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Dear friends,

Now spring has come to Sweden, and I hope so is the case in your part of the world also. We have little blue flowers (*blåsippor*) in the garden, and already the next stage, the white starry ones (*vitsippor*), have shown their faces on a sunny day. People are busy in the gardens, and boat-owners are preparing for the Big Day, when the boat is put in the water again, after having spent the winter under a tarp on land. Then there are many things still to do, but the vision of a breezy day under sail is getting closer.

Genealogists start planning the trips to the archives during the summer, and also visits to ancestral areas to look for that little cottage, or that

tombstone, or that church where the ancestors sat every Sunday for untold generations.

At the end of the summer comes the Genealogist's Christmas – the annual *Släktforskarlagarna* (Genealogy Days), which are held this year in Göteborg. The dates are 27-28 August.

The theme is "Gateway to the West" and there will be many interesting lectures on the emigration theme. There are other tracks of lectures as well, local history, the East India Company, and more. At the same time local societies from all over the country will show what they are working on, and they will sell books and CD:s with local databases. Some of the archives will also exhibit, as well as computer program vendors

and printers, etc. Everything is free to the public, and you do not have to sign up to attend. On Saturday evening there will be a Gala Dinner, for which you have to sign up. The same is true for the guided bus tours in the area.

The drawback is, of course, that everything will be in Swedish! But for those of you who understand some Swedish and have plans to come to Sweden in August, you might find this a fun thing to attend.

There is a web site that gives information on booking dinners, etc:
<http://www.slaktdata.org/gbg2005/>

And if you don't intend to go to Göteborg, come here anyway – Sweden is best in the summer!

Till next time!

Elisabeth Thorsell

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