

SWEDISH CLUB OF HOUSTON



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Note from the President



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I just wanted to thank you all our members and friends for their continued support and patience. As the Club moves forward this year, please keep checking our website and Facebook page for updates concerning our calendar of events. The Board has been working hard to secure new venues for our celebrations and most importantly, our Swedish language school as well as new events for our expanding club!

Tack!

Madelyn Mauritz Bossé

2021 Calendar Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
Jan 30th	Annual General Meeting	Bethany Christian Church	1pm
April 24th	Kräftskiva	Monument Inn	6pm
May 1st	Valborgsmässoafton	Winstrom's Ranch	3pm
June 6th (tentative)	Sweden's National Day	Christ the King Lutheran Church	3pm
Aug 1st	Texas Day	Barkeryd, Sweden	
Aug 14th	Summer Fika	TBA	1pm
Sept.	Swedish Movie Night	411 in Bellaire	6pm
Oct	Smorgasbord	Braeburn Country Club	6:30pm
Oct / Nov	Sailing	Kemah	TBA
Nov 14th	Christmas Craft Work- shop / Fika	Teahen Home	1pm
Dec 11th	Christmas Traditions & Lucia Celebration	TBA	3:30pm

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3rd Generation Swede



KRÄFTSKIVA



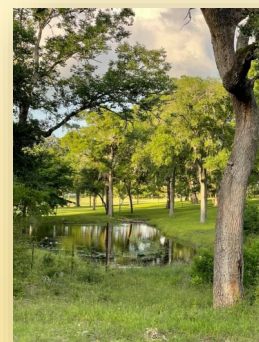
Monument Inn provided a wonderful room with plenty of seating for our members and guest to dig into Swedish styled crawfish! **Skål!**



VALBORGSMÄSSOAFTON

Valborg in Houston was quite the challenge this year but the weather decided to cooperate and members and guests headed out to Brenham to celebrate Valborg 2021!

A great thanks to Dr. Margrit Winstrom for hosting and providing wonderful location with scenic views, no-hay hay ride and zip line into the pond! The bonfire burned bright to conclude the celebration.



SWEDEN'S NATIONAL DAY




Picnic Event:
Sweden's National Day!
Time: 3.00 - 5.00pm
June 6th, 2021

Bring your picnic and blanket or chairs.
Cake and "champagne" will be served!

Venue: The Courtyard of Christ the King Lutheran Church
2355 Rice Blvd, Houston TX 77005

Parking: by the church and on
Rice University's parking lot across the street.

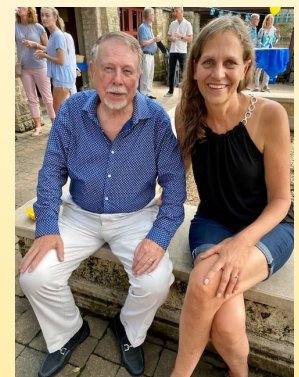
Entertainment: jazzband, fish pond for the children,
summer songs by Swedish kids.

Dress to impress: folkdräkt (national costume) if you have one!

The event is free of charge!
RSVP: houston@consulateofsweden.org or 713-953 1417







THE BARD OF CEDAR BAYOU

CEDAR BAYOU

By John Peter Sjolander



ON Cedar Bayou's flowery banks
Where summer always stays,
And where the reeds in solid ranks
Move when the Southwind plays,
And all the birds with glad hearts sing
To them that they love best,
Oh, there we do our sweetheating;
And there our lives are blest.

On Cedar Bayou's gentle slopes
Where days wear sunny smiles,
And where the prairie, sown with hopes,
Shines golden-green for miles;
And where the fleecy Gulf-cloud roams
A dreamship far above,
Oh, there we build the happiest homes,
And work, and pray, and love.

Dear Cedar Bayou, loveliest
Of all the lands we know,
Where earth gives us the most and best
For cares that we bestow;
And where no earthly joy we miss
From love's abundant store,
Oh, there we live our lives in bliss—
And heaven is just next door.

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150 YEARS AGO TODAY, THE "BARD OF CEDAR BAYOU" LANDED IN GALVESTON!

On March 25th in 1851, John Peter Sjolander was born in Hudiksvall, Sweden. On his 20th birthday, young "Pete" jumped ship in Galveston. Traveling by boat, Sjolander was "entranced" when he came upon Cedar Bayou. With its "trees almost meeting over the water, vines and flowers everywhere," he knew he wanted to stay. At the age of 88, the "farmer-poet" died on June 15, 1939, at his home in Cedar Bayou. A big thank you to Dina Jo Colburn for sharing this poem from her paternal-great grandfather!

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CELEBRATING OUR LUCIAS

FRIENDS OF LUCIA

The Swedish Club of Houston is soliciting donors to its Friends of Lucia fund in order to continue the tradition of sending our Lucia to Sweden.

The Swedish Club of Houston has been represented by its Lucia at the Texas Day celebration in Barkeryd, Sweden every year since 1988. The Lucia program has provided a wonderful way for the members involved to travel and learn about our Swedish ancestry and our Texas connection with Barkeryd; a complete list of the Swedish Club of Houston's Lucias is available at <http://swedishclub.org/lucia>.

Why is Barkeryd (a small parish near Nässjö in Småland) important to Texans? This small parish had half of its the population emigrate to Texas between 1836 and 1927! The conditions were bad and the opportunity of settling in America was given to the people of Barkeryd. Around 1867 many young people left Barkeryd; S.M. Swenson and Svante Palm paid for their passage to come to work for them in Texas, where workers were needed to help on the farms. The immigrants worked off their passage in about 2 years. After the debt was paid off they were free to live and work for themselves. There are many Swedish communities around Central Texas which were settled by the Barkeryd immigrants. In their honor, the people of Barkeryd Sweden were proclaimed honorary citizens of Texas on May 27, 1975 by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Lucia and help support this long-standing tradition of the Club, you can either mail a check along with this form, or donate online via the link at <http://swedishclub.org>.

Sponsorship Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 – Speaker of the Riksdag	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 – Cabinet Minister
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 – Prime Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 – Governor
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 – Deputy Prime Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 – County Councilor
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Municipal Commissioner

☐ Yes, please list my name as a Friend of Lucia

☐ No, I wish to remain anonymous

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Make check payable to: **The Swedish Club of Houston**

Mail to: Swedish Club of Houston, c/o Karen Wolz, 4526 Waynesboro Dr., Houston, TX 77035

WORLD'S OLDEST DALA HORSE DISCOVERED



Sweden's Priceless Artifact

While excavating in central Falun, a town in Dalarna Sweden, archaeologists had no idea they would accidentally uncover the world's oldest Dala horse. Archaeologist Torbjörn Holback spotted something dark in the ground, picked it up, and discovered it was Dala horse. It was found in the mud, but after cleaning it archaeologists could see it was originally painted with red color, typical for the town of Falun.

A Dalecarlian horse or Dala horse (in Swedish Dalahäst) is a symbol of Dalarna, a county in the middle of Sweden. In the 19th century, the art of carving and painting of these small wooden horses helped to boost the economy in the region. The Dala horses were traded in exchange for household goods and their carving and painting blossomed into a successful industry. The world's largest Dalecarlian horse, made of concrete, is located in Avesta, Sweden. In 2019 in New York, exhibited the world's largest Dalecarlian horse painting by Shai Dahan.

Legend of the Painted Dala Horse

The Dala horse is naturally associated with a local legend that tells how it got its beautiful colors. According to this story, one day a painter visited a farm he was decorating. One of the children approached him and asked why the Dala horse was not as beautifully painted as the other decorations. In early days, the first Dalecarlian horses were not painted and looked a bit dull. So, the painter thought for a while and decided to do as the child had asked and paint the horse. This tradition was then carried on in order to raise the market value of the Dala horses.

SWEDES TO BUILD WIND-POWERED TRANS-ATLANTIC CARGO SHIP



The wPCC uses four sails or wings mounted on its roof to catch the wind and propel it forward. It's not as fast as fossil fuel cargo ships, but it's substantially greener. The transatlantic ship capable of carrying up to 7,000 vehicles and reducing emissions for the crossing by 90%. And it's powered directly by wind.

The wPCC

The transatlantic car carrier is being designed by Wallenius Marine, a Swedish ship-builder, with support from the Swedish government and several research institutions. Designers Wallenius Marine are calling the wind Powered Car Carrier wPCC for short.

The wPCC should be ready for its maiden sailing voyage by 2024. The only downside of using wind power is that it will take about twice as long to cross the Atlantic. Typically, cargo ship journeys take seven days, the wPCC would take about 12 days.

For safety reasons, and for getting in and out of harbor, the boat does have additional engines. Hopefully using electric motors to maintain its sustainable ethos.

Designers say its 200 meters long, 40 meters wide, and 100 meters tall, including the sails. That's a little shorter than the average container ship, but far taller. The sails themselves are about 80 meters tall.

While the consumer world is forging ahead to cleaner forms of transport, the commercial world is still lagging behind, particularly sea-bound haulage. So it's great to see such innovation to create sustainable transport of the future.

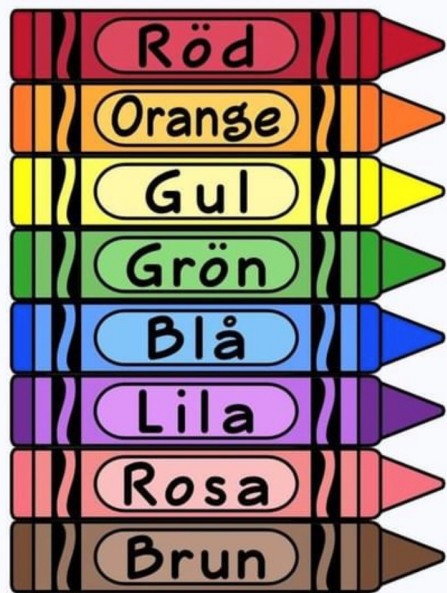
SWEDISH CULTURE & TRADITIONS

You know you've been in Sweden too long when...

1. It's acceptable to eat lunch at 11.00.
2. You think Leif 'Loket' Olsson is entertaining.
3. You rummage through your plastic bag collection to see which ones you should keep to take to the store and which can be sacrificed to garbage.
4. You associate pea soup with Thursday.
5. The first thing you do on entering a bank/post office/pharmacy etc. is look for the queue number machine.
6. You accept that you will have to queue to take a queue number.
7. A sharp intake of breath has become part of your vocabulary, as has the sound 'ahh'.
8. You associate Friday afternoon with a trip to system bolaget.
9. You think nothing of paying \$50 for a bottle of 'cheap' spirits at system bolaget.
10. Silence is fun.
11. Your native language has seriously deteriorated; you begin to "eat medicine" and "hire videos".
12. Your front door step is beginning to resemble a shoe shop.
13. When a stranger on the street smiles at you, you assume that:
 1. he is drunk;
 2. he is insane;
 3. he is American;
 4. he is all of the above.
14. You stay home on Saturday night to watch Bingolotto.
15. It seems sensible that the age limit at Stockholm night clubs is 23 or 25.
16. The reason you take the ferry to Finland is:
 1. duty free vodka;
 2. duty free beer;
 3. to party.
17. The only reason for getting off the boat in Helsinki is to eat pizza.
18. It no longer seems excessive to spend \$200 on alcohol in a single night.
19. The fact that all of the "v's" and the "w's" are together in the phone directory seems right.
20. You care who wins 'Expedition: Robinson'.

Member News & Updates

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Our Facebook page:
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Please send in your announcements and updates that you want to share with the club!—newsletter@swedishclub.org