, in part, by a grant from the *Illinois Arts Council*, a state agency.



\*\*\* Be sure to **Bring the kids** to Bishop Hill for: ***Make and Take Holiday Workshops, Model Trains, Julbock and Tomten!***

**FREE!**

**LIONEL  
TRAINS**

in Bishop Hill, IL  
at Steeple Building  
Museum as part  
of "An Old Fashioned  
Christmas!"

Fri. Nov. 27-  
Sun. Nov. 29th  
and  
Dec. 5th & 6th



**MODEL TRAIN LAYOUT  
BOTH WEEKENDS  
BISHOP HILL  
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

See Press Release for running times!

***ALL ABOARD!***



Don't forget about our upcoming  
"Lucia Nights" – *Festival of Lights* – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009!