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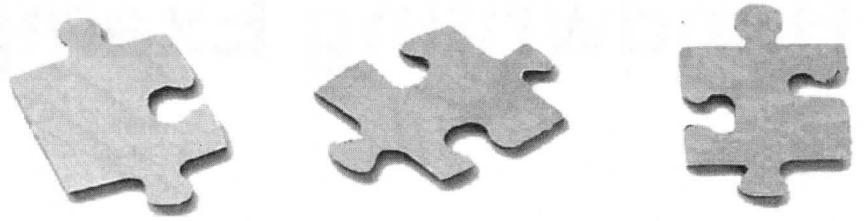
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New exhibition at ASHM in Philadelphia

United Stockholms of America opens at the American Swedish Historical Museum on September 13th, with a reception at 4:30 pm. It will be on view through February 2016. Don't miss this extraordinary photographic documentary about the Swedes who stayed! Exhibition included with museum admission.

(ASHM Newsletter 13 Aug. 2015)

See book review in *SAG 2015:1*, p. 25.

New editor for the SAHQ

The compeer to *SAG*, *Swedish-American Historical Quarterly*, published by the Swedish-American Historical Society, will have a new editor in 2016. Professor *Byron Nordstrom* steps down after 18 years as the editor. He will be succeeded by *Kevin M. Proescholdt* of Minneapolis, who has served on the board and as associate and book review editor since 2008.

SAG wishes Kevin welcome as the new editor!

(SAHS Newsletter, Sep. 2015).

Vikings wore silken clothes

At Valsgårde in Uppland graves were found from 600 A.D. and for 300 years after. These graves were excavated beginning in 1926. The dead had often been buried in boats (*båtgrav*).

The findings have now started to be studied with more modern technology, and the most surprising information is that these Viking chiefs were buried in colorful silk dresses, with origins in Persia and China. Human remains have also been found, which may make DNA profiles possible.

(Newsletter of Uppsala University 15 Oct. 2015)

How to write Å, Ä, and Ö on an Android phone

I live in the U.S. and an English alphabet keyboard and Android phone. I figured out years ago how to write the Swedish "bonus" vowels (Å, Ä, and Ö) on either a PC or Mac, but thought it was not possible to do this on a phone. This morning, while sending a message from my phone, a special sub-keyboard popped up. It included special "O" variations from other languages. I did not know what I had done, but found the answer, and this may not work at all for iPhones or all Androids, but I offer it here in case it helps. If you want to type Ö, hold down the O key for a second, and the sub-keyboard will pop up; same for Å or Ä by holding down the A key. Use the shift key for capitals and don't use the shift key for lower case. Hope this helps.

(By Todd Nelson in the Maryland-Virginia Swedish Genealogy Group on Facebook 31 Oct. 2015).

In memoriam

Carl Szabad 1947–2015

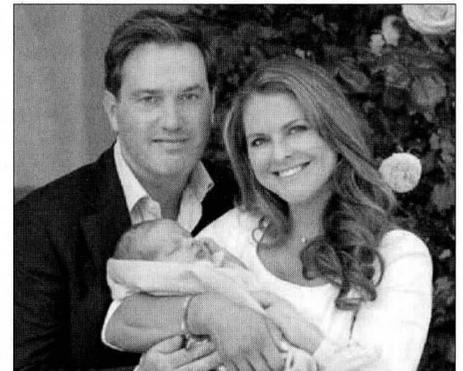
Genealogists everywhere will mourn the loss of Carl Szabad. He was the man who got an idea in 1995 to make a database of all the deaths in Sweden on CD (now DVD). The first *Sveriges Dödbok* (Swedish Death Index) covering the years 1968–1996 was followed by newer and larger editions. Carl and his friend Johan Gidlöf produced many useful databases for researchers, published by the *Sveriges Släktforskarförbund*.

Carl was a man who valued quality in everything, and was a very good friend.

Royal news



1) On 13 June 2015 H.R.H. Carl Philip married Miss Sofie Hellquist in Storkyrkan, Stockholm. Miss Hellquist, who has her roots in Älvdalen (Dala.), is now H.R.H. Princess Sofia of Sweden. It has been announced that the royal couple are expecting their first child in the spring.



2) H.R.H. Princess Madeleine of Sweden and her husband Mr. Christopher O'Neill had their second child, H.R.H. Prince Nicolas, born on 15 June 2015 in Stockholm. The prince was christened on 11 October 2015 at Drottningholm. His full name is Nicolas Paul Gustaf, Duke of Ångermanland.

3) It has been announced that H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria and her husband H.R.H. Prince Daniel are expecting their second child in March 2016.