

Greetings fellow movers,

Hello, we hope that this finds you well. The last year has certainly been one to forget. I think we saw a science fiction movie about this a few years ago.

Your Midstates Housemovers Board has been continuing to have conversations regarding our 2021 convention. We feel like it is unwise to try to hold our regular March convention due to the ongoing Covid health issues.

At this time our plan is to do a one-day outdoor event in Minneapolis at John Jepsen's yard on Saturday, May 8. We feel like this is the best option to give everyone the safe opportunity to gather as a group, catch up on friendships and learn.

Here is the tentative plan:

9am – Welcome, coffee and donuts

10am-12pm – outdoor demonstrations, exhibits, etc.

12pm-130pm – Lunch at Yard

2-5 – Seminars, outdoor exhibits and demonstrations

5:30-7:30 – Supper with awards and silent auction

7:30 – Social time

Please stay tuned for more information, but certainly put this day on your calendar. We will locate a hotel or two and hold some rooms for the group, probably one on the north side of town and one on the south side of town if you choose to come in Friday night or stay until Sunday. To sign a group contract with a Hotel, they are asking for us to assume liability for illness, etc. At this point it is just not worth the risk.

John's yard is located at 3119 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis.

A couple of other notes, we will attempt to do awards and an award presentation for 2019 and 2020. We are going to have a deadline of Mid-April to submit entries. We will have several ways to enter, mail to Matt Sundeen, via email, or (hopefully) download on the website.

In addition, we will try to give away a couple of scholarships to our deserving kids/grandkids. We will be having a silent auction or raffle in order to help us raise some money to support the scholarships.

Although this is not ideal, this is the best (or least, worst) idea to try to keep some semblance of a 2021 convention. Hopefully back to normal in the middle of March in 2022.

Stay tuned for more info. Please reach out with questions or concerns.