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Spring City Readies For Heritage Day, Event Will Coincide with Scandinavian Festival

People coming to Sanpete County for this weekend's Scandinavian Festival will also have the opportunity to take in a bit of Utah history while they are in town.

The entire town of Spring City, located about 12 miles from Ephraim, is listed on the National Historic register. And once a year, the residents of this small artists community open their doors to everyone.

This year's Heritage Day will be May 26. The day-long event includes historical tours of more than a dozen restored homes and buildings, including beautiful pioneer homes, the recently restored Old Spring City School, and the bishops storehouse; an art show featuring local artisans; and an antique show that will include a saddle display, furniture and farm equipment.

The home tour, sponsored by the Friends of Historic Spring City and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP), is an annual event in Spring City during the Memorial weekend. Tickets go on sale the day of the event and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased at the Old Firehouse on Main Street or at the Old Spring City School, site of the art and antiques show.

The tour will include architecture as well as commercial buildings, public buildings and Spring City's famous LDS chapel. This year's tour includes three new restorations on the town's Main Street: the Orson and Mary Ann Hyde House, the Jensen House (an Arts-and-Crafts-inspired bungalow), and one of the town's earliest stone houses, the Paul and Charles Kofford house. Three other houses on the tour are "works-in-progress," including the Judge Jacob Johnson house, the largest historic house in Spring City.

A popular attraction each year is the Spring City Public School, which was restored via a community effort and is now used for public events. Built in 1899, the school has eight classrooms, four on each level, as well as a large attic space, complete with windows. At one time, it housed all the grades, and was even used as a middle school and high school.

A complete list of homes on the tour is available online at: <http://scandinavianheritagefestival.com/spring.aspx>

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