

## Message from your President - Kristi Gustafson

When people ask me about New Sweden, I explain we don't have regular meetings but rather participate in (or host) events and activities. Right now, we are entering a busy time of year for our club beginning with our major fundraiser-our annual Antique, Yard and Plant Sale, May 11th & 12th, and the annual Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park, June 9th.



Additionally, we will help Ross Fogelquist put on his Midsummer Celebration at Fogelbo on June 22nd. We get a break in July before we have another big event August 4th - our annual Kräftskiva party. These events, especially the yard sale and kräftor, require many volunteers. Please mark the dates on your calendar and consider calling me to volunteer.

Sadly, Karin Olson, who served as our amazing volunteer coordinator has taken on a demanding position in her homeowners association and will no longer serve as our volunteer coordinator. I cannot express how grateful I am for all Karin did for our organization. Karin spent many, many hours calling for volunteers to ensure we had enough help to make our events successful and the work spread among many hands. Karin assures me she will continue to be an active member.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Viking ship float sponsored by Nordic Northwest will be decorated with Swedish colors in celebration of the 90th Midsummer Festival in Portland. The float is entered into Portland's Starlight Parade with passengers from the Swedish League organizations. The New Sweden board selected long time members Anna and Hans Lundin to ride the float representing New Sweden.

On August 11, a week following our Kräftskiva, we have been invited to participate in the Astoria Regatta parade with the Viking ship float. New Sweden members can ride the float or walk with the ship. The float must be in place by 10:00am and the parade begins at noon. We're planning a celebratory barbecue after the parade at the historic Lindgren cabin at Clatsop County's Cullaby Lake Park. More information forthcoming in emails closer to the date.

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### Annual Membership Meeting

The New Sweden Annual Membership Appreciation Meeting took place on March 18 at the West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. New Sweden members enjoyed a variety of culinary treats, including ugnspannaka (oven pancake) and prinsesstarta, as well as an excellent talk by Sue Grandjean, president of the Columbia River Orienteering Club. More info about the sport can be found on page 3.



Photos by Cecilia Tidlund and Jimmy Granstrom





## **Orienteering - A Swedish Navigation Sport**

The history of orienteering begins in the late 19th century in Sweden, where it originated as military training. The actual term "orienteering" was first used in 1886 at the Swedish Military Academy Karlberg and meant the crossing of unknown land with the aid of a map and a compass. The competitive sport began when the first competition was held for Swedish military officers on 28 May 1893 at the yearly games of the Stockholm garrison.

More information about orienteering:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

<http://www.croc.org/> (Columbia River Orienteering Club)



## **Holocaust Survivor Speakers at Nordia House**

**(photo and info from Anna-Karin Lindbergh-Rednoske)**

On March 18, Holocaust survivors Les & Eva Aigner visited Nordia House as a part of the Raul Wallenberg exhibit. New Sweden board members Anna-Karin Lindbergh Rednoske and Maritha Rufus attended the event. Anna-Karin went to visit the Dachau concentration camp in Germany back in 1990 when she was 15 years old as a part of a field trip with her 9th grade class. For the past 30 years, Les and Eva have presented their experiences. The goal in their message was the importance of educating future generations about the horrific actions that took place during World War II in an attempt to prevent another genocide.



*Pictures from New Sweden's Valborg celebration on April 30 2017*

### **Valborg at the Pope residence on April 30**

This traditional Swedish celebration welcomes the coming of spring and the end of winter with singing around a bonfire. The Scandinavian Chorus will join us as well as members from other Swedish groups. Korv (hot dogs) and coffee, tea and juice will be served. Join the fun at the property of Connie and Morgan Pope, 33411 SW Laurel Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123. 7:00pm, Monday, April 30th. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Some people may want to bring a folding chair. Should extreme weather be predicted, the event could be cancelled - check your emails and/or the New Sweden website.



*From left to right: Zlatan in Manchester United (2016), Inter Milan (2007) and Sweden (2012).*

### **Swedish soccer star Zlatan Ibrahimovic plays at Portland's Providence Park on June 2**

Zlatan Ibrahimovic is widely regarded as one of the world's best soccer players in recent years. In December 2013, Ibrahimovic was ranked by British newspaper *The Guardian* as the third-best player in the world, behind only Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. In December 2014, Swedish newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* named him the second-greatest Swedish sportsman of all time, after tennis player Björn Borg. Zlatan recently joined L.A. Galaxy, and Oregon soccer fans will get a chance to see him play against Portland Timbers at Providence Park on June 2.

## Sir Ross Fogelquist, The Swede of Swedes in Portland, Oregon, turns 80 years old! (By Leif Rosqvist)

Many Swedish cultural events over a period of more than 40 years were led by Sir Ross Fogelquist with the purpose of honoring and maintaining Swedish Culture and Heritage. He is a great man with an uncompromised vision. He has been the leading spoke person for, and organizer of, traditional events inspired by the celebration in 1988 across America of the 350th anniversary (New Sweden'88), of the establishment of the first Swedish colony in North America. Ross has actively been involved in establishing many different groups with Swedish and Scandinavian interests. Of great importance was the creation of SHF (Scandinavian Heritage Foundation), which now has resulted in the building of Nordia House in Portland. The building is the center for many different Nordic events. SHF is now renamed Nordic Northwest, and is the legal umbrella for Midsummer Celebration in Oaks Park, ScanFeast and ScanFair events.



The Fogelquist family has its roots in the town of Mora, in Dalarna, Sweden. In the 1800's the Fogelquists were wealthy land proprietors. "Bruksdisponent" Magnus Christian Fogelquist bought the beautiful estate "Christinaberg" in 1850 after having owned estates in Southern Sweden. His wife was Ann Greta Lyckholm, whose family owned and operated the largest breweries in Sweden in the 1800's. Their grandson, Fredrik Christian Fogelquist immigrated to the United States in 1891. He was a highly skilled craftsman who constructed numerous pieces of furniture and decorative items. A number of these items can be found at Fogelbo estate today. He was an active educator at Selah High School in Washington for twenty-eight years. Later he was an instructor at the Perry Institute in Yakima, Washington. Charles Fogelquist, his son, was a forester and in later years the chief road engineer for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon. His wife, Jessie Taylor, was a piano teacher for 25 years. Their son, Ross Fogelquist, was a longtime German teacher in the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Washington.



The Fogelquist at Fogelbo ca 1955

He further started the Scandinavian Student Exchange Program in 1976, and managed it for more than 10 years. The Fogelquists' timber-block house Fogelbo (log structure built 1938 -1940) is the home of many Scandinavian artifacts. The house has been featured often in newspapers, magazines and on local television. Many guests pass through the house and grounds annually. Many Swedish cultural events are held on the property for the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society organization led by Sir Ross Fogelquist, to generate funds for, and interest in the Swedish organization.

For his achievements in the Swedish and Nordic communities Ross was awarded, by Carl XII, the King of Sweden, the title “Knight of the Royal Order of the Polar Star”.

Sir Ross Fogelquist served as the Acting Swedish Consul for Oregon in 1993, and again in 1999 and 2001. He served as Honorary Vice Consul for the Swedish Consulate from 2001 until its closure in 2008.

Our friend and patron, the man that created a desire to celebrate everything Swedish, deserves to be greatly celebrated on his 80th birthday. The desire to celebrate the Swedish Culture and Heritage will never fade away, and Ross will continue to be very active in supporting the Swedish and Nordic communities.

More information for those interested:

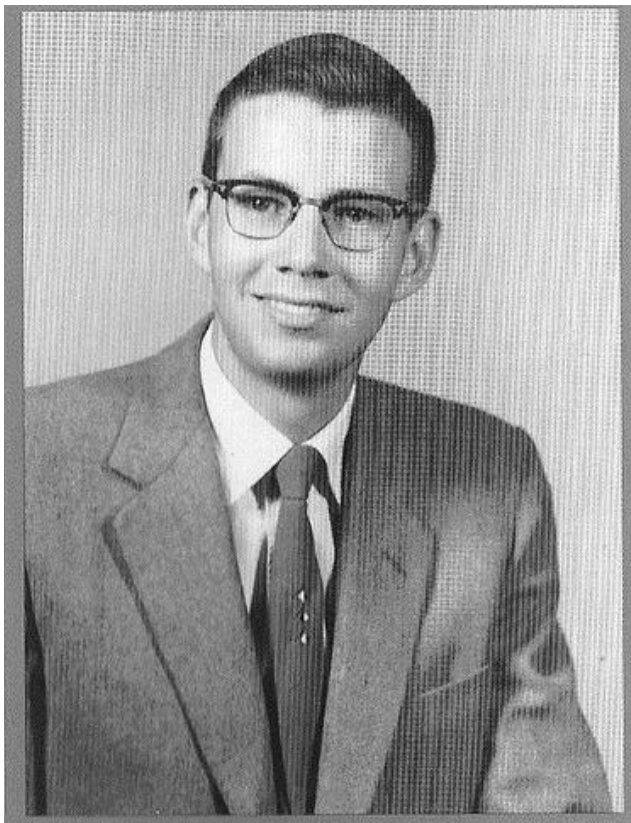
The Fogelbo log structure built during the period 1938 - 1940 by Henry Steiner, one of the chief carpenters on Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood Oregon (1936-1938)

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society.com : The Saga of Sweden Cultural Heritage Society in Oregon.

New Sweden Newsletter volume 94, 2009: A Fogelbo 60 years Anniversary - A truly Unique Swedish Treasure!



The original Knight of the Royal Order of the Polar Star painting is on display at the Christinaberg estate in Mora Sweden.



Ross at the age of 21 (1959)



Christinaberg Estate



Fogelbo built 1938 -



*New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society*  
**50th ANNIVERSARY ANTIQUES/  
COLLECTIBLES & GARAGE SALE**

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Friday & Saturday, May 11 & 12 10am-5pm

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A fundraiser for the Trollbacken  
Swedish Language and Culture Camp.  
The Swedish Cafe will be serving hot dogs,  
baked goods, coffee and soft drinks.

*Come find a treasure.*

8740 SW Oleson Rd., Portland

# MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

JUNE 9, 2018 / 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Admission: Adults \$8 / Seniors & Students \$7 / Families \$17

The Portland Midsummer Festival has received the designation of an Oregon Heritage Tradition Day from the Oregon Heritage Commission! This is thanks to the 2017 Scandinavian of the Year, Dave Alford, who, with the help of the League of Swedish societies made it possible. The Oregon Heritage Tradition designation recognizes events more than 50 years old that represent what it means to be an Oregonian. Midsummer will be included in the list of events that go back as far 1858! Join us for the special 90th anniversary festivities at our extra special 2018 Midsummer!

As usual, the Midsummer Festival at Oaks Amusement Park will be arranged jointly by Nordic Northwest and the League of Swedish Societies. New Sweden will have our traditional booth at the festival. More information about the celebration can be found in the tentative program below and on the Nordic Northwest website: <https://www.scanheritage.org/midsummer-festival>.

## **Musical performances by New Sweden members at Midsummer on June 9**

New Sweden members are featured in the entertainment line-up for this year's Midsummer festival in Oaks Park. The Swedish Youth Group will perform at 11.45am, followed by the Portland Scandinavian Chorus at 12.30pm. At 3.45pm, songs co-written by Jimmy Granström & friends will be performed. New Sweden members will be notified of any changes.



**Please join us in celebrating Midsummer at Fogelbo on June 22.** More information forthcoming in emails closer to the date.





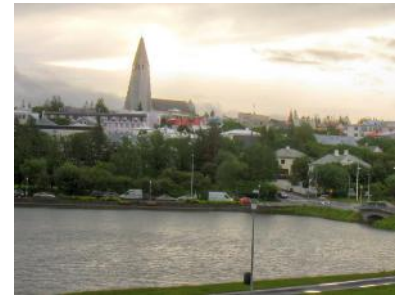
*Black Panther composer Ludwig Göransson*

*Two recent movies featuring music by Jon Ekstrand*

## **From Wakanda to Wimbledon and Mars – The movie soundtracks by Swedish Hollywood composers Ludwig Göransson and Jon Ekstrand (by J. Granström)**

Swedish composers have written soundtracks to Hollywood movies for decades. In 1993, Swedish composer Björn Isfält wrote parts of the soundtrack for the critically acclaimed movie “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape”, starring Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio in one of his strongest performances to date as the mentally retarded 18 year old Arnie. Recently, Swedish composer Ludwig Göransson’s wrote the score for the Marvel blockbuster “Black Panther”, which primarily takes place in the fictitious African country Wakanda. Hit by a meteorite filled with the fictional super metal vibranium 10.000 years ago, Wakanda has become the most technologically advanced nation on Earth by developing its technologies in secrecy while unaffected by colonization through its secluded mountainous location and a modern day hologram maintaining its official image as a third world country. Göransson spent a month in Africa in preparation for writing the score, and after having recorded hours of music in Senegal, flew to South Africa, where he spent a week studying at the International Library of African music in Grahamstown. Göransson’s score has been widely praised for infusing African sounds and instruments with an orchestra and modern production techniques.

Another prominent Swedish Hollywood composer is Jon Ekstrand, who’s composed (parts of) the soundtracks for many Swedish hit movies, including “Hamilton - In The Interest of The Nation” and “Borg vs. McEnroe”. The former starred Mikael Persbrant (who played Beorn in “The Hobbit”) while the latter starred Sverrir Gudnason as Borg and Hollywood actors Shia LaBeouf (“Transformers”, “Indiana Jones”) and Stellan Skarsgård (“Thor”, “Avengers”) as McEnroe and Borg’s coach Lennart Bergelin, respectively. Ekstrand has worked extensively with director Daniel Espinosa, whose movie credits include “Snabba cash” (starring Joel Kinnaman who played the lead role in the 2014 re-make of “Robocop”), “Child 44” and the alien movie “Life”. The latter features a minimalistic and suspenseful soundtrack which fits perfectly with the desolation of space. Swedish composers are continuously showing their excellence and versatility, enhancing the cinematic experience of Hollywood blockbusters.



### **Iceland - An Echo of Eternity on the way to Sweden (by J. Granstrom)**

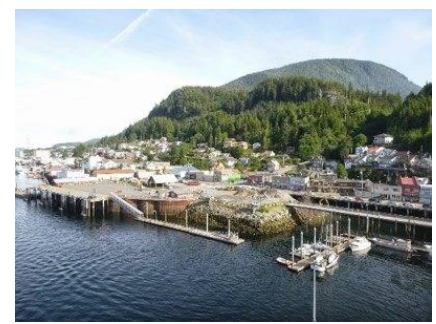
As there are no direct flights from Portland or Seattle to Stockholm, a layover is inevitable if you want to visit Sweden. Iceland Air has year-round flights to Reykjavik out of Seattle, and seasonal flights out of Portland. A visit to Iceland is truly an otherworldly experience. Formed about 25 million years ago, Iceland is one of the youngest landmasses on the planet, and the geologically youngest country in the world. Regardless of spiritual beliefs, our planet is the most tangibly eternal thing we encounter during our (immediate) existence. Although it has changed over billions of years, it is essentially the same thing. In Iceland, there is an echo of eternity in its barren landscapes, and the most expansive display of what most of the planet may have looked like in a very distant past. My immediate reaction when arriving at Keflavik airport (near the capital Reykjavik) the first time was that I had landed at the moon. As Virgin Galactic is probably not offering journeys to the moon anytime soon (and most of us wouldn't be able to afford it if/when they do anyway), a visit to Iceland is the closest you can come to that experience without leaving the planet. It doesn't hurt that the capital Reykjavik is as genuinely quirky as it is beautiful with its stunning surroundings and cultural treasures.



Juneau, Alaska



Glacier Bay, Alaska



Ketchikan, Alaska

### **Alaska - A Nordic Experience for those afraid of flying or on a budget (by J. Granstrom)**

If you're scared of flying or traveling on a budget, but still want to have a "Nordic experience", e.g. long summer nights or the Northern lights, then a cruise to Alaska may be a good option for you. Norwegian offers 7-day cruises to Alaska (Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and a final stop in Victoria, B.C.) from \$629/person for two people in a shared room during off-season (April/May and September/October) if you book early. Other than seven nights lodging, the price includes free food, free entertainment and a chance to catch the Northern lights! If you want to experience long summer days, cruise prices in the summer months are also very reasonable from \$1000/person (double occupancy). Certainly very reasonable for a trip for two people!



*Pictures from New Sweden's Kräftskiva in 2017*

### **Kräftskiva at Fogelbo on August 4**

This year's Crayfish Party will be on Saturday August 4th, on the grounds of Fogelbo. Just like last year, it will be a potluck, where New Sweden will provide the Crayfish, meatballs and potatoes, and some traditional accompanying dishes. Each guest is asked to bring a dish of their choice or a dessert for the dessert table. Guests will select which dish or dessert to bring at the time of registration. More info will be provided at a later date and in the next



### **Viking Ship Float events this summer**

The Viking Ship Float will be featured in the Portland Starlight Parade on June 2 and the Astoria Regatta on August 11.

More information will be provided in the next newsletter and/or via e-mail as we get closer to each event. Hope to see you there!

## **2018 Events Calendar summary**

**May 11 & 12:** New Sweden's Annual Garage, Antique and Plant sale. Fogelbo, 8720 SW Oleson Rd.

**June 2:** Portland Star Light parade with the Viking ship float

**June 9:** Portland Midsummer Festival, Oaks Park

**June 22:** Ross Fogelquist's Midsummer celebration at Fogelbo

**August 4:** New Sweden & Scandia's Kräftskiva Party, tickets purchased in advance, Fogelbo

**August 11:** Astoria Regatta with the Viking ship float

**August:** Swedish Language and Culture Camp, children ages 7-13

More events TBD.

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## **Newsletter submissions from New Sweden members**

New Sweden welcomes newsletter submissions from members. The newsletter editor generally gives higher priority to submissions from members outside of the board to encourage newsletter submissions from more people.

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