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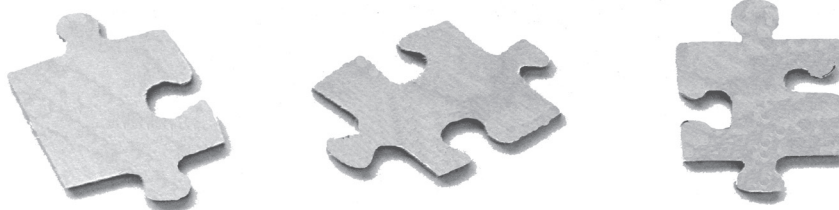
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The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly

The *Quarterly*, now (in 2010) in its 62nd year, has been called “the most important and continuing source of information about Swedes in North America” and is cited frequently in books and articles as a reference. Its editors have included Paul A. Varg, E. Gustav Johnson, Franklin D. Scott, Arnold Barton, Raymond Jarvi, and, currently, Byron Nordstrom.

All of the issues from 1950 through 2005 as well as two indexes have been digitized and are accessible online.

This index is excellent and very easy to navigate [*Ed:s opinion*].

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New genealogical program for Mac

Ancestry.com has announced plans to make available a Mac version of its Family Tree Maker genealogical software package later this year.

(*Nu? What's new? newsletter 2010 May 2*).

Margaret Sooy Bridwell elected first woman governor of Swedish Colonial Society

The Swedish Colonial Society, which is known for its study of The New Sweden Colony, made some history of its own with the election of Margaret S. Bridwell as its 33rd governor.

(Swedish Council of America, *eUpdate* May 2010).

John Norton – Swedish American of the year

It was recently announced that John E. Norton of Moline, Ill., was recently elected to the honor of The Swedish-American of the Year 2010. John E. Norton has been a board member of Scandinavian Seminar, The American Scandinavian Association at Augustana College, and the Augustana Historical Society in Rock Island, where he edits their quarterly newsletter, and the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, devoted to restoration of this pioneering Swedish “prairie Utopia.” He has maintained his Swedish language through those connections, and values his Swedish background highly.

John Norton will come to Sweden in the summer and take part in various Swedish-American celebrations, including the John Ericsson Day in Filipstad on 31st of August in Filipstad.

(Swedish Council of America, *eUpdate* May 2010).

Agneta Nilsson to receive the Ellis Island Medal

Agneta Nilsson, the founder of the Swedish Women’s Educational Association (SWEA), is set to receive the 2010 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The medal is awarded by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations and Mrs. Nilsson will join the remarkable roster of distinguished American citizens who have already received this honor.

(Swedish Council of America, *eUpdate* May 2010).



Minnesota Book Awards for 2010

Award for General Nonfiction, sponsored by Minnesota AFL-CIO:

Joy K. Lintelman – *I Go to America: Swedish American Women and the Life of Mina Anderson* – published by Minnesota Historical Society Press. Review in SAG 1/2009.

I Go to America traces the story of writer Mina Anderson, who emigrated from Sweden to Wisconsin and then to the Twin Cities where she worked as a domestic servant. It explores her move to rural Mille Lacs County where she and her husband worked a farm, raised seven children, and contributed widely to rural Swedish community life through her poetry, fiction, and letters to Swedish American newspapers. Joy K. Lintelman is a professor of history at Concordia College in Moorhead.

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Mrs. Willow Hagans elected new SCA chair

At the recent meeting of the board of Swedish Council of America Mrs. Willow Hagans of Detroit, Mich., was elected as the new chair.

Mrs. Hagans's goals during her tenure as Chair include running the SCA as a business, continuing to expand its outreach to affiliates, promoting various Swedish-American events, and enriching our links to Sweden through our office in Karlstad, Sweden.

(Swedish Council of America, *eUpdate* May 2010).

The John Morton Project

The Swedish Colonial Society runs a project on researching John Morton, one of the more important early Swedes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. *See link on p.30.*