

Message from your President - Kristi Gustafson

The old saying, "when one door closes, another opens" proved true this past year for New Sweden. The money we had hoped to earn from the kräftskiva party, to replace monies from the discontinued yard sale, did not materialize when complications caused us to cancel the kräftskiva party. The door that opened was the Portland Midsummer Festival which doubled in attendance this year. New Sweden provided a large number of volunteers prior to, and at the Festival, and filled key positions. The net profit from the Festival was also double which means New Sweden should receive sufficient monies from the financial split to more than replace the yard sale income. A huge THANK YOU to our volunteers!!!



The League of Swedish Societies voted to again co-produce with Nordic Northwest, the 2020 Portland Midsummer Fest which is scheduled for **June 13, 2020**. This will be another opportunity for New Sweden to fund our treasury so I hope our members will mark this date on your calendar and plan to volunteer at the festival.

New Sweden's 30th Anniversary celebration was a wonderful success. Thanks to GunMarie and Leif Rosqvist for opening their home to host the event and to the planning committee.

We have new activities planned for the upcoming holidays. Our first "Christmas Cookie Making" class is scheduled on October 26th and promises to be a delicious experience. Check your emails for further details. On Dec. 1, New Sweden member Corina Laws, a volunteer with the Willamette Shore Trolley, has organized a holiday trolley ride for New Sweden - see additional details on page 6.

On November 10th, we have our annual Craft Day and Holiday Celebration. This year's new craft will be wheat weaving Christmas ornaments and we will again attempt dipping the Swedish branch candle - grenljus. For those not into crafts, please come for some early holiday cheer and enjoy an array of homemade cookies, coffee and glögg. We will also have available to peruse the collection of photos and materials gathered to celebrate New Sweden's 30th Anniversary.

Sincerely,
Kristi Gustafsson
President

2019 Events Calendar summary

October 26: 10am-2pm, Christmas Cookie Making Class, West Hills Universalist Unitarian Church, 8470 SW Oleson Rd., Portland, OR. \$20 per person. 503-663-2772

November 10: 2.30pm, Craft day, West Hills Universalist Unitarian Church, 8470 SW Oleson Rd., Portland, OR. Free for members. 503-663-2772

December 1: Willamette Shore Trolley ride for New Sweden members. The trolley will depart at 3:30pm from the Lake Oswego depot located at 311 State Street and will return by 5:30pm.

December 7-8: Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4, Scan Fair Annual Christmas Market, Portland Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, Adults \$10, Seniors/students \$9, Families \$20

December 8 at Scanfair: Performances by the Portland Scandinavian Chorus at 12.30pm followed by Granstrom & Rogers (Swedish contemporary music) at 2pm.

December 14: 3:00pm, New Sweden's traditional Lucia Fest, First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR. Adults: \$10, children \$5, families \$25

For more information, please visit <https://www.newsweden.org/events/>

COMMUNICATIONS

We are relying more on emails to update our members with information that develops after the last newsletter was printed, but would be outdated before the next newsletter.

Review of past events



Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Celebration (by Anna-Karin Lindbergh Rednoske)

First time visiting the Scandinavian Midsummer event in Astoria. Eva Moore led the dancing around the Maypole and I led the singing of the traditional dance songs with the folk musicians, great and much appreciated opportunity we got offered. It turned out great! Thank you Anna Rufus for the generous offer of letting me borrow your beautiful Swedish folk dress. It was very sweet of you.

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American Union of Swedish singers and Swedish consul visit in June/July



Ross with Ute Munger and Erik Thorin at the American Union of Swedish Singer's concert at Hilton, Vancouver, WA.



Dee Carlson, Ross and Kennert Andersson with the Swedish consul of Oregon and Washington, Petra Hilleberg, at the American Union of Swedish Singers convention banquet at Hilton, Vancouver, WA.



Ross with Petra at Fogelbo



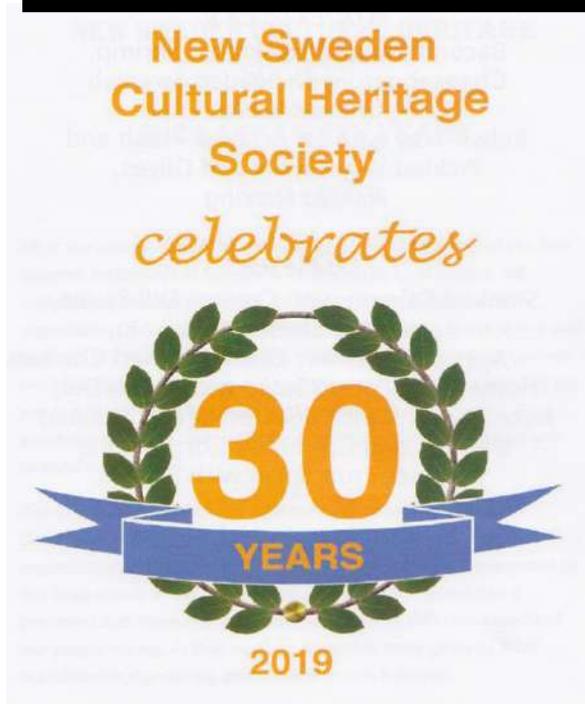
ABBA on the Fogelquist lawn (by Ute Munger)

An estimated 280 ABBA fans showed up for a super fun performance on the green lawn of Fogelbo. The weather was absolutely perfect and Broder Söder was busy keeping the hungry and thirsty crowds served. Surprisingly, many younger females and of course the seasoned ABBA followers, knew every word of all lyrics and contributed to additional show(wo)manship with their voices and partly acrobatic gyrations.



At precisely 9pm an encore was played and thereafter all tried to find their way back in the meanwhile very dark surroundings. Yes, we are definitely past Midsommar.

Review of past events



History of New Sweden (by Leif Rosqvist)

Following the nationwide celebration in 1988 of the 350th anniversary of first Swedish settlement along the Delaware River in America (1638 to 1655), the local Oregon '88 national organizing committee decided to found a new Swedish organization. They started to meet in the spring and summer of 1989 to formulate and organize New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society of Oregon and Southwest Washington. It was felt that we needed to offer an alternative to the existing Swedish lodges. Our emphasis would be on specifically celebrating Swedish holidays and culture.

Our first public meeting was a gathering of charter members in October of 1989 at the then Nobel Hall in NE Portland. The organizational structure, goals and objectives were then presented to the large crowd of eager members.

During the beginning years, there were monthly meetings with different Swedish cultural topics. We often met at the Hollywood Senior Center, occasionally inviting other Swedish organizations to our events. For many of the outdoor activities, the Fogelbo grounds provided equal space for our summer events. Our signature public events were the Lucia program, the Crayfish party, Spring Swedish Cafe and Garage and Antique sale, and traditional Swedish Midsummer celebrations.

Our new organization sponsored and hosted many performing groups from Sweden. The New Sweden Society was also instrumental in organizing the Swedish Saturday School, the Swedish Language camp for children: Trollbacken, and Swedish Roots in Oregon.

The New Sweden Society's first anniversary celebration was held at the Embassy Suites in Progress. The consul-general of Sweden, Mr. Hammarström, and ranking diplomats from the Swedish Embassy in Washington D.C., attended this gala event.

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New Sweden's 30th Anniversary (by Leif Rosqvist)

Former New Sweden presidents with our current president Kristi Gustafson.



Beautiful watermelon art by Marian Thompson. Note the Swedish National Emblem "Tre Kronor"!



In September 2019 New Sweden celebrated its 30 years of operation at the Rosqvists' property in Hartung Farms, Portland, Oregon, with 50 members of New Sweden Society attending.

Music and traditional food items were at hand to enjoy. It was a very successful event, despite occasional rain. Everybody enjoyed the delicious food (including smoked salmon with dill sauce, prune stuffed pork loin and homemade potato salad) and each other's company.

New Sweden's 30th Anniversary photos by Corina Law



Most of the current board: Jimmy, Pam, Maritha, Anna-Karin, Anna, Ross and Kristi.



Hosts GunMarie and Leif with Dave and Ross.



Ute and Hans reading and eating to their hearts' content!



Anna

Review of future events



Holiday Cookie Making Class on October 26, 10.30am-1.30pm

Just in time for the holidays, New Sweden is having a class in which we'll learn three favorite Swedish cookie recipes, including the popular honungsbåtar (honey almond) molded cookie, as shown on the picture, and receive four other favorite recipes. Participants will learn how to "shortcut" two of the recipes so they can still make delicious cookies but spend less time doing it.

Afterwards, we'll enjoy a bowl of hot soup and sample the results

of our baking.

Where: West Hills Universalist Unitarian Fellowship kitchen, 8470 SW Oleson Rd.

Cost: \$20 New Sweden members, \$25 for guests

Reservations for class: 503-807-9808

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A.K. having fun!

Craft Day on November 10th, 2.30pm at the Unitarian Church

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**Photo:
Corina Law**

Lake Oswego to Portland Holiday Trolley Ride - December 1st 2019

Välkommen aboard the Willamette Shore Trolley for a rolig stund of Swedish style caroling and food. The trolley ride begins in Lake Oswego running on 6 miles of track next to the Willamette river shoreline traveling down to the Portland's south waterfront area and then back to Lake Oswego. Along the way you will pass through neighborhoods, a quarter mile long tunnel, over trestles, under a bridge and even under a house. The trolley will depart at

3:30pm from the Lake Oswego depot located at 311 State Street and will return by 5:30pm.

The cost is \$25 per person. We'll serve a light meal, feel free to bring along your own beverage. Call Corina Laws for more info-503-479-7725.

We have limited space. If the 3:30pm trolley fills up quickly, we may set up an evening trolley ride at 6:30pm.

Where: meets at the trolley depot, 311 State St., Lake Oswego

When: December 1, 2019, loads at 3:15pm

Cost: New Sweden members: \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 17 and under, \$30 for guests of New Sweden members

Reservations by purchasing tickets below, or by calling 503-479-7725 and paying by check to New Sweden, PO Box 80141, Portland, OR., 97280.



Scanfair 2019 at Portland's Veteran's Memorial Coliseum December 7-8

A wonderful Nordic holiday event filled with entertainment, traditional Nordic foods, vendors and holiday cheer. The Oregon Lucia is crowned and the Scandinavian of the Year awarded. New Sweden will have our display and vendor booth, and we'll participate with the League of Swedish Societies food booth selling Swedish rice pudding and cookies. Hours are 10am-5pm (Dec. 7) and 10am-4pm (Dec. 8). More info: www.nordicnorthwest.org. Sponsored by Scan|Design Foundation.

The Portland Scandinavian Chorus will perform at Scanfair on December 8 at 12.30pm.

The chorus sings primarily in Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish and English.

The chorus will be followed by Granstrom & Rogers at 2pm. The duo will present and perform contemporary Swedish music, including a new translation of a famous Swedish song.



Celebrate the traditional **LUCIA FEST** with the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society 3:00pm Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

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 crown of lighted candles to dispel the darkness, bringing bright light to the Christmas season. While it was originally a Swedish tradition, it has since spread to 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 2019 Lucia Court
- Portland Scandinavian Chorus
- Vocal Soloists

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



Admission: Adults \$10, children 4-12 \$5 (maximum price per family, \$25); doors open at 2:30pm; convenient parking.

First Presbyterian Church
1200 SW Alder St., Ptld., OR

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Johanna Fedde in Memoriam (by Ross Fogelquist)

The matriarch of our Scandinavian community for many years, Johanna Fedde, passed away August 13th. She was 100 years old. Her husband, Bernhard Fedde, passed away in 2007. The Feddes were charter members of New Sweden and made so many contributions to the Nordic community in their productive lives. A memorial service was held at Nordia House on August 30th. **Johanna's obituary can be read here: <https://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?n=johanna-borrevik-fedde&pid=193678926>**

Cecilia brought this cake to a New Sweden event and it was delicious! It stored very well in the refrigerator for several days.

Moist Lingonberry and Ginger Christmas cake

by Cecilia Tidlund

- 3.5 oz butter (100 gms)
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 c + 1 Tbsp brown sugar (3 dl)
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground cardamom
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 1/3 c flour (3.5 dl)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 1/2 oz (1 dl) crème fraiche (Trader Joe's cheese section), substitute sour cream but the cake is dryer
- 3 1/2 oz (1 dl) Lingonberry preserve (good price @ IKEA)



Butter and flour a 1 1/2 qt. baking pan (or as the Swedes do, use plain breadcrumbs instead of flour), set it aside.

Preheat oven to 350°F

1. Melt butter and let it cool
2. Beat eggs and brown sugar until fluffy
3. Mix spices, flour and baking powder
4. Mix butter and crème fraiche
5. Fold #3 and #4 into egg mixture, add lingonberry preserve
6. Pour into prepared pan
7. Bake in the middle of oven for 45-60min. Let rest before turning onto cooling rack

Excerpts of entertainment articles by Jimmy Granstrom

Full articles can be read here: <https://www.newsweden.org/culture-heritage/entertainment/>



Swedish Crime Fiction TV series

Swedish crime fiction continues to reach an ever-growing audience - riding on the wave of the Millennium trilogy, Wallander and others - with some of the new series incorporating supernatural elements.

A shudder exclusive series!

"Jordskott" is probably my favorite, due to its highly atmospheric cinematography and complex storyline involving a secret organization ("Envoyés de la Nature (EN)" or Nature's

Messengers) protecting creatures associated with Nordic folklore. In "Jordskott", these creatures live amongst us, from Huldras to trolls, and EN reaches deep into highest government and law enforcement to protect them (or make themselves more powerful as we later find out).



Between a hand in heaven and the roots of fear - The songs of Jonathan Johansson and Johan Ekeborn

Jonathan Johansson has been one of Sweden's most prominent singer/songwriters in the broad genre of electronic pop during the last decade. His breakthrough came in 2008 with the single "En hand i himlen (A Hand In Heaven)", and the album with the same title followed in 2009 when he was also nominated as "Best New Artist" at the Swedish Grammy Awards and "Best Artist" in P3 Gold, which is a major music

Ekeborn and Johansson

prize from the national Swedish radio station P3. Many of Johansson's lyrics are characterized by his spirituality, with the music aiming to achieve a kind of dream-like state where the boundaries between our world and the spiritual one become less distinct. Johansson and his musical collaborator Johan Ekeborn are also exploring the roots of fear in their work, especially in their songs for Martin Lyngbo's musical adaptation of Bram Stoker's "Dracula".



From non-conformist escapist synth pop to bittersweet Italian melancholy and soothing Swedish sentimentality - the songs of Mauro Scocco and Tomas Andersson Wij

One of the summer's most anticipated tours in Sweden was "Tomas Andersson Wij plays with Mauro Scocco", which concluded with a celebrated concert at Stockholm's

Andersson Wij and Scocco Photo: Gunnar R. Johansson

Mosebacketerrassen on August 15th. Tomas Andersson Wij (TAW) and Mauro Scocco are two of Sweden's most beloved singer/songwriters, and their catalogues include dozens of

critically acclaimed and commercially successful albums as well as performances in front of millions of people on Swedish TV. However, Scocco and TAW were not always widely embraced by the Swedish music industry or the general public at the start of their careers.

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Thanks for supporting New Sweden with your dues!

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