

# NORDIC AMERICAN PSALMODIKONFORBUNDET

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## Notes from the ANNUAL MEETING

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If you didn't attend the Annual Meeting ~ you missed a great time! Sometimes schedules conflict with events, but note the date for next year's meeting and try to put it into your schedule.

We now have 54 paid members and in addition mail our Newsletter to a number of Scandinavian organizations, museums and potential members. We also mail to the Nordiska Psalmodikonforbundet of Scandinavia and receive their newsletter in return. Perhaps someday we can envision a joint meeting with them in Scandinavia! Wouldn't that be a blast! Dreams do come true - - - - -

Larry Gjenvick

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### NOTES FROM MUSIC-ON-A-STRING

The leaves have left the trees and before we know it, the snow will be falling and we will be busy with preparations for the Holidays.

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I still have pleasant memories of the 2nd Annual Nordic-American Psalmodikonforbundet which was held on September 19th.

It was a beautiful drive out to

Granite Falls, a friendly town located in western Minnesota, nestled on the prairie among outcroppings of granite, the Minnesota River and beautiful trees.

The meetings were held in the Conference Room at the Super 8 Motel in Granite Falls. The afternoon meeting began with a greeting from our Hostess, Eleanor Sandquist. After a short business meeting we were entertained with a very interesting slide presentation and talk by Daniel Larson of Duluth, Minnesota. He not only makes rare musical instruments but is probably the only one who is now making gut strings. Everyone found this to be a very educational and fascinating part of our meeting. Many of us now enjoy playing our Psalmodikons with a new gut string.



Daniel Larson and The Psalmodikon Concert Players

During the afternoon workshop, Daniel was very helpful in working with each individual in fine tuning their Psalmodikon. He gave us a better understanding of the capabilities of our Psalmodikons and what to expect from them. Because they are handmade and fretted, we cannot expect them to be perfect. Everyone was glad to hear that statement and know that "we" are not to blame for the squeaky off-key notes!

We had a fun afternoon sharing our ideas and practicing new songs on our Psalmodikons. In fact, we had such a successful practice session, that seven of the members felt confident enough to perform for the public and take part in the evening program. Namely, Eleanor Sandquist, Shirley Erickson, Marlyn Shroeder, Beatrice Hole, Floyd Foslien and Larry Gjenvick. The Psalmodikon group played the following songs: "Amazing Grace, Children of the Heavenly Father and Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." PSALMODIKONS IN CONCERT—ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE PSALMODIKONS IN THE USA!

Eleanor, Marlyn, Beatrice and Larry attended the