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Calendar Events For 2022

Date	Event	Location
Saturday Jan 22nd	Semmel Fika / Annual Meeting	First Lutheran Church
Sunday Feb 27th	Conversation Club	Home of Göran Runfeldt
Sunday Mar 25th	Conversation Club	Home of Göran Runfeldt
Saturday April 2nd	Kräftskiva	Monument Inn LaPort TX
Saturday April 30th	Valborgsmässoafton	Winstrom's Ranch, Brenham, TX
Sunday June 5th	Sweden's National Day	Christ the King Lutheran
Sunday Aug 7th	Texas Day	Barkeryd, Sweden
Sunday Aug 14th	Summer Fika	First Lutheran Church
September	Swedish Movie Night	TBD
Saturday Oct 15th	Sailing	Kemah, TX
Saturday Oct 29th	Smörgåsbord	Chef Soren's Houston, TX
Sunday Dec 4th	Julgrans Karamell	Teahen Home
Saturday Dec 10th	Christmas Traditions & Lucia Celebration	First Lutheran Church

OUR LUCIA IN BARKERYD

Our 2021 Lucia, Katarina Teahen went to Barkeryd, Sweden in August this summer to represent the Swedish Club of Houston during their Texas Day and Town Festival! Please check out our facebook page on August 10th to see her video speech Katarina gave at the celebration. This year's celebration brought one of the largest people attending the Texas Day & Town Festival! The Swedish attendees enjoyed our Lucia and her speaking in Swedish (with a Texas accent)!

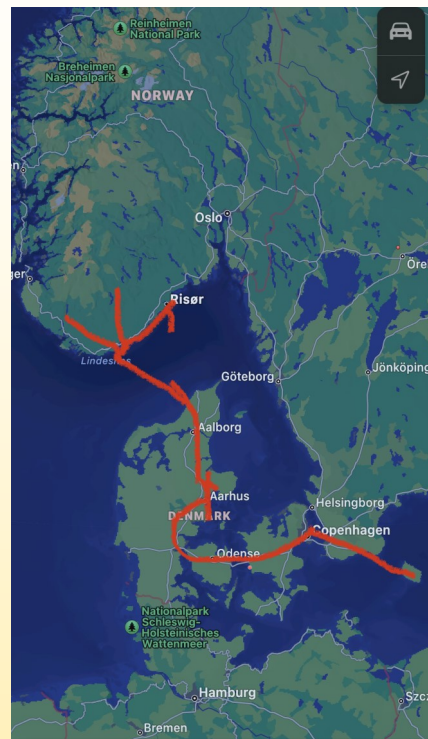
Her translated speech:

"Thank you so much for giving me the honor to be here as this year's Lucia representative for The Swedish Club of Houston. My name is Katarina Teahen and I am 19 years old. I am a sophomore in college where I play volleyball and majoring in Education. All my friends know me as Midsummer girl. My parents live west of Houston in a suburb called Katy. My dad is from Michigan and my mom is from here in Småland. My mom spoke Swedish with us when we were young and she likes to celebrate all the Swedish traditions. I have practiced my Swedish when I have lived with Mormor and Morfar by the Lake Bolmen and while meeting mom's family. Since I was five years old, I have participated in the yearly Lucia procession at The Swedish Club of Houston. I looked up to all the girls who were the Lucias before me and I waited for the possibility of me be able to wear the crown and go to Barkeryd. I am so happy and thankful to be here. It is almost unreal. Sweden has become my favorite place and my favorite part of myself. I have my best memories here and I hope to continue to share my Swedish heritage in the U.S. Once again, thank you for this honor. It is a wonderful dream that has come true!" - Katarina Teahen

SCANDINAVIAN CLAY ENCOUNTERS

WITH JEFF FORSTER

In September, Jeff Forster, Department Head of Ceramics at Houston's Glassell School of Art gave a talk about his experience visiting artists and museums in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Jeff attended the Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, where he was an Artist in Residence.



"I wanted to attend the residency at Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center not only to have uninterrupted studio time to pursue my personal work but to do that in a diverse environment. I lived in a house with 16 people from all over the world and every week a few folks would leave and be replaced by others. I think by the time my month was up I encountered people from more than 20 different countries. I now have an international Network of friends I could visit which I will certainly do. Also it was very interesting to see how people from different places think about ceramics and how design aesthetics change." - Jeff Forster

SCANDINAVIAN CLAY ENCOUNTERS WITH JEFF FORSTER



"I spent time first in southern Norway visiting Artists and Gallery's and then four days in Copenhagen before I went to Skaelskor for the residency. While at the residency we did several side trips to see museums and other things which allowed me to see a lot of Denmark. One of the highlights was spending a couple nights in Bornholm which has a rich history of clay and glass art. Finally, I tried to spend a fair amount of time in Skaelskor getting to know some of the locals. I have a number of friends there that I will certainly keep in touch with and go back to see again. " -Jeff Forster



SCANDINAVIAN CLAY ENCOUNTERS WITH JEFF FORSTER



Wood Burning Kilns



CELEBRATING OUR LUCIA

FRIENDS OF LUCIA

The Swedish Club of Houston is soliciting donors to its Friends of Lucia fund in order to continue the tradition of sending our Lucia to Sweden.

The Swedish Club of Houston has been represented by its Lucia at the Texas Day celebration in Barkeryd, Sweden every year since 1988. The Lucia program has provided a wonderful way for the members involved to travel and learn about our Swedish ancestry and our Texas connection with Barkeryd; a complete list of the Swedish Club of Houston's Lucias is available at <http://swedishclub.org/lucia>.

Why is Barkeryd (a small parish near Nässjö in Småland) important to Texans? This small parish had half of its the population emigrate to Texas between 1836 and 1927! The conditions were bad and the opportunity of settling in America was given to the people of Barkeryd. Around 1867 many young people left Barkeryd; S.M. Swenson and Svante Palm paid for their passage to come to work for them in Texas, where workers were needed to help on the farms. The immigrants worked off their passage in about 2 years. After the debt was paid off they were free to live and work for themselves. There are many Swedish communities around Central Texas which were settled by the Barkeryd immigrants. In their honor, the people of Barkeryd Sweden were proclaimed honorary citizens of Texas on May 27, 1975 by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Lucia and help support this long-standing tradition of the Club, you can either mail a check along with this form, or donate online via the link at <http://swedishclub.org>.

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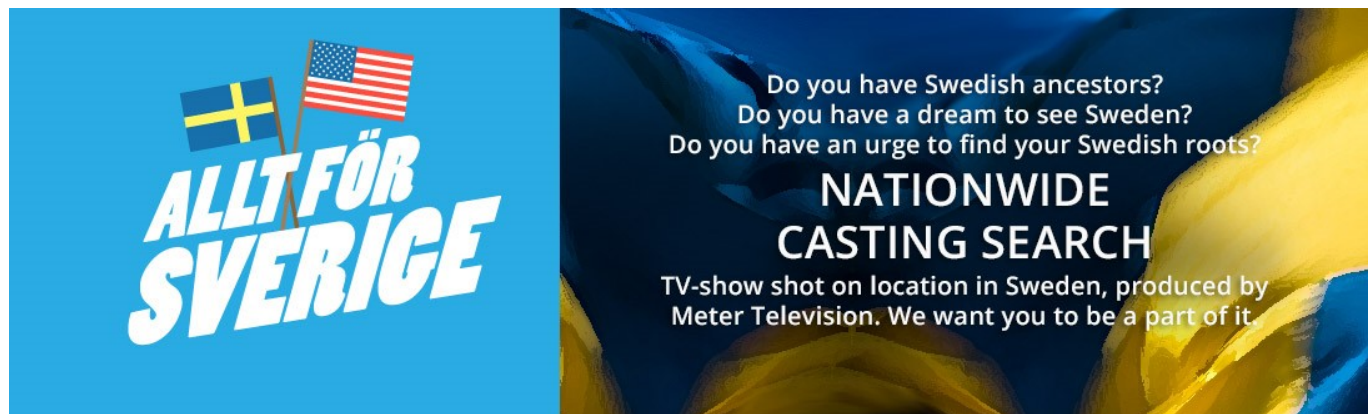
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Member News & Updates



Meter Television are searching for Americans with Swedish ancestry for a reality TV-show. We are proud to have produced the Emmy Award winning TV-series Allt för Sverige - Great Swedish Adventure (The American title of the show) - we have also won Kristallen - the Swedish version of the Golden Globe.

In the years 1846-1930 1, 3 million Swedish people immigrated to America to build a better life for their families. Today, more than 4.8 million Americans have Swedish heritage.

The Producers of the Swedish version of “American Idol” and “Minute to win it” are coming to the U.S. to find fun, outgoing Americans with Swedish ancestry to participate in their new reality television series “Allt för Sverige”

Americans will travel to Sweden and participate in an exciting reality television series. Showcasing everyday Americans as they journey throughout Sweden to discover their land, roots and cultural heritage.

Meter Television is conducting a nationwide search for fun, outgoing and adventurous Americans with Swedish ancestry (even a little bit counts), with a burning desire to find their roots and see their motherland. Chosen participants will compete in extreme cultural challenges to discover their rich and fascinating roots while trying to win the grand prize; MEETING THEIR SWEDISH RELATIVES.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to discover a new land and culture and have a chance to win a spectacular prize.

Since America has such a strong impact on the world through its politics, financial institutions, television, film, fashion and culture it will be interesting to turn the tables and bring people back to their Swedish roots.

“Allt för Sverige” will be shot and broadcast in Sweden and potentially other countries as well. This is an incredible “once in a lifetime” opportunity for someone to discover their ancestry and experience their rich and fascinating Swedish cultural heritage

Deadline: November 14th, 2022 Contact us if needed—Sofia Eng

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