

Message from your President - Ross Fogelquist

Reflecting on last years events for New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society, they were all very successful and enjoyed by all those who attended. Our annual Christmas program on December 10th was attended by at least 200 people. The planning committee worked all year to make sure that the program was well organized. The Christmas open house parties at Fogelbo were also well attended, in fact we had to deny many requests from people who wanted to attend the first sitting. The board members produced a wonderful offering of authentic Swedish Christmas food. It was truly an outstanding event. ScanFair was equally a very successful event, with the highest attendees ever recorded for that festival. The board of New Sweden worked diligently in December for three weekends in a row. Needless to say they are to be commended for a job well done. We were all suffering from a little burnout. Well, now on to the new year's events. Our Annual meeting will be held at Fogelbo on Sunday February 26th at 2:00 PM. The board will provide light finger food and dessert. Catarina New, a local noted Swedish Jazz musician will provide the entertainment, which will include Swedish music and songs. A short business meeting will follow her program. Carol Tripp will serve as our new president. Charles Neiman will serve as assistant treasurer. Denver James will still continue as membership chairman. Ross Fogelquist will resume his past role as vice president. The rest of the board members will remain the same. Please Email Ross at ross@fogelbo.com or phone at 503-244-3697 by February 20th if you plan to attend our annual meeting. Later in February we will cosponsor with SHF a Swedish Film. We will continue our usual programming for this year and maybe sponsor some special events. A special thanks to all those people who helped us make this such a successful and enjoyable year.



Lycka Till - Tusen Tack För Allting!

They say you should judge a person by the company they keep. And after the last few days, I can honestly say I'll be judged in a gentle light. You, my friends, are truly a gift to behold. Because of you, we have experienced the love of an extended Scandinavian family. With this very emotional and sweet goodbye, Kristi and Denver is starting their long drive from Portland to Virginia to a new life including their daughter Margaret with family, especially their grandchildren Anthony and Jackson, who are so close and important to them in their life.

We wish them all the happiness and good luck!

New Sweden's many activities during the 2011 Christmas Holidays

ScanFair...

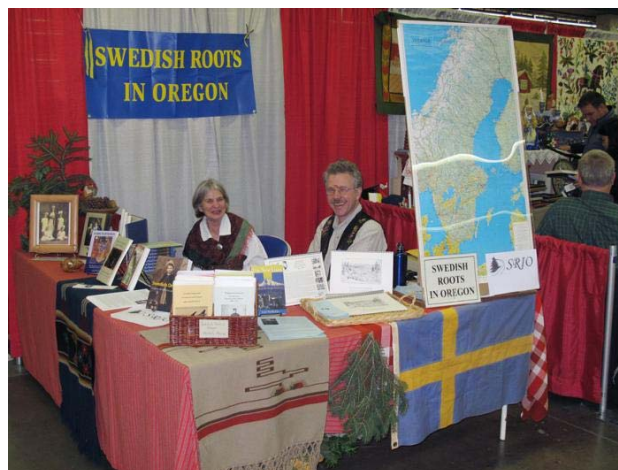
We enjoyed Nordic fare, flare, images and voices that took over at the Exhibit Hall in the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, as it housed the 27th Annual ScanFair on Dec. 3 & 4. The annual event is organized by the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. New Sweden is playing the prominent role as the Swedish Flag and Culture carrier in the Portland and Southern Washington region.



The Oregon Lucia Court, Portland School Lucia with Court as well as the Scandinavian Men's Chorus & Scandia Ladies Chorus of Portland were performing.



Next to the New Sweden booth we had our friends from Swedish Roots In Oregon (SRIO) showing off their research, books and understanding of Swedish immigration into the region. As always the large Swedish Map generated significant interest of people being able to discuss their Swedish background.



LuciaFest...

The wonderful LuciaFest at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Portland, organized by New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society was visited by over 200 people who came to enjoy the pre-Holiday event. Many brought their children, which is good since the LuciaFest is celebrated especially with children in mind.. After all the singing and all the performances the kids visited with Tomten and danced around the Christmas Tree.



The LuciaFest program was introduced by Kristina Neiman and Ross Fogelquist.



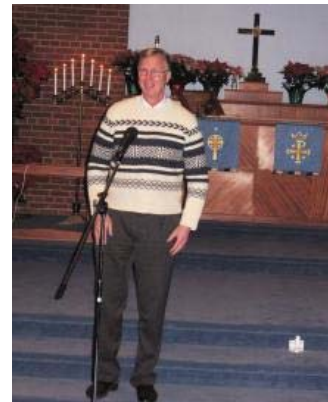
Oregon's Lucia 2011, Alexandra Husari and Court



Swedish School Lucia Molly Jones and Court



Scandinavian Men's Chorus and Ladies Chorus singing; Lyssna, Lyssna; Jul Strålande Jul, Gläns över sjö och strand.



Joel Godbey singing Adams Julsång

Both the ScanFair and LuciaFest reportage was published in Nordstjernen, the Swedish Newspaper in America, providing New Sweden with a broad national coverage.

www.nordstjernen.com, and go to Pacific States section

New Sweden Christmas Glögg Party and Tour at Fogelbo...

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society again offered it's very popular "a little bit of Swedish Christmas at Fogelbo" on December 17th as a teaser to the real Christmas Event on December 24 and 25th.

Fogelbo was decorated in its best Christmas attire when welcoming the guests. Nestled in the mature trees along the Oleson Road is an unassuming place called Fogelbo – in Swedish, the term means "bird nest", derived from the Fogelquist family name. A sweeping drive takes you to the finely crafted log home, rustic but with charm and clearly loved by the Swedish community in Oregon and Southern Washington. It is without question the center of gravity for everything Swedish in the region and the Christmas Party Event is an integral party.



Lucia celebration with "Svenska Kaffe Gruppen"...



The "Swedish Coffee Group" in Portland with about 100 members celebrated a traditional Lucia event at the home of Anna Lundin. Her home is always wonderfully decorated for Christmas in the Swedish way. About 35 ladies brought goodies to share, "glögg" was served, and of course there was coffee and tea. Anna Karin Lindbergh Rednoske played the piano accompanying the singing of Swedish Christmas songs. Lucia surprised with a visit. It was exactly 50 years since Gun Blodgett, from Stockholm, and a long standing member of this group was crowned the Lucia of Sweden in 1961. She brought some pictures from the event, and her hair is still as blond as it was then!



For more information about "Svenska Kaffe Gruppen" please contact Kristina Neiman at kmneiman@gmail.com

35th Portland International Film Festival (PIFF) at NW Film Center, February 9 - 25.

New Sweden is co-sponsoring with the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation the Swedish language film "Play", by director-screenwriter *Ruben Östlund*, one of the more than 100 international short and feature films playing during the festival.

The film is director-screenwriter Ruben Östlund's third feature based on events that happened in Sweden several years ago, including serious yet humorous study of human behavior inspired by authentic cases in which groups of young boys robbed other children in central Göteborg. What was remarkable about the robberies was that they followed an elaborate role-play which tricked the victims without resort to violence or threats.

The film received very good reviews at 2011 Cannes Film Festival.

The film "Play" (running time 125 minutes) will be shown on Monday 2/20 at 5:15pm and Tuesday 2/21 at 8:30 pm, in Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum. Ticket for movie only is \$10.

New Sweden and SHF are holding a reception on Tuesday 2/21, at 7:00pm prior to the film. The \$20 price of admission to the reception includes a ticket to the movie, appetizers, beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets to the reception are limited. Reservation is required. Contact SHF for tickets at (503) 977-0275.



Gravlax (Gravad lax)

A staple for the Swedish 'smörgåsbord' a global delicacy and not that hard to make yourself...

Chef's

Corner



Gravlax with dill

Gravlax with a mustard sauce

(serves 10)

2 lb of salmon, midsection of one filet, fresh and of the highest quality

2 teaspoons oil

4 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons salt

1 teaspoon crushed white pepper corns

1 big chopped bundle of dill

Wipe the salmon clean. Remove all surface fat and bones. Pull bones out with a plier. Leave the skin on. Moisten the salmon with oil, mix the herbs with the dill and rub the mix onto the salmon.

Put a good quantity of dill in an appropriate bowl (some actually use a plastic bag instead), place the salmon skin-side up on top of the dill and put more dill on top. Cover with a chopping board or similar light weight and leave the salmon in the refrigerator for 12 – 24 hours. Flip the salmon a couple of times. Just under 24 hours should be right, leaving the salmon for too long will make it hard and dry.

Scrape off the herbs and cut the salmon into thin slices or 2.5 inch thick straight cuts, free from skin. The skin (which has to be peeled) may be cut into half inch wide strips, dipped in oil, fried and served with the salmon.

Mustard Sauce 'Gravlax Sauce'

2-3 tablespoons of mustard

1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 - 1 tablespoon vinegar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon white pepper

2/3 cup (150 ml) vegetable oil

2-3 tablespoons finely chopped dill

Mix mustard with honey and vinegar, add salt and pepper. Mix with the oil under constant stirring with a fork. When the sauce is mixed to about the consistency of mayonnaise, mix in the dill and add salt and pepper to taste.

Serves best with a cool beer and snaps!

2012 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 26: New Sweden Annual Meeting will be held at Ross Fogelquist's home (Fogelbo at 8740 SW Oleson Road) at 2 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and sweets, coffee and punch. You are welcome to contribute a favorite sweet or appetizer to share if you would like to do so.

February 9 – 25: Portland International Film Festival (PIFF). New Sweden is co-sponsoring the Swedish film "Play" and a reception at the Portland Art Museum with Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. Check the SHF website (scanheritage.org) under "activities" and then "films" for more details and the PIFF website (www.nwfilm.org/festivals/piff/) for times and locations, or call SHF at 503-977-0275

APRIL

Monday, April 30: Celebrate Valborgsmässoafton (Walpurgis Eve) with a bonfire, snacks and hot drinks. 7 p.m. at Dave and Melinda Carter's home, 1470 SW Borland Road, West Linn, OR. We will be joined by the Finnish Community and the Scandinavian Choruses.

MAY

Friday/Saturday, May 11/12: Annual New Sweden Antique and Garage Sale at Fogelbo. Sale raises funds for the Trollbacken Children's Swedish Language Camp. Your donations of gently used household items and Scandinavian items are essential to the success of this sale!

JUNE

Saturday, June 16: (tentative) Midsummer Fest. Hosted by the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation and the League of Swedish Societies at Oaks Park. The Fest will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, check the Scandinavian Events listings at <http://www.scanheritage.org/NewWebPage/events.html>

AUGUST

Saturday, August 11: Kräftskiva, our Annual Crayfish Party at Fogelbo. Reservations required.

August 12-18, Trollbacken, Swedish Language and Culture Camp for children ages 7-13.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 16: (tentative) Fogelbo Swedish Pancake Breakfast. New Sweden offers Swedish Pancakes, all the toppings, sausages, juice milk and coffee in the gardens at Fogelbo. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6.00 per breakfast.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 20: (tentative) ScanFeast Auction and Dinner in support of the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. Registration required. For more information, go to the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation website at <http://www.scanheritage.org/c-49-scanfeast.aspx>

DECEMBER

Saturday/Sunday, December 1/2: ScanFair Portland Memorial Coliseum. A festive celebration of Scandinavian Culture featuring ethnic crafts, foods, music and dance. For more information, go to <http://www.scanheritage.org/c-50-scanfair.aspx>

Saturday, December 8: Lucia Fest. A beautiful musical program introducing Oregon's 2012 Lucia and her court. The program is followed by Swedish baked treats coffee and glögg, ring dances around the Christmas Tree and a visit by the Tomten! St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3880 SE Brooklyn St., at 3:00 p.m.

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Renew your Membership Now for 2012!

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 intension on the form.

Tack så mycket!

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 (\$_____)

Make checks payable to "New Sweden" and send to
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