

# New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

# Newsletter

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## Message from your President - Carol Tripp

This is a busy time for New Sweden and the board. Not only are we working on the remainder of our 2015 events, we have the 2016 events to plan. We were sorry to have Ingeborg Dean move back East recently. She was delighted to get back to the East Coast, but we have lost an active, innovative board member and a good friend. She always was available for meetings, volunteering to work on events and any job that was needed at New Sweden. We wish her well. Your board members are dedicated and are hard-working Swedes, and it would be great if we had a few new members to make it a complete board. The board runs the business end of New Sweden, and we are diligent and enjoy seeing our efforts and events come off so well. Our finances are kept immaculately by GunMarie Rosqvist. She also keeps the membership records. Our members are so very important to our Society that we want to make sure you remain a part of New Sweden. Our website is outstanding with constant input from Leif Rosqvist. We have gained new members through the website, as well as many inquiries regarding the happenings with New Sweden. Many people pay their dues or make a reservation to an event using the website. Check out the wonderful information on our website, especially the articles that Leif has written for Nordtsjernan, "Walkabout Stockholm" where he was raised. It's almost like being there. Ross continues to go above and beyond what a vice-president is required to do. He hosts meetings, attends every meeting, helps with arrangements for events, and is a keystone in our organization. Anna Lundin is our decorating expert, as you will see at the dessert table at the Crayfish Festival on August 8. She gets the supplies such as candles, table-cloths, and so many other items you just have to look around to see her handiwork. So, as you can tell, each board member is an invaluable New Sweden participant.



The preparations for the annual Crayfish Party on August 8 are well underway. The entrées will be prepared by Broder, who also is the caterer for the new Nordia House cafe. We will have crayfish prepared the Swedish way, plus meatballs and other Swedish dishes. We brought back the potluck dessert table since that is a highlight of the evening for so many people, and it was missed last year. The variety that guests bring is astonishing. Please note on your calendars that ScanFeast is on October 3 in Nordia House. If you haven't seen the new building, you must come and enjoy the first SHF ScanFeast held in our own place. The silent auction and the live auction will be there, and we will use the Great Room for dining. A lot of fun is yours for the taking.

If you have questions, my e-mail is [carol.tripp@frontier.com](mailto:carol.tripp@frontier.com). My phone number is 503-617-6826.



Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival was a significant success for the Scandinavian Community with an increase of visitors of more than 20%

The 87th annual Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival was held at Oaks Park in Sellwood, on Saturday June 13th and was presented by Scandinavian Heritage Foundation & the League of Swedish Societies.

Lots of music, dance and entertainment was available and New Sweden had their traditional booth at the festival.

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### Swedish Flag Day Celebration

We celebrated the Swedish Flag Day Celebration on June 6th, at the home of GunMarie and Leif Rosqvist in Portland. Catarina New and her husband Al entertained the group, and a traditional Swedish Smörgåsbord, non-alcoholic punch, wine and beer were served. The event was a fundraising event with all the proceeds strengthening New Sweden's ongoing support of different venues to sustain Swedish culture and Heritage in the Portland area.



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New Sweden, Skandia Lodge and the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation

## ***Annual Crayfish Party***

In the garden at Fogelbo,

8740 SW Oleson Road, Portland, Oregon,

Saturday, August 8, 2015. Dinner; starting at 7:30 pm

Join us in a traditional Swedish Crayfish Party for delicious food, singing, dancing and music for all generations.

Catered by Broder, we'll enjoy Crayfish, Swedish meatballs w/gravy and lingonberry jam, boiled potatoes, cheeses and hard cracker bread, and herring. Non-alcoholic punch, coffee and water will be provided by New Sweden.

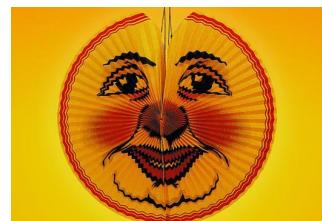
Back by popular demand will be the pot-luck dessert table. Guests, please bring a dessert to share pot-luck style. Dance to the music of Catarina New.

Members: \$40: non-members \$45

Reservations made via SHF's website [www.scanheritage.org](http://www.scanheritage.org) (which will take you to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) for registration and payment).

For more information call the SHF office (503) 977-0275

Fogelbo recently became one with SHF property, and must apply all legal and liability restrictions that are required for SHF. Because of the regulations for liquor control, we will charge a nominal Corking Fee, per bottle or can brought in by guests, of 50 cents for wine and liquor, and 25 cents for beer.





Chef's  
Corner

## Traditional Swedish Limpa (RYE BREAD)

by Kristi Gustafson



2/3 cup molasses  
2 1/2 cups water  
2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 Tbsp. anise seed  
2 tsp. salt  
1/4 cup shortening

4 tsp. grated lemon rind  
1 cake compressed yeast  
1/2 cup lukewarm water  
4 cups sifted medium rye flour  
5 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
melted butter

1. Mix together in a saucepan molasses, 2 1/2 cups water, brown sugar, anise seed and salt. Bring to boiling point, then cook gently uncovered 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add shortening and lemon rind. Let stand until lukewarm.
2. Dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup lukewarm water. Add cooled molasses mixture and mix well. Stir in rye flour. Beat until smooth. Cover and let rise at room temperature overnight, about 9 to 10 hours.
3. In the morning add 5 cups white flour and place remaining 1/2 cup on pastry cloth or board for kneading. Turn out dough and knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, cover well and let rise until double in bulk, 2 to 2 1/2 hours.
4. Cut dough in half and shape into 2 round loaves. Place in 2 greased 9 inch pie pans. Cover with clean cloth and let rise until light, about 2 hours.
5. Bake in moderate oven (350) 45 to 55 minutes. Remove from oven and brush tops with melted butter. Yield: 2 loaves.

Reference: Swedish Recipes Old and New, American Daughters of Sweden, Chicago, Illinois, December 1955, Twentieth Printing, June 2002.

I've played around with the anise, substituting some with caraway seed, and added some ground cardamom. I like to break up the seeds a little with a pestle and mortar.

I bake the bread in a regular bread loaf pan.

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Are you interested in working with the New Sweden board in supporting all the Swedish activities we are involved in in our community, please call Carol Tripp for more information. Her phone number is 503-617-6826

You could also visit our website for more information about our activities: [www.newsweeden.org/Events](http://www.newsweeden.org/Events)





## An American exchange student and New York City Theatre Festivals – How Swedish Pop and musical theatre from Halmstad-born writers made it to the United States, by J. Granstrom

While the pleasant Swedish West coast town Halmstad has a population of only around 60.000 people, it has produced more than its fair share of songwriters and composers that have gained immense commercial music success and/or earned prestigious theater awards in the United States. It started in the 1980's with the duo Roxette, consisting of singer Marie Fredriksson and Halmstad-born singer/songwriter Per Gessle. Formed in 1986, Roxette gained international fame in 1988, when an American exchange student returned from Sweden and urged radio station KDWB in Minneapolis to play Roxette's "The Look". From there, the song spread by cassette copies to other radio stations. Suddenly, Roxette had a hit single in the US - before the record was even released. Once the record was released stateside, it quickly reached #1, and topped the charts in 24 other countries. In 1990, the single "It Must Have Been Love" was featured in the soundtrack for *Pretty Woman* starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. In 2005, Roxette received an award from Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) for the 4,000,000<sup>th</sup> US airing of "It Must Have Been Love". Roxette has sold an estimated 75 million copies to date, and is Sweden's second-best selling musical act of all time (after ABBA, of course). Halmstad is also the birthplace of Swedish musical theatre composer/librettist Jan-Erik Säaf, whose musicals have been performed all over Scandinavia and in the US. His musical *Connect/Disconnect* was staged at the June Havoc Theatre in New York City as part of the Midtown International Theatre Festival 2009. In 2013, Säaf's musical *Jag, William* was performed at the New York International Fringe Festival. The musical featured actor/singer Jonas Nerbe, who became the first Swede to receive the "Best Performance" award at the festival, where 187 other plays/musicals and 1000 artists participated. Säaf is currently working on the new musical "Camera" about actress Ingrid Bergman. However, the musical will not solely be a documentary about Bergman's life, but also a story about narcissism, how people create their persona, a mask they wear in front of others. *Camera* will get a reading, featuring some of Sweden's finest musical theatre stars, at the Gothenburg Opera on August 29. Only time will tell if this musical also makes it to the United States, continuing a tradition of theatre and music from Halmstad-born artists making it to the other side of the globe.

## Prominent visit to Portland, Oregon

Portland, Oregon was recently visited by Lars Jonsson, Swedish Consul of Washington and Oregon States, based in the Seattle office of the Consulate of Sweden. More than 30 Swedes from the Portland/Vancouver area went to Seattle to renew their passports in May 2015 when the new passport application machine was on location. When it was time to pick up the passports the consul wanted to deliver them himself in Portland to save the applicants another trip to Seattle. However, the deeper objective with the visit to Portland was to meet and learn about as many Swedes as possible for the benefit of his role as consul for the Northwest region.



Consul Lars Jonsson

In the morning of May 30th, Lars Jonsson met with members of New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society (New Sweden) and Scandinavian Heritage Foundation (SHF) for a pancake breakfast (ugnspannkaka) at Fogelbo, the very Swedish epicenter in Portland.



After a delightful breakfast the group proceeded to the new Scandinavian Center next door, lead by Greg Smith, the director of the center, for a preview of the facility planned to open officially on June 26. The center will be called The Nordia House serving all the Nordic countries.



The following day in the afternoon all Swedes in greater Portland were invited to the Swedish Restaurant "Broder Nord", for a traditional Swedish smörgåsbord sampler, including marinated herring, meatballs and much more. This provided the consul Lars Jonsson ample opportunity to meet with many Swedish locals.



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At the end of the visit we had a very happy and satisfied consul of Washington and Oregon States.

Consul Lars Jonsson and Vice Consul of Oregon Emeritus, Ross Fogelquist, wearing their Swedish North Star decorations.

The Swedish Smörgåsbord event was catered by the Broder Nord Restaurant in Portland.



## 2015 Oregon Lucia Application

If you are a part of a Nordic or Scandinavian organization and would like to share the news about the wonderful Lucia, Queen of Light scholarship program, please consider including this application information in your organization's newsletter:.

Application deadline is November 1, 2015.

More information about the Lucia program and application form is available on SHF's web-site:

[www.scanheritage.org](http://www.scanheritage.org) and go to [Lucia Application Form 2015.pdf](#)



2015 Oregon  
Lucia Sarah  
Fagerberg

## 2015 Events Calendar summary

### **August 8**

Saturday, annual Kräftskiva, Crayfish Party at Fogelbo , reservations required

*See flyer in the newsletter or on our website [www.newsweeden.org](http://www.newsweeden.org)*

### **August 17-22**

Trollbacken, Swedish Language and Culture Camp for children ages 7-13

### **October 3**

SHF ScanFeast Auction and gala will be held on Saturday October 3, 2015 at the Nordia House.

### **December 5 & 6**

Saturday and Sunday, ScanFair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum

### **December 12**

Lucia Festival, Immanuel Lutheran Church

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2015 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!

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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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