

COLONEL HEG REGAINS HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE AT THE TOP OF KING STREET ON THE CAPITOL SQUARE IN MADISON, WI. (PICTURES COURTESY OF CORLENE BARTELS)

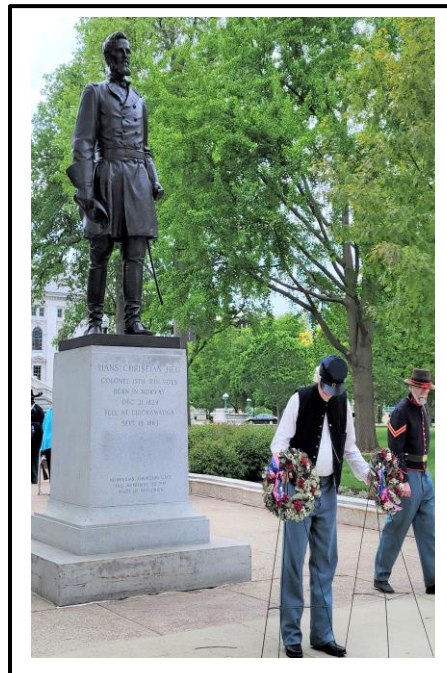


Ready for a 21-gun salute

Twenty-five Heg family descendants attended from across the U.S.



Presenting the colors



Laying of wreaths at the Heg statue

Hans Christian Heg was born in Lierbyen, Lier, Buskerud, Norway, on December 21, 1829. He immigrated to Wisconsin in 1840 along with his parents Even and Sigrid "Siri" Olsdatter Kellerud Heg.

They initially settled at the Muskego Settlement in Racine County, WI.) Heg was a Norwegian American abolitionist, journalist, anti-slavery activist, politician and soldier, best known for leading the Scandinavian 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Regiment on the Union side in the American Civil War. He died of wounds he received at the Battle of Chickamauga on September 20, 1863. (en.wikipedia.org)

ADULT HERITAGE WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Friday PM, Arrival and intro to the Giants of the Earth Center in Spring Grove, a tour of the building

Entertainment features Robin Fossum playing Hardanger fiddle and violin. The Lauren Singing Society of Decorah, IA, and Rachel Storlie will perform vocals. The mic will be open to tell an Ole and Lena joke!

Dinner, catered by Rosie's Catering: Ham and Meatballs with the trimmings, and bars for dessert

Hayride through the hills around Spring Grove

Movie: The Birkebeiners, the Heroes of Telemark, or another as selected.

Uff-da Fest festivities

Saturday, Continental Breakfast: yogurt, fresh fruit, O & H Kringle, juices, coffee, and water.

Learn about the Norwegian Fjord horse, whose breed has been working since the time of the Vikings
Breakout sessions on a variety of topics such as chip carving, figure carving, and wood ornamentation

By Rebecca Hanna of Decorah, IA

Krumkake Baking and Mailing by Mark Storsteen

The history of Spring Grove and its importance to immigration in the Upper Midwest

Local author presentations

Learn how to make and present Norwegian Open-face sandwiches

Lunch- Sandwich Smorgåsbord. Make your sandwich using some of the ideas from the earlier demo.
Meats, cheeses, a variety of bread, lefse, condiments, pickles, salads, and a cookie will be available.

Nordic Stamping Class-Connie Aiello

Julekurver baskets for Christmas and everyday use-Cheryl Miller

Genealogy Tips and Tricks Using the Earth Center Giants Use the sound studio to record family stories.

Guided walk on the Norwegian Ridge Birding and Nature Trail and Joseph Langland Literary Trail [SG](#)

Dinner provided by Fat Pat's catering-barbecued chicken

Sunday

Continental Breakfast at a historic Lutheran Church, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee, and O & H Kringle

Meet for a Norwegian Lutheran Church service with Pastor Rolf Svano. Rachel will lead the singing of familiar Norwegian hymns. Then, stroll the cemetery and learn about these early Norwegian immigrants.

Visit Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah.

Take part in seeing some of Vesterheim's rarest pieces in the climate-controlled Bauder-Landsgard Ctr.