

Message from your President - Ross Fogelquist

“Greetings from Fogelbo”. Now that I have assumed the role of interim president, a special thanks is due to our past president. Kristi gave so much of her time, money and effort to making our organization what it is today. Both she and Denver will leave a large void in the Swedish and Scandinavian community by their departure to the Washington D.C. area. We all appreciated their commitment to making New Sweden such an outstanding organization. They deeply touched the lives of many Swedish- Americans of all generations, with whom they were associated. We know that we will see them here during their vacations to Oregon. They will still be at part of our organization. Denver will still serve as membership chairman however dues will be mailed to our treasurer GunMarie Rosqvist. Denver will assist in general email communication with the board and membership. We will miss Denver and his many tasks he performed so willingly, especially his knowledge of all things highly technical. Their kindness and understanding in dealing with many different and challenging situations will always be appreciated.



The current shocking news is that ScanFair will not be held at PSU this December. Due to a misunderstanding between SHF and PSU scheduling office we were forced to change locations with extremely short notice. ScanFair will be at the Portland Memorial Coliseum next to the Rose Garden Sports center. This has created a new and challenging situation for the entire Scandinavian community. Plans are well underway for this huge change. We all need to work together to make this a successful event. There are many positive opportunities with the new location. Please offer to help in any way possible when contacted by volunteer coordinators. Watch your emails for changes. Check SHF web page for updated information. The most important goal you can do now is to inform everyone of the change. Dates and times are the same.

Our annual Swedish Lucia Program will be on Saturday December 10th at 3:00 P.M. not 4:00 P.M. Please note the change in time. We need members to bring Christmas refreshments as usual. We are in need of volunteers for the usual tasks. Please contact Ross if you can be of some assistance. This is our star event of the year. Our annual meeting will be in February 26th at 3:00 P.M. at Fogelbo. Refreshments will be served. Contact Ross if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. This year more than any we need additional board members. Our organization is facing some interesting situations in the coming months. The new officers and board members have already taken a very active role in our organization. With your help we will all meet the challenges of the future.

Reflections, by Kristi Johnson-James

As your past president, may I have a few moments of your time? I want to share with you some of the most rewarding times of my life. Volunteering for New Sweden has afforded me the gift of spending time with amazing friends, while helping advance the cause of our cultural heritage society. Look carefully at the accompanying photograph. That's Ross Fogelquist and Ingeborg Dean, discovering one more link between our past and present. Can you imagine time better spent? (I was in the background, sweeping the floor, and convincing Ross to let go of something I thought was safe to part with!). Now, I can just hear you saying that the basement at Fogelbo is surely not your cup of tea. And I must concur that I understand. For you, my most cherished volunteer, we have so many more potential opportunities. We need you before and after events that New Sweden sponsors, or perhaps you possess organizational abilities. Be it a one time service, or a stint on the New Sweden Board, we have a job for you. An hour or two a year given will most assuredly be appreciated! So, examine your many talents, and decide to donate some time to an organization that is comprised of people who love to talk about our Swedish roots, share genuine friendships, and, oh yes, devour wonderful Swedish delicacies. I for one will be found at Fogelbo, giving my time freely every now and then. And I am leaving for Virginia!

See you soon. I remain your active, proud, past president.



In memory of Cathy Bjork

Cathy Bjork one of our past members and an outstanding leader in the Swedish community, passed away on July 12, 2011. She was born in Astoria Oregon of Swedish and Danish parents. She attended grade and high school in Astoria. She received her degree in journalism at the University of Oregon. Cathy moved to Portland after college and worked in various positions related to advertising. In more recent years she worked on the staff at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. She hosted the Oregon Lucia Luncheon at St. Matthew Church for many years.



She served as Secretary of Harmoni Lodge #472 Order of VASA. She also held numerous offices in The Scandinavian Club. The last 10 years of the club's existence she served as president. She kept the Lucia program and selection as one of her most important goals. She was very skilled at printing and designing programs for many Scandinavian events. Cathy was named Scandinavian of the year 1989 for all her many contributions to the Scandinavian Community. She was always a person that could never say no, when asked to do certain assignments or tasks for the Scandinavian community. Unfortunately she suffered from major health issues. She died from diabetes, a stroke and liver failure. She will always be remembered for her happy, friendly, outgoing personality. Her memorial service was held on Wednesday August 24th at St Matthew Church. There was standing room only at her memorial service. A testament to a great Swedish American, who influenced so many lives.



Chef's
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Swedish Christmas Holiday Traditions

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Lucia buns

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Pickled herring

Lucia buns (Lucia bulle) - These buns are traditionally served by the eldest daughter of the household before sunrise on St. Lucia's day, December 13.

Yield: About 36 buns

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 gram saffron threads, crushed
- 2 cups milk, scalded and cooled to lukewarm
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 7-1/2 to 8 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Stir salt and saffron into 1/4 cup of the warm milk and allow saffron to steep. Dissolve yeast in water. Beat together egg and sugar. In a large mixing bowl, combine all the milk, yeast, and egg mixtures. Slowly beat in 4 cups of the flour and the cardamom, keeping the batter smooth and elastic. Stir in the butter, then add remaining flour, mixing to form a stiff dough. Turn out onto a floured board and knead until smooth. Place dough in a lightly greased bowl, turning it over to grease the top, cover, and let rise until doubled (about 1-1/2 hours). Punch down, cover, and let rise again until doubled. To shape buns, roll dough into 8-inch strands the size of a pencil, and form into crosses with curled ends. Imbed a raisin firmly in the center of each curlicue. Place buns on lightly greased baking sheet and let rise 20 minutes until puffy but not doubled. Brush with beaten egg. Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.

Pickled herring (Inlagd sill) - An obvious tradition for the Swedish "smörgåsbord" at Christmas holidays.

- Yield: About 6 portions
- 2 salted herrings
- 2/3 cup vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 peppercorns, crushed
- 2 tablespoons onions, minced

Soak herring (sill) overnight. Drain, skin and remove bones. Mix vinegar, pepper, sugar, crushed peppercorns and pour over the herring. If the vinegar is very strong, dilute with water. Let stand for a few hours. When serving, cut into 1/2 inch wide strips across fish and arrange on a dish to look like a whole fillet. Garnish with minced onion.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society invites you to

Lucia Fest

Saturday, December 10, 2010 - 3:00 PM (one hour earlier than before)

St. Paul Lutheran Church

3880 SE Brooklyn Street - Portland, Oregon



Lucia symbolizes light and hope at the darkest time of the year.

Enjoy a beautiful traditional pageant and
wonderful music of the season including.....

The children of the Swedish School in Portland,
many talented singers and musicians, including

The Scandinavian Choruses &

Oregon's 2011 Lucia Court.

Following the program there will be singing and dancing around the tree, a visit by tomten, glögg,
coffee and traditional baked goods.

Admission: Adults: \$6.00, Seniors and children 2-16: \$4.00

Maximum charge per family \$20.00.

Doors open at 2:45 pm



New Sweden Cultural and Heritage Society at 27th Annual SCANFAIR

Mark your Calendar! December 3 & 4 2011

Celebrate the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of a Scandinavian Christmas Annual ScanFair

Saturday, December 3, 2011 ~ 10 am to 5 pm

ScanFair Dance, December 3 ~ 7:00 pm to 10 pm

This is the sixth year of the ScanFair Dance, sponsored by SHF and The Nordly's dance group.

The dance begins at 7:00 with lessons for beginning dancers and ends at 11 p.m.

Admission is free with proof of admission to ScanFair, or by donation.

Sunday, December 4 ~ 11 am to 4 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and students, children under 12 are free

Please note: ScanFair will be at Portland Memorial Coliseum,

at 300 N. Winning Way, Portland, OR 97208

SCANDINAVIAN ARTS & CRAFTS: ScanFair is the only event in Portland where all the beautiful Scandinavian traditional and modern arts and crafts come together in one place for a two-day festival and marketplace.

THE PIPPI LONGSTOCKING AREA: Children have a special place where they can make traditional Scandinavian Christmas crafts, including Danish Hjerte or woven hearts and Swedish Julgranskaramell (poppers) to decorate the Christmas tree.

SCANDINAVIAN FILM: One of the popular features of ScanFair is the video room. Sit for a few minutes or an afternoon and enjoy a Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Swedish or Norwegian film.

SCANDINAVIAN DELICACIES: Eat food on the spot or take baked goods home. Enjoy Danish aebleskiver (apple pancake balls), Norwegian lefse & krum kake, Swedish meatballs with lingonberries, pickled herring and flat bread, rice pudding and fruit soup, Varm Korv (hot dogs) and lots of coffee.

CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS: Purchase books, meet authors, research your family's roots with the Scandinavian Genealogical Society, check out Scandinavian language schools.

Flock and Fiber Festival, by Ross Fogelquist

New Sweden Cultural Society had a large exhibit at the Flock and Fiber Festival at the Clackamas county fairgrounds on October 22nd and 23rd. Most of the items for the textile display came from Fogelbo.



New Sweden member Kristi Gustafson made the arrangements and Anna Lundin, a board member, did an outstanding job in assembling the display.

Christmas Tours at Fogelbo.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society will offer again a little bit of Swedish Christmas at Fogelbo on Saturday December 17th. There will be two tours, one at 4:00 and the other at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments and a short program will be included in the event. The cost is \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non members. Reservations must be made by contacting Carol Tripp at 503-617-6826. Reservations must include payment. Mail your checks and reservations to Carol Tripp, 15361 N.W. Aberdeen Dr. Portland, Or. 97229. Reservations can be made at ScanFair at the New Sweden booth. Reservations must be made by December 12th.

2012 Membership Renewals, by Denver James, Membership Chair

Hard to believe that 2011 is nearly in the history books! That means it is time to renew your membership for 2012! Please use the membership form included in this newsletter to renew. Be sure to check your renewal status printed on the top of your mailing address label on this newsletter. You are welcome to renew for one, two or as many years as you'd like, just multiply the annual renewal amount by the member of years. Please mail your renewals to GunMarie Rosqvist, our treasurer. I will still be maintaining our database and you can reach me at my cell phone 503-737-9458 if you have questions.

Thanks, Denver

New Sweden Event Calendar

DECEMBER

Saturday/Sunday, December 3/4: ScanFair in Portland. 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 10: Lucia Fest. A beautiful musical program introducing Oregon's 2011 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.

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.

MARCH

Wednesday March 28: Joint meeting and program with Harmoni Vasa Lodge at 7:00 pm. Please bring potluck appetizers and/or dessert to the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland.

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: 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 9: 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 13: 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 in Portland. 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>

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS LISTINGS:

The Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (SHF) maintains an extensive listing of events throughout the Portland Metropolitan area on their website at <http://www.scanheritage.org/c-57-upcoming-events.aspx>

To receive a weekly email from SHF listing Scandinavian related events simply send an email to shf@mindspring.com and ask to be added to their mailing list for Weekly Events.

Swedish Roots In Oregon (SRIO) maintain a list of events on their website at <http://www.swedishrootsinoregon.org>

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2845 NW Circle A Drive
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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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tions, please call: (503) 737-9458, or at www.NewSweden.org