

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society

Newsletter

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Message from your President—Carol Tripp

Your New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society is actively working on events for 2015. The current upcoming events are described in detail on our website, and we encourage the membership to check it out frequently: newsweden.org This website is kept up-to-date on our activities so you can plan your schedule to enjoy as many events as possible. Our main focus, as you know, is fundraising to support Swedish cultural events , Trollbacken Swedish summer camp, and to provide a venue for us to celebrate our “Swedishness” together.

We have 150 in our membership, and encourage you to get your friends and relatives to join us in this valuable work. There are ample opportunities to work as a volunteer, and we would be glad to talk with you about what each involves.

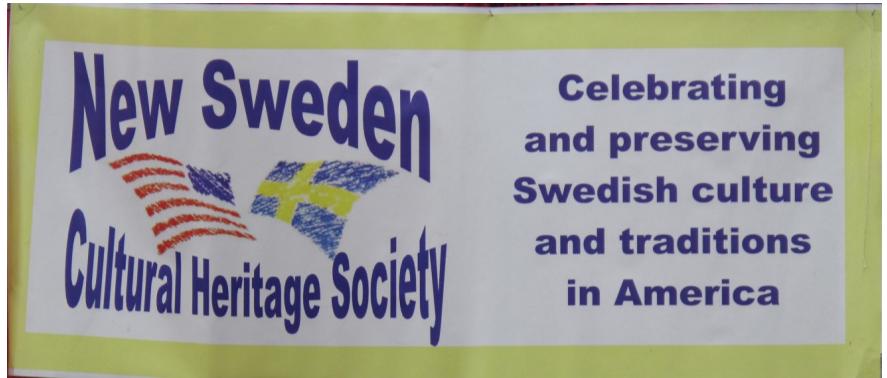
The Fogelbo property now is a part of the SHF site, with Ross having a Life Estate to live in Fogelbo as long as he wishes. The SHF Landscape Committee is working on plans to incorporate a new landscape design to compliment the approved design and plants on the property surrounding the new Center. Ross has several suggestions for this work. Since the Fogelbo site and the SHF site now are one in Washington County, these plans must meet County and SHF's plant standards.

This is my last year as the New Sweden Board president, and I am looking forward to continuing the good work that we do. If you would like to be considered for this position, please consider joining the board to provide your volunteer hours for board decisions and to help at the events scheduled throughout the year.

Please contact me at carol.tripp@frontier.com or 503-617-6826.

Any board member, listed on our website, newsweden.org, will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Please give this serious thought.





Successful New Sweden at the 2014 ScanFair, the 30th Christmas Festival

We celebrated successfully the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of Swedish and Nordic Christmas. The event was held at Portland Veterans Coliseum on December 5&6, 2014. New Sweden attended with its own both at the event where you were able to meet other members and share Swedish experiences.



We were also introduced to 2014 Oregon Lucia Sarah Fagerberg and her court; Emilie Tengblad-Kreft, Mia Jemson, Hailee Ellis, Emma Mullen and Katherine Hughes. Good Luck to them during all the new year activities in the Scandinavian community.

We were also introduced to the Swedish School Lucia 2014. Her name is Maja Hunter and just turned 10 years old on December 4th. Congratulations to her as well.



There was also much music, dancing and singing during the festival.

Several of our sister organizations were present as well.



Harmoni Lodge



League of Swedish Societies



SRIO



Swedish School and Trollbacken



Left to right: Cover of the ANC charity concert single “Berg är till för att flyttas (Mountains Are Meant To Be Moved)” ANC charity concert driving forces and singer/songwriters Tomas Ledin and Mikael Wiehe, the band mōra-Per.

Mountains Are Meant To Be Moved – Swedish Artists and Songwriters for Human Rights, by J. Granstrom

Swedish music/recording artists and songwriters have long had a strong commitment and dedication to organizations working for human rights. Two artists in particular are singer/songwriters Mikael Wiehe and Tomas Ledin. Starting in the 1980s, they were the driving force behind the charity concert “Swedish Rock Against Apartheid”, in 1985 at the Scandinavium arena in Gothenburg. Featuring some of the greatest Swedish artists, the concert coincided with the release of the charity single “Berg är till för att flyttas (Mountains Are Meant To Be Moved)”. The concert raised over 12 million Swedish crowns (around 1.5 million USD) for the African National Congress (ANC) to fight apartheid in South Africa. From a prison cell on Robben Island, Nelson Mandela was informed of the Swedish support for his mission. Eight years later, in 1993, he showed his gratitude by inviting Ledin and Wiehe to meet him the day before he received the Nobel Peace Prize. In an interview in 2013, Ledin said that it had brought tears to his eyes to hear how much their work had meant to Mandela during his time in prison.

In 2001, Mikael Wiehe and Tomas Ledin joined again to put on the concert “Artists Against Nazis”, which took place in the Globe arena in Stockholm. The concert was aired on Swedish TV4 and live on Swedish Radio P3. In 2014, almost 30 years after the ANC concert in Gothenburg, Mikael Wiehe recorded vocals for the song “De som byggde landet (Those who built the country)” for the band mōra-Per. While the song was originally released in 2008 (without Wiehe’s vocals), it was re-released in September as a response to the Swedish election, where the anti-immigration party The Sweden Democrats won 13% of the vote. The lyrics primarily deal with different aspects of immigration and emigration, both from Sweden to the United States (in the 19th century) and from other countries (e.g. former Yugoslavia) to Sweden. In general, the sentiments behind the lyrics reflect the fact that a lot of Sweden’s wealth and industry (especially after World War II) was built thanks to immigrants. The events and recordings above are just a few examples of how Swedish artists and songwriters use their personal success to further social causes, inspiring their fans and the organizations and/or values they support.



New Sweden presented our traditional
Lucia Fest on December 13, 2014 at
Immanuel Lutheran Church



We had a very attractive Christmas celebration program starting with the Lucia festivities 11 days before Christmas. The church was full of expectant audience participating in singing the traditional Christmas song as well as listening to Christmas music.

Fairest Lord Jesus

(Härlig är Jorden)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's joy and crown...

(first verse, congregation standing)

The highlight of the program is always the presence of the Lucia processions; first the very young ones who delight us with singing in Swedish, and then the Oregon Lucia with her court also contributing to the Christmas atmosphere and expectations.

Following the formal church program there was dancing around the Christmas tree and a visit from Tomten.



The entire event at the church ended with a great God Jul och ett Gott Nytt År!



Chef's
Corner



Cauliflower Shrimp Salad with Ginger ala Tina Nordström



Inspired by the Swedish Chef Tina Nordström we are presenting the Cauliflower Shrimp Cocktail with Ginger serving four (4) people.

*1/2 head cauliflower
1 1/4 cups shrimp, cooked
2 cups fresh spinach
1 red onion, finely chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon grated ginger
Salt and pepper, to taste*

Divide the cauliflower into 1-inch florets. Mix with the shrimp, spinach, red onion, olive oil and vinegar. Season with ginger, salt and pepper.

Sauce to go on top of the cocktail:

Crème Fraiche + a little lightly whipped cream.

Salt + Pepper to taste

Fresh dill and Thyme finally chopped.

Dash of Lemon juice.

Mix all ingredients and adjust seasoning to taste.

Put Shrimps cocktail into cocktail glasses, and spoon some of the sauce on top. ENJOY!

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society Annual Meeting,
Sunday March 8, 2015 2:00 p.m.



The membership of the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society is invited to attend the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at Ross Fogelquist's home, Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road.

With the construction of the new SHF Center underway, there is limited parking. Please park on, SW 89th street, the street across from Ross' driveway just past the Swedish bus stop, or on the street that is a block south of Fogelbo, Taylors Ferry Road. Please plan to join us with hors d'oeuvres, sweets, coffee and punch. Please feel free to contribute a favorite sweet or appetizer to share, if you would like to do so. It is important that we have an annual meeting in order to share the events of 2014 and our plans for an exciting 2015.

Welcome!



Swedish Flag Day Celebration

This year we will repeat the very successful celebration of the Swedish Flag Day on Saturday, June 6. This will be a fund-raising dinner event with live music at the home of Leif and GunMarie Rosqvist in the Cedar Mills area. This is an adult only event and the cost per person is \$50, which includes food, drinks and music. The food this year will be traditional Swedish Smörgåsbord. The maximum number of people is 30. Reservations and prepayment required. Please call GunMarie Rosqvist at (503) 466-2119 for information and/or reservations.

Entertainment provided by Catarina New who is a jazz star with a soothing, charismatic rhythm in her performances. She is the newest saxophone and vocal sensation on the jazz club scene in Portland, and we are very happy to sign her for our fundraiser.

This is a good opportunity to enjoy an evening with old and new friends.

The 100 year Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window & Disappeared

Your Invitation to this Years Reception and Movie at the Portland International Film Festival.

Sponsored by New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society & Scandinavian Heritage Foundation

A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over . . .

MONDAY 2/9/2015

Please RSVP

To Reserve your spot!

Reception & Movie \$20.00

Movie only \$10.00

Reception starts at 7:00 pm

Movie Starts at 8:00 pm

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EVENT LOCATION:

Whitesell Auditorium (Reception in Stevens Room)

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2015 Events Calendar summary

February 9

Wednesday, Portland International Film Festival Swedish film, the 100 Year Old Man, at the Portland Art Museum.

Reception at 7:00 p.m. in the Stevens Room: the film starts at 8:00.

March 8

Sunday, New Sweden Annual Meeting, 2 p.m. at Fogelbo.

April 30

Thursday, Walpurgis/Vappu celebration. 7 p.m. at the home of Dave and Melinda Carter

May 8/9

Friday and Saturday, annual Antique and Garage sale at Fogelbo.

June 6

Saturday, Sweden National Day at the home of GunMarie and Leif Rosqvist

June 13

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

August 8

Saturday, annual Kräftskiva Crayfish Party , reservations required

August 17-22

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

October 3

Saturday, SHF ScanFeast Auction and gala

December 5 & 6

Saturday and Sunday, ScanFair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum

December 12

Lucia Festival, Immanuel Lutheran Church

See more detailed information on our web-site www.newsweeden.org

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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!

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 questions, please call: (503) 466-2119, or at www.NewSweden.org