



THE  
SCANDINAVIAN  
CLUB of TOLEDO



"God's Hand" by Carl Milles

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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Our next meeting will be:

Friday, April 22, 2011

at **Anneliese's**

105 West Fifth Street, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Gather at 6:00 p.m. Order at 6:15 p.m.  
Program to follow dinner.

**Reservations** :: Please phone in or email your reservation to our treasurer, Kris Johnson, at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com). You may contact her up until **Noon** on Thursday, April 21st, leaving your name and number of people attending.

**Menu** :: We will be ordering individually off the menu.

**Program** :: "**Rick Steves in Stockholm**"  
We'll enjoy an episode of travel-guide Rick Steves as he shows us the Swedish capital city. We'll go from Gamla Stan, the Royal Palace and Stadshuset, to Lake Mälaren, Skansen and the Wasa Museum, with a good bit of history thrown in.

*Gamla Stan, Stockholm*



**Location** :: **Anneliese's** Restaurant is located at 105 W. Fifth St., in downtown Perrysburg, OH. Just south of Way Library, the restaurant is in a nondescript gray-colored building at the corner of Fifth St. and Louisiana Ave. Enter from Fifth St.

### *Danish Tax Time*

Even though Denmark has the highest income taxes in the world, a majority of its residents think their tax rate is appropriate. According to a survey carried out by Greens Analyseinstitut, a full 66 percent of Danes are happy with their level of taxation, and only 20 percent think taxes are too high. Then there is the 12 percent of those polled who feel that taxes in Denmark are too low! Denmark is the highest taxed country in the world, with a tax-to-GDP ratio of 48.9%, according to the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development. The OECD average is 38% while the US taxation rate is 26.9% of GDP.

—from *Scandinavian Press*, winter 2011.

## 8th Annual Ashville Viking Festival

Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1.  
Hours are 10am to 5pm each day.



Viking ship on the Scioto River north of Columbus

**The Ashville Viking Festival** has a variety of entertainment, including food, music, dance, swordplay, jousting, revelry, craft demonstrations and storytellers. Events are scheduled throughout the day, both days. The festival is "a living history event" that re-enacts a Viking All-Thing from 1000 years ago. It is an excellent opportunity to get a feel for everyday life at the end of the 10th Century AD. Visit their website at [www.ashvillevikingfest.com](http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com).

**THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE. But all visitors are asked to bring canned food item donations for the Ashville Food Pantry in lieu of a paid admission.** Saturday evening's activities, beginning at 6pm, do require a few gold coins for admission.

**Festival Directions:** The Festival is located just 1/2 hour South of Columbus in Ashville, OH, in Ashville Village Park, at 200 Walnut Street. From Toledo, take I-75 south to Findlay and follow Rt. 23 to Columbus. Continue on Rt. 23 south of Columbus, to South Bloomfield. Turn left on Rt. 316, a small country road. Go into town, through 2 stop-lights, and turn left on Park Street. Once in Ashville, look for Viking Ship signs.

### **Come see a Viking Ship sail on the Scioto River!**

The Friday before, on April 29, 8am - 4pm (weather permitting). *See picture above.*

**Location:** Boat Ramp on Scioto River at 7690 Riverside Drive, north of Dublin, just south of Home Rd., north of Columbus, OH.

Part of the Ashville Viking Festival, the public is invited to watch the launch and visit the ship while it is docked. The ship is a 40 ft. reproduction of a Viking Longship. It is based in Philadelphia, PA, and owned and operated by the Leif Ericson Viking Ship, Inc., (a non-profit educational organization which is dedicated to the study, education, and promotion of the documented fact that Leif Ericson truly was the first European to set foot upon and explore North America).

Scandinavian Club Members are "invited guests to sail" but you must introduce yourselves as Club Members. Donations will be accepted. The ship will be on display at the Viking Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

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