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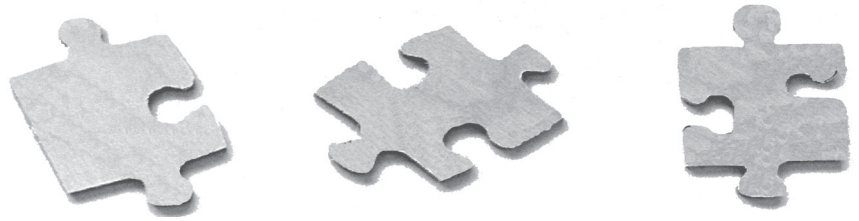
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Olov Isaksson Award to Lilly Setterdahl

The Bishop Hill Society in Sweden has decided to award the 2009 Olov Isaksson Prize to Lilly Setterdahl of East Moline, Illinois.

The Society described Setterdahl as one of the most widely traveled documenters of immigration history. They noted her translation and publishing of letters from Bishop Hill settlers to Sweden, her extensive immigration research that she and her late husband, Lennart Setterdahl, carried out as they traveled within the U.S. interviewing and recording oral histories of Swedish Americans, and the resulting cultural and historical research articles and books that she has published.



SAG congratules Lilly!

Dalsland Conference on 13–15 August 2010

The three-day Emigration Conference starts with a tour of Dalsland on Friday, continues with seminars at Kulturbruket Mellerud on Saturday, and concludes with a church service on Sunday. The conference fee includes Friday lunch and supper, Saturday lunch, snacks and banquet, and Sunday church coffee with Swedish sandwiches.

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Dr Peter S. Craig Receives Award



Dr. Peter S. Craig will receive the Swedish Colonial Society's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Centennial Jubilee Dinner of the Society on 23 October 2009 in Philadelphia. Dr. Craig is considered the authority on the genealogy and biography of the Swedes who settled in New Sweden in the 17th century. He is also a descendant of many of them.

Dr Craig is also a Contributing Editor of SAG. SAG sends its congratulations!

Swedish Consulates in the U.S. to be Closed

At a press conference held 23 July 2009, Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Carl Bildt, disclosed that the consulates general in New York and Los Angeles will be closed in 2010. The cutbacks, which also include consulates in other countries, have been made necessary to restore order to the finances of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For the last years, since 2006, the ministry has a total deficit of 50 million SEK.

(*Svenska Dagbladet* 23 July 2009).

Chicago SAMAC Volunteer Awards

In April 2009 a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held at the *Swedish American Museum* in Chicago. Each year the museum honors a "Volunteer of the Year." This year they honored two people who have done a lot of work to redo the Nordic Family Research Room in the museum, now renamed the Nordic Family Genealogy Center. The award recipients were Susan Jackson and Wayne Nelson, both longtime members of the annual SAG Workshop in Salt Lake City.

Thanks to Shirley Koelling for sharing this piece of news! And congratulations to Sue and Wayne!

The Swedish Genealogical Society Has a New President

In April 2009 Tomas Risbecker was elected president of the *Genealogiska Föreningen*, or The Swedish Genealogical Society, that started in 1933.

The society has had its ups and downs, but now seems to be regaining its strength. It has revived its journal *Släkt och Hävd*, which ceased publication a couple of years ago. The society has initiated a project to digitize its extensive collections, beginning with the large number of press clippings of births, marriages, and deaths from the 1930s onwards. The society has also recently published a CD with 7,000 Stockholm divorces from the 1800s.

Tomas Risbecker is a longtime SAG reader. He is now working on a book about brigadier general Carl Johan Stålbrand, a.k.a. Carlos J. Stohlbrand of Civil War fame.

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