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## Swedish Census 1910

SVAR, the subscription site, part of the Swedish National Archives (*Riksarkivet*), has now started to index the Swedish census for 1910.

Subscribers can now start searching for people from Gävleborg, Stockholms *län* (except the city), Södermanland, Örebro, and Halland counties. They are also working on several of the other *län*, and will publish it on their web site once in a while.



## American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis

During the late fall the ASI will host an exhibition called *Santa Claus, Coca-Cola, and Swedish Design* (November 6, 2010 – January 16, 2011).

This holiday season, the American Swedish Institute presents *Santa Claus, Coca-Cola, and Swedish Design*, an exhibit featuring more than a dozen of Haddon Sundblom's original *Santa Claus* oil paintings on loan from the Coca-Cola archives in Atlanta, GA.

The exhibit also explores Sundblom's upbringing, development as a young artist, and career, and showcases an assemblage of about 100 items from Minnesota Coca-Cola collectors.

## "Chronicling America" updated

Library of Congress has updated their newspaper site "Chronicling America". It now has about 2.7 million pages from 348 newspapers, published between 1860–1922.

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## Scandinavian boat graves in Estonia

Recently Estonian archeologists found two boat graves on the island of Ösel off the Estonian coast. In the grave they found first there were the remains of seven individuals with many weapons and tools, and also many bones from various animals.

Another boat grave has now been excavated nearby, containing remains of about 30 individuals, some of them clearly victims of a battle. One even has an iron head of an arrow still in his leg.

The graves have many similarities with the boat graves from Uppland in Sweden, and these new finds are also dated to around 600 A.D.

(*Nättidningen Svensk Historia* 2010)  
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## Anne Charlotte Harvey gets a prize

During the summer there was a festival in Munkfors, Värmland, which celebrated early comedians (*bondkomiker*) like *Olle i Skratthult* (Hjalmar Peterson), who was a very popular actor in the early 1900s in the U.S. after his immigration. His song "Nikolina" is still well-known.

Another popular comedian from Munkfors was *Fridolf Rhudin* (1895–1935), who also was a well-known film star. At the yearly festival a *Fridolf Rhudin-prize* is given out, and the recipient for 2010 was professor *Anne Charlotte Harvey* of San Diego, CA. She was for several years the driving force behind the *Snoose Boulevard Festival* in Minneapolis, which commemorated the career of *Olle i Skratthult* and his colleagues among the early Swedish-American entertainers. SAG joins the congratulations to Anne Charlotte!

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## Colorado Genealogical Fair

The *Swedish Genealogical Society of Colorado* is organizing a genealogical fair in Aurora, CO, on the 23 of October. On the program are presentations by *Kathy Meade* (Gonline), *Lorna Nelson* and *Lenora Lynam* (McPherson County Old Mill Museum, Lindsborg, Kansas), and *Wilma Svedin Larson* (Family History Library of Salt Lake City).

Unfortunately, this event will be history by the time you read this, but check out the society's web site on the Links' page, *p. 30*, if you have interests in Colorado!



## The ASI new building

On June 15, 2010, ASI presented the plans for the new building adjoining the old Turnblad mansion. The new building will be called *The Nelson Cultural Center*, after donors Carl and Leslie Nelson.

The new house will have exhibition halls, a café, a shop, a combined concert and lecture room for 325 people, rooms for handicrafts, and also some offices for Gustavus Adolphus College. The new building will be opened in May 2012.

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