

Portland's Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

GunMarie Rosqvist and Ingeborg Dean

The days are already longer, and the sun and the warmth SHOULD return very soon. What that means (other than pure joy!), is that we're getting in gear for our annual Midsummer Festival (Midsommar firande). This year is extra special - It's our 80th Anniversary!

The date is Saturday, June 28, 2008. The schedule for activities during the festival will be as follows:

11 am - 6 pm : Music, Dancing and Games

1 pm : Raising of the Maypole (Midsommarstång)

11 am - 6 pm : Kids' Zone

6 pm - 9 pm : Dancing

There will also be ample opportunity to browse among vendors who offer Scandinavian foods and goods. There is the popular beer-garden, where people like to gather to chat and make new friends over a glass of beer.

The place for the festival is the same as last year: The German American Cultural Center, 7901 SE Division, Portland.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society will have an Informational and sales booth at the festival to spread knowledge about our group's activities and attract new members. We need help to staff our booth in 2 hour shifts (our goal is to have 2 people staff our booth at all times).

If you would like to help us out, please call Ingeborg Dean at 503-232-1292, or GunMarie Rosqvist at 503-466-2119. We'll be happy to add your name to the list even if you can't stay for a full 2-hour shift.

The Midsummer Festival is a great opportunity to reconnect with your Swedish heritage, and visit with old and new friends. So, please, mark June 28 on your calendar as Midsummer Festival Day! See you there!

Swedish Consulate's New Location

The Swedish Consulate is now located at the home of Hon. Swedish Vice Consul Ross Fogelquist, 8740 SW Oleson Road, Portland. You may call Ross at 503-244-3697 concerning consular affairs.

The Great History of Swedes in Oregon

by Leif Rosqvist, SRIO

A new book from SRIO entitled *Swedish Oregon* will be published this October. It is a volume that wants to shed light on Swedish Immigrants' experience - which has never been documented in a book previously - by trying to answer some of the following questions: Who were they? Where did they come from? What did they experience? How did their lives turn out? The book is organized chronologically. Part I – How did they get here? Three immigration stories. Part II – New Lives in Oregon, 1880 – 1915. Part III – After the Big Wave, 1915-2000.

SRIO has asked for a major grant from an out-of-state organization, which must be matched by an equal amount raised in Oregon.

In order to help us with the book fund-raising we offer people the opportunity to buy the book at a discounted price of \$10 (which is about half the price of the estimated bookstore price). The pre-release price is valid until June 1, 2008, ordered and paid for. The price of the book after the planned release in October, 2008, is estimated to be \$22. An order form is included in the Newsletter or can be found as a downloadable document at SRIO website, www.SwedishRootsInOregon.org, where you will find more information

Together we can make the Swedish - American immigrant experience a documented part of the history of Oregon's rich and diverse cultural Heritage.

----- On behalf of Swedish Roots In Oregon we say a big thank you -----

Historical Committee

—Ross Fogelquist

The Historical Committee would greatly appreciate any donations, concerning Swedish events of the past. We would like copies of all photos, programs, newspaper articles or old Swedish publication.

Please contact Ross Fogelquist, 503-244-3697 or send materials to Ross Fogelquist, 8740 SW Oleson Road, Portland, OR. We are also collecting items for the future SHF Cultural American Center.

Message from your President, Kristi Johnson-James

Our New Sweden Annual Meeting, held at Fogelbo on March 2, 2008 was well attended. Ross graciously opened his historic home to our members, and this provided a perfect setting to reflect on our accomplishments, and to plan for the future. The slate of officers was introduced. They were approved at our March 10 Board Meeting.

President: Kristi Johnson-James, elected 2007 through 2008 (Continue in two year term)

Vice President: Ross Fogelquist, elected 2007 through 2008

Secretary: Erik Thorin, To complete Anna Frida Abrahamsson's term, through 2008

Treasurer: Dave Carter, elected 2007 through 2008

Board Members:

Anna Lundin, Lodge Liaison, 2008-through 2009

Maude Eriksson, 2007-through 2008

GunMarie Rosqvist, Co-Chair Midsummer Festival, 2007 through 2008

Ingeborg Dean, Co-Chair Midsummer Festival, 2007 through 2008

Anna Frida Abrahamsson 2007 through 2008

Karin Thorin, 2007 through 2008

Arvis Franks, 2007 through 2008 (Newsletter Editor)

Sam Bradshaw, 2007 through 2008

Committee Chairs:

Denver James, Membership Chair 2007 through 2008

Ross Fogelquist, Historical Committee, SHF Liaison, 2007 through 2008

Sam Bradshaw, Technology Chair, 2007 through 2008

All members of New Sweden are most welcome to attend any Board meeting. They are held the second Tuesday of each month, excluding July, August, and December. (During these months, we have committees that plan for our various events.) Please call Kristi at (503) 516-0656 for specifics.

On April 30th at 7:30 pm, Dave and Melinda Carter will be hosting Walpurgis. Singing, strong coffee, hot chocolate, cinnamon buns, and various treats will be served. Please read the article contained in this newsletter for the particulars. We need to purge the evil spirits, and prepare to plant for the harvest. Children are most welcome.

On May 2nd and 3rd, New Sweden's Garage Sale will take place at Fogelbo. This year, Erik Thorin is in charge of the sale, and it will be expanded. Come hungry! The money raised will go to benefit Trollbacken, the Swedish Language Camp for children, which will be held in August.

Again, I'd like to thank you who give of your time and money. We are an organization dedicated to keeping the culture, as well as the ties with Sweden, alive. Money from dues, as well as money raised from various endeavors, goes to promote the culture. Scholarships are an area we are involved in, and we would like to expand this area of giving.

In closing, please remember that each and every one of you is a promoter of New Sweden. If you meet someone interested in New Sweden, have them call me at (503) 516-0656, or visit newsweden.org. It is my desire to share our organization with like-minded individuals.

I believe I detect the sun!! Enjoy the springtime, and may you be renewed.



Walpurgis—April 30 at the Carter's

Dave and Melinda Carter have offered to host Walpurgis this year. They have a small farm in the Stafford West Linn area, can host several visitors and have a bonfire! There will also be snacks and hot drinks served.

Their address is 1470 SW Borland Road, West Linn, OR 97068 and the event will begin at dusk on April 30. Directions to their farm: From I 205 take the Lake Oswego Stafford exit. Go north on Stafford Road (about 3 city blocks) to Wanker's corner. Turn right (east) on Borland Road. Their place is one-half mile east of Wanker's corner (on Borland where it meets Ek Road). Turn south onto a gravel road into the farm at the junction of Ek and Borland. Look for signs.

Dave's phone is 503-890-6458 and in general the Carters would like to keep the traffic limited to the field and bonfire. There should be plenty of parking and there will be an attendant to help visitors find a spot.

DALA-PAINTING (DALMÅLNING) CLASS REPORT

By GunMarie Rosqvist

We now have finished our fifth painting class in Swedish Dala-painting. Everybody was happy taking home their finished hand painted boxes. Every class has brought in new "students" who get into the chatty, relaxed family atmosphere very fast.

We have so much fun and it is more of a social gathering than a class. As a matter of fact, as their teacher, I sometimes have to raise my voice to get their attention to my instructions. This is actually a very good sign; it shows everyone is getting more confident about their painting.

I do not have definite dates for the next class, but I have promised everyone that there absolutely will be one in the near future .



GunMarie demonstrating..



Andrea Tolonen



Vicki Cole, Ingeborg Dean, Ross Fogelquist, Karen Schilling, Kristi Johnson-James, Andrea Tolonen and Esther Janport.



Vicki Cole



Karen Schilling

HENRY GRANAT CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY



Henry Granat (left) greets Hans and Anna Lundin as they arrive at his party.

Musiktidning photo

February 2, 2008, marked a milestone in the life of Henry (Hank) Granat of Hillsboro — his 90th birthday! 200 celebrants were invited to share his event, at least 250 were present. Hank is a hero in his hometown and in Portland as well. He has been a member of AUSS since 1945 and still sings strong with the Chorus and continues to support the organization. The Granat Family singers sang three songs at the party: *Fadar Var*, *God's Wonderful People* and *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*.

It was decided they not light the 90 candles on the cake as there was some concern that maybe the smoke detector might go off.

Open House Planned for Ross Fogelquist's 70th Birthday

Friends of Ross Fogelquist are having a 70th birthday reception at the Royal Swedish Consulate and residence, (Fogelbo) 8740 SW Oleson Road, Portland, on Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

All members of New Sweden are invited to this event to help celebrate our Honorable Swedish Consul's big day! No gifts please, just cards. Ross has too much stuff already.

Please RSVP by May 13 to Ann Grangaard at 503-292-3053, or to Edda Sigurdotter at 503-646-3332.

Parking is available in the parking lot just south of Fogelbo or across the street at SW 89th street.

Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like.
-Will Rogers

Pain nourishes courage. You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.

Mary Tyler Moore

2008 AUSS National Convention Comes to Portland in July!!

Portland will be filled with the *"Sound of Music"* (with a Swedish accent) during the AAUS (American Union of Swedish Singers) 2008 National Convention July 2 – 6, 2008. The local choruses extend a warm welcome to all their brother and sister singers to the Beautiful Northwest! This is the 116th year of *Performing Svenska Sångers* in America. It was organized Nov. 24, 1892 and its goals are ***"To teach, cultivate and promote Chorus singing, principally Swedish."***

The convention hotel is the Marriott Waterfront in Downtown Portland, with overflow at the lovely Residence Inn by Marriott Portland Downtown Riverplace. The overflow hotel is located four blocks from the convention hotel and the free Portland Street Car stops directly at this hotel. There is also a free shuttle provided by the Residence Inn to take you and pick you up from the convention hotel. Tawny Sykes is the contact person.

You are encouraged to get your registration and tour forms in. There are many phenomenal tours planned – A Tour of Portland, Mt. St. Helens, the Pittock Mansion and International Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, Shopping at the Outlet Store, Cannon Beach, Columbia River Gorge along the nostalgic and scenic Columbia River Highway stopping at Crown Point Vista House, then proceeding along this forested highway with many waterfalls; and the Evergreen Aviation Museum and Wine Tasting Room. All reservation checks should be sent to AUSS 2008 Convention, % Lila Otto, 16668 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97230.

You are asked to please send a separate check for the tours, as these monies are kept in a different account. Lila's phone number is 503-254-3531. If additional coaches are needed for the tours, they have to be added by mid-May; and the tours promise great adventure. The coaches are top quality with air conditioning and bathrooms.

The AUSS Cultural Heritage Foundation has played a critical role in preserving the history of AUSS. It is giving each singer \$125 to help offset the cost of the convention sent directly to the chorus based on the number of singers attending.

Karen Jones, Jody Jones and Alana Mapes say, "We are working feverishly to make this event WONDERFUL! If you have never been to Portland, this would be a fabulous opportunity to gather with interesting friends, sing beautiful music, and see the "Great Northwest". We have been working and planning, now all we need for a tremendous event Is YOU! Hope to see you in July."

Silence isn't always golden; sometimes it's just plain yellow.

Trollbacken Summer Language Camp

Trollbacken camp provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Swedish Culture and Language for children ages 7 -13.

The dates for camp are August 18 –23 and will be held this year at the Menucha Retreat near Corbett which is about a one-hour drive from Portland.

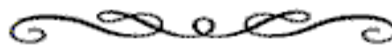
The cost will be \$350 for the first child, \$320 cost discount for families with more than one child.

The children will enjoy Swedish food, Swedish-style arts and crafts, music (singing and dancing), swimming, soccer, volleyball and campfire with story time.

The director of the camp is Tina Kreft-Tingblad and she can be reached at 503-296-4884. Her e-mail address is director@trollbacken.org.

What a great way to have fun and meet lots of new friends!

A registration form is available at the camp's website, ["trollbacken.org"](http://trollbacken.org).



Mormor's Chocolate Cake By Mormor aka Ingeborg Dean



2 1/4 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 tblsp. cocoa
3 tsps. baking powder
2 tsps. vanilla sugar (available at IKEA) or vanilla extract
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1/2 cup **boiling** water

Mix all dry ingredients well. Add the milk, the melted, cooled butter and the **boiling** water, in that order. Stir together very well and pour into greased and breaded cake pan.

Bake at 350 degrees F about 35 minutes.

A handful of semi-sweet chocolate morsels is a tasty addition.

You can also add mint extract. Try a capful from a small extract bottle.

Some fresh orange peel can also be added as well as chopped hazelnuts.

This cake can also be baked in a bundt pan.

Ingeborg says, "This mormor has made this cake since long before she was a mormor. The recipe seems failproof. Just make sure you don't bake the cake for too long or it becomes a little dry – still tasty."

PS. She did not forget the eggs in this recipe in case you are wondering. It has none!

New Sweden's 20-Year Reunion Dinner

By Alice Harris

1988 was the Year of New Sweden by Proclamation of President Ronald Reagan. It celebrated the 350th anniversary of the arrival in what is now Delaware of two ships, the *Kalmar Nyckel* and the *Fogel Grip*, which were sent by the Kingdom of Sweden to establish New Sweden, the first permanent settlement of Swedes in North America. Celebration of this occasion was to give every American the opportunity to pay tribute to those courageous colonists and to all who followed them from Sweden to America.

The American New Sweden '88 National Committee designated the city of Portland as a Jubilee City for this momentous year giving entitlement to participate in all activities officially sanctioned by their Committees.

New Passport Application Procedures for Increased Security

In today's world, it has become increasingly important that documents required to travel – passports and identity cards – are secure. As of October 1, 2005, Swedish travel documents are issued in compliance with the requirements laid down in the EU regulation regarding passport security and biometrics. These passports and identity cards have a computer chip which stores the holder's personal data and photograph.

As of March 1, 2007, all applicants at the Consulate General of Sweden in New York must be digitally photographed on site.

In conjunction, the honorary consulates in the New York consular district have ceased to be passport offices and can no longer accept applications for normal passports and identity cards. **Applicants must apply in person at the Consulate General in New York or Los Angeles, at the Embassy in Washington DC.** New passports and identity cards may still be picked up at all honorary consulates.

The police in Sweden use digital photo stations to photograph everyone who applies for a passport or identity card. At a border checkpoint, a snapshot of the passport holder can be instantly compared to the photo on the chip. The aim is to ensure that the person using the passport and the person in the passport photo is one and the same. For that same reason, photo stations have been installed at the Consulate General of Sweden in New York to photograph all passport applicants

Further information about Swedish passports and identity cards is available on the website of Swedish Police, www.polisen.se.

Portland was off and running!! Local committees were established to facilitate hosting and appearances of Swedish choral groups, guest lectures, television appearances, traveling informational exhibits, Rose Festival Starlight Parade float entry, a gala dinner and dance honoring Count and Countess Wilhelm Wachtmeister, then Swedish Ambassador to the United States, sweat-shirt and T-shirt sales, a 10k volksmarch, midsummer, Scanfair, etc., etc., WE DID IT ALL!

Such an orchestration of teamwork flowed that year with the mixing of loyal existing members of the Swedish community as well as new participants who were welcomed warmly. The camaraderie and friendships formed were feelings we wished not to end at the close of this Jubilee year, so a most marvelous celebratory Conclusion New Sweden '88 dinner was held at the Rheinlander Restaurant, February 1989. We honored ourselves and each other for the planning, hard work, time and energy that were put forth to make New Sweden '88 SUCH a success.

It was from these fantastic roots that later that year it was decided to form what is now our New Sweden organization.

It doesn't seem possible that TWENTY years have passed since that marvelous year of busting activities. In the true spirit of "partying Swedes" it was felt a desire to hold a reunion this year. Our wonderful Kristi Johnson-James waved her wand and *poof!..* Approximately 40 persons met again at NE Portland's merry Rheinlander Restaurant February 13, 2008. Attendees included not only original Jubilee City NS'88 driving force committee chairs who went on to become New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society Charter members, but also current members and friends of New Sweden. We drank, reminisced and chatted non-stop. It was bittersweet viewing a nostalgic video of our wrap-up dinner, February, 1989, for many of our cherished friends are no longer with us. On a delightful note, however, it was exciting to note three young people who worked so hard along with their families 20 years ago on our many events present that evening. Margaret James, Chris Harris and Erik Thorin were elementary, middle and high school students back then. What a delight to have them celebrate with us again in 2008 as young adults still cherishing their Swedish heritage and still involved in our Swedish community. Our legacy continues. 2038 will honor the 400th year of Swedes coming to America. When that time arrives, I can almost hear the three of them saying, "Ah yes, the 400th celebration was good, but you should have been at the 350th celebration!"

New Sweden's Antique and Garage Sale

The Sale will be held at Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. It will begin at 10 AM and close at 5 PM each day. Parking is available just south of the house off Oleson Road.

Many families contribute to this event. There will be American and Scandinavian antiques; home and kitchenware as well as furniture.

The popular Stuga Café will serve Varm Korv (hotdogs) and Swedish treats and coffee. **Swedish baked donations are very welcome!!!**

Volunteers are needed in 2-hour shifts and if you are available to help with this event or need more information, please call Ross Fogelquist at 503-244-3697 or Erik Thorin at 503-330-8356.

Proceeds support Trollbacken, the Swedish children's camp.

Dalahäst: Symbol of Sweden

On April 12 several people from the Portland area traveled to the Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, to attend a "Dalahäst" workshop. The workshop was the first in an annual Swedish program that will enhance and support the University's Scandinavian Cultural Center. The Betty and Edgar Larson Endowed Swedish Program Series was established in memory of the parents of Betty and Edgar Larson. Future programs will focus on Swedish music, art, politics, history, and tradition, as well as current events.

Lars Olsson (carver) and Gun Olsson (painter) from Nils Olsson Hemslöjd factory in Nusnäs, Sweden, told us about the history of the dala-horse (it started as a winter pastime to make toys for the children), and showed us how it is made and painted.

It was a very enlightening and enjoyable afternoon. The Scandinavian Cultural Center at the Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma is a very nice facility. They also have some interesting exhibitions of Scandinavian Arts and Crafts. The experience made us "Portlanders" longing for our own Scandinavian Cultural Center that we all are eagerly awaiting.



Edgar and Betty Larson, Gun Olsson, painter and Lars Olsson, carver at the workshop in Tacoma, April 12.



Swedish Roots in Oregon (SRIO) Book Order Form

Price: At release, est. \$22 per book. Ordered and paid before June 1 is \$10. When ordering, a check is preferred for your safety.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Mail to: **SWEDISH ROOTS IN OREGON**
8740 Oleson Road
Portland, OR 97223

Margaret James Feted at Bridal Shower

By Kristi Johnson-James

Margaret, Denver's and my beloved daughter, is getting married this June. So, I thought it was time to finish her baby book. (Thirty years, and the time was finally right!) As you can imagine, this endeavor has sent me down memory lane. I'm sharing these facts with you because I am realizing how big a part Scandinavia has played in our lives. Margaret spent three weeks with her Swedish grandmother as she turned one. The sheets were bleached in the sun, the cardamom rolls were kneaded, and the eggs were boiled with her loving hands. I was a new mother, and watched with rapt attention as she taught me many things about babies, cooking, baking, and gardening. Her kind and gentle ways were calming in a time when you questioned everything you were doing raising a child. That was a gift I will always take with me, as we never saw her again. A year later, Grandma died.

Years later, we had moved to Portland. The Oregonian published a beautiful picture of Judy Rust and her VASA Rosebuds, dancing. Margaret declared that she too wanted to "dance Swedish." And dance she did, from Oregon to Washington, from the time she was seven until we moved to Virginia six years later. Her baby book has some fine memories of many events, as well as our involvement with Harmoni Lodge. Her favorite recollection is when she was the VASA Lucia Bride. Her cousin, Ben, even pitched in, and was a tom-ten! We have the video to prove it! New Sweden '88 had an active member in Margaret! Carl and Marian Thompson can attest to her monetary skills as we sold boxes and boxes of tee shirts. The circle was unbroken when Erik Thorin gave her a wedding shower at the historic Fogelbo. Ross Fogelquist made it possible to have a SWEDISH shower, with pink overtones. Alice and Vic Harris were present to share a video of the youth group. I'm sure Chris Harris and Margaret wanted to jump up and do The Frog Dance. Judy looked as proud that day as she always did. They were her kids, and they loved and respected her.

As the years flew by, we have had two Finnish girls live with us, we have traveled to Sweden and Finland many times, we have connected with many relatives in Sweden, and we have visited our good friends in Finland. Our family all returns time and time again because we feel connected by family, love, and tradition.

As Midsummer Day approaches, Margaret will become a Swedish bride. I think this is fitting, don't you?



Margaret James poses for a picture with Vic Harris and Ross Fogelquist following her Bridal Shower and reception at Fogelbo.



Judy Rust posing with two of her Swedish Dancing Pupils, Margaret James and Chris Harris

Calendar of Events

April 30, 2008	Valborg at the Carter's; 1470 SW Borland Road, West Linn, OR 97068
May 18, 2008	Open House at Fogelbo to celebrate Ross' 70th Birthday
May 2—3, 2008	New Sweden Antique and Garage Sale at Fogelbo 8740 SW Oleson Road, Portland
June 28, 2008	Midsummer Festival at 7901 SE Division Street, Portland
August 18-23, 2008	Trollbacken Camp, Menucha Retreat, Corbett, Oregon

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

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Membership for 2008 (New or Renewal)

Our membership dues are renewed each year at the beginning of the year. All subscribers also receive the Nordic Reach magazine. If you'd like to renew or join for 2008 now, just send in the form below with your check. If you have questions, please contact our Membership Chair, Denver James at email denverjms@aol.com, or by phone at 503-454-0135.

Membership Renewal Form

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