



# Swedish Center News

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## Our Mission

*To promote better understanding between the United States and the Nordic countries, with emphasis on Sweden, and to perpetuate Nordic culture and traditions through the teaching, observance, practice and celebration of this culture and its traditions.*

### **The SCC Calendar:**

Looking for the monthly calendar of events? Check out the calendar found on the back page of the newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE  
FEBRUARY 9, 2008**

**SWEDISH CULTURAL  
CENTER AUCTION**

## Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, November 4, 2007  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**LIVE SCANDINAVIAN  
FOLK MUSIC**

*Spelmanslag, Vi Aro Musikanter,  
Nordiska Folkdancers & Musicians*

Adults \$7.00  
SCC members: \$6.00  
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## Seattle Swedish Community announces 2008 scholarships

The Seattle Swedish Community, an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting high school seniors in their pursuit of higher education, has announced its 2008 scholarships. This year, there are 8 scholarships being offered, with a total value of \$22,750. The scholarships are funded entirely by donation and Swedish ancestry is not required.

If you are interested in getting information and an application for a child or grandchild, or if you would like information about ways to support the scholarships, please contact the organization at: Seattle Swedish Community Scholarships, PO Box 77313, Seattle, Washington, 98133.

Scholarship applications are also available at all King County high school counseling offices. The application deadline for 2008 scholarships is March 31.

## Swedish Book Club, anyone?

Several SCC members have expressed an interest in forming a book group to read books in Swedish and discuss them, perhaps on a monthly basis. If you're interested, an informal meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the SCC library to discuss this idea. Join the discussion and, if you'd like, bring something to go with coffee. For more information, please contact Laura Wideburg at wideburg@ix.netcom.com or at (206) 523-1670.

## November Membership Meeting features Nordic radio

At the November 14 membership meeting, Karen Pauley of the radio show "Nordic Roots & Branches" will tell us about community radio and her program of Scandinavian music. Karen showcases musicians new and old, and often interviews groups from Scandinavia who are performing in the Northwest. Karen's live show can be heard every Tuesday evening from 8-10 pm at 90.7 FM or streaming on [www.kser.org](http://www.kser.org). Karen's interest in Nordic music is fueled by her own roots: her grandfather, Nels Gottfrid Nelson, emigrated from Värmland, Sweden, in 1903.

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Deadline for material for the next issue is the date of the next dinner meeting (see calendar). Bring in or fax (206-283-2970) typewritten articles to the Swedish Center Office.

## President's message

I hope you were able to attend some of the activities that took place at the Swedish Cultural Center in October. Early in the month the Swedish "troubadour," Gunnar Säfsund, performed many Swedish songs at the Center. I thank the Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) for arranging Säfsund's visit and for providing the refreshments. At the October 10 Membership Meeting, Brian B. Magnusson, PhD. presented an entertaining program on colorful Swedes in the Northwest. On October 13, the



Svea Male Chorus and Swedish Women's Chorus turned the lobby of the Swedish Cultural Center into a recital room as they performed a mix of songs. The choruses appreciated Spelmanslag's participation with their music and dance performance. With the success of this event, the choruses are now planning an event for the spring. A young Swedish author visited the Cultural Center on October 17. With help from the University of Washington's Department of Scandinavian Studies, we welcomed Jonas Hassen Khemiri, author of *Ett öga rött* (One Eye Red) and *Montecore*, to speak about his two novels and his play. At the end of the month, the Swedish Cultural Center held a Finnish folk dance. An instructor was available to help beginners learn the steps.

Upcoming events include the annual Lucia celebration (December 9) and a lutfisk dinner (December 18), and our auction, scheduled for February 9, 2008. As they say, mark your calendars.

For as long as I can remember, every issue of the Swedish Center News has included an advertisement for a local radio program called the Scandinavian Hour hosted by Doug Warne and Ron Olsen. I am sorry to report that Lena Warne, the wife of Doug Warne, passed away on September 27. Her story is like many of you reading this newsletter. She was born in Eskilstuna, Sweden, and when she was 24, she spent a year in the United States, where she met and fell in love with Doug. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this summer. We extend our condolences to Doug and the entire Warne family.

Brandon Benson  
President

## Save the date: SCC Flea Market planned for January 26

Sellers and buyers! Start planning now for the Swedish Club's annual Antiques & Flea Market Sale on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Sellers, please call to reserve a table, 206-283-1090. Buyers, plan now to be there! We also need a few day-of-event volunteers. See you there!

## Director's notes

It is a beautiful autumn day as I begin this message to you. The trees here at the Center are shedding their colorful leaves, indicating the change of season. Some things are changing at the Center, as well, as a result of the hard work of your Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee, who have worked long and hard creating plans that will provide the Center with a bright future. Please be supportive of them – they deserve it and the changes will be to the benefit of all.

Activities and events at the Center have been bustling: we served over 940 people at the October Pancake Breakfast. This event is a major fundraiser for the Center and I give my thanks to those who make it work. If you can't help your fellow members by volunteering, please try to at least attend the breakfast. Show your membership card for a reduced breakfast price of \$6.00.

I'm wishing you all the best of Thanksgivings and hope I'll see you in the Center soon.

R.W.

## Finish Film Series in November

The November 28 entry in the "Films from Finland" series is "Helmiä ja sikoja (Pearls and Pigs)". "Helmiä" is Perttu Leppä's 2003 comedy about the efforts of four down-and-out sons of a jailed bootlegging father to pay off some debts he left. When a nine-year-old half-sister unexpectedly shows up on their doorstep, her singing talent offers the possibility of winning a national television competition and wiping out the debt with the prize money...but not everything runs according to plan.

As is the case with all films in this fourth Wednesday series, this one begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Swedish Cultural Center. A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door. The film is in Finnish, with English subtitles, and clocks in at 106 minutes. While rated K-11, there is language, alcohol use and nudity that some may find offensive.

The final selection in the 2007 "Films from Finland" is Audience Choice. That means that anyone may suggest a film for the December 26 showing. Entries should be submitted at [FFSC@finns.org](mailto:FFSC@finns.org) by November 1. "Films from Finland" is a program of Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter, with the cooperation of the Swedish Cultural Center.

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## Membership Dinner



WEDNESDAY,  
November 14, 2007

Social 6:00 pm  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$15.00

### PROGRAM:

Karen Pauley presents her  
community radio show  
"Nordic Roots & Branches"

### DINNER MENU:

Bay Shrimp Salad  
*Räksallad*

Herb roasted Turkey Breast  
with Dill cream gravy  
*Ugnstekt kalkonbröst med  
gräddsås och dill*

Roasted Garlic  
mashed potatoes  
*Potatismos med  
stekt vitlök*

Braised red Cabbage  
*Bräserad rödkål*

Apple Crisp with cinnamon  
whipped cream  
*Frasiga äpplen med kanel och  
vispad grädde*

For reservations, please call:  
**206-283-1090**

## Help Wanted: Auction

### PRE-EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Work Party Assistants  
Invitations: need help with mailings early January. Involves stuffing and addressing envelopes.  
Visual Display: Make display easels for silent auction certificates. Make stands and props for display.  
Catalogs: Collate catalog.  
Packets: Assemble bid numbers, catalogs, etc for reservations packet.  
Art/Decorations: Created with Mardi Gras Theme.  
Correspondence: Help send out thank you notes to donors.

### SILENT AUCTION SET-UP

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 help display all silent auction gifts on tables.  
Acquisitions: Help with donations, log in items.

### AUCTION EVENING

Greeters: Welcome guests and hand out auction packets.  
Runners: Assist finance & deliver bid sheets to winning bidder for signature.  
Check Out: Make sure items purchased are given to correct person. Assist finance.

To volunteer, please call RW Clay at 206-283-2090 or contact Pam Madden at 206-285-0623 or email [pammadden4@aol.com](mailto:pammadden4@aol.com).

## Mark your calendars now for holiday events at SCC

Things get busier as the holidays approach, so it's a good time now to mark your calendar for some of the special events coming in December. First, join Vännerna as they celebrate the holidays with their annual holiday party on December 4. Then, on December 9, the SCC will celebrate the spirit of St. Lucia with the traditional pagaent. On December 16, there'll be a Lutfisk dinner and the entire month of celebration culminaties in the annual New Year's Eve festivities.

We hope to see you at one of these special events!

## Swedish Seattle book signing November 16

At Happy Hour on Friday, November 16 we will celebrate the release of the new book, *Swedish Seattle*, with a special book signing from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Books will be available for purchase, or you can bring your own copy for the author to sign.

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## November's Folkdance at the Center is a real "turkey"

On Saturday November 24th the Swedish Cultural Center plays host to slightly different version of its monthly folkdance night. Themed "**Shake Down All That Turkey Dance**", event organizers are encouraging you to grab your thoroughly fed guests and head for the live and lively tunes coming from Folkvoice Band for serious socializing and fun exercise.

Dancing starts earlier than usual, at 7:30 pm, and lessons will be mixed into the evening. Dancing continues until 11:00 pm. Even if you have never tried this kind of dance; you are guaranteed to have fun.

The basis of the program is the 120 year old "Old Time" dances from Northern Europe: Waltz, Schottische, etc. Most of these are couple dances, but you need bring no partner. Folkvoice Band offers a broad experience in Folkdance music styles, and will entertain your requests.

Cost for the evening's festivities is \$9.00. For more information send your e-mail to: [pat@folkdancing.com](mailto:pat@folkdancing.com).

## SCC Auction 2008 News

**Thank You! Thank you!** We have already received several auction donations and we appreciate your quick response! **The big hunt** for auction items continues. We have some ideas.....

Is last year's Christmas present from Aunt Hilda still boxed and gathering dust in your closet? Maybe it makes a perfect donation!

Do you possess a skill that you can donate your time to such as painting? Baking? Carpentry? Landscaping? Computer Problem Solving? Electrical? Dog Walking? Housecleaning?

Do you work for a company that provides a service or a product that can be donated?

Do you have a vacation property that can be donated for a weekend or week trip? Or a boat that can be used for a private cruise on local waters?

Have you been to your local hardware store or drug store lately? Next time, ask your checker or manager what their procedure is to request merchandise for an auction donation. Many of them have a contact person or a simple form to fill out. In return, we will advertise the merchant's generosity in our newsletter and auction catalog!

To make things EASY for you, we have prepared letters on Swedish Cultural Center letterhead that can be given to merchants or employers to accompany your request. We also have lots of donor receipts available at the Swedish Cultural Center.

Drop off your donations at the office, at member meetings, at pancake breakfasts. Call the office if you need assistance or a pick up.

If you have any ideas about businesses we can contact for donations, email Pam Madden at [pammadden4@aol.com](mailto:pammadden4@aol.com) or call 206-285-0623. We appreciate your input! And we can always use more volunteers!



### CROWN ROOM

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### Visit the Crown Room Lounge

#### HAPPY HOURS

Held the first and third Friday  
of each month  
5:00 and 7:00 pm

Come join your friends  
for discount drinks, snacks,  
games and more.

#### Happy Hour dates for this month:

November 2  
November 16

### SCANDINAVIAN HOUR



KKNW 1150 AM

*Hosts Ron Olson & Doug Warne*

Saturday mornings  
9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Music & other  
programming from  
the homeland**

*News about, or in the interest of, our members...*

## The Swedish Cultural Center announces

### New Members

Roland Carlson, Naomi Hubert, Andreas Kjellman, Lucille Lundstrom, Karen Pauley, Bill and Louise Pihl, Erik Pihl, Jennifer Roach, Sharon and Bryan Rutbert, Per-Ola and Beth Selander.

### Deceased

Arn Laskemoen

### Memorials

#### **In memory of Beverly Boyd:**

Brandon Benson, Garrett Benson, The Benson Family, Paul and Ellen Durenberger, Karin Gustafsson, Lois M. Thomason

#### **In memory of Arn Laskemoen:**

Paul and Ellen Durenberger

#### **In memory of Carolyn Purser:**

Lucille Lundstrom

### Donations

Jim and Sandra Eckstrom, Jane Isakson Lea.

### Auction Donors

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*R.W. Clay, Executive Director*

# Hemlandsnytt

*News from the homeland*

*A column of current Swedish news topics, taken from Swedish news media. They do not reflect the opinions of the Swedish Cultural Center.*

**New record:** No Swedes have seen so many days dawn as Astrid Zachrison in Holsby Brunn, outside Vetlanda. Zachrison recent turned 112 years and 144 days old. She had seen 26 Swedish prime ministers and four kings come and go – passing up Elsa Moberg from Lysekil, who was 112 years and 143 days when she passed away in 2001.

**Never:** Crown Princess Victoria refuses to wear a fur coat for ethical reasons and for the same reason she doesn't participate in hunting of animals...despite the fact that she does have a hunting license.

**Hanging in:** Companies in Sweden are staying competitive, according to Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt. The Krona has jumped this year to its strongest level against the dollar since late 1995, thanks, in part, to a series of interest rate increases by the independent Riksbank.

**Voting:** The first referendum among Sames (Lapplanders) is on its way. The Same organization "Same Ätnam" will hold a public voting among the Sames about where their parliament building will be built (it will likely be either Kiruna or Arvidsjaur).

**Top level visit:** Former president Bill Clinton drew quite a crowd on the Avenue in Göteborg when he signed his new book at Wettergren's book store. There was a huge force of police, secret service and press and the folks lining up to get their copies had to leave their bags and other things in a special wardrobe tent outside the store for security reasons.

**SAAB:** The all-purpose jet fighter SAAB 39 Gripen is becoming a very attractive aircraft for foreign countries and India has requested that the company build 108 of the aircraft, at a value of SEK 60 billion (\$ 8.8 billion) at their plant in Linköping. Several companies were competing for the order which is the largest within the aircraft industry since the early 1990's. India eventually wants to purchase a total of 300 combat aircraft.

**Flower tale:** Forced to steal her own bridal bouquet, necessity knew no law for the bride to be, Camilla Andersson, from Umeå. The flower shop supplying Camilla's bridal boquet was supposed to open extra early, but something went awry. A half hour after the promised pick-up time, Camilla decided to take the law in her own hands: she crawled under a barred gate, into the store and fetched the bouquet, which was placed in a closet – then she took off for the church. No police showed up and now her last name is Holmström.

Submitted by  
Gunnar Wallin

## Vännerna



### NEXT MEETING

Vännerna Business &  
Sewing Meeting  
Tuesday, November 6  
10:00 a.m.

### COMING EVENTS

No information  
at this time on next  
month's events

Vännerna is open to  
both men and women

The purpose of Vännerna  
is to promote fellowship  
among members of the  
Swedish Cultural Center.

We also seek to provide  
a format of varied programs  
encouraging discussions  
and sharing of ideas and  
work with and support the  
Center through service and  
financial support.

Look for more  
information about  
Vännerna in future issues  
of *Swedish Center News*.

## Swedish Center Calendar - November 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	3	4 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am SSA Children's School 9:30 am SCC Film "Torment" 1:00 pm
5	6 Vännerna Meeting 10:00 am SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm	7 SCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm	8 SCC Arts & Crafts Club 11:00 am	9	10	11
12	13 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:30 pm	14 Membership Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	17	18 SSA Children's Swedish School 9:30 am
19	20 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:30 pm	21	22	23	24 SCC Folk Dance 7:00 pm	25
26	27 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:30 pm	28 Finnish Film 7:30 pm	29	30		

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3	4 Vännerna Meeting 10:00 am SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm	5 SCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm	6	7 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	8	9 St. Lucia Celebration 3:00 pm
10	11 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:30 pm	12 Membership Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16 Lutfisk Dinner 6:00 pm
17	18 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:30 pm	19	20	21 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	22 Folkdance 7:30 pm	23 CENTER CLOSED
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31 SCC New Year's Party						