

Message from your President - Kristi Gustafson

Our newsletter editor, Leif Rosqvist is retiring from producing our newsletter after eight years. Our newsletter is the primary tool for communicating with our members so it is integral to the success of our organization. Four times a year, Leif gathered information, formatted it and published our newsletter that was informative and attractive. This is one of the most time consuming jobs in our organization and his commitment was greatly appreciated. Besides the newsletter, Leif is responsible for the content that goes into our amazing website while his son Stefan posts the information and manages it. Thank you Leif for your time and service to our organization.



Thanks to great volunteers, the June 11 Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park was a great success with attendance once again higher than the previous year. Our New Sweden volunteers were Anna & Hans Lundin, Denise & Ove Arvidson, Ross Fogelquist, Jimmy Granstrom, Kristina Holm, Jim Jandacek, Eva & Jim Moore, Carl Ramsten, Margie & Ron Tosi, Linda Cox and myself.

The first weeks of August will be busy for New Sweden with two of our biggest events taking place. Our kraftskiva (crayfish) dinner party is August 6, at Fogelbo. Not being born in Sweden, I wanted to learn more about the traditions of kraftskiva. While I thought the decorations at our kraftskiva appeared oriental and not Swedish, I learned the colors and designs are very traditional to this event, as well as the cone shaped hats and the songs that are sung. Eating crayfish is a slow process and the perfect food to allow people to relax, visit and have fun. Last year, we began the set up (Fri) and take down (Sun) with a breakfast on the deck of Fogelbo. It was great fun to visit and get to know each other before we began our work so we will repeat it this year with breakfast served Friday, Saturday and Sunday for our volunteers. The following Friday and Saturday, August 12 & 13, we have our annual antique and garage sale and this year we return to the backyard at Fogelbo. Set up is Thursday and take down Saturday after the sale. We will have a barbeque for volunteers on Thursday and Saturday. Hopefully, you've been setting aside some amazing items for our sale. Please bring them to Fogelbo by August 11th (let Ross know you're coming (503-244-3697), or call me before to possibly arrange a pick-up.

Finally, several of our board members are interested in teaching crafts for the holidays to include candle dipping, painting and wool felting. We are still working out details of dates and locations but planning for October and early November. If you are interested, please email or call me with your interests, days of the week and times you'd be able to attend.

President Kristi Gustafson
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Sandra Miller was honored as the Scandinavian of the Year at the Midsummer Festival, after being nominated by both New Sweden and the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (SHF), now Nordic Northwest. In the pictures, Sandra is seen with her son Ian and Nordic Northwest board member Aase Besson.

Sandra has been a member of New Sweden since 1990, serving as president for two years and secretary for several years. She also served as the New Sweden representative on the SHF Board.

Sandra has been an active member, frequently holding leadership positions, in numerous other Scandinavian organizations. She has been a member of SHF since 1980, and served on the Board for fourteen years, including as president and secretary, besides numerous committees. She is especially pleased to see that the Scandinavian center (Nordia House) came to fruition after all these years of hard work by herself and many volunteers in the Nordic community.

Sandra, whose paternal grandfather was Swedish, has always enjoyed culture. Professionally she worked as an administrator for an international adoption agency that "brought families to children in need" and says it was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life. She is still active in the Sister City Organization; when the Soviet Union collapsed she raised money for food and medical supplies for the eastern Russia city of Khabarovsk.

Since 1999, Sandra has independently led five Scandinavian dance related tours to Sweden, Norway, and Iceland, and continues to be active in the local Scandinavian dance community.

Congratulations to Sandra and great thanks for the thousands of volunteer hours you have given to the Scandinavian community.



Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival took place on Saturday June 11 in Oak's Park. Only a week earlier, the Portland area had been hit by scorching three digit temperatures. Luckily, this year's Midsummer Festival brought much more pleasant weather, with highs in the 60's and only a little bit of rainfall. The event also offered many opportunities to enjoy delicious food, fine musical performances and socializing with the great people that make up the Nordic communities in the Portland area.

New Sweden's booth was visited by many people curious to learn more about the activities of our organization. Attendance was record high, greatly thanks to excellent marketing efforts by Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (SHF) Director Greg Smith and co-workers. The revenue has not been fully disclosed at the time of this publication, but there are indications that this year's Midsummer Festival may be the most successful one to date. Many thanks to all volunteers and people who attended the event!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW SWEDEN EVENTS IN AUGUST!!!

August 5-7: Kraftskiva Party, Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Rd.

Fri., August 5 8:00am breakfast, 9:00am set up.

8 people needed to help set up canopies, dance floor, tables, string lights, wash chairs.

Sat., August 6 9:00am breakfast, 10:00am set up.

4 people needed to decorate and arrange table and chairs.

Sat., August 6 5:00 pm-7:15, 4 people needed to prep food

Sun., August 7 9:00 breakfast, 10:00am take down.

6 people needed to clean up, take down decorations, stack chairs, take up dance floor.

Yard Sale, Fogelbo

Thurs., August 11, 10am-6pm 2 hour duration, **8 people** needed to price items

Fri., August 12, 2 hour duration, **6 people** needed for sales

Sat., August 13, 2 hour duration, **6 people** needed for sales

Sat., August 13, 3:30pm, **6 people** needed, box remaining items & clean up

Call Kristi Gustafson to volunteer, 503-663-2772.



New Sweden and Skandia Lodge invite you to BENGTS KRÄFTSKIVA, a pot-luck dinner and party in the garden at Fogelbo (8740 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon).

Saturday August 6 2016. Dinner is 7.30pm to Midnight.

Come join us for a fun, tradition-filled Swedish crayfish party with delicious food, singing, dancing, and traditional and popular music for all generations.

Please bring your own beverage (coffee and lemonade provided).

Corkage (at no cost) and a no-host bar will be provided by Broder Söder Cafe.

New Sweden and Skandia Lodge are providing the kräftor (crayfish), Swedish meat balls, lingonberry jam, boiled potatoes, cheeses, knäckebröd (hardtack), sill (herring) and berries. Each family or party attending is asked to bring a generous-sized, preferably Swedish-style, main-course dish or dessert (**serving size: 8-10 people**)

Make your reservations early as seating is limited to 120 maximum

Ticket Prices

\$20 per person for New Sweden and Skandia Lodge members

\$25 per person for non-members

Last day for reservations (if tickets are still available) is August 1st. Payment must accompany reservation request. For more information and questions about reservations call:

Vicki Cole, 503-255-6697, or email

them0therthing@aol.com (note: 0 = number 0)

Please make checks payable to “**New Sweden**” and mail to:

Vicki Cole

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NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1ST

RESERVATION FORMS ARE REQUIRED WITH PAYMENT.

Reservation forms and more info also at: www.NewSweden.org



New Sweden Antique and Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday Aug. 12-13

Time: 10am to 5pm

At Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road, near Washington Square

Contact: Ross Fogelquist

Phone: 503-244-3697

We ask for your donations of gently used house hold items and Scandinavian items that are essential to the success of this sale, where the proceeds support Trollbacken - The Swedish Language and Culture Camp for Children. Call Ross Fogelquist to schedule drop-off or pick-up of items.



We also need donated baked goods for the Kaffestuga.



High Chaparral, Hillerstorp, Smaland, Sweden is a fun place to visit for the whole family. In this Wild West-themed amusement park, kids of all ages (including grown-ups!) can dress up as cowboys and Indians, go see a Western show (including Lucky Luke as seen on the picture) or experience the thrill of a staged robbery on board of an old steam train.

High Chapparral was recently named the best Swedish theme park in the contest "Stora Barnsemesterpriset (The Big Prize for Vacations with Children)". In the category Best Nordic theme park, High Chaparral was the runner-up after Lego Land in Denmark. Definitely a place worth visiting, with or without children!



Stefan Örn



Donny Montell



Jonas Thander



Björn Skifs



Jesper Winge Leisner

From ABBA to Jonas Thander — Swedish artists and songwriters in the Eurovision Song Contest on TV and in theaters (by J. Granstrom)

In May, the Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) was broadcast live in the United States for the first time in the history of the competition. ESC is the world's largest non-sporting live TV event and most watched entertainment program in Europe. A number of Eurovision artists and groups have launched international careers following their wins, most notably ABBA in 1974 and Celine Dion in 1988. Each participating country submits one song to the competition. Sweden has been the dominant nation since 2011, with five out of six entries in the Top 5, including two winners in 2011 and 2015. The 2016 competition was held in Stockholm, following their 2015 victory. Swedish songwriters are not only successful in writing songs for artists representing their home country, but also for foreign acts. In 2011, the winning entry "Running Scared", co-written by Swedes Stefan Örn and Sandra Bjurman (with Brit Ian Farguhanson), provided Azerbaijan with its first victory. In this year's contest, Lithuania's entry "I've Been Waiting For This Night", performed by Donny Montell, was written by Swedes Jonas Thander and Beatrice Robertsson. Thander has worked with several American artists, e.g. arranging the horns and playing the saxophone on Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off". Thander has also toured with some of Sweden's most beloved artists, including Björn Skifs, who had a U.S. Billboard #1 hit in 1974 with Blue Swede's "Hooked On A Feeling" (featured in Marvel's 2014 film "Guardians Of The Galaxy").

Sweden's love of the ESC was humorously depicted in a 3-minute video that was part of the "half-time show" in this year's contest. Although the content should be taken with a big grain of salt (priests are not likely to sing Charlotte Nilsson's ABBA-influenced 1999 winning entry "Take Me To Your Heaven" during church services), it does reflect the fact that the ESC is more popular in Sweden than in many other countries. In Jonas Gardell's 2000 movie "Livet är en schlager" ("Life is a Schlager" a.k.a. "Once In A Lifetime"), the story centers around the life of Mona Berglund, a mother-of-four so obsessed with the competition that she has named her kids after Swedish performers of ESC songs. The movie features the song "Aldrig ska jag sluta älska dig (I Will Never Stop Loving You)", written by Gardell and Danish composer Jesper Winge Leisner. In 2009, his theater company "The One And Company Only" staged the musical "Elsk mig i nat (Love Me Tonight)", featuring some of Denmark's biggest pop hits, in Copenhagen. A Swedish version, "Leva Livet (Live Life)", included songs by several Swedish Eurovision artists, e.g. Björn Skifs, was staged in Stockholm two years later. With Sweden's long ESC history, it is likely to be the launching pad for careers of more artists and songwriters for years to come.



Nordic Northwest (formerly Scandinavian Heritage Foundation), 8800 SW Oleson Rd., Portland, will have on exhibit from July 19 –September 4, "The Life and Times of Joe Hill".

Swedish immigrant Joel Hagglund came to the U.S. in 1902, and became known here as Joe Hill. Though he died in 1915, he made a significant impact on the American labor movement as an activist, songwriter, and cartoonist. The exhibit is sponsored by the Swedish Council of America and free to visitors.



Fogelbo visit from Denice Sigvardsson, consul assistant delivering Swedish passports to Portland residents. The Swedish consulate in WA is located in Kirkland, about a 20-minute drive from downtown Seattle. Kirkland has a lot to offer other than the consulate, e.g. Marina Park (picture below).



2016 Events Calendar summary

August 6: Saturday, annual Kräftskiva Crayfish Party, reservations required.

August 12 & 13th: Annual Antique and Garage sale at Fogelbo.

August 15-20th: Trollbacken, Swedish Language and Culture Camp for children ages 7-13.

October 1st: SHF ScanFeast Auction and gala.

December 3 & 4th: Saturday and Sunday, ScanFair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum

December 10th: Lucia Festival.

All information will be updated during the year and will appear on the website as well.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

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2016 Membership Renewals and New Memberships!

Memberships are renewed each year and run from January through December. Please use this form to renew now and save the cost of mailing a separate membership renewal request! You may also renew for multiple years by multiplying the annual dues amount by the number of years desired and indicating your intention on the form.

Thanks for supporting New Sweden with your dues!

Membership Renewal or New Member Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Single \$20.00 Family \$35.00 Patron \$50

Scholarship Fund donation (\$ _____)

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