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# Bishop Hill Bus Trip



Colony Church

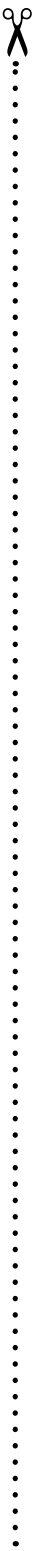
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Steeple Building

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## Saturday, May 17, 2014



### Bishop Hill Bus Trip Registration Form

Please fill out the form below and send it with your check. Please make checks payable to **Library Atrium Society**.  
Forms can be mailed to University Libraries, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of people for Bus Trip (\$40/person) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of people for Bishop Hill (\$10/person) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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The Library Atrium Society invites you to join Dr. Michael Lorenzen, Dean of University Libraries, as he explores the beauty and history of Bishop Hill, Illinois. Located in Henry County, Bishop Hill was founded in 1846 as a utopian community, and four of the original buildings remain: the Colony Church (1848), the Colony Hotel (1850s), the Boys Dormitory (1850), and the Colony barn (mid-1850s). At the museum, you can view a collection of works by colonist and folk artist Olof Krans. In the afternoon, there will be plenty of time to view the many quilts on display or explore the various shops with antiques, pottery, artisans, crafts, woodworking, metalworking, handcrafted brooms, and Swedish imports.



Colony Hotel

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For additional information  
on Bishop Hill, visit

[www.bishophill.com/cal.php](http://www.bishophill.com/cal.php)

[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/bishop\\_hill.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/bishop_hill.htm)

### Bishop Hill Trip Saturday, May 17, 2014

**Departure Time:** Bus leaves Macomb (parking lot west of the Malpass Library) at 8:00 AM and will arrive in Bishop Hill at approximately 10:00 AM.

**Return Time:** Bus returns to Macomb at approximately 6:00 PM.

#### Cost

- \$40/person (includes tour, quilt show admission, and bus transportation from Macomb)
- \$10/person (includes tour and quilt show admission) – No transportation; meet at the Bishop Hill State Historic Site

#### Schedule of Events

- 10:00 AM – Bishop Hill State Historic Site and Museum tour
- 10:30 AM – Walking tour of village and buildings
- 11:30 AM – Lunch on your own (space has been reserved at the Bishop Hill Museum)
- 12:00 PM – Talk by Jeff Hancks: “A Swedish Utopia on the Prairie: Erik Jansson and the Bishop Hill Colony” (bring your lunch)
- 1:00-4:00 PM – Quilt Show: Jars, Jewels, and Jellyrolls or sightseeing/shopping on your own

**Deadline to Register:** Wednesday, April 30, 2014

For questions about the trip, contact the Library Administration Office at (309) 298-2762.

### A Swedish Utopia on the Prairie: Erik Jansson and the Bishop Hill Colony



Dr. Jeff Hancks, a professor at Western Illinois University, will share the fascinating story of Bishop Hill with our group. In 1846, Erik Jansson, a self-proclaimed prophet from a small village named Biskopskulla in east-central Sweden, led a group of over 1,000 devoted followers from Sweden to Henry County, Illinois, to start a utopian communal society with Jansson as its spiritual and political leader. Jansson named his community Bishop Hill, the English translation of his Swedish home village. Life was initially difficult in Bishop Hill, but within a few years, Jansson and his followers found relative economic and religious prosperity. The community came crashing down, however, after the tragic death of its leader in 1850. Today, Bishop Hill remains one of the best preserved utopian communities in the United States, and tourists from all over the U.S. and Sweden visit the charming community to learn about its history and about early life on the rugged Illinois prairie.

Dr. Hancks directs the WIU Archives in the Malpass Library and is a popular researcher, writer, and presenter on various aspects of western Illinois history. He has a special interest in Bishop Hill as he holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Swedish and Scandinavian Studies, and he is a recognized expert in Midwestern utopian communities. Välkommen till Biskopskulla!