



THE SWEDISH CLUB NEWS

The Swedish Club of Houston

Preserving Swedish Heritage on the Texas Gulf Coast Since 1986

Club Updates



- The next official SCH event is the Smörgåsbord on October 19. Early birds can reserve online now. Go to <http://bit.ly/OctoberEvent> for more details and to reserve a spot.
- Many SCH members travel the world during the summer months. We want to hear about your adventures! Send us a short note and a few photos about your amazing adventures for publication in the next newsletter.
- Texas Day in Barkeryd is August 5 this year. Lauren Garde, our 2011 Lucia, is the club's ambassador and will take part in the festivities in Sweden.

In the News



- The Olympics begin in late July. Learn which events feature Swedish citizens and keep updated on their progress here: <http://bit.ly/OlympicSwedes>
- The American Swedish Institute in Minnesota recently opened the Nelson Cultural Center, a 34,000 sq. ft addition to ASI. The King and Queen of Sweden will attend the formal opening this October. Read more: <http://bit.ly/ASlExpansion>
- Swede Jeffrey Taylor, who has a Swedish mother and an American father (who played for the Houston Rockets in the 1980s), was drafted by the Charlotte Bobcats in late June. Read more: <http://bit.ly/NBASwede>

Farewell from SCH member Jan Dryselius



Former Swedish Consul General and one of our own Swedish Club of Houston members, Jan Dryselius, has now retired from his appointment as Consul. The Swedish Club thanks him deeply for his years of dedication to Sweden and Swedish heritage organizations in both the Houston area and in the great state of Texas. We wish him well and hope he enjoys his retirement days in North Carolina. His farewell letter follows:

Dear friends,

As some of you already know my appointment as Consul General has come to an end and I have been put out to pasture, as it were. Many of you may also know that Astrid Marklund has been appointed new Consul General. I can not think of a more capable and deserving replacement. I wish Astrid good fortune and know all of you will give her the support she will need to accomplish her mission!

Mary and I have retired to Brevard, North Carolina. A quaint but bustling town of approx 8,000 strong and the County seat of Transylvania County. Don't you know they do honor to Halloween! We will cherish all the good memories we have shared with you over these many years.

Sincerely,

Jan Dryselius



The BIG Big Band tours Texas! This 63-person band from Skåne is on their 9th US tour since the late 1970s and now they're coming to the Lone Star state! The band's repertoire includes a mix of gospel, evergreens, and big band era music. The tour will take them from Dallas and Houston to San Antonio and Austin. Check the tour schedule below to see when they will be stopping at a city near you.

Texas Tour Schedule

July 7 - Concert at St. John's, **Mansfield** / July 8 - Worship services at St. John's, **Mansfield** / July 8 - Concert at Zion, **Dallas** / July 9 - Concert at Lamb of God, **Flower Mound** / July 10 - Concert at St. Paul's, **Ft Worth** / July 11 - Concert at Palm Valley, **Round Rock** / July 12 - Concert at Living Word, **Katy** / July 13 - Concert at Lamb of God, **Humble** / July 14 - Concert at Salem, **Tomball** / July 15 - Worship services at Salem, **Tomball** / July 15 - Concert at St. Paul's, **Brenham** / July 17 - Concert at Christ the King, **Victoria** / July 18 - Concert at Shepherd of the Hills, **San Antonio** / July 19 - Concert at St. John's, **Boerne** / July 21 - Concert at Bethany, **Austin** / July 23 - Worship services at Bethany, **Austin** / July 23 - Final concert, Immanuel, **Temple**

Scandinavian Design at Museum of Fine Arts Houston

August 26, 2012–January 27, 2013

Scandinavian Design, from the MFAH decorative arts collection, will highlight furniture, glass, ceramics, metalwork and lighting from the 1920s to the 1970s. The objects created by designers active in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway during the 20th century embody a distinctive aesthetic typified by an emphasis on high-quality design distributed widely through mass production. Often Minimalist, and characterized by clean lines, the Scandinavian design movement originated with a 1950s design show that traveled to the United States and Canada to showcase Nordic designers and the "Scandinavian way of living." Scandinavian design influenced the development of Modernism in North America and Europe, and it continues to shape decorative arts today.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mfah.org/exhibitions/scandinavian-design/>



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