

Message from your President - Carol Tripp

What an exciting year we have coming up, with many events to help keep our Swedish Heritage active and available to as many people as possible! New Sweden has a large number of supplies for these events: plates, knives, forks, spoons, cooking pans, lanterns, crayfish festival decorations, chafing dishes, serving bowls and platters, etc. To organize these supplies, a member donated a new 8 by 12-foot building that was constructed behind the Fogelbo garage. This is the "New Sweden Stuga". Please take a look at it the next time you visit Fogelbo. We'll have 2 painting parties, one for primer and one for the finish coat, when dry weather makes this possible.



April 30 is Walpurgis Eve/Vappu, which we celebrate with the Finnish community at the home of Melinda and Dave Carter. Last year's bonfire was spectacular, and Dave says we will have an even bigger bonfire this year. New Sweden will provide paper goods, "Varm Korv", buns and condiments, the Finnish community will provide drinks, etc., and the Scandinavian choruses will provide cookies and desserts, as well as singing. It's a wonderful event - don't miss it!

Please take time to clean out your home and garage and donate your lightly used items to help make our May 9 and 10 Antique and Garage Sale a success. All the profits from the sale help to support the Trollbacken Swedish language and culture camp for children, August 18-23. Last year we were able to provide \$1,000 for camp support, plus two scholarships for children who otherwise could not afford to attend this summer camp.

A new fundraiser we have added this year is Swedish Flag Day on June 6. Sweden celebrates the 1905 separation with Norway, and Swedish flags are seen everywhere. This is a dinner and music event in the lovely backyard of GunMarie and Leif Rosqvist. Catarina New will provide an evening of beautiful music. The cost is \$50 per person. Get your prepaid reservation in early to be sure you are part of this celebration.

On June 14, the League of Swedish Societies joins with SHF to present the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park. There will be music, dancing, games, vendors, food, a kids zone and the raising of the Maypole which is at 1:00 p.m. See you there!

You can see that we have many activities planned, and the upcoming August 9 crayfish festival is an event you won't want to miss. *It is also time for your 2014 Membership Renewal!*

Report from The New Sweden Annual Meeting at Fogelbo

The annual meeting was held at Fogelbo where Ross and Carol opened the meeting by sharing the upcoming events for the year. The treasurer's report was reviewed as well. Ingeborg Dean made a presentation of interviews she made for SRIO book. To give you a sense of what you will find in the new book "*Swedish Roosts, Oregon Lives*", (www.swedishrootsinoregon.org) here are a few excerpts:

"I finally left Omaha and worked on the railroad for some time. After that I went to Wyoming because I took my sister up there when her husband was working there. He had moved there by himself. So that's why I ended up on a ranch in Wyoming. It was rugged. I had a cattle ranch, but I didn't have enough stock, and then the government told me I had to go into defense. There was a war on, after all. I don't know what I would have been if the government hadn't taken me out of that place. When I think about the winters... I had some tough winters there all alone, right on the Colorado border. In fact, the man at the station asked me where I worked, and when I said I had a ranch up there, he said, "You're on that ranch! It's too hard to get up there. The last man who had that ranch we hauled off dead. He froze to death."

"Well, you are looking at a Swede now!" I told him.

Oscar Nastrom (1898 -1987)



Ross and Carol opening the meeting

New Sweden is participating in the 86th Annual

Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Saturday, June 14, 2014, Time 11am to 6 pm

Presented by: Scandinavian Heritage Foundation & League of Swedish Societies

Music, Dancing, Games, Kids zone and Beer Garden & Scandinavian Foods

Raising the Maypole and Scandinavian of the Year at 1pm

At Oaks Park, along the East bank of the Willamette River in Portland

\$7 adults / \$4 children (6-12 of age) / Family \$ 16 (2 adults, 2 children) under 6 free

Come and celebrate this summer solstice for the entire community!





Invitation to New Sweden Antique and Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday

May 9 and 10, 2014

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road

Near Washington Square

(parking just south of Fogelbo off Oleson)

American and Scandinavian Antiques

Home items, Kitchenware, and Furniture

Varm Korv (hotdogs), Swedish Treats and

Coffee at the Stuga Cafe

Contact: Ross Fogelquist Phone: 503-244-3697

www.newsweden.org



Your donations of gently used and Scandinavian items are essential to the success of this sale!!

We also need donated baked goods to sell at the Kaffestuga!

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT TROLLBACKEN,
A SWEDISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP FOR CHILDREN!**



Portland Scandinavian Chorus is...Scandia Ladies' Chorus & Scandinavian Male Chorus of Portland, opening the 2014 season.

Since 1982, the chorus has been very active. The men's and women's choruses have hosted AUSS Western Division Conventions, and two AUSS National Conventions. The last one was in 2008. Three choruses from Sweden came to Portland and participated in the convention. There were about 350 singers on stage as 1,000 people filled the Portland Convention Center to hear the Grand Concert.



The Chorus at ScanFair

While preparing for the 2008 Convention, we decided to serve Swedish meatball meals to the workers of the committees. This insured attendance and participation. We also learned it was a very positive social time for the attendees. The group wanted to continue with a social time even after the convention was over. We began to serve a "Soup Supper" every second Monday of the month. At 6 PM we serve a choice of two soups, one is always a vegetarian entrée. There are always warm home baked bread choices, fresh salad, and delicious desserts. We encourage visitors to join us, eat, and if the can, stay and listen or participate in practice. Between 45 and 50 people attend this social time.

Although maintaining their separate identities, in 2010 the men's and women's choruses decided to sing as a mixed chorus. Vance Sele, was hired to be the director. Change and growth began to happen. Starting in 2011 we began to sing almost all our music in "languages." We started with Swedish and Norwegian. As we reached out in the Scandinavian community, we have added other Nordic languages. It is so exciting for us as a group to add native speakers from Denmark, Finland and Iceland. At Scanfair this year our native speakers introduced the Christmas songs from their countries. We are one of the few American Union of Swedish Singers (AUSS) choruses that sing primarily in the native languages of the Scandinavian countries. We are currently working on the national anthems of these countries. For the Individual Chorus night at the 2013 national convention in New Haven, CT, the Portland selections were comprised of *Lyssna, Lyssna*, and a lively medley of Swedish folk tunes. Working with Vance, (a self-proclaimed "hopeless music teacher") we are learning more about music. He leads creative vocal warm-ups, laughter filled sight-reading exercises. As our leader put it, "A group will grow when it grows musically." Our group is definitely growing both musically, and in numbers. Five years ago we had a core group of about 18 to 20 women, and an average of 6 men. Now there are between 30 and 35 women, and 14 to 17 men.



Vance Sele leading the Chorus training

More information about the Chorus and Schedule: [Portland Scandinavia Chorus](http://PortlandScandinaviaChorus.com)



Traditional Swedish Smörgåsbord

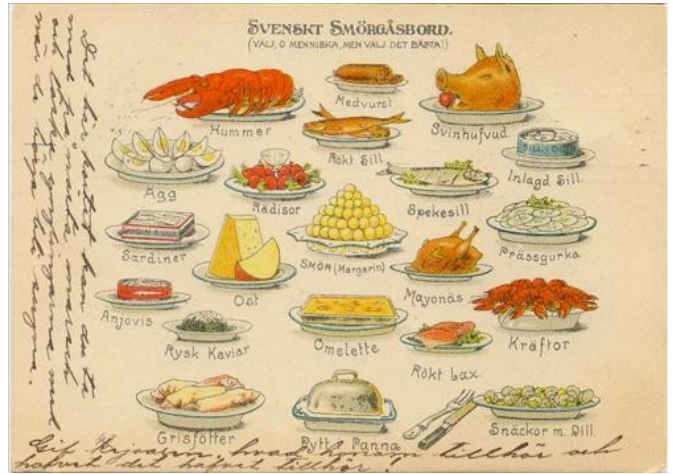
Also known as “Smorgasbord” in English.
Literally “open-sandwich” table.

Chef's

Corner

Smörgåsbord (smorgasbord) is a traditional Swedish “open-sandwich” buffet table consisting of cold and warm dishes presented so the guests are able to pick and choose what they want to eat.

Included in the smorgasbord are several varieties of pickled herring, which constitute the first plate enjoyed with cracker-bread and butter, and beer and snaps. Then follows a selection of cold cuts (meat, smoked salmon, eel, mackerel), fish in aspic, salads, and an assortment of cheeses. After all this there are warm dishes, such as gratins, meatballs, meat, poultry, and vegetables. Of course there are also an array of desserts and fruits. Coffee and tea are served with the dessert. Beer and snaps normally accompany the main meal.



The word “smorgas” (sandwich/smörgås) is reminiscent of a long gone era when the cottages churned their own butter. During the process the small butter lumps came up to the surface of the cream and floated around like geese. Such butter lumps were a good fit to put on a slice of bread (smörgås). The word “smorgasbord” is used in a figurative sense of a large and inviting choice of dishes.

It is also one of the few modern Swedish words borrowed into English. The “smorgasbord” is very much associated with holiday seasons or special events, such as: Christmas, Easter, Midsummer, Crayfish Party (Kräftskiva), or whenever Swedes feel a strong urge to celebrate. As you can understand, it takes a big crowd of hungry people to enjoy a feast like this.



Don't waste food!!

American food waste is 30-40% of total food supply!

Total amount of uneaten food is \$390 per US consumer in 2008!

Come Celebrate !!

New Sweden 25 years And Swedish Flag Day, June 6, 2014

This is a New Sweden Fundraising Dinner and Music Event.

Join us at 6 p.m. in the beautiful backyard of Leif and GunMarie Rosqvist, 2845 NW Circle A Drive, Portland OR 97229. For reservations call the Rosqvists' at (503)466-2119.

Live music will be performed by our very talented Catarina New.

Three-course dinner and wine, and non-alcoholic punch.

- Hors d'oeuvre
- Smoked Salmon and Leg of Lamb with all condiments
- Dessert

The cost for this event is \$50 per person (www.newsweden.org/events)

Reservations and prepayment required by May 31st.



New Sweden and Skandia Lodge, Invite members and their guests to our Annual Crayfish Party In the garden at Fogelbo, 8740 SW Oleson Road – Portland, Oregon

Saturday, August 9, 2014, Dinner 7:30 pm to Midnight

Come join us for a fun, tradition-filled Swedish crayfish party with delicious food, singing, dancing and music for all generations.

This event will be catered by the Scandinavian Café this year. We'll enjoy crayfish, Swedish Meatballs w/gravy and lingonberry jam, boiled potatoes, Janson's Temptation, red cabbage, garden salad, and herring. Dessert will be a Prince torte style layer cake.

Bring your own alcoholic beverages..

Make your reservation, and come have a fun evening dancing to the music of Catarina New.

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

For more information or questions about reservations call; Vicki Cole, 503-255-6697, or email them0therthing@aol.com (0=number 0)

Please make checks payable to "New Sweden" and mail to Vicki Cole, 14344 S.E Main, Portland OR97233. You can make your reservation and pay on-line with PayPal at www.newsweden.org



2014 Events Calendar

APRIL

April 30 is Walpurgis Eve/Vappu, which we celebrate with the Finnish community at the home of Melinda and Dave Carter. More information at the New Sweden web-site:

www.newsweden.org

MAY

Friday/Saturday, May 9/10: Annual New Sweden Antique and Garage Sale at Fogelbo. Sale raises funds for the Trollbacken Children's Swedish Language Camp. ***Your donations of gently used household items and Scandinavian items are essential to the success of this sale!!! We also need donated baked goods to sell at the Kaffestuga!***

Remember, All proceeds go to support our children at Trollbacken!

JUNE

Friday, June 6: Swedish Flag Day is Sweden's National Day. Please join us in celebration of this Swedish Holiday that evening. See details on page 6 in this newsletter, or go to our web-site: www.newsweden.org/events

Saturday, June 14: Midsummer Fest. Sponsored by The Scandinavian Heritage Foundation at Oaks Park from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, check the SHF website: www.scanheritage.org.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 9: Kräftskiva, our Annual Crayfish Party at Fogelbo. This will be a catered event, reservations required, see details on page 6 or on our web-site.

www.newsweden.org/events

August 18-23, Trollbacken, Swedish Language and Culture Camp for children ages 7-13. For more information: <http://www.trollbacken.org/>

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 4: ScanFeast Auction and Dinner in support of the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. Pre-paid reservations required.

DECEMBER

Saturday/Sunday, December 6&7: ScanFair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Saturday, December 13: Lucia Fest at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception with Swedish baked treats, coffee and glögg, ring dances around the Christmas tree and a visit by the Tomten!

For more information: www.newsweden.org/events

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society
2845 NW Circle A Drive
Portland, OR 97229

2014 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 intension 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

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