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Allt för Sverige, season 8!

The casting for season 8 of *Allt för Sverige* (*The Great Swedish Adventure*) is now open to all Americans with Swedish roots who have never visited the “Old Country.”

This is an incredible “once in a lifetime” opportunity for someone to discover their ancestry and experience their rich and fascinating Swedish cultural heritage.

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The Swedish Emigrant Institute is open again

The Swedish Emigrant Institute research service only answers questions related to emigration. For questions on genealogy in general, we refer to the digital databases available, such as Ancestry, ArkivDigital, SVAR-Swedish archival information, MyHeritage.se, and others.

In the Research room at the House of Emigrants, we only accept pre-booked visits. Here you have the opportunity to independently use several of the larger databases.

A visit to the Research room is free of charge.

If you wish the help from our staff with you research, it will cost 200 SEK. You pay at the reception in the House of Emigrants

Open hours in the research room.

June-August: Monday-Friday 10 am - 4 pm.

Sept.-May: Wednesday-Thursday 10 am - 4 pm.

Contact address:

Kulturparken Småland AB, Swedish Emigrant Institute, Box 102, SE-351 04 Växjö, Sweden.

Swedish Death Index 7 1860–2016



A preliminary version of the next *Sveriges Dödbok 7* (Swedish Death Index 7) was released earlier in the fall of 2017. In total this version contains more than 11 million posts, of which some 1.7 million are people who died 1860–1900, indexed by volunteers. People who died in 2016 are also included. It works with Windows XP and Mac OS 10.7, or newer. DVD or USB are available. If interested, google *Rötterbokhandeln*.

The Kinship Center of Karlstad is moving forward

After the failure last year of the Swedish Migration Center in Karlstad, it has now become the Kinship Center in the same premises as before.

Their new web site is not yet working, but before Christmas the first issue of *Sverige & Amerika*, produced by the new regime, only in Swedish, found its way to our mailbox. This issue has an article about adventurer Buzz Holmstrom, who travelled by boat from Oregon on Green River and then the Colorado River with Grand Canyon to Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) during 7 weeks in 1937, by Tommy Hellström. Hopefully we will see more issues of this journal!

No, I am NOT addicted to genealogy.

I can quit as soon as I have found another ancestor!

More on Allt för Sverige, season 7



Dylan Ratell, age 26, from New York was the 2017 winner of *Allt För Sverige*. He is a musical artist and has played on Broadway in the musical *Chicago*. Dylan enjoyed his time in Sweden so much that he might want to leave the U.S. and move to Sweden.



In the ASI Family Gallery you can now meet with *Ulla – The baker* until the exhibition closes on 7 Oct. 2018. This is based on the children’s books *Ulla the Baker* and *Ulla the Baker Goes Skiing*, by Anders Sunesson, where the scene is set in wintry Östersund, Sweden.

Grown-ups can go to the exhibition of *CraftBOWL* that opens on 19 January, and closes on 8 April 2018. The exhibition explores vessel design and craft traditions represented through varied mediums of handcraft – from wood, to glass, to ceramics – as practiced in Sweden and around the world.

(ASI website)

The Nordic Heritage Museum

All exhibits are currently closed while we move into our new home in downtown Ballard, WA, at 2655 NW Market Street.

Opening May 2018.

(NHM web site).