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## Dear friends,

Spring is here, and there are many different sorts of flowers in the garden, and that gives hope for a nice season.

By now you might have found out that SAG does not quite look like it has done for the last 12 years. We have now changed to another printing company, which promises to be quicker than the old one. To keep subscription costs down, we also decided to change the cover to another type that is less costly than the old one, but the contents will be the same mix as before.

Except that this time the handwriting example will be a challenge for all of you, including me. It is a letter written in 1694 by an old clergyman who mentions his hardships

during his time in New Sweden in the 1650s. This was found in the Vadstena archives by a friend, who thought it might do well in SAG.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to join a Genealogy Cruise on the Baltic, which was quite fun. We had lectures in the evening and in the morning, before coming back to Stockholm. One of the lecturers was Peter Sjölund, who explained DNA-research, so even I did understand, and felt a bit tempted to swab myself and my husband. This cruise was arranged by the fairly new magazine *Släkthistoria*.

In two weeks time I and my friend Ingrid (well-known by SAG Workshop members) will go on another cruise, this time organized by the

*DIS-Filbyter* society. I will lecture on emigration, but there will be many more lectures, maybe with a little focus on the new DISGEN computer program.

Otherwise the big news from Sweden is the release by Arkiv Digital of two new databases: *Swedish Population 1960*, and *Population of Sweden 1880-1920*, the latter done in cooperation with *My Heritage*.

These databases are not included in the basic subscription, but you can update your subscription through their web site.

I will write more about the new databases in the next issue of SAG.

*Till next time!*  
*Elisabeth Thorsell*

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Contact Jill Seaholm at <jillseaholm@augustana.edu>, or 309.794.7204. Thank you!



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