Reflecting on 2018
RUNESTONE MUSEUM FOUNDATION

As we say goodbye to 2018, we say thank you to everyone who made it such a positive and successful year! With the support of members and through donations and sponsorships, we were able to add community events like Mai Fest and Fall Fest to our annual calendar and expand our educational programing to include lesson plan materials ranging from pre-K classes to college level courses.

Thank you for investing in the Runestone Museum Foundation!
Best - Amanda Seim

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Welcome to the Team
The Museum is excited to announce that Amber Hieb, previously our part-time Administrative Assistant, is now a full-time employee.

DIRECTOR’S DESK

Children decorating cookies at Fall Fest in the Fort (New event as of 2018)
In the Public Eye

The museum will be featured in a March 3 episode of, “America’s Lost Vikings” on the Science Channel. The crew, who filmed a portion of the six part series at the museum in November, also donated a functional Viking-style boat that the museum plans to use on Lake Agnes in the warmer months, as well as a usable 3D model of the Kensington Rune Stone that will become a part of the exhibit.

America’s Lost Vikings – Sundays at 9 p.m. CST/10 p.m. EST on the Science Channel.

Unveiling

REFOCUSED MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Directors is excited to announce that the Runestone Museum Foundation has refocused its mission.

While our previous mission statement served the museum well in the past:

“To own, operate, manage, expand, and control a museum for the cultural and educational growth and development of the community and to promote, develop, and publicize historical data concerning the Kensington Rune Stone and other historical artifacts”.

The updated mission statement illustrates a refocus for the organization going forward.

Mission Statement:

“To inform our future by preserving our past while inspiring curiosity about regional history and heritage through community engagement and education.”

Meet our Board of Directors

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2018 Highlights in Pictures

Mai Fest
This lil’ Viking traveled all the way from the cities to experience Mai Fest

Museum Day
Participation in a nation-wide event where we highlighted Clara Kinkead

Volunteer Projects
Hanging Patron Membership plaques.

History Live
Nationally known presenter, Adam Lindquist, as Teddy Roosevelt

Steak Fry Fundraiser
Jack Driscoll presenting a Naturalist Program in Fort Alexandria

Christmas in the Fort
As always, Santa and Mrs. Claus were our most popular attraction!

2019 Upcoming Events...

• March 3rd – “America’s Lost Vikings” to discuss Kensington Rune Stone - Science Channel

• March 13th – Purposeful Pints at Copper Trail Brewing Co. $1 from every beer sold from 3 – 9 p.m. at Copper Trail in Alexandria will be donated to the Runestone Museum

• April 19th – Easter Bake Sale in Museum lobby. Stop by for treats from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

• April 25th – Nordic Folk Art Festival. Pioneer Public Television in partnership with the Runestone Museum Foundation and the LRAC is sponsoring a Nordic Arts Film and street festival in downtown Alexandria, MN from 4 to 8 p.m. Watch a number of new Pioneer Public TV documentaries at the Andria Theater while taking in all that downtown Alexandria has to offer. Through this event, we seek to lift up our Scandinavian heritage and make connections between generations of folk art practitioners and patrons in the region.

To see more events and details visit: www.runestonemuseum.org

To get involved or make a donation, please call 320-763-3160 or email admin@runestonemuseum.org