# Kalēju dienas (Blacksmith Day) 21. un 22. augusta 2004. Blacksmiths studio "Auseklis"



Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum

This picturebook is dedicated to Vilnis Vincevics

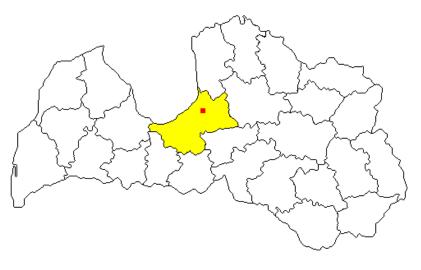
### Ethnographic Open Air Museum Riga

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Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum, Brivibas gatve 440, ph. 7994510, fax: 7994178. One of the oldest open-air museums in Europe, founded in 1924. Area (100 ha) lies on the banks of the Jugla lake. Characteristic buildings from different Latvian regions Kurzeme, Latgale, Vidzeme and Latgale have been moved to the museum: homesteads, several churches, windmills, smithies and brick-kilns. Also on show Livonian peasants and Russian old-

believers' farmhouses, as well as the 18-th century country school, an old road-pub and a farm of the 1920-1930-ties. Visitors may watch a **blacksmith**, spoon-carver, bee-keeper and other masters at work. Exhibition halls display ancient as well as modern artwork. Different concerts take place at weekends. The museum is set in attractive woodland by a lake just to the east of Riga. Buildings that are representative of different architectural styles and ethnic groups have been relocated to the site from across Latvia and are pleasingly clustered in glades throughout the woodland. Most - if not all - of the buildings are wooden, and are predominantly agricultural: mostly farmhouses and farm outbuildings interspersed with a few chapels and a couple of windmills.

As most of the buildings come from a rural setting, the reconstruction in a woodland setting is fairly authentic, and it's easy to conjur up images of how Latvian life must have



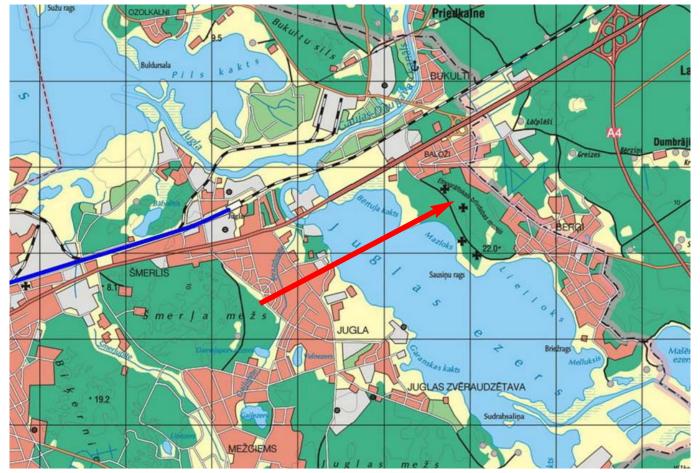
been in the not-too-distant past.

The forest setting provides plenty of opportunity for picnicking, but in case you're not that well organised, there is a restaurant serving traditional Latvian fare, as well as a small shop.

The only downside of an outdoor museum is of course that you are exposed to the elements, and despite the protection offered by the forest, this wouldn't be much fun in heavy rain or snow. We visited on a day of intermittent showers, which didn't really affect our enjoyment. As we walked back through the forest towards the car park, we heard a cuckoo calling - the iconic sound of a European summer.

Places for picqnique. Car-park.

Open: Mon-Sun 10-17. Public transport: Bus Nr.1., 821-826., 19., 28 (bus stop "Brivdabas muzejs" 'Open-air museum'.



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## Surroundings



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### **Blacksmiths Day**



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HENKS un GE BOSI no Niderlandes ir Latvijas fani. Latvija vinjem škjet brīnumaina zeme, viņi to ir izceļojuši krustu šķērsu un fotografējuši visu, kas nīderlandiešu acij šķiet savdabīgs. Bosi daudz zina, apbrīnojami labi izprot mūsu "lietas" un popularizē Latviju citiem. Mēs viņus "pieķērām" trešajā braucienā pa Latviju.



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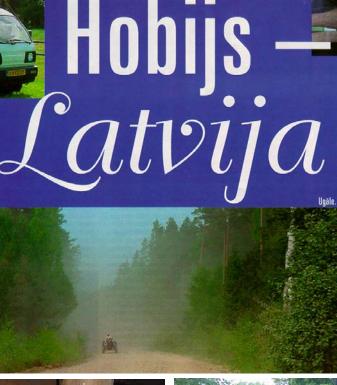
gadu dilemma. Un Bosi ir izgudro-juši veidu, kā visām paaudzēm ir labi. Viņu busiņā ir datori (katram savs) ar interneta pieslēģumu. Ge saviem vecākiem sūta foto un ap-rakstus, gan paši var ceļot, gan ve-cākiem prieks virtuāli sekot Henka un Ge galtām: redz, kur viņi bijušil Skat, ko redzējušil Kas tad ir Ge un Henks Bosi? Kā jau iepriekš minēts – pensionā-ri. Henks 43 darba gados taisījis karjeru no kalēja līdz smalkmehāni-ķim un programmētājam. Un pro-grammēšana mazliet atšķiroties no darba smēdē, joko Henks. Datora iespēju pārvaldīšana lieti noder Latvijas popularizēšanai internetā, kā arī sagatavojot ceļoļuma marš-rutu. Tas notiekot šādi – apgādā "Jāņa sēta" nopark Latvijas karti, tās mugurpusē doti indeksi. Pēc katras pilsētas vai ciema garuma un platuma mērvienībām Henks veido savu karti datorā, tā teikt, di-gitalizē Latvijas karti. Un tad var ce-Jot baz bēdu. Ge pirms laulībām ar Henku strādājusi par sekretāri. Ar Henku strādājusi par sekretāri. Ar reinku stradajusi par sekretan. Ar rakstāmmašinu viņa rakstījusi 200 zīmes minūtē, sievu uzslavē Henks. Pēc pirmās meitiņas pie-dzimšanas Ge sevi veltījusi ģime-nei. Bet ātrrakstīšanu viņa nav aiz-mirsusi un var klabināt datora taus-tinus, celejuma dienecerāmatu tiņus, ceļojuma dienasgrāmatu rakstot. Jautāju, vai nav padomā iz-dot grāmatu. Nē, rakstot pašas



#### Bosu ģimenes pārvietošanās līdzeklis.

Kā pazīt Bosus: ģērbušies kā dvlīņi – abiem vienādas sarkanas vējjakas, zem tām vienādi zili džemperi un bikses. Arī sejās abiem saulaina izteiksme un pie-dzīvojumu kāre, tikai viens ir pui-te otre meitene iz tikai viens ir pui-

dzīvojumu kāre, tikal viens ir pui-ka, otrs - meitene, ja tā var teikt par pensijas vecuma ļaudīm. "Ēsiet kā bērnil" šķiet, viņi ir ņē-muši vērā šo letteikumu, ceļo pa pasauli un priecājas par to. Teiksiet, viņiem jau nav mūsu roļpu. Nekā nebija - tāpat ir strādā-juši, gādājuši gan par meitām, gan saviem vecākiem un ceļošanu atli-kuši uz pensijas laiku. Arī naudas viņiem nav kā spaļu. Dārgajā Latvi-jā, kur natks viesnicā maksā 30 la-tus, ne katrs ārzemnieks var uztu-rēties visu vasaru. Bet Bosi atorauc paši ar savidm mājām - autobusiņu paši ar savām mājām - autobusiņu pasi ar savam majam – autobusiju un no jūlija līdz septembrim nak-šņo tajā zem ļoti daudzām zvaig-znām rotāta debess juma. Ge ir ļo-ti veci vecāki un doties ilgi prom no mājām nav viegli. Viņa domājusi, kā lai respektē viņu vēlmi vienmēr rināt kura ei kina pākei un tomāt zināt, kur esi, cikos nāksi, un tomēr ko skaistu redzēt un piedzīvot arī savā dzīvē. Tā patiesi ir pusmūža





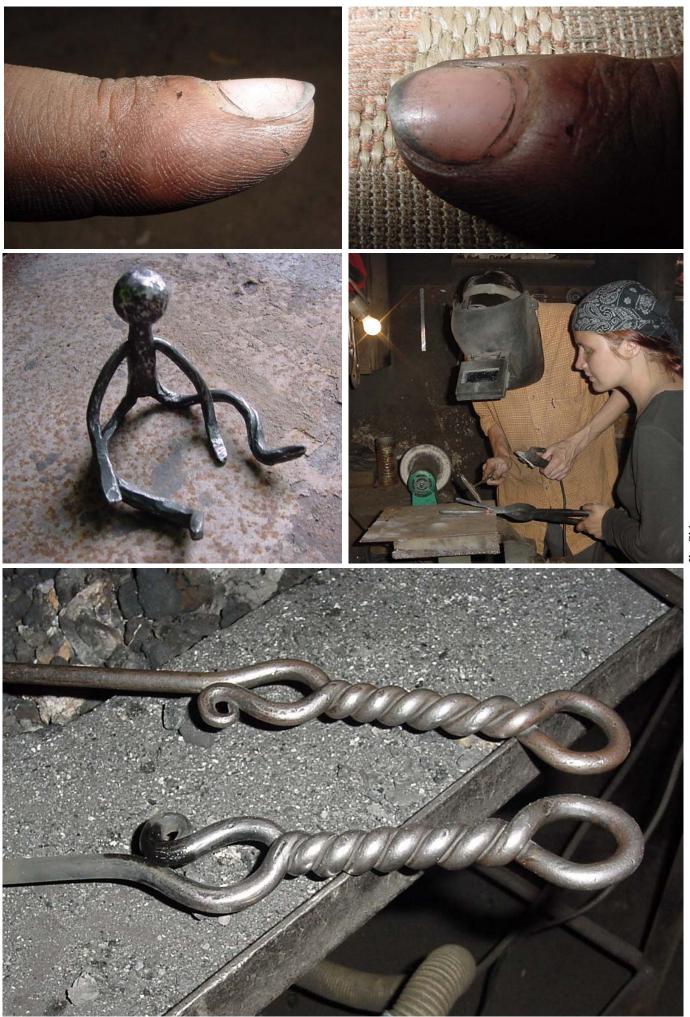




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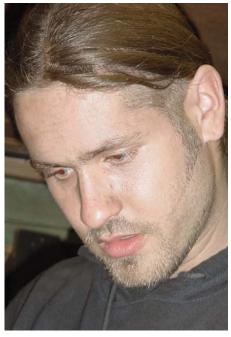


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#### Latvijas Etnogrāfiskais brīvdabas muzejs Latvian Ethnographic Open – Air Museum

#### Dear Sir,

You are welcome to take part in the festival Blacksmith Days in Latvian Open - Air Museum, that takes place 21-22 August in Riga.

The project **Blacksmith Days in the Open – Air Museum** this year celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The main idea of this festival is to create a link between a modern, busy man of our days and the values of the past: - ancient crafts and folk art. During two days a lot of creative and informative activities and fun will take place in Latvian Ethnographic Open – Air Museum.

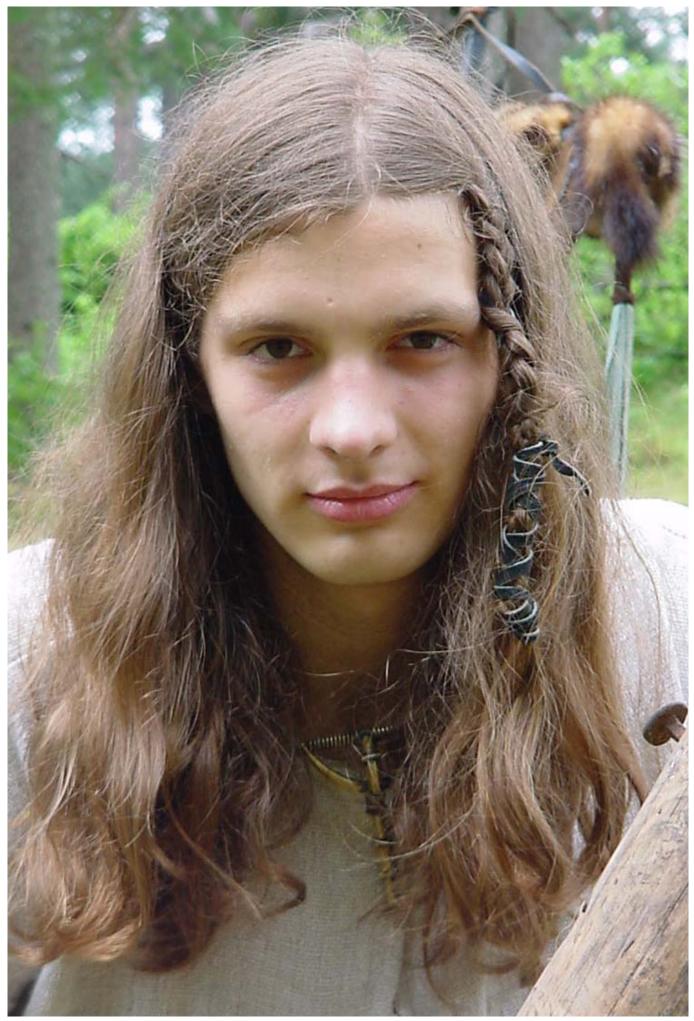
#### Program of the festival.

#### Saturday, August 21

12.0	Parade of the participants starting at the entrance of the Museum.
12.30	Opening of the festival
13.0	Demonstration of the professional skills
14.0	Traditional folk song and dance performance by Latvian folklore group.
15.0	"Happenings from Blacksmiths' Life", performance by participants of the festival.
16.0	Closing of the first day of the festival.
Sunday, August 22	
12.0	Opening of the second day of the festival
13.0	The program for children. Young blacksmiths' hour.
14.0	Latvian traditional games for the participants.
15.0	Blacksmiths' dances.
16.0	Closing of the festival.
Accommodation is being fully provided.	
Please, confirm Your appearance until July 31.	
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