

Message from your President -- Carol Tripp

Greetings to all from your new president of the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society!

I'm excited about working with all of you to continue Kristi's enthusiastic leadership. She is a hard act to follow, but, with your help, I'll try to get up-to-speed as quickly as possible. My Swedish background is on my mother's side of the family. My grandmother's father worked in the Kosta crystal factory in Småland: my grandfather lived in Malmö Skåne. My great-great grandfather was the "son" of Baron, Count and Royal Councilor Carl Piper, who was a friend of Abraham Lincoln while he was Minister from Sweden in 1861. It is fun to return to Christinehoff Slott and walk the grounds Count Carl Piper walked and to see the alum mine that supported Christina's community during her lifetime.

My mother was 6 years old when she, her 8-year-old brother, and her mother and father left out of Gothenburg in April, 1913. Out of Liverpool they sailed on the sister ship to the Titanic, the Mauretania. Titanic had sunk the year before in 1912. Mother often talked about the ceremony they had when the ship stopped over the spot where the sinking occurred. Wreaths were dropped on the water and the band played "Nearer My God To Thee." (Though now I understand that recent research indicates that this hymn was not played as the Titanic sank as had been previously reported.) This ceremony left a lasting impression on my mother, my uncle and my grandfather. My grandmother was seasick the entire trip and did not take part in the ceremony.

New Sweden started off the year 2012, with the annual meeting in February, and now is the time to straighten out your cabinets and closets and donate your lovingly used items to New Sweden for our fundraising garage sale, May 11 and 12, 2012. The money raised at this event is given to the Trollbacken Children's Swedish Language summer camp. We will need volunteers assisting during the sale, so please see if you can set aside some of your time for this effort. Call me at 503-617-6826 or Ross Fogelquist at 503-244-3697 to volunteer or to arrange to drop off your treasures. If you prefer to have them picked up, just let us know and we'll make arrangements for a mutually convenient time for a driver to make the pick up. Katarina Braaten and GunMarie Rosqvist will start calling for volunteers needed for the Midsummer Event at Oaks Park on Saturday June 16, 2012.

I'll be seeing you throughout the year, and look forward to being an active participant of this exciting organization.





The Swedish and Finnish communities came together again to celebrate Walpurgis/Vappu on April 30th hosted by Dave and Melinda Carter at their farm in West Linn.

Much hot dogs, coffee and singing was delivered by the audience as well as from the Scandinavia Choruses.

Tack så Mycket to Dave and Melinda!



Fogelbo – 60 Years Anniversary – A Truly Unique Swedish Treasure!

The 60 year anniversary of Fogelbo was celebrated the 1st day in April. Most of the Swedish cultural events in Portland are linked to Fogelbo in one way or another like Fund raisings, Midsummer Festivities, Kräftskiva (classic Swedish Cray Fish Party), Lucia celebration and Christmas festivity events.

The transformation of a family homestead to a museum quality property is made!



New Sweden Antique & Garage Sales

Friday & Saturday

May 11 and 12, 2012

Time 10am to 5pm

At Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road, near Washington Square

Contact: Ross Fogelquist

Phone: 503-244-3697

Proceeds support Trollbacken, a Swedish Language Camp for Children.





New Sweden is participating in the 84th Annual
Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Saturday, June 16, 2012

A summer solstice celebration for the entire community!

Presented by: Presented by: Scandinavian Heritage Foundation & League of Swedish Societies

Time: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Music, Dancing, Games

Scandinavian Foods, Vendors & Beer Garden

Raising of the Maypole 1:00 p.m.

Kids' Zone 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Beer Garden noon to 8 pm

Dance: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Oaks Park

7805 SE Oaks Park Way

Portland, OR 97202

\$6 adults / \$3 children (6 - 12 years of age) / Family \$15 (2 adults, 2 children)

Hi all Volunteers - from Carol Tripp

At a Swedish League meeting it was brought up that some people volunteer for the League booth, but go to the New Sweden booth at Midsummer. Then they are told they aren't scheduled there. A reminder to folks who have volunteered for Midsummer to keep in mind that they should check the booth for the League if they are not scheduled for New Sweden booth service so we don't over or under-staff any organization.

Tack så mycket !





NEW SWEDEN & SKANDIA LODGE

Invite members and their guests to

BENGTS KRÄFTSKIVA

In the garden at Fogelbo
8740 SW Oleson Road – Portland, Oregon
Saturday, August 11, 2012



Dinner 7:30 pm to Midnight

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

Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and one (per family or party) of the following dishes:

(serving size: 8-10 people)

Jansson's Temptation, Swedish Salads, Prins Korv – Sausage, European Cheeses and Knäckebröd, Meatballs, Sill – Pickled Herring, Swedish Desserts, Fresh Berries

Make your reservations early as seating is limited to 120 maximum

Ticket Prices

\$25 per person for New Sweden and Skandia Lodge members

\$30 per person for member guests

Last day for reservations (if tickets are still available) is August 4th. Payment must accompany reservation request. For more information and questions about reservations call: Vicki Cole, 503-255-6697, or email themOtherthing@aol.com (note: 0= number zero)

Please make checks payable to "New Sweden" and mail to:

Vicki Cole
14344 S.E. Main St.
Portland, OR 97233

NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 4th

New Sweden applying for Non-Profit status -- by Carol Tripp

Advantages of being a nonprofit organization

Organizing as a nonprofit group may allow an organization to get exemptions from a variety of federal, state, and local taxes. As a nonprofit organization, the group is in the best position to attract grants and donations. To do this, you will be required to go a further step in obtaining a 501(c)(3) with the Federal IRS office. In addition, people are more likely to be supportive of a tax-exempt group.

Disadvantages of a nonprofit organization

The income made by the group must be used for its nonprofit purposes. Reasonable salaries may be paid, but cannot use any "extra" for personal gain of the employees or members of the group. When a group dissolves, it will have to turn over any excess funds (after debts are paid) to another nonprofit group with similar purposes or to its members. There is a certain amount of paperwork to set up and maintain a nonprofit structure. Organizational documents must be prepared, meeting minutes kept, financial data recorded, and annual reports to the state and the IRS.

Becoming a nonprofit organization

It is recommended that you consult a nonprofit attorney during this process. The Oregon Office of the Attorney General has a list of nonprofit attorneys, "A Guide to Nonprofit Board Service in Oregon." Attorneys will quote an hourly rate of \$150 to \$200+ an hour, and most require a retainer fee, some up to \$2000, for them to draw against as they spend time on your work. One organization in the Portland area is a nonprofit legal firm, and has an intern training with them for nonprofit legal work. Their fees are considerably less than having an attorney perform all of the work. Since the attorneys check the documents before they are returned to you there is adequate legal coverage. Also, the attorney will be the contact if the State or the IRS have questions. Hourly costs can be saved if the organization first develops Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. This will give the attorneys some understanding of the organizations purpose without having lengthy conversations to describe the group's work.

The first two forms to be processed are a request to the Oregon Department of Justice, Charitable Activities Section (Form RF-C), and another to the Oregon Secretary of State, Corporation Division. Also, both the packages must include signed and dated By-laws and Articles of Incorporation. The Department of Justice will want the names and addresses of all members of the Board of Directors and a check for \$55.00. The group is assigned an organizational number and returned to the listed contact for the group (attorney or Board member). This now is the number for use on all forms and reports for the group.

The next step is to proceed with the IRS on Form 1023, "Application for Recognition of Exemption." This form requires an EIN number on each page, and the Oregon organizational number is the number for the group. This is a lengthy form with mostly "yes" or "no" questions about the purpose of the group and includes a section for current and a projection of financial data. A check must accompany this request. The amount varies with the size of the organization's financial standing.

The New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society received registration as a Corporation, No. 844175-92, with the Oregon Secretary of State, Corporation Division in March. After the Board approves the By-Laws, a registration request will be sent to the Oregon Department of Justice, Charitable Activities Section, to receive State Registration for Charitable Organizations status. The Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service will be presented at the next Board meeting on May 8. This should complete the State and Federal application process and all forms and supporting documentation will be submitted to the appropriate agency. Then we wait.



Chef's
Corner

Råbiff or Steak Tartare - A summer classical

Though there are many fanciful stories connecting *steak tartare* with the Tatar or Tartar people of Central Asia, there is no evidence that the Tatars ate raw chopped meat, and if they did, no explanation of why the name would first appear in the 20th century. The name may come from tartar sauce, which often accompanied it, or from the notion that the Tatars were primitive--*cf.* the alternate names *boeuf cannibal* and *boeuf à l'américaine*.

Råbiff, biff tartar, tartarstek är en kött rätt bestående av rå biff – innanlår av nöt – som skurits till tunna skivor eller skrapats eller malts till en fin färs. Om köttet males vill somliga ha den malen två gånger för att få färsen så fin som möjligt, men många uppskattar den konsistens och det tuggmotstånd som den har efter endast den första malningen. Biffen serveras vanligen toppad med rå äggula, rå lök, tärnade inlagda rödbetor, kapris och möjligen säsongens övriga grönsaker, till exempel färsk tärnad rödbeta och gurka. Det går dessutom bra att äta denna rätt med inlagd gurka, fransk senap och riven pepparrot.



Steak tartare is a meat dish made from finely chopped or minced raw beef or horse. Tartare can also be made by thinly slicing a high grade of meat such as strip steak, marinating it in wine or other spirits, spicing it to taste, and then chilling it. This is often served with onions, capers and seasonings (the latter typically incorporating fresh ground pepper and Worcestershire sauce), sometimes with a raw egg yolk, and often on rye bread.

Ingredients (2 portions)

Assorted fresh greens
12 ounces beef tenderloin or sirloin
Worcestershire, Hot pepper sauce
Salt and Black Pepper
2 tablespoons drained capers
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1/3 cup minced red onion
1/3 cup finely chopped parsley
2 egg yolks
Extra-virgin olive oil

Direction

Garnish 2 plates with the fresh greens.
Place the beef on a cutting board and finely chop with a very sharp knife. Season to taste with Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce, salt and black pepper. Shape the meat into 2 patties of equal size and center each on a plate of fresh greens.
Around each meat patty arrange half of the capers, Dijon mustard, red onion and parsley. Carefully break the 2 eggs, reserving the yolk and half of each shell. Place the yolks in their eggshell cups, then place an egg yolk in the center of each patty. Serve the steak tartare with toast points, olive oil, and hot pepper sauce and Worcestershire sauces on the side.

2012 Event Calendar May to December

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: 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

Tuesday, September 2: (tentative) Fogelbo 60 years anniversary celebration

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>

Dear New Sweden member - Denver James

If we have not recorded receipt of your dues for 2012 yet, I hope you are enjoying our newsletter and as many of our activities as you can attend. Your dues help us celebrate and preserve Swedish traditions and culture here in Oregon and SW Washington. With your help, we are able to prepare, print and mail our quarterly Newsletter, host or co-host many cultural events over the year and maintain our presence on the internet (www.newsweden.org). We continue to attract new members throughout the year as people find us on the web, or at one of our public events.

Because I have moved to Virginia, our Treasurer, GunMarie Rosqvist, is receiving your renewal checks. Please take time to make out a renewal check now (\$20.00 Single Membership, \$35 Family Membership, or \$50. Patron Membership) and mail it to: GunMarie Rosqvist, New Sweden Treasurer, 2845 NW Circle A. Dr., Portland, OR 97229 Be sure to note any changes to your contact information: mailing address, email, and phone number..

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society
2845 NW Circle A Drive
Portland, OR 97229

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
Membership, Attn: GunMarie Rosqvist, 2845 NW Circle A Drive, Portland, OR 97229 Membership ques-
tions, please call: (503) 737-9458, or at www.NewSweden.org