

Town Meeting

Set for Friday, June 10th

at the Nordhem building next to the Telephone Company in Karlstad.
A light meal will be served between 5:00-5:30 pm. The meeting will start at 5:30pm and end before 6:30pm. All of the people of Karlstad and nearby communities, and those from other places who are interested, are welcome.

RSVP by emailing: rsvp@wiktel.com or call 218-436-2121

The Next Stage in the Renewal of Karlstad

A few years ago the business men and women of Karlstad decided to give the town a theme centered around the large number of Scandinavian & Northern European emigrants who settled in this area. Some of the businesses made modifications to the look of their buildings. The Wikstrom families financed the restoration of a number of older buildings that were vacant, or became vacant in the past few years. That restoration is nearing an end. But the development of the theme should include everyone in town, the surrounding area, and anyone who is interested in making Karlstad a better place to live.

Changing the Rest of the Town

Everyone who owns a house can participate by taking the theme of the town into consideration when making any improvements or changes with the houses or property, just like some of the businesses have done down town. We would like to make the town an interesting place to drive through, and also an interesting place to live. We want to make sure that people enjoy living here and to give them a reason to stay. We want to assure that there are some employment opportunities and to assure that most essential services are available here.

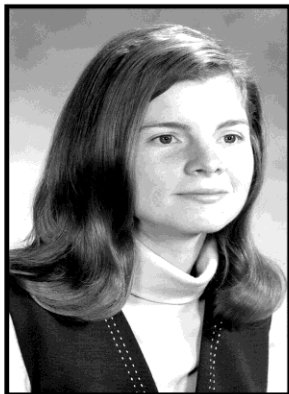
Keeping Karlstad Alive & Thriving

The Nordhem Restaurant and Heritage center will partially open the week before Kick'N'Up Kountry, and it is expected to be completely open and operating fully by the end of the summer. Not only can we help develop the theme throughout the town, but we can volunteer our time to assure that the heritage center is staffed, and if the restaurant is understaffed, to fill in so that it stays open.

The Story Behind the Changes

Curtiss Wikstrom will explain what has been done in the town, and tell the story behind many of the changes and the themes found in the buildings. What the names of the buildings mean, the story behind the murals and so forth. Within these stories are the secret to what we need to do to continue what has been started and bring it to completion.

Remembering Sharon Wikstrom



Sharon Wikstrom spent the last 6 years of her life changing the face of Karlstad. But she died before she finished. At the meeting we will find out about her life and her many contributions. And we will learn what we need to do to preserve what she gave us, and to complete the vision.

Sharon was a volunteer. She was not paid for the time she put in, which was almost full time for more than 6 years. She was responsible for the design of the buildings, and for the beauty that was brought to them. Not only did she contribute her artistic talents, but she helped in every aspect of making it work. She painted the mural on the face of Nordisk Hemslöjd. She also helped develop the store, including bringing flowers back into Karlstad. She created the theme for Nordhem, designed the interior, and started rosemaking. But she also helped to select the equipment to make the best food. She had at least some influence on the new looks of 8 buildings in Karlstad, and inspired others.