

OGDEN, UTAH – HOF, GERMANY, SISTER CITIES • 1954 – 2004

In 1953 President Dwight Eisenhower, fresh from commanding the Allied Forces in Europe began what he called his People to People program. This new program was to unite people from Germany with people around the United States. The United States Department of State invited various citizens from a number of German Cities to travel to the United States and visit several cities. The purpose was to bring people together so that they may become more acquainted and maybe become friends. A delegation of citizens from Hof, Germany was selected to visit several U.S. cities. Ogden was of similar size and was asked to host the German delegation for a week. Ogden citizens were asked to provide a home stay the Germans. The home stay idea was to help foster the concept of people getting to know each other as friends. Among those visiting from Hof was a young man named August Brand. August was home stayed by Frank Browning the president of the Bank of Utah. By the conclusion of the home stay Frank Browning and August had become good friends and Br. Browning offered to sponsor August if he wanted to come back to Ogden to live. In 1954 August Brand returned to Ogden to work in the Bank of Utah and be sponsored by Mr. Browning. During 1954 Mr. Browning and August Brand carried President Eisenhower's People to People program to the next logical level. Together the two went to see Ogden's Mayor Raymond Wright and to ask the city if Ogden would agree to become a sister city with the home town of August Brand which was Hof, Germany. The Mayor and the City council agreed to sign official documents to that effect. Thus Ogden and Hof became one of the first cities agree to a new partnership as Sister Cities. Today they are one of the oldest and successful sister city programs in the People to People program.

Over the preceding years very little work was done to support the partnership by the Ogden City officials until Mayor Bart Wolthuis was elected. Mayor Wolthuis became interested in the Sister City Program and invited a choir from Hof to come to Ogden to perform several concerts. The Choir came and the members were provided home stays. Mayor Wolthuis became great friends with Hof Mayor, Hanns Heun and visited Hof several times. After Mayor Wolthuis left office the city again did very little to support the sister city program.

In 1985 Scott Sneddon was elected to the Ogden City Council. As a new councilman Mr. Sneddon told the City Council that he had an interest in working on the inactive sister city program. A motion was made and passed that Councilman Scott Sneddon would put together a committee and develop a Sister City program and bring it back to the Council for review and consideration. In 1986 The Ogden Sister City Committee presented a comprehensive program to the council. The concept was that the City would create a new winter festival called the Hof Winter Carnival in honor of the sister city partnership. The Festival would include a ski hill on 25th St. between Adams Ave. and Washington Blvd. Snow Basin had agreed to set up the first ever downtown Ogden Historic 25th Street.

THE 2012 SNEDDON HOF WINTERFEST

The 26th Annual Sneddon Hof Winterfest held at Weber County's Golden Spike Event Center, which will be held January 20-21, is considered Utah's Premier Winter Family Fun Event. The Sneddon Hof Winterfest continues to be the most outstanding family entertainment in Utah. The event is held on the third weekend of January each year.

Because of his passionate service to the perpetuation of Ogden's Hof sister city relationship, we honor and pay a special tribute to the man who helped keep the relationship alive—Scott Sneddon.

Outstanding German bands from Hof, Germany and Utah; and authentic German food by Seigfried's Sausages, Crumb Bros. Bakery, and the Memorable Nut Roasters are the best reasons to attend this annual festival. Great craft booths by local and out-of-state vendors decorate the festival and offer their wares. The Weber State University Institute Folk Dancers and yodeling lessons will entertain festival goers. The young at heart can dance to polkas, waltzes, and the "chicken dance" late into the night.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Weber County Commissioners, Golden Spike Event Center Staff, Volunteers, Vendors, and our many Sponsors.

SNEDDON HOF WINTERFEST COMMITTEE: Katherine Sneddon, John and Christine VanLeuwen, Lisa Trujillo, Kathy Collins, Bill Bennett, Jim Harvey, Debbie Shelton, Jeff Jackson, Dwayne Hansen, and Trudi Wangsgard.

UTAH'S PREMIER WINTER FAMILY FUN EVENT



SNEDDON 26TH ANNUAL

HOF

GERMANfest

& Craft Boutique

January 20-21, 2012

www.hofgermanfest.com



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at the Weber County Fairgrounds

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Sneddon Hof Winterfest 2012

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – Jan. 20th (Noon – 10:00 pm)

- Noon **Salzburger Echo**
- 1:00pm **Gruber Family Band**
- 2:00pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**
- 3:00pm **Salzburger Echo**
- 4:30pm **Gruber Family Band**
- 5:30pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**
- 6:30pm **OPENING CEREMONY**
- 7:00pm **Salzburger Echo**
- 7:45pm **Weber State Institute Folk Dancers**
- 8:20pm **Gruber Family Band**
- 9:15pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**

SATURDAY – Jan. 21st (10:00 am – 10:00 pm)

- 10:00am **Salzburger Echo**
- 11:15am **Gruber Family Band**
- 12:15pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**
- 1:15pm **Salzburger Echo**
- 2:30pm **Gruber Family Band**
- 3:15pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**
- 4:00pm **Salzburger Echo**
- 5:00pm **Gruber Family Band**
- 5:45pm **Bavarian Akkordeon-Sound**
- 6:30pm **Salzburger Echo**
- 7:30pm **Weber State Institute Folk Dancers**
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ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

- * Drawings for Prizes
- * Craft Booths
- * Authentic German Food
- * Dancing and more

AUTHENTIC GERMAN FOOD

■ SIEGFRIED'S SAUSAGES

- * Bratwurst, Hot Potato Salad, Hard Rolls, Wienerschnitzel, Spaetzle, Gravy, Bavarian Loaf, Garden Salad and Dressing, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, condiments and dessert. *Note: Food is sold by the ounce.*

■ GREAT HARVEST BREAD COMPANY

- * Traditional old-country style bread and German pastry.

■ THE NUT LADY

- * Glazed or “Cinnamon Roasted” almonds have been a tradition in Germany for decades. Nuts have never tasted this good.

■ BAVARIAN KETTLE KORN

- * Popcorn with a delicious blend of sugar and salt.

ADMISSION

- * Adults: \$7,
- * Students/Seniors: \$6,
- * Children 2-12: \$4
- * Children 2 & under: FREE
- * Family Pass: \$20
(2 adults and up to 4 children)

