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## Dear friends,

At last! The Spring is definitely on its way even to Sweden, after a long and boring winter.

It has been a perfect time to stay indoors and do genealogy, and now with online resources like *Arkiv Digital* and *SVAR*, it has felt like it is less necessary to go to the archives. But that is wrong, at a *landsarkiv* (regional archive) only about 6% are church records, which means that there are about 94% of its contents that are of potential interest to genealogists.

Those archives can be tax records, military rolls, court minutes, probates, diocesan chapter (*domkapitel*) records, county government records (*länsstyrelsen*), and much, more that probably never will be digitized. So

to put flesh on the ancestral skeleton, you might have to go to the archives. You can find information on the Swedish archives on the *Riksarkivet* web site, see p. 30.

Summer is not that far off, and for your trip to Sweden, there is a good web site that you can study. Not surprisingly it is called *Smörgåsbord!* See page 30.

Here you can search for a specific place or event or many variations. For instance most communities have their own musical festival or some special week that has many events of various kinds.

This year also marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. We have already in this issue an article about a Swedish

young man who took part in the war on the Union side. If you have a story about other Swedes affected by the war, send your stories to SAG, and in this way preserve your part of the history of the war.



Here is the beloved bright blue Blåsippa, an early spring flower.

Till next time!  
Elisabeth Thorsell

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Welcome to join our happy group of researchers at the  
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The SAG Workshop is the highlight of the year – a fun learning experience and a chance to do your Swedish genealogy with hands-on help from knowledgeable Swedish and American genealogists.

The social side includes both welcome and farewell receptions, a buffet dinner & entertainment.

Contact *Jill Seaholm* at 309-794-7204, or e-mail: <sag@augustana.edu>. Don't be late to sign up! The 2010 workshop was full in May.