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Dear friends,

Here we are again, and I hope you are all well, and have escaped that nasty flu of the past winter season. I thought we had made it, but some parts of April were spent in bed.

But that is history now, and back to genealogy, which is much more fun.

For people doing Stockholm research, the release, now in May, of a new *Rotemannen, 2*, will be a big help. This one covers the whole city, except Gustav Vasa, Matteus, and Bromma parishes. It will be very exciting to use it, as it adds about a million individuals to the database, and more maps, etc.

What else? The Genealogy Days in Nyköping have come much closer. During the last weekend in August the city will be filled with eager

genealogists, all wanting to listen to lectures, see demonstrations of program, and all the books that are for sale, and above all, meeting with friends that you see just once every year.

Last time I wrote this column I asked for stories about luck with DNA test, if it had been helpful or not. I got two good answers, but hope for more for the next SAG.

Now is the time when our American cousins and friends are coming to Sweden to enjoy the Swedish summer, hopefully with nice weather. Also there will be the Midsummer festivities, and later the crayfish (*kräftor*) and fermented herring (*surströmming*) for the ones that like that (I don't).

If you are driving in the countryside, do visit one of the places that has a sign *Loppis*, which means fleamarket, where you can find lots of old stuff, and sometimes local products like fruit, potatoes, or honey. Many also have a little café, where you can have coffee (not decaf) or tea and homebaked goodies.

And always look for signs that says *Hembygdsgård* as that is the local museum, and they are always interesting, and might show what life was like in the 1880s, when your folks left home for America!

And if you have good experience in Sweden, don't keep it to yourself, share it with the other SAG readers!

Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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Contact Jill Seaholm at <jillseaholm@augustana.edu>, or 309.794.7204. Thank you!



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