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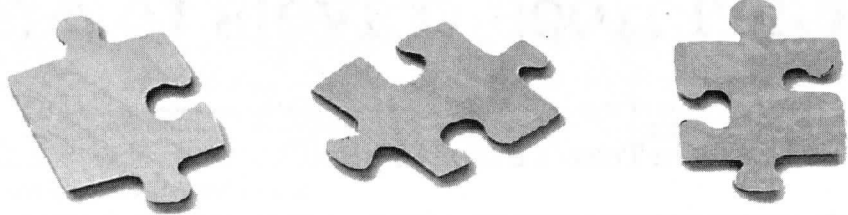
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Sweden's New World Heritage Objects: Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland

Seven timber houses were recently listed by UNESCO. They are located in the east of Sweden, representing the zenith of a regional timber building tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages. They reflect the prosperity of independent farmers who used their wealth in the 19th century to build substantial new homes with elaborately decorated ancillary houses or suites of rooms reserved for festivities. The paintings represent a fusion of folk art with the styles favored by the landed gentry of the time, including Baroque and Rococo. Decorated by painters, including known and unknown itinerant artists, the listed properties represent the final flowering of a long cultural tradition. *Link on page 30!*

The 2012 Swede in the World

The organization *Svenskar i Världen* (Swedes in the World) has chosen *Hans Rosling* as the 2012 Swede in the World to be honored at a conference and lunch in Stockholm August 21. Hans Rosling is also on the lists of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the world, Foreign Policy Magazine's 100 Leading Global Thinkers, and Fast Company Magazine's 100 Most Creative People in Business. Hans Rosling (b. 1948 in Uppsala) is a professor of International Health at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and is one of the founders of the website *Gapminder*, which aims to make important statistics easily available. *Link p. 30!* (Swedish Press on Facebook 2012, 4th of July).

Swedish Conference in Massachusetts

A "Swedish Genealogy Conference" will be held October 5-6 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, arranged by the *Swedish Ancestry Research Association (SARA)* of Worcester, MA.

There will be lectures by renowned Swedish and American genealogists (Patricia McGrath, Karen Bickford, Anneli Andersson, Anna-Lena Hultman, Elisabeth Thorsell, Ingrid Nilsson, Olof Cronberg, and Charlotte Börjesson).

The topics are both for beginners and more advanced people, and among other things they will touch on How to find your Swedish Roots, Searching Online, Swedish Church records, Soldiers, Costumes of Skåne, Historical maps of Sweden, Legal records, and more.

A link to the SARA website for more information and a registration form can be found on the *link page*, p. 30.



The new Nelson Cultural Center addition opened in June 2012, and added a welcoming reception area, café, gallery, event center, studio craft classroom, terrace, courtyard, and new Museum Shop space.

Visitors can tour the Turnblad Mansion, enjoy exhibitions in the Mansion and Osher Gallery, experience contemporary Swedish and Nordic culture alongside Minneapolis history, find unique Nordic designed products in the Museum Shop, dine at FIKA, and share stories and experiences.

(<http://www.asimn.org/>)

In Memoriam Count Carl Johan Bernadotte



King Carl XVI Gustaf's paternal uncle, Count Carl Johan Bernadotte passed away on May 5, 2012, in Båstad, Skåne. Prince Carl Johan was born Oct. 31, 1916 at Stockholm palace, as the youngest child of then Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf and his first wife, Princess Margaret of Great Britain. Prince Carl Johan lost his royal privileges in 1946 when he married the commoner Kerstin Wijkmark without royal consent. He was then a businessman in New York as plain Mr. Bernadotte, until in 1951 his relative, Grandduchess Charlotte of Luxemburg, gave him the title "Count Bernadotte of Wisborg." After the death of Countess Kerstin in 1987, he remarried in 1988 to Countess Gunilla Wachtmeister of Johannis-hus, who survives him.

In his first marriage he had two adopted children.

Genealogy Days

in Gävle Aug. 24–26, 2012
<http://www.sfd2012.se/>