

Schedule

- 3:00 p.m. Press must be in place inside the museum's Main Building by this time if they wish to cover the Asbjørnsen Gallery dedication and presentation of the gift from the museum.
- 3:00 p.m. Nordic Dancers start performing for the public in the intersection of Mill and Water Streets. Food booth opens.
- 3:20 p.m. Arrival of the Royal Couple at Vesterheim.
The Royal Couple are greeted curb-side by Vesterheim Board Chair Michael Schmidt and Vesterheim Executive Director Steve Johnson (see bios).
Flowers are presented to the Royal Couple by Michael Bruening and Lily Peterson (see bios).
- 3:23 p.m. King and Queen enter the museum escorted by Steve Johnson. Outside Nordic Dancers resume their performance.
- 3:24 p.m. Welcome and introduction inside the museum: Greetings and short remarks by Michael Schmidt and Steve Johnson about Vesterheim and the dedication of the Asbjørnsen Gallery.
- 3:28 p.m. Presentation of Vesterheim's gift to the Royal Couple.
The gift is a plate with rosemaling and a portrait of the Royal Couple painted by Vesterheim Gold Medalist Norma Wangsness, Decorah, Iowa (see bios).
- 3:30 p.m. ***Press must exit museum at this time.*** Outside there are photo opportunities of the Nordic Dancers and Luren Singers and interview possibilities with the public. Twenty-five minutes to set-up for upcoming press conference.
- 3:34 p.m. Royal Couple meets privately with honored guests in small groups in first floor gallery.
- 3:40 p.m. Nordic Dancers conclude their performance outside.
- 3:50 p.m. Luren Singing Society begins its performance outside on Mill Street.
- 3:55 p.m. Press conference on Mill Street in Vesterheim's Open Air Division moderated by Sven Gjeruldsen, Assistant Head of Communications, the Royal Palace. Rain location: In case of inclement weather, the press meeting will be held on the west side of the main museum, utilizing the lower balcony area.
- 4:15 p.m. Departure of The Royal Couple.
- 4:30 p.m. Royals depart by private plane from Decorah Airport.
- 5:00 p.m. Luren Singing Society concludes its performance. Museum opens to public until 8:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Press staging area in the museum's Bruening Visitor Center closes.