



Hunt
for the
Wild Baba



Only in Lindsborg!

“Only in Lindsborg!” - It’s a phrase heard often in and about this small Central Kansas plains town. Founded by Swedish immigrants in 1868, Lindsborg emerged out of an unusual blend of cultural heritage, education, visual arts, agriculture, music, theater and more than its share of independent thinkers.

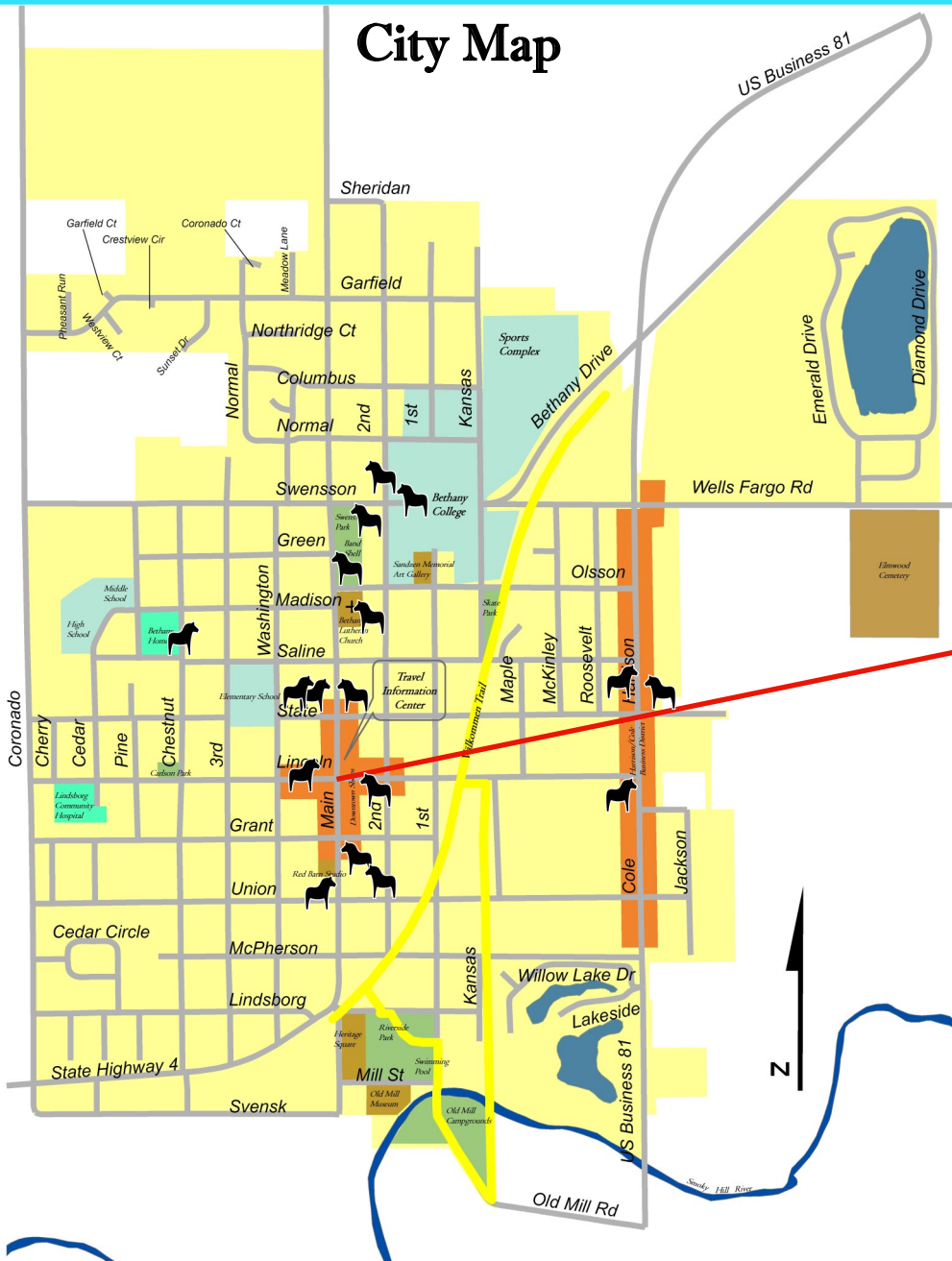
Housed in Lindsborg is the nation’s only herd of Wild Dala horses. What is a Dala horse? It is perhaps Sweden’s best known icon, a bluntly rounded, tail-free horse that is thought to have been first whittled out of wood by the fire during long cold Scandinavian nights. Lindsborg adopted the Swedish folk craft Dala as a symbol of identity and welcome. You’ll see traditional Dala horses on front porches, on coffee mugs and even on the side of police cruisers in Lindsborg.

In 2000, the first traditional Dala shape was cast in a large fiberglass form – an idea patterned after Chicago’s cows on Michigan Avenue. Each wild Dala, sponsored by local people and folks with Lindsborg connections, is unconventionally decorated by the town’s local artists. Each new horse is celebrated and welcomed to the herd with flair and style.

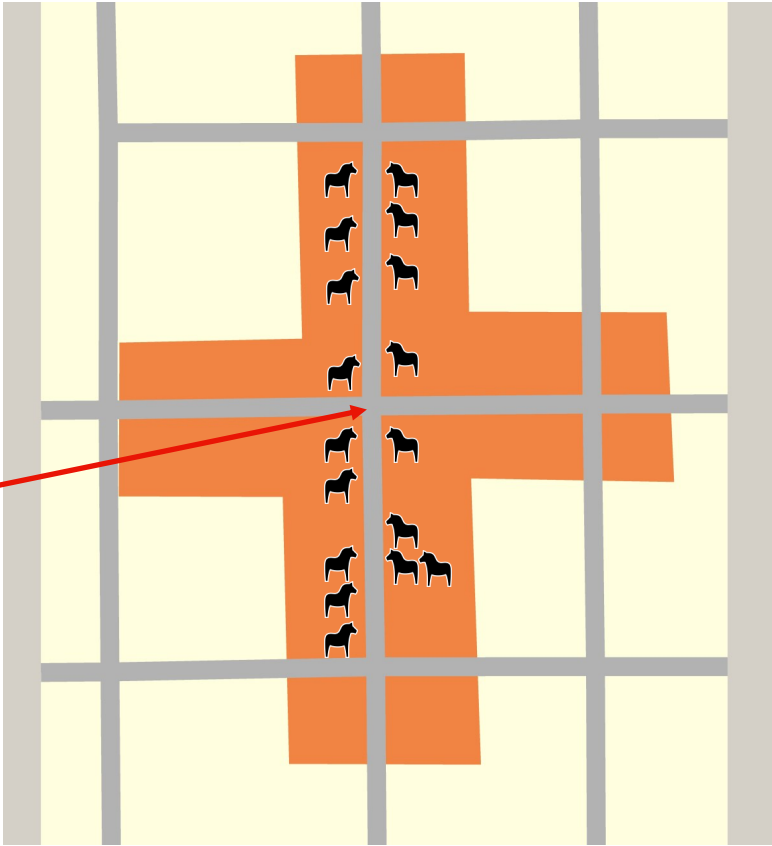
As you’ll see, the wild Dala horses commemorate contemporary Lindsborg – its history, Swedish-Americana, the arts, everyday work and life, local groups and families and, of course, wordplay.



City Map

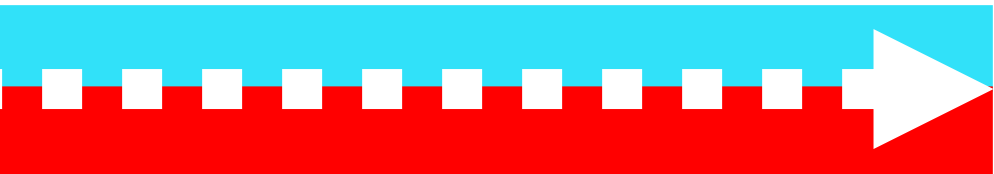


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Meet the Herd

Dala Räv - 505 N. SECOND

This wild Dala celebrates Kansas' four distinct seasons, each with its own beauty. A playful, curious fox (*räv* in Swedish) guides onlookers through nature's gifts. Artist Deb McGaughey interprets the seasons for Seasons for the Fox Bed and Breakfast. Outdoors 24/7.



Dalalujah! - 421 N. FIRST

Dalalujah is a note of appreciation for the musically gifted volunteers participating in the Messiah Festival making Lindsborg's tradition of Handel's Messiah the longest continual performance in North America.

Blue Colla Dala - 215 HARRISON

This wild Dala is a workhorse. Dedicated to Smoky Valley's working people, it stands ready to meet needs with integrity and innovation. Three rural Lindsborg residents had a hand in this: Robert and Mary Ann Johnson as sponsors and Shelly Carlson as artist. Outdoors 24/7.



The Good Knight - 106 S. MAIN

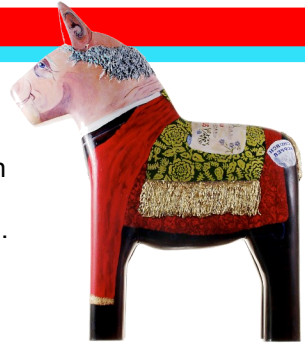
This pop art Dala celebrates the rich history of chess and the presence of the Anatoly Karpov School of Chess in Lindsborg. Painted by artist Matthew Richter. Outdoors 24/7.

Hans Oliver - IN VIKING VALLEY AT SWENSSON PARK

Named and designed by local children, Hans Oliver features the traced outlines of childrens' hands and a refreshing splash of primary colors. Artist Jennifer Hopp helped the children and carried out this Dala's finishing touches. Sponsored by Lindsborg Arts Council. Outdoors 24/7.

Tryggare the Dala Häst Päst - MAIN & OLSSON

The Carlson Family released this wild Dala to celebrate the lives of all Augustana-trained Lutheran ministers, particularly those of the late Rev. Elmore Carlson and his brother, the late Rev. Perry Carlson. Artist Lee Becker created the image of an old-fashioned minister. Outdoors 24/7.



Bethania Blanka - 320 N. MAIN

Painted by Rose Marie Wallen, Bethania Blanka represents Bethany's historic congregation symbolized by images of the 1869 pioneer church and the present church. Outdoors 24/7.



Kronor the Dollar Horse - 109 S. MAIN

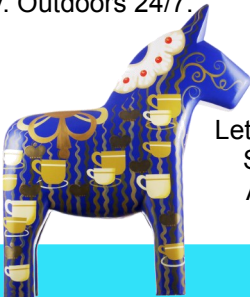
Kronor is named for the Swedish money unit, but it has the green-tinged features of a one-dollar bill. Thanks to artist Shirley Malm, a horse never looked so rich. Sponsored by Farmers State Bank. Outdoors 24/7.

Gyllene Dala - 202 N. Main

Gyllene (Golden) Dala's coat depicts the Bank of Tescott's 125-plus years of rootedness in Kansas, its people, and its recognition of the value of rural places. With sun shining and white clouds, Golden Dala reminds us of the rich Kansas landscape upon which we all call for meaning and support. Sponsored by Bank of Tescott. Outdoors 24/7.

O'Lucky Dala - COLE & LINCOLN

Lindsborg is fortunate; the luck of the Irish came to Lindsborg in wild Dala form. O'Lucky Dala was created by artist Shirley Malm in honor of the O'Brien family. Outdoors 24/7.



King Oscar - 134 N. MAIN

Let's all toast the social traditions of many Swedes and Swedish - Americans with a cup (or three) of coffee. Artist Shirley Malm's design honors Lindsborg's own brand of coffee, King Oscar. Outdoors 24/7.



Holi - Dala - 201 N. MAIN

Artist and sponsor Shirley Malm treasures the holiday traditions of Lindsborg, so she created a wild Dala to celebrate community customs. From concerts to the spirit of gentle giving, the holidays in Lindsborg embody both community and Scandinavian traditions.

Dancer Dala - 128 N. MAIN

Lindsborg's love of folk dancing takes center stage in this design by Shirley Malm. The Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers (Smoky Valley High School dance troupe) tour widely, as do Lindsborg Folkdanslag (adult Swedish folk dance troupe). Sponsored by Ron and Marsha Rolander of Lindsborg. Outdoors 24/7.



Dalallama Telecomma - 127 N. MAIN

Artist Steve Scott's postmodern wordplay comes alive in the Dalallama's giant telephone handsets, commas and Tibetan themes. With its third eye, this wild Dala is watching you. Sponsored by Jim & Kathy Richardson. Outdoors 24/7.

Dalamation - 201 N. MAIN

Sven, a character in Scandinavian humor, rides to the rescue on a Dalmatian-spotted wild Dala horse in this piece by Ken Sjögren and Ken Swisher. What would a firefighter - or a dog - be without a hydrant? Outdoors 24/7.

The Old Gray Dala Mare - 116 S. MAIN

The Lindsborg Senior Center wants you to know that active, interested and good natured seniors round out this town's herd. Artist Jennifer Hopp added flourish and a touch of humor, too. Outdoors 24/7.

Hello, Dala! - NEAR MAIN & LINCOLN

Lindsborg's outdoor theater troupe, Broadway RFD, celebrates more than five decades of productions. This Dala honors the many people who helped found and nurture this tradition. Hello Dala! is sponsored by Friends of RFD and painted by Gretchen Elliott of Lindsborg. Outdoors 24/7.



Herd It Through the Grapevine - 114 S. MAIN

For the Lindsborg News-Record, where ears are always open, Shirley Malm wound grapes and vines around this wild Dala. Named for a former editor, Miss Anna C., it sports a classy touch of gold ribbon. Sponsored by Montgomery Communications. Outdoors 24/7

Salvador Dala - 126 S. MAIN

The Painting and Design Class of Smoky Valley High School created this clever send up of surrealist artist Salvador Dali. Love those flying cows! Sponsored by the Hodges Family in memory of former school board member Dr. Melissa Ann Hodges. Outdoors 24/7.

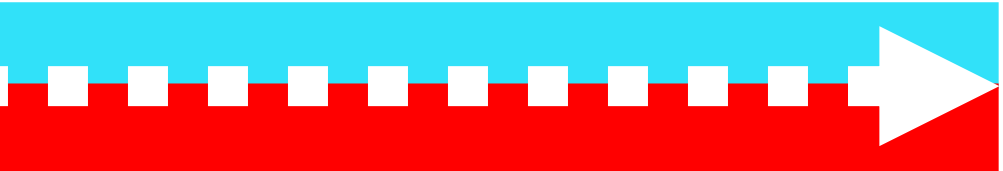


Queen Katarina Ditto - 201 S. MAIN

Queen Katarina is the mother of all Lindsborg's wild Dalas. Carved in solid wood and decorated by craftsmen at the Hemslöjd, the Queen helped create the mold for other wild Dalas. Inside Peoples Bank & Trust.

Two Bits, Four Bits, Six Bits, A Dala - 201 S. MAIN

Bethany College sports teams now have a wild Dala mascot, thanks to a team of Bethany alumni including Mark & Marty Schupbach, Rick & Viki Samson, Jan & Lo Jean Oleen, Chuck & Judy Falkenberg, Leon & Judy Burch and Ken & Marilyn Sjögren. Bethany College student Erin Burk prepared Two Bits to play in any game - and win! Outdoors 24/7.



Millie Gram - 321 N. CHESTNUT

Sponsored by AuBurn Pharmacy, and painted a deep blue with traditional Swedish floral designs, the newest Dala in the herd sports a name with an intentional pun on “milligram,” a common term in pharmacy work. Outdoors 24/7

Blossom - 103 N. MAIN

Artist Jennifer Hopp richly bestowed Blossom with flowers, a traditional symbol of Midsummer’s Day. Flowers are fashioned into crowns called blomkrans, both in Lindsborg and Sweden. Sponsored by the Lindsborg Arts Council. Outdoors 24/7.

Yankee Doodle Dala - NEAR MAIN & LINCOLN

Both U.S. and Swedish flags fly high as this wild Dala horse sponsored by Duane & Kally Tuttle marches onto the scene. The design by Dan Gottneid makes you want to salute. Outdoors 24/7.



Fala the Dala Brick Road - NEAR MAIN & LINCOLN

This wild Dala horse recognizes Lindsborg’s brick streets, first hand-laid almost a century ago and saved from asphaltting in 1967. Created by artist Kathy Peterson and sponsored by the City of Lindsborg, Fala proudly bears street utility covers. Outdoors 24/7.



Dalahippus Lindsborgensis - 112 W. LINCOLN

Said to be unearthed from the foot of Coronado Heights north of Lindsborg, the Dalahippus is proof that Dala horses are native to the Kansas plains, not Sweden. Thanks to artist Lee Becker, Tyrannosaurus Rex has nothing on Lindsborg’s most famous fossil. Sponsored by the Swedish Country Inn. Outdoors 24/7.

The Freemount Filly - 113 N. MAIN

Native Americans peered in the windows during the first service conducted at Freemount Lutheran Church in Fremont, just a few miles southwest of Lindsborg. Sponsors Verne and Nancy Lundquist commissioned this wild Dala by artist Eldon Swensson in honor of the Lundquist’s pioneer family. Outdoors 24/7.





Ambassadala - 111 S. MAIN

As word spread of Lindsborg's unusual herd, the town sponsored Ambassadala, a roaming horse to carry greetings regionally and nationally. Artist Shirley Malm even gave Ambassadala an official medallion to certify his ambassadorial status. Inside the Lindsborg Community Library.

Uppsala Dala Airways - 111 S. MAIN

It's the perfect way to fly: Uppsala Dala goes anywhere your imagination takes you! Thanks to some friends of designer Gene Holdsworth, Lindsborg has its own memorable air service. Inside the Lindsborg Community Library.

Spirit of Generosity - 321 N. CHESTNUT

The long history and traditions of Bethany Home are on display with this wild Dala, who roams the halls of the home on a wheeled platform. Artist Shirley Malm bestowed Spirit with photographs old and new, as well as enduring symbols of the Bethany Home's special sense of place and purpose. Sponsored in honor of Eunice Smith and her extended family.

The Methodist Mare - 224 S. MAIN

Methodism's founder, Rev. John Wesley, rode 250,000 miles on a horse as a circuit-riding minister. His brother Charles composed many Christian hymns. Local artist Maleta Forsberg acknowledged both men in sponsoring and decorating a horse for Trinity United Methodist Church. Outdoors 24/7.

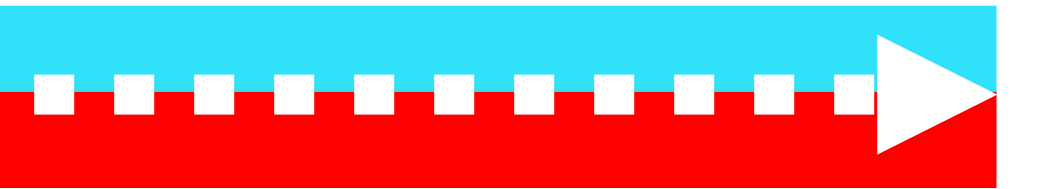


Hingst Ledare (Stallion Leader) - 118 N. MAIN

Painted by artist Shirley Malm, Hingst Ledare features stylized paintings that pictorially tell the history of the First Bank Kansas building and the farming heritage of the first settlers of the Smoky Valley. Sponsored by First Bank Kansas. Outdoors 24/7

Rörmokarens Vän/Plumber's Friend - 135 N. Main

Sponsored by grandchildren of Carl and Esther Anderson. Carl was a plumber who avoided personal timepieces but was prompt for every appointment, and Esther whipped up treats from the kitchen with no recipe. Their grandchildren say that Mormor and Morfar Anderson "just knew." Outdoors 24/7.





See if you can
find all the
Wild Dalas!