

Message from your President - Kristi Gustafson

The month of August was extremely busy for New Sweden. After great debate, we returned the annual Kraftskiva party to a simpler potluck format which was met with great enthusiasm by 100 attendees. Little did the Board realize when scheduling our party, that the Tualatin Crayfish Festival was held the same weekend. It was only through great perseverance by Anna and Hans Lundin that we obtained the crayfish; which were personally brined by crayfish aficionado Steve Berglund to meet Swedish standards. Thanks to many great volunteers the event was a success!!!



The following weekend we had our annual garage and antique sale and managed to reach our goal for our annual donation to the Swedish language camp. Thank you members who donated items to sell and made baked items for the cafe.

It is with great enthusiasm I announce that long time and dedicated member Karin Olson has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator. While I've enjoyed talking with many of you when calling for volunteers, it'll be great having Karin's help.

After a fall break, we are looking forward to a busy December. Scan Fair is December 3rd and 4th this year at the Coliseum. New Sweden will have our cultural booth as well as participate with the Swedish League to support the League's food booth. Scan Fair is a great way to enjoy the holidays and celebrate Scandinavian culture.

An exciting change this holiday season is the location of our annual Lucia celebration. We are moving this important cultural event to the downtown First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder, Portland. The church is a national historic site built in the late 1880's. The gothic style architecture was constructed mostly by Scandinavian craftsmen who used twelve different kinds of wood to create this masterpiece. The Board believed the beauty and atmosphere in this lovely church will be the perfect setting for our traditional Lucia celebration. Be sure to mark December 10th on your calendar.

Finally, I hope you'll join us the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26th, for an afternoon of candle dipping and wool felting at our Christmas Craft and Holiday Cheer Gathering.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season.

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Kräftskiva

The weather was perfect the evening of the event. The food was plentiful as well as delicious. There were plenty of homemade meatballs made by our industrious president Kristi Gustafson, delicious pickled herring prepared by Membership Chair Gun Marie Rosqvist and board member Anna Lundin's dessert table was spectacular as usual. A variety of recorded dance music provided a great selection for the many dancers at the event.

Special thanks to Anna and Hans Lundin and Ross Fogelquist who worked all three days - from preparation to clean up; it was difficult staying up with them. Bob Peterson, Steve Berglund, Carol Tripp, Gun Marie Rosqvist, Harvey Edmark, Jim Jandacek, and Scandia Lodge members Bruce Tolonen, Bertha Nelson, Carolyn Smithee and Tim Pliska set up Friday. On Saturday, the Lundin's, Gun Marie and Ross Fogelquist decorated for the party. Maritha Rufus and her daughter Anna helped prepare the food as did Steve Berglund. On Sunday, Carol Tripp, Karen Olson, Linda Cox, Jim Jandacek, Ross Fogelquist, Pam Martin, the Lundin's and the Scandia folks returned to clean up.

Due to the many hours of work by these dedicated volunteers we had a great party!!!



Garage sale

The weekend after Kräftskiva, with no rest for the weary, we had our annual garage and antique sale. Thank you members who donated items to sell and made baked items for the cafe. Thanks to Karin Olson, who worked many, many hours, it was a success. Karin was assisted by Gun Marie Rosqvist, Jim Jandacek, Carol Tripp, Maritha Rufus, Erik Thorin, Ross Fogelquist, Anna and Hans Lundin and Eva Moore. The hardy crew survived 97 degree temperatures and in spite of fewer shoppers, we managed to reach our goal for our annual donation to the Swedish language camp.



History of an old village (By Anna-Karin Lindbergh Rednoske) Part 1/2

Since visiting my home country Sweden this summer, I wanted to share some facts about one of the villages I visited during my stay. My parents moved there in 2005 from a bigger town since they wanted to live in the beautiful Swedish countryside after they retired. The small village is called Brevens Bruk and is a minor locality just 30 miles from Örebro.

If you are looking to visit the Swedish countryside, Brevens Bruk with its' well preserved village and traditions, is one of the finest examples you will find. Brevens Bruk takes its' name from the surrounding water and means literally "marshland". Both beautiful scenery and lovely historical buildings surround the village, most noticeably the calcinatory and the blast furnace which were both built in 1864.

The history of the village is old. Brevens Bruk was first mentioned as early as 1317 when a farm was given to the nuns belonging to the Monastery of Riseberga and was most likely used as fishing grounds. During the reformation it was seized by the Crown. The Rålamb family bought Lilla Breven (as it was called back then) in 1634. They were one of Sweden's most influential statesmen at the time and received the authority to start work which subsequently led to Brevens Bruk developing around the iron industry. A blast furnace was built and raw material, the ore "malm", came partly from Bergslagen and partly from Utö in the archipelago of Stockholm. In that area there was no ore worth mining, but there were forests and water power.

Brevens Bruk has been declared a national historical monument. The blast furnace and the roast oven still dominate the neighborhood. The 16th century manor is still owned by the Gripenstedt family who today run extensive farming and forestry businesses. A church in classical style, built in 1842, also belongs to the community created around the works. Brevens Bruk is a nationally listed building, which enjoys the strongest legal, cultural and historical protection available. The purpose of listed buildings and environments is to protect traces of history that have had significance for the understanding of today's society and to guarantee people's access to the Swedish cultural heritage. In the next newsletter, you will learn more about Brevens Bruk and their Annual Midsummer Celebration.

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Sources: Wikipedia.org, Brevens.se

Thank you to Brukskontoret and Brevens Bruk AB for your information



Ken Ring



Titiyo



Jesper Welander



Ken's mother

Detours into darkness along the road to redemption – How Hip Hop artist Ken Ring won the heart of the Swedish people (By Jimmy Granström)

The road to redemption can be long and winding, and Swedish hip hop artist Ken Ring can certainly attest to that statement. In the 2013 season of the TV show “Så mycket bättre (So Much Better)”, where six artists socialize and interpret each other’s songs, Ring describes how his friend Niklas died in his arms after being stabbed at the age of 17. Later in the same program, Titiyo performed a heartfelt rendition of Ring’s song “Själen av en vän (The Soul Of A Friend)”, dedicated to Niklas. In one of the most touching scenes in Sweden’s TV history, a butterfly flies into the studio as Titiyo sings the song, which can be interpreted as Niklas returning to pass a greeting to his friend from the other side. “Själen av en vän” is taken from the 2013 album “Akustiken”, a collection of emotionally naked songs about Ring’s life. The instrumentation on the album is primarily piano and strings, beautifully arranged by Stockholm-based producer/songwriter Jesper Welander. “Akustiken” is an album that can be enjoyed by audiences who do not normally listening to hip hop. The songs touch many people who condemned Ring’s words and actions early in his career.

Ring’s life was often troubled and turbulent in his formative years, spending most of his childhood with a single mother (who died from cancer when Ring was only 13 years old), selling and using drugs as well as serving six months in prison. Over the course of seven years, Ring went from one of the most promising rising stars on the Swedish hip hop scene to being a convict. After completing his prison sentence for fraud in 2006, Ring settled down and began raising a family. He eventually sought his roots in Kenya where he manages a soccer team. His troubled Stockholm past is truly a thing of the past in Kenya, where he’s a role model for the soccer kids who know him simply as “coach”. Ring now seems to be on the right path after detours into his darker nature – triggered by almost unimaginable circumstances – in his earlier years. If recent efforts continue, his legacy is bound to be dominated by the future he is currently crafting, rather than the past that defined him for so long.



New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

**invites you to
Lucia Fest
Saturday
December 10, 2016
3 p.m.**

**In a new location — the historic First Presbyterian Church
1200 S.W. Alder St., Portland, Oregon**

Scandinavian tradition holds that in Värmland, Sweden, a white-clad maiden wearing a crown of burning candles and a red sash brought food to starving villagers on the shores of Lake Vänern. On the morning of December 13, the strains of “Santa Lucia” are heard everywhere in Sweden as the white-robed maiden comes out of the night with her burning crown of candles to dispel the darkness, bringing light into the Christmas season. While it was originally a Swedish tradition, it has since spread to the other Scandinavian countries.

You are invited to enjoy a beautiful traditional pageant and music of the season by:

- The children of the Swedish School in Portland
 - Oregon’s 2016 Lucia Court
- Scandinavian Men’s Chorus, Scandia Ladies Chorus
 - Soloist Joel Godby
- Trio Gunilla Admund, Agneta Massa, Shumani Massa
- Jimmy Granström reading “Tomten,” by Viktor Rydberg

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



**New Sweden
Cultural Heritage Society**

**Admission: Adults \$10.00, children 4-12 \$5.00
Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for people with
disabilities, 2:45 p.m. for general seating
Visit New Sweden at www.newsweden.org**

Ambassadörsglög (by Maritha Rufus)

1 bottle 75cl of red wine (I use burgundy)
4-5 pieces of whole cinnamon
1,5 grams of whole cloves (about 20 cloves)
One small piece of an orange rind

10 cl vodka
One small piece of fresh ginger
½ tsp whole cardamom crushed
1 ½ dl sugar

- 1) Start with crushing the cardamom and breaking up the cinnamon.
- 2) Put all the spices except the sugar in a container with lid and pour the vodka over it. Let it sit overnight.
- 3) Strain the spices from the vodka.
- 4) Mix the wine and the vodka in a pot on the stove and add the sugar. Warm until the sugar melts (do not boil!).



Maritha's recipe won first place in the 2015 Nordic Northwest Glogg Competition. Enjoy!

New Sweden Christmas Craft and Holiday

What is more traditional than candles at Christmas? Board members Anna-Karin Lindbergh-Rednoske and Maritha Rufus will help us dip our own candles to brighten our holidays. Members may want to try their hand at the ancient art of felt making; Kristi Gustafson will teach us how to make a felted tree ornament, pot holder or beads.



Join us Saturday November 26, 3-6pm, at the West Hills Unitarian Church, 8470 SW Oleson Rd., Portland, for some crafting fun or maybe just a cup of coffee, Christmas cookies and holiday cheer.

RSVP (helpful but not necessary) to Kristi Gustafson, 503-663-2772. These crafts can be a little messy so dress appropriately. No charge to New Sweden members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW SWEDEN EVENTS IN DECEMBER!!!

December 3-4: ScanFair at the Portland Coliseum, volunteers needed at the New Sweden booth and the Swedish league booth. 2-3 hour positions from 9:30am through 5pm. To volunteer, contact Karin Olson at 503-646-4108.

December 6-8: Volunteers needed to help at Fogelbo. Call Ross Fogelquist at 503-244-3697.

December 10: Lucia Fest, First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder St., Portland. Variety of jobs of about two hours 1pm-6pm. To volunteer contact Karin Olson at 503-646-4108.



2016 ScanFair will mark the 32nd year of this wonderful Nordic Christmas Festival.

Get ready to celebrate the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of Swedish and Nordic Christmas. The event will be at Portland Veterans Coliseum Exhibit Hall on December 3 & 4, 2016. New Sweden will attend with its own booth at the event where you are able to meet other members and share Swedish experiences.

December 3, 2016: 10:00 am - 5:00pm

December 4, 2016: 10:00am - 4:00pm

\$7 Adult \$6 Senior \$15 Family (2 adults, 2 children) Kids 12 and under FREE

Hope to see you there!

Christmas Open House at Fogelbo

Saturday December 17th.

Cost is \$10/person.

Refreshments served.

Tours are available at 1pm, 2pm and 4pm.

Reservations are required.

Sponsored by Friends of Fogelbo, and payment through the Nordic Northwest (formerly Scandinavian Heritage Foundation).



2017 Events Calendar

February 9-26: Portland International Film Festival. Nordic films TBD.

March TBD: Sunday, New Sweden Annual Meeting at Fogelbo

April 30: Walpurgis TBD

All information will be updated during the year in the newsletter and on the website.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

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2017 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 (\$ _____)

Make checks payable to "New Sweden" and send to

Membership, Attn: GunMarie Rosqvist, 2845 NW Circle A Drive, Portland, OR 97229 Membership

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