



JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

SVENSKBYBORNA SOCIETY

At the Jubilee Committee's wrap-up meeting on January 7 in Wetaskiwin, we began the process to form a Society. The organizing Directors are:



Deb Fettig

John Annas

Karen Wright

Nels Buskas

Martin Dyberg

Annual membership dues have been established at \$25 per household, meaning that all who live in the house are members until such time as they move into their own household.

The Society plans to hold its annual meetings on the first Sunday in August at the Calvary Lutheran Church in the County of Ponoka. This meeting will coincide with a group from the Calvary Church that already gathers there every August. The long weekend will make it easier for those from far away to attend.

To begin with, the Society offer its members 2 newsletters a year and will be a central point of contact to keep everyone connected after the reunion.

It is also suggested that every 5 years the Society hosts a major gala like the 75th in Wetaskiwin to mark the milestone anniversaries of our ancestors' arrivals.

To become a member, just fill out the attached form and submit it with your payment. Cheques should be made out to **Svenskbyborna Society**.

Please note: Mailing address is provided at the end of this newsletter.

SVENSKBYBORNA NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will be a tool to keep all of us connected and will be distributed in January and June. Those members without email will receive a copy by mail. In the future, the newsletter frequency will be re-evaluated based on volume.

The newsletter will help to keep everyone updated on all of our families. Members can submit news on births, deaths, relocations, milestones and any other news the rest of the membership would like to hear.

MUSEUM DISPLAY

One of the first projects of the Society is to find a central gathering place for items of our Swedish heritage that we no longer wish to take care of.

The Wetaskiwin Museum is interested in working with the Society and a committee has been struck to work with them to create a display for our collection. The committee members are: Karen Wright, Deb Fettig, Donna Harbour and Martha Robinson.

Do you have artefacts that you wish to preserve and have no place to put them? Contact the Society and we will help you find a final resting place for them. At present, we have already gathered numerous Swedish Bibles, books and pictures from families. Please contact us if you would like to add to this collection.

MEMORIAL CAIRN

Proceeds from the Jubilee amounted to \$10,000 after expenses. This profit has allowed the society to proceed with erecting a cairn at the Svea Cemetery. Nels Buskas and Keith Hoas are researching the type of cairn that will be most suitable.

2005 WETASKIWIN JUBILEE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

For those of you that were not able to attend the Jubilee, did you ever wonder what all the photos you sent to Karen Wright were used for?

They were compiled into a 30 minute power-point slide show put to music. The slides showed the original ancestors with the date they immigrated to Canada (and in some cases, the date they returned to Sweden) and today's descendants.

The slide show has now been converted to DVD so it can be viewed on TV. The

DVD can now be purchased for \$10 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Please make your cheque out to the **Swedish 75th Jubilee**.

SVENSKBYBORNA COOKBOOK

We continue to receive requests for the cookbook but to date have only 25 orders. If you are interested in ordering more cookbooks but have not put your name on the list, please submit your order by the end of February. We need to order a minimum of 100 books.

The cookbook contains about 165 recipes from family members across British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba was available for pre-ordering only. The recipes included many old Swedish-Ukrainian dishes in addition to current-day favourites.

The price of the book is \$15 plus \$2.50 includes shipping and handling per book.

FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

There are more delays with the family history of the Gammalsvensk descendants in North America. Karen has received quite a bit of genealogy in December and is updating the family trees.

Karen Wright is still gathering family tree information, emigration and early settlement stories and photographs of the ancestors who arrived in Canada. If you have information that you think would be an asset to this publication, please submit it immediately.

Due to the amount of information yet to be entered into the book, the cost is not yet determined. However, a preliminary list to arrive at an approximate number of copies to be printed is now being gathered. Please contact Karen to put your name on the list and the number of copies you wish to order. This will assist in arriving at the cost per book.

DEDICATIONS

Space will be set aside in the family history book for families to purchase dedications for their ancestors. Currently Karen has 7 dedications. If you would like to include a dedication to your ancestors, please submit the wording and \$25 per dedication with the cheque made out to **Swedish 75th Jubilee**.

Examples:

John Peter and Paulina Annas 1899 – 1969 1901 – 1991 In loving memory of our parents,

Rudolph Annas January 1, 1921 – January 2, 2000 Forever loved, Helen, Ken, Mary Lou, Carrie & Christina
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LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 Manitoba 75th Anniversary – August 4 - 6, 2006 in Meadows, Manitoba.
For more information on this celebration contact:

Karen Gluchi

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Hope to see you there!

2007 Trip to Gammalsvenskby

A trip to the Ukraine is being planned so interested parties in North America can visit their ancestors' village in the Ukraine. Pastor Karl-Erik Tysk of Sweden is assisting in the planning of this trip. Pastor Tysk is an experienced traveller in the Ukraine and is fluent in Swedish, English and Russian.

We are planning the trip for early May 2007 so if any farmers are interested in going the timing will hopefully not conflict with their farming. If anyone is seriously interested in this trip and the timing is not good, please let Karen Wright know. We want to make it possible for the greatest number of people to come.

2009 – 80th Jubilee in Roma, Gotland

The Svenskbyborna will be celebrating 80 years since the Gammalsvensk Swedes arrived in Sweden. We are also planning a group trip from Canada with a side trip to the Ukraine.

Stay tuned for further updates!

Don't forget to complete the attached membership form and send it in!

Contact Information:

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Svenskbyborna Society Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Svenskbyborna family name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Please note: The Society would like to print a membership directory so members can contact each other directly. Please check the box below if you agree to have your name included in the directory. Your contact information will not be distributed to third parties.

Yes, I give my permission to print my contact information in a membership directory to be distributed to members only.

Enclose a cheque for \$25 and mail to:

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