

Lecture/Presentation Schedule
Scan Fest 2011, Gerry Rodeo Grounds, Gerry NY

Friday July 15, 2011

- 2 PM “Karen Bergoo Larsson and Mother of Modern Swedish Design”
Dr. Margaret Thorell of Philadelphia, author of Swedes of the Delaware Valley, will discuss Karin Larsson, wife of Carl Larsson, who was an accomplished artist herself. After her marriage, her artistry went into interior design and she is responsible for creating the iconic interior of their home in Sunborn, Sweden, which is now a museum. She was a true innovator, who is considered by many to be the mother of modern Swedish design.
- 3 PM: “Swedish Songs in English”
Bruce Holmquist, from Rochester, NY, sings Swedish songs in English and teaches them to his audience. Learn to sing some favorite Swedish songs!
- 4 PM: “The New Sweden Colony at Christiana”
By Dr. Margaret Thorell of Philadelphia, author of Swedes of the Delaware Valley In 1638, the Swedes and the Finns arrived at what is now Wilmington, DE, establishing the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley.
- 5 PM: “The Immigration Trunk of the 17th C.”
An interactive inter-generational presentation by David Cope of Erie, PA. “The Immigrant Trunk”, on loan from the Swedish Museum in Philadelphia, contains historic items that Swedes brought with them to found and settle the New Sweden colony at Christiana DE. (1638).
- 6 PM: “Recollections of Growing Up Swedish in Jamestown”
Barbara Hillman Jones, author of Recollections of a Jamestown Swede and Cameos, is a third generation Swedish-American, who shares her experiences growing up in Swedish Jamestown in the 1940s and 1950s.
- 7:30 PM: “The Nykelharpa”
Peter Puma Hedlund of Sweden will present and play the traditional and historic nykelharpa, Sweden’s traditional stringed instrument of the 15th Century. The nykelharpa had a significant influence on early Swedish music.

Saturday July 16, 2011

- 1 PM: "Learning Conversational Swedish of our Ancestors for Fun"
Allie Withers, a retired Jamestown public school teacher, who was born in Sweden, teaches conversational Swedish at JCC Culture Days. Come to learn some Swedish language and about her cultural items of interest from Sweden.
- 2 PM: "Chandlers Valley and Scandia, Where the Swedes Settled First"
Dr. Julie Boozer of Scandia, PA., author of An Olsson Viking Saga considers why the Scandinavian immigrants, who arrived during the Great Immigration of the late 1800s, settled first in these significant rural communities. And then why they left the family farm to move to industrial cities like Jamestown and Warren.
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- 4 PM: "Finding your Swedish Ancestors"
A Panel Discussion by Karen Livesy, Archivist at Jamestown's Fenton History Center and Arne Johansson, a genealogist from Vimmerby, Sweden, who will explain resources available for seeking one's Swedish roots and conduct a question/answer period.
- 5 PM: "Meet the Swedish Students"
Teenage Swedish students who are part of the English Summer School in the US along with the Ms. Barbara Bergstrom, Founder of International English Schools of Sweden will describe their summer experience at Jamestown Community College. The students will also lead a discussion about their life in Sweden and answer questions from the audience about today's Sweden
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- 7 PM: "Viking ABCs: A Brief Look at the Magical Runes"
By Sally Eaton. Norse writing can be found wherever our ancestors traveled. The Vikings believed that their alphabet was a divine gift and that each letter held power over luck and destiny. A fun look at the Runes and their meaning.
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Sunday July 17, 2011

12 Noon: “Who’s Who in Norse Mythology?”

by Sally Eaton In view of their Viking gods, such as Odin, Thor, Freya and Loki, how did our ancient ancestors see their world? Does this have any meaning for us today?

1 PM: “The Great Scandinavian Migration to Amerika”

Dr. Julie Boozer of Scandia, PA, author of An Olsson Viking Saga

Why did 1/5 of Sweden’s population immigrate to Amerika in the late 1800s?

Why did our grandmothers, often single teenage girls, come alone to a strange new world, leaving their beloved family behind forever? What freedoms did they gain? What did they write in letters sent back to Sweden?

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