

Sweden Week Program

In May 2010, the Swedish Consulate in Seattle will be hosting a week long celebration that will bring Sweden to Seattle. Sweden Week will emphasize the strong relationship between Sweden and Northwest. Highlights will include a visit by Her Royal Highness, Princess Madeleine of Sweden, as well as the honoring of our five local Nobel laureates.

The goal of Sweden Week is to showcase today's Sweden and to recognize the many contributions that Swedish-Americans have made to Washington State's history, culture, business, education, arts, and its people, and to honor the strong link between Seattle and Sweden.

Sunday May 2nd

Grand Opening of Sweden Week

11 am – 2 pm at Westlake Park

Welcome to experience Sweden! The opening of Sweden Week will be a celebratory event showcasing Sweden with food, entertainment and both local and Swedish VIPs. This event is free to attend.

Swedish Pancake Breakfast

8 am – 1:30 pm at the Swedish Cultural Center

The Swedish Cultural Center's pancake breakfasts are popular monthly traditions. The May breakfast features music by Richard Svensson & Bjarne Jacobsen, Skandia Kapelle, and Lilla Spelmanslag, a group of children performers. Authentic Swedish pancakes with all the fixings. Guests \$8, SCC Members \$6, and Children 5-12 \$4.

Swedish Club Open House

2 pm – 5 pm at the Swedish Cultural Center

Visit the Swedish Cultural Center and explore the building where you'll find Scandinavian music and crafts and even a special flag craft project for the kids! Around 2:30, we'll show a Swedish film. Our bar and lounge will be open, featuring the best view in town and Swedish food by Chef Ann-Margret.

This event is free to attend (additional cost for food and beverage).

2010 Northern Lights Auktion – The Nordic Gala of the Year

4:30 pm – 9:30 pm at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Ballroom

Now in its 25th year, the Northern Lights Auktion is the Nordic Heritage Museum's most exciting and elegant affair for the Nordic community! This year the Northern Lights Auktion will take place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Seattle. Guests will enjoy a stellar evening of entertainment, fine dining, and an exciting live and silent auction presented with true Nordic flair.

\$100 per person. Contact Sharmon Cooper at sharmonc@nordicmuseum.org or 206.789.5707 x10

Monday May 3rd

Gen-Line Genealogy Demonstration

4 pm – 6 pm at the Swedish Cultural Center

Gen-Line staff from Stockholm will provide a genealogy demonstration. Learn about this online service that contains photographic quality digital images of the original Swedish Church Books' archive from the 16th to the 20th century. If you know your Swedish ancestors' names, you can find them in old records and documents. Bring your questions and your ancestors' names, birthdates and birth locations. This event is free to attend.

Tuesday May 4th

Seattle-Sweden Diabetes Symposium

8.15 am – 12.30 pm at Benaroya

A scientific symposium focusing on T1D research and the major collaborations that we enjoy between Seattle and Sweden in T1D research. Speakers will present new data and discuss problems in their area of research, followed by ample time for questions and discussion.

Open to everyone in the greater Seattle scientific community. Space is limited.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to Meron Rezene at meronr@u.washington.edu (Subject: Diabetes Symposium) or call 206.764.2688

Free lecture open to the public at University of Washington

1:30 pm – 3:20 pm in Smith Hall 120 at the UW

"The Making of the Myth of Swedish Sexuality and Ingmar Bergman's films in the 1950s" By Professor Ia Dübois (SCAND 367: Sexuality in Scandinavia – Myth and Reality)

Space is limited. Sign up by sending an e-mail to uwscand@uw.edu or call 206.543.0645

Nordic Stories

10:00 am – 11:00 am at the Nordic Heritage Museum

Nordic Stories is a monthly program featuring stories for preschool-aged children and their parents. Each session includes a fun craft project for kids to make and take home. In May we will read Lena Landström's "A Hippo's Tale."

This event is free to attend.

Swedish-themed cooking class given by top Swedish culinary experts

More information to follow. Check the Public Events page at swedenweek.org for updates.

Chefs from Stockholm in town specifically to cook the special dinner honoring our Northwest Nobel laureates will offer hands-on cooking demonstration for a small group of lucky ticket holders at Diane's Market Kitchen.

Wednesday May 5th

Business Focus – Edays Special Edition: Day 1

The conference focuses on Clean Tech, Med Tech/Global Health, and Mobility/IT. Panel discussions, business matchmaking, and networking opportunities will promote knowledge and trade between Sweden and Seattle. Many local and Swedish companies have confirmed attendance; and exclusive visits to Microsoft and Boeing will be offered. Every level of business engagement from CEOs to policy makers will be represented from both Seattle and Sweden.

Free lecture open to the public at University of Washington

10:30 am – 11:20 am in Sieg Hall 134 at the UW

“Sweden’s Global Role” by Professor Christine Ingebritsen (SCAND 437: Scandinavian Politics)

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm in Parrington Hall 120 at the UW

“Narratives on sustainability: Gustav Fröding, Tomas Tranströmer and others” by visiting Fulbright-Hildeman Professor Olavi Hemmilä (SCAND 490/590: Sustainability in Contemporary Scandinavian Society)

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Thursday May 6th

Business Focus - Edays Special Edition: Day 2

The second day will offer exhibits, networking, and parallel cluster programs with expert keynote speakers and panel discussions, keynote speakers on policy and taxes, closing ceremony and networking happy hour.

Free lecture open to the public at University of Washington

11:30 am – 12:20 pm in Communications 326 at the UW

“Ulcers, Fat, and Tattoos: Swedish Crime Fiction Since the 1960” by Professor Andrew Nestingen (SCAND 470: Scandinavian Crime Fiction)

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The Raoul Wallenberg Dinner

6:30 pm at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront, 2100 Alaskan Way, Seattle

In tribute to Raoul Wallenberg’s humanitarian work, the Nordic Heritage Museum presents the Raoul Wallenberg Dinner. With Honorary Chair State Senator Ken Jacobsen, the 16th Wallenberg Dinner will feature keynote speaker Michael Wernstedt, Wallenberg’s grandnephew. Swedish Ambassador Jonas Hafström will introduce Mr. Wernstedt.

Tickets: \$95 for Museum Members & co-sponsoring organizations; \$125 for Non-Members.

Swedish Film “Everlasting moments” in cooperation with Seattle International Film Festival

SIFF Cinema, 321 Mercer Street.

Friday May 7th

Business Focus - Edays Special Edition: Day 3

Participants of Business Focus will be offered exclusive company visits and the opportunity to take part in the Venture Capital session.

Seattle Nobel Tribute

This glittering tribute to Seattle's six local Nobel Laureates is reminiscent of the yearly Nobel Prize ceremony held in Stockholm, Sweden. The event will be attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Madeleine as well as local dignitaries. Top Swedish Chefs with experience from the Nobel Dinner in Stockholm will prepare the elegant meal.

Friday at the Klubb!

12 noon – 10 pm

Join us for a part of the day or the whole day. Swedish lunch time fare by Chef Ann-Margret. Swedish film matinee at 2 pm; Viking lecture on DVD: "Kings of the Swedes and Goths" at 5:30 pm; Happy Hour starts at 5 pm, and goes till closing. Swedish food for dinner in the lounge at 6 pm and music by Swedish flutist Elsa Nilsson, starting around 7 pm Check our menu for the evening by clicking on "What's Cooking at the Club" at www.swedishculturalcenter.org This event is free to attend (additional cost for food and beverage).

Saturday May 8th

Swedish Hospital Centennial Celebration Gala Dinner

Swedish Hospital, founded in 1910, is the largest non-profit health care provider in the Northwest, highly recognized both nationally and internationally. The Celebrate Swedish gala is an annual event and raises funds for charity care patients.

If you would like to attend, please contact Rachel Kaber at Rachel.Kaber@swedish.org

Arctic Summer: A Nordic Fashion Show

4:00 pm

See the recent work of designers from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and Norway. Featuring, among others, Nudie Jeans and Polarn O. Pyret. Emceed by Ole Henriksen. Tickets: \$30 for Nordic Heritage Museum and SWEA members; \$35 for non-members. Contact stinac@nordicmuseum.org or call 206.789.5707 x10 for tickets

Sunday May 9th

Casual Closing

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