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Dear friends,

We are still in the middle of the winter, which here in Sweden has been an odd winter. December was warm and no snow, then we had a couple of cold weeks with snow, and that is now gone again, but we had a sprinkling these last days. But when you read this I hope spring has come to you also.

Before Christmas we could watch the new series of *Allt för Sverige*, and finally congratulate winner John Winscher of Atlanta, GA, to his victory in the competition.

The casting of the 6th series is now under way, so we have something to look forward to in late fall this year.

A big step for all of us is the new version of Arkiv Digital's program, which is now in a Beta version, which

means that it is not yet the final version. That will probably come this year. That this Beta version already gives us access to the Swedish population in 1950 is a *big* thing!

It might also be of interest that SVAR now has a new, automatic, picture viewer, which does not require you to download a program, it works automatically.

By a changed decision of the *Riksarkivet* (Swedish National Archives) it is now possible for both SVAR and Arkiv Digital to photograph pictures of church records up to 1945, which is now ongoing.

In early March I will go on my first Genealogy Cruise, which starts in Stockholm and then goes to Åbo in Finland and back again. It is ar-

ranged by the new magazine *Släkt-historia*, (Family History), which is a commercial magazine. It seems to be doing well, as they will now publish 8 issues/year, instead of just 6. There will be many lectures and a couple of vendors, and I expect to see many friends.

During the summer many parishes in the countryside have Homecoming Days (*Hemvändardagar*), often organized by the local Heritage Association (*Hembygdsförening*). To find those, check out a link on p. 30.

In case you want to come to the Annual Genealogy Days (*Släktforskardagarna*) they will be held in Umeå in northern Sweden on 20-21 August.

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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The early morning line when the FHL opens.

We look forward to seeing old and new friends in our happy group of researchers !

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