

NORDIC AMERICAN PSALMODIKONFORBUNDET

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 3

AUGUST 1998

2 ND ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

Making a

Psalmodikon

When Beatrice Hole mentioned that she had plans for the making of a Psalmodikon - something made me want to see if I could indeed make my own Psalmodikon. Selecting Spruce for the top and bottom and pine for the sides I constructed not one - but two Psalmodikons - one for Deann and one for myself. The original plan was modified only in the way the strings were attached to the tuning pegs.

Daniel Larson made the gut strings for the Psalmodikons and the instruments are unusual in that there are two strings on each instrument.. See the photo at far right.

Larry Gjenvick

The 2nd Annual meeting of the Nordic-American Psalmodikonforbundet will be held in Granite Falls, Minnesota on Saturday, September 19, 1998.

The meeting, workshop, programs and dinner will be held in the Conference Room at the Super 8 Motel located on Highway #212 in Granite Falls.

*THE ANNUAL
MEETING -
A TIME OF
SHARING,
LEARNING,
ENJOYMENT
FELLOWSHIP!*

For those of you who want to stay overnight, the

Super 8 Motel is offering a discount for lodging when you mention that you are with the Psalmodikon folks. For Reservations call toll free 1-800-800-8000 or (320) 564-4075 directly to the Super 8 Motel in Granite Falls.

The meeting will start at 1:00 PM with a greeting from the Mayor of Granite Falls followed by a brief business meeting.

Daniel Larson of Duluth, will present his story of how he goes about making the sheep-gut strings, which everyone will find to be very interesting.

The remainder of the afternoon will be spent practicing Psalmodikon music and fellowship. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM followed by a musical program in the evening



Psalmodikons made by Larry Gjenvick

at 7:30. Hopefully there will be some Psalmodikon players willing to perform during the program. In addition to the Psalmodikon music, Kathy Dantzer-Olson from Dawson, Minnesota will be performing on the Langeleik, a Norwegian folk instrument and Laurie Dikkon of Granite Falls will be entertaining the group with some "peppy" accordion music. It will be a fun-filled day!!

The Lutheran Church in Granite Falls has asked that some of the Psalmodikon players participate in the Sunday morning worship service also.

Both the afternoon and evening programs are open to anyone who would like to come. There is much to be learned from attending these meetings and entertain-