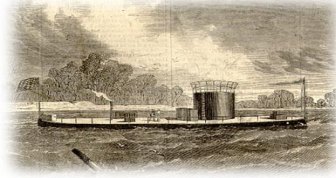


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UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

5/4 Viking Night

5:30 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner Team 3
Culture Program &
Viking Video

6/2

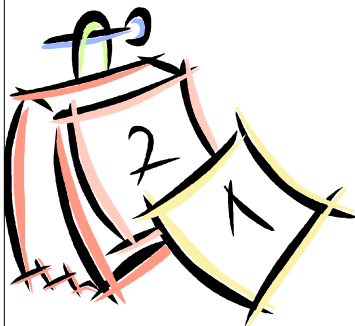
Sweden Day Sveadal

6/14

7:00
Business Meeting

6/23

Pancake Breakfast
Midsommar
Celebration
Orangevale Park
(Specific Information
in June Newsletter)



PRINCESS ESTELLE



The Royal Court has announced that the christening of Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel's first child is set for Tuesday 22 May 2012.

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The choice of a weekday makes it hard for most Swedes to follow the event live but it is expected that the christening will be broadcast live on television by public service company SVT (Swedish Television).

Estelle Silvia Ewa Mary, Duchess of Östergötland, was born on 23 February 2012 and will thus be three months old when she is christened. Her mother, Crown Princess Victoria, was just under two and a half months old when she was christened on a Tuesday back in 1977 and she received two family members and two close royal colleagues as godparents.

King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia set the number of godparents to four for all of their three children. It remains to be seen which traditions the Crown Princess Couple chose to follow in terms of godparents, ceremonial features and so on. The christenings of the King and Queen's children were all quite grand and formal events.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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GOOD NEWS from Christine Bodelson. She is recovering nicely from surgery and is taking lessons to enable dialysis at home.

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<http://svt.se/>

(Hold down CTRL as you click the above link with your mouse)

Jens Lapidus (born 1974) is a Swedish criminal defense lawyer and author, who made his writing debut in August 2006 with *Snabba Cash*, an account of the Stockholm underworld, and the first of *The Stockholm Noir Trilogy*. Two years later the second installment, *Aldrig Ficka Upp* was published by Wahlström & Widstrand. A graphic novel with illustrator Peter Bergting (*The Portent*) entitled *Gångkrig 145* was published May 2009. While this project does tie into his previous novels, it is not the third part of *The Stockholm Noir Trilogy* as some Swedish media has claimed. The third part was published in 2011 with the title *Livet deluxe*. His writing has been compared to James Ellroy and Dennis Lehane. Jens Lapidus lives in Stockholm with his wife, daughter and son.

Happy Mother's Day

An invitation from Barry Moore: If you are interested in basic or more intricate dances of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Karelia or Denmark, consider looking into our Monday evening dance group. We especially encourage men to attend, as our women like to be able to do the women's part and we tend to be a little short on male dancers, but all are gladly welcome. We have and have been reviewing (sorry I don't know how to put the diacritical marks over of mixers including vals, we begin the class with eas-move to intermediate ones is 46th and T Street, Colomamento, 7 PM to 9 PM. There floor with much space we navian dance is good exer-brain. You will learn a lot dance and meet nice, interesting people, and if you can't attend every time, it doesn't matter, we have a punch card that you punch each time you visit and we'll issue you another when you fill up those 6. It's fun and inexpensive, too. I'm one of the co-instructors.



just begun teaching hambo, Bingsjo and Atabaks polska

NÅL OCH TRÅD HISTORY
NEEDLE AND THREAD HISTORY
 (Monitor Lodge Craft Group)

Here are the answers to your questions.

1. When did the group start? What year?
 Myrtle: I joined in 1988. It was going then.
2. Who were the "charter" members?
 We were not an organization, no officers.
3. Why was it started?
 To help the lodge, at the lodge, visiting members.
 Just a group that met every month (sometimes twice).
4. What is the largest the group has been? 25
5. What do you do at a meeting?
 Handicrafts, painting, cookie exchange, etch glasses
6. What can the lodge do to promote interest in being a part of N & T?
 Get the word out, maybe a survey. Members exchange ideas, do projects at home.

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TREASURER'S UPDATE

Starting balance	\$10,252.18
Bills	144.98
Income	1,814.00
Closing balance	\$11,976.37

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Ann Clewett
- 5/3 Diedre Dahlberg
- 5/4 Tarial Green
- 5/5 Betty Schoeph
Linda Johnson
- 5/11 Christine
Bodelson
- 5/12 Charles Linn
Myrtle Widmark
- 5/14 LaVern Griffith
- 5/15 Jeanna
Hultquist
Siw Gormley
- 5/18 Scott Matthews
- 5/23 Darlene Miller
- 5/28 Bernice Hopkins
- 5/29 Richard "Rick"
Eriksson



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7. Are members "allowed" to make things at home to help the group?
Yes! Karin Johnson and Birgitta Ostlund kindly contributed valuable items for the Festival.

8. How is N & T involved in the Festival?
Have craft table to sell, help to serve food, make breads, cakes, and cookies for bake table, help at other exhibits.

9. Are you willing to perhaps have an occasional meeting on a week-end? Sure.

10. Are you open to leaving projects to an individual's imagination, i.e., whatever is made and contributed will be welcome? Yes.

11. Who is your contact person? Myrtle and Dorothy



DeeDee will have these Tee Shirts for sale at the Convention—\$20

The hiring of a bus for SWEDEN DAY is still being considered on June 2nd. The cost is \$43.50 per person for the 40-passenger bus. So far, between Monitor, Nord and Sierra Kronan we have less people interested than were initially. You will be getting a phone call about this!



THREE INITIATED AT MARCH MEETING

WELCOME

Laila Harris

Ann Clewett

John Clewett

**VIKING NIGHT DINNER MEETING
MAY 4TH @ 5:30**

**A FUN EVENING IS PLANNED
A GOOD EVENING TO WEAR TRADITIONAL DRESS
AND COMFORTABLE DANCING SHOES!**





CELEBRATING DOROTHY SCHERER'S 96TH

Monitor Lodge was happy to have as guests Dorothy's daughter Rosemary, Rosemary's daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren. We supplied the venue and the family provided refreshments. Dorothy was quite surprised and delighted.

Your editor apologizes for losing the delightful thank you from Dorothy to us all!

INTRODUCING TWO RECENTLY INITIATED MEMBERS

Susan Edelmayer and Dan Eriksson
(Submitted by Carol Nesewich, Reporter)

SUSAN EDELMAYER



Susan knows of Monitor Lodge through her good friend Karin Veis Johnson. Karin's aunt Lillian became Susan's babysitter and through a long-time friendship with the Veis family she learned about Scandinavian holidays and customs. Karin has invited Susan to attend several Swedish gatherings including most recently the 2011 Monitor Lodge Julfest, after which she asked Susan to consider becoming a member. Susan is not Swedish by birth but has had an interest in European culture all her life. She would like to learn more about Swedish culture and what is happening in Scandinavia today possibly from members who have had the opportunity to visit relatives in Sweden. She likes Swedish music and dancing, the holiday customs and foods. And taking language lessons sounds like it might be fun. Susan was raised by a single parent, her mother, and is aware that a Family Tree of her maternal side has been completed. She was born and raised in the western suburbs of Chicago, living there until the end of third grade when she and her mother left for California to be near family members. Susan, who is an academic counselor in adult education with the San Juan Unified School District, is thinking of retiring and is currently in transition out of her full time position. She looks forward to attending lodge functions and feels that the Monitor people have been very welcoming to her.

DAN ERIKSSON



Dan learned of the VASA Order through his parents, Dick and Gloria Eriksson. His grandfather, Emil Eriksson, was born on the island of Oland and immigrated to America in his late teens/early twenties. Dan's father was born in Philadelphia. Dan expects to find fellowship, cultural opportunities, education, networking, and joy in his association with the lodge. He's interested in learning more about Sweden and the people of Sweden - the culture, history, and current events. He would also like to expose his family to this part of their heritage. His wife Maria, whose parents are both Greek, and he have a daughter, Athena age 12 and a son Alexander, age 10. They are active in the local Greek community through their church and their children enjoy the experience. They are looking forward to a better understanding of their Swedish heritage and have attended a few of the Lodge's events in the past. Dan's father was an only child and there are/were some cousins but he's long lost touch, unfortunately. Stephen, Dan's younger brother, has done a bit of research and made a couple of contacts but he hasn't been able to piece together much of a family tree. Dan doesn't speak Swedish but would love to learn someday. He has a very basic understanding of Danish because as an undergraduate he spent a year abroad in Copenhagen studying architecture in the Denmark International Study Program. He lived with a Danish family and did extensive traveling including 3 trips to Sweden, including one to Oland.

The Julbord Smörgåsbord Committee was contacted via email regarding the request at the March meeting that we consider enlarging this event, possibly finding a venue to accommodate more people and include people from the community outside the Lodge. This is a humungous task for the small group who year after year plan this event. Even with obtaining food items from members, the load on the "regulars" is exhausting. There were ideas considered to allow more space for us, i.e. having Lucia as a separate undertaking, thus making more room for adult attendees, etc. This and other ideas can be discussed as a meeting agenda item in the future if interest is shown.