

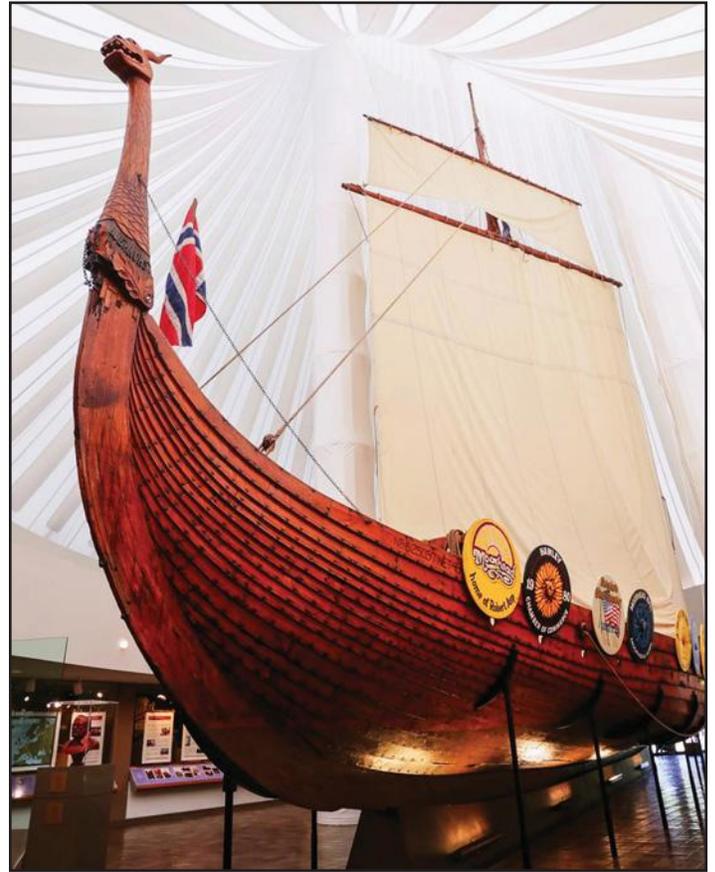
# A Great Summer Planned at the Hjemkomst Center

This summer the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County is offering another fantastic season of family fun and local learning at the Hjemkomst Center. Full of local art and history, HCSCC's museum in Moorhead is a must-see destination, especially for those rainy days or those trips to the city. Make it a stop during your summer, whether you're joining us from home or the lakes!

The museum's flagship artifact is, in fact, an actual ship! The Hjemkomst Viking ship was built in Hawley in the 1970s and modeled after the Norwegian Gokstad burial ship. It found its sea legs in Duluth Harbor and sailed to Norway in the summer of 1982. The Hjemkomst Ship Gallery offers a firsthand look at the vessel, and interpretive videos and panels explore its construction and voyage.

Outside the ship gallery you'll find another testament to the region's prominent Scandinavian heritage in the Moorhead Stave Church, a replica of the Hopperstad Stave Church found in Vik, Norway, on the banks of the Sognefjord. Built in 1140 C.E., the original Hopperstad features Celtic, Scandinavian, Romanesque, and Gothic architectural design. Moorhead's true-to-life replica features the same detail, offering a wonderful tool to explore some of the stories of local immigration – including some of the Scandinavian tales first told as the Viking Age gave way to Christianity in the North Atlantic.

Throughout the summer the Hjemkomst Center also features a wide variety of art and history exhibitions. This year that offering includes Atomic Alert! Confronting "The Bomb" in the New Atomic Age (through June 13, 2021), the Red River Watercolor Society's National Juried Watermedia Exhibition (June 7 – August 7, 2021), an art quilt exhibition exploring the current refugee crisis called Forced to Flee (July 3 – November 7, 2021), and our sesquicentennial look at the county's formation called Ihdago Manipi: Clay County at 150 (September 10, 2021 – December 31, 2023). We always have something new and exciting to offer at the Hjemkomst Center, so come check it out!



## Spend an afternoon with local history.

### Visit the Hjemkomst Center.

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