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The Eksjö Emigrant Monument

Regarding the *Eksjö Emigrant Monument*, that was mentioned in SAG 4/06 on p. 13, it must also be mentioned that the first initiative was taken about 10 years ago by *Tore Sandh* of Eksjö, a well-known emigrant researcher in the area.

American Swedish Institute Summer Exhibition

Sacred Beauty: Treasures from Swedish Cathedrals and Churches, is the name of the ASI's summer exhibition which is open from 1 June to 7 Oct. Ecclesiastical objects and textiles represent the legacy of worship in Swedish churches. Works by acclaimed Swedish silversmith Anna-Stina Åberg anchor the display of contemporary religious design with chalices, communion sets, processional crosses, and other objects. The exhibit will also include a variety of works by other artists.

www.americanswedishinst.org/

The New Sweden Center

The New Sweden Center museum in the Kalmar Nyckel Ship yard has been completed by the volunteer *Senior Sawyers* of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. The volunteers of the New Sweden Center have begun work on our exhibit, *Experience Life in New Sweden*. "This is a big undertaking for a small group of volunteers with no paid staff and a very limited budget. But we shall accomplish this, because we believe our Swedish/Finnish heritage is very important."

Hopefully the exhibit will be ready for the grand opening scheduled for June 16th 1-4 p.m.

(Thanks to Aleasa Hogate for the news!)

Swedish Council of America presents "Awards of Merit"

The following individuals received "Awards of Merit" from Swedish Council of America at their Swedish Heritage Banquet in Minneapolis on 21 April 2007:

Harry Anderson, Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, WI

Char Bostrom, Twin Cities Swedish Folk Dancers – Minneapolis, MN, Nisswa-Stämman – Brainerd, MN

Nels Backman, Swedish Cultural Heritage Society of the Red River Valley – Fargo, ND; Nordic Culture Clubs' Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival – Moorhead, MN

Lorraine Sward Carlson, Dalesburg Scandinavian Association – Dalesburg, SD

Paul Dahlin, ASI Spelmanslag – Minneapolis, MN

Edgar Eklof, American Swedish Institute – Minneapolis, MN, ASI Male Chorus – Minneapolis, MN

Elsie Hanson, VOA Norrskenet Lodge #331 – Sioux City, IA

Fran Hillier, Swedish Genealogical Society of MN

Lillemor Horngren, VOA Linde Lodge # 492 – Milwaukee, WI

Dee Kleinow, Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN

Carol Sakrison Larson, The Swedish Foundation of Iowa's 'Swede Bend' Settlement, Inc. – Stratford, IA

Jo Mihelich, VOA – District Lodge #7 – Minnesota

Claudia Pratt, Nordic Culture Clubs/Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival – ND

Ewa Rydåker, American Swedish Institute – Minneapolis, MN

Dr. John "Jack" Swanson, Augustana Heritage Association

Ron Swanson, Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

Stan Swanson, VOA Norrskenet Lodge #331 – Sioux City, IA

Les Touve, Swedish American Historical Society of WI, Inc. – Milwaukee, WI

Louis Unkrich, Swedish Heritage Society of Swedesburg - Iowa

(VOA = Vasa Order of America)

Changes in Växjö

Since early 2006 the director of the Swedish Emigrant Institute (SEI) has been Björn Johansson, who was appointed when the former director, Per Nordahl, resigned after a conflict with the staff.

During the time since there have been many discussions on the future of the SEI. One result is a proposed name change to the Swedish Migration Institute, where also the immigration to Sweden from the earliest time should be a new topic to study. (*Emigranten* 2006/2)

Minnesotadagen

The Minnesota Day in Växjö, Sweden, will be celebrated on 12 August in the park outside the House of Emigrants as usual.



www.genealogi.se/halland/halmstad2007/english_1.html