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Dear friends,

The garden is full of small singing birds, and the wild spring flowers are everywhere. There is a white one that covers much ground, so it seems like the snow is back. It is the *vitsippa*, Latin name: *Anemone nemorosa*. And they are just beautiful in a birch forest. If you don't have them, but would like to see what they look like, just google "vitsippa."

This time of the year many American friends are planning a tour to Sweden. I have two sets of friends, that I will take around the country.

The first ones want to go to Östergötland, and the other ones to Värmland, two of my favorite places, so that will be fun.

In this issue I wrote a short article about the EmiWeb, which is based in Karlstad. While writing this I

tested the database of members in a few societies. I did search for people born in my own research parish, Nordmark in Värmland, and found that 19 of the immigrants from there had been members of the Svithiod Society in Chicago. That is really a big help when you want to know what happened to them?

My next step is now to look for them in my database and add this information, if they are in there already. Otherwise they will be added to the database.

In case anyone wonders, I do use the Swedish genealogy program *Disgen*, which is developed by the DIS Society. That is the oldest society for genealogy and computers, it started in 1980, and I have been a member since then. The program can write

reports in Swedish, English, and a number of other languages, which is very handy.

Summer is ahead, and we hope it will be blessed with good weather, not so much rain and mosquitos, as that makes life more fun.

Summer is also the time to travel a bit and look for ancestral churches and cemeteries, and also the various local museums, *hembygdsgårdar*, of which there is usually one in every parish. The national organization for these places has a website with addresses, unfortunately almost no English:

<http://www.hembygd.se/index.asp?lev=1033>

Till next time!
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