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Mission

The American Swedish Institute is a gathering place for all people to share experiences around themes of culture, migration, the environment and the arts, informed by enduring links to Sweden.

Vision

The American Swedish Institute will be a leading museum and cultural center of international reputation which invites all people to gather to connect their pasts to their shared future, to understand their heritage in relation to others, and to discover their role as neighbors and global citizens. Vibrant, ongoing ties to Sweden will illuminate and inspire all these endeavors.

Values

The American Swedish Institute is committed to the following principles:

Stewardship: We embrace the legacy of Stewardship given to us in the Turnblad Mansion, our collections and our diverse community.

Hospitality: We invest in our role as a welcoming place for all people and develop authentic relationships with communities local, national and international.

Learning: We create transformational learning experiences by providing a platform for reflection, participation, collaboration and the exchange of ideas.

Innovation: We create beautiful spaces, innovative programs and outstanding services, in the entrepreneurial spirit of Swan J. Turnblad.

Sustainability: We incorporate values of social responsibility into our programs, facilities and operations that sustain the well-being of our organization, community and the environment.





A Message from Bruce Karstadt, ASI President / CEO

The American Swedish Institute (ASI) is a gathering place for all people to come together in ways that enable them to share and be enriched by stories of heritage, craft and the arts — a vision which informs and directs our work and service to our community. In that spirit, ASI presented a series of related exhibitions and programs in 2018 under the theme *The Handmade* — a twelve-month celebration of craft, its traditions and influences, with the help of artists, designers and craftspeople from this region and the Nordic countries.

In recent years, ASI has established a prominent profile as an international organization that bridges our community's interests in crafts, arts and design with some of the Nordic region's greatest practitioners. Of course, craft has long been an area of interest for ASI, especially in keeping alive Swedish and Nordic folk traditions for current and future generations. Our collections have great depth and offer exceptional resources (particularly in glass, textiles and wood) for discovering examples of Swedish and Swedish-American craft and workmanship. In another sense, we've always celebrated the handmade through the preservation and interpretation of the most significant object in our collection, the historic Turnblad Mansion. The Mansion is filled with splendid wonders attributable to the careful work of many skilled craftspeople.

We drew upon that profile last year by focusing on those who create through the alchemy of hand, mind and heart — as exemplified by artisans from the Nordic region as well as those who call Minnesota (or the upper Midwest or "the north") home. International guest artists in the past year included Ingegerd Råman (ceramics and glass), Bertil Vallien (glass), Jögge Sundqvist (wood), Kim Simonsson (ceramic sculpture) and Gudrun Sjödén (fashion and design).

One of our exhibitions, *CraftBOWL*, offered a fascinating exploration of vessels and the simple bowl form made possible by loans from different individuals and organizations with ASI links. *101 Bowls* (indeed there were 101 of them!) came to us from many local artists, Sweden, Seattle and all points in between. This remarkable display served as a visual archive that gave testimony to ASI's early roots in craft and our ongoing, intentional work to broaden and deepen our relationships with artists and arts, culture and history communities here and across the Atlantic.

It should be said that during this past year, we not only helped our audiences to appreciate craft — but also to practice it. In an increasingly high-tech world, many yearn for high-touch activities. We understood this to be a growing area of interest, hence our decision to include a studio classroom when building our new center (only to now wish we had built two, plus a teaching kitchen). Throughout the year, the studio was regularly used for an array of stimulating classes and workshops for all generations in our *Nordic Craft* (*slöjd*) and *Nordic Table* programs. Classes ranged in topics from birch bark weaving, wet felting, glass molding, making a Sami-inspired bracelet, baking Swedish rye bread and building a timber frame structure, just to name a few.

In reflecting on 2018, I'm pleased to say that our campus was filled by people of all ages and backgrounds, who gathered together for exhibitions, classes, programs or shared meals. Our aspiration, through these kinds of gatherings, is to contribute to the well-being of our community and, in the words of Alice Waters, to inspire us all "to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive." I hope and believe that we succeeded.

All of this is made possible only by the many contributions of our members, donors and volunteers — and with the inspired leadership of a deeply invested Board and creative staff. Your generosity makes much possible and makes a deep impact upon our community. As we celebrate the past year and thank all those who made everything possible, I hope you will join us for some of the many gatherings planned in the months and year ahead. *Tack så hemskt mycket!*

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Bruce Karstadt
American Swedish Institute
President/CFO

Exhibitions and Arts and Cultural Programs

(FY 2018 — October I, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

International Exhibitions, Osher and Turnblad Galleries

The Handmade

CraftBOWL (Ingegerd Råman, Bertil Vallien, Jögge Sundqvist)

The Fantastical Worlds of Kim Simonsson Gudrun Sjödén — A Colourful Universe

ASI Collection Exhibitions

Handpicked: Recent Acquistions
Community Exhibitions
Fest — Merry Mansion
Skål! Scandinavian Spirits
Lake Country Pastel Society
ASI Staff Art Exhibition: Manuscript
Arts North
Verne Anderson + Cecilia Schiller
Tia Keo: Three Sixty Five

Paintings by Gertrud Anderberg Alison Aune & Kirsten Aune: Colors from the North Handmade Holidays: Nordic Holidays

Family Gallery Exhibitions

Ulla's Bakery Tom's Christmas Fish

Film Screenings

The Spoon, The Bowl and The Knife Frozen in Film Series: Arctic Superstar, A Holy Mess, The Girl Who Saved My Life Sweden: Lessons for America?

Performances

Lucia Concerts
Julglädje
ASI Spelmanslag Concert
Tjarnblom CD Release Concert
Svensk musik och dans: Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag & EMSO
Cantus Concert

Cloudberries: A Week of Swedish Song Nordic Accordion: Music and Poems in a Scandinavian Mood Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag Celebrates 20 Years! Swede Hollow: Reading of the Stage Play

Special Events

Midsommar
Julmarknad
Neighborhood Open House
Winter Solstice Celebration
Great Makers Exchange
Kräftskiva — Crayfish Party
Cocktails at the Castle
Easter in the Castle
First Look Exhibition Preview Parties
Jul: Swedish American Traditions Book Launch

Youth and Family Focus

Kids at the Castle
Summer Camps – Pippi, Vikings, Nordic Cooking & Culture
Birthday Parties
Gingerbread House Making
Svenska Skolan
På Gång
Lilla Lag

Other Programs

ASI at Minnesota History Day Bowls for Open Arms Swedish Genealogy Workshops Afternoons at ASI Nordic Handcraft Workshops Nordic Table Workshops Swedish Language and Culture Classes Finnish Language Classes Breakfast with Beatrice Great Maker's Exchange

Gudrun Sjödén — A Colourful Universe (left to right: Gudrun Sjödén, Laurie Jacobi, Wanja Djanaieff)



CraftBOWL — glass artist Bertil Vallien



Exhibitions — Handmade Inspiration

CraftBOWL — January 20 – April 8, 2018

CraftBOWL, a multi-part exhibition, featured the work of three Swedish master makers and explored vessel design through the lens of the humble and ubiquitous bowl. In Osher Gallery, the installation 101 Bowls presented a wealth of containers with shapes, textures and materials that each evoked a style, unique feeling or cherished memory.

Throughout the Turnblad Mansion, visitors encountered works by Swedish woodworker Jögge Sundqvist and ceramicist Ingegerd Råman, who both visited ASI as part of the exhibition, as well works by the amazing glass artist Bertil Vallien. All three artists are at the forefront of innovation in their respective mediums.

The Fantastical Worlds of Kim Simonsson — April 21 – July 15, 2018

ASI welcomed Finnish artist and sculptor Kim Simonsson to showcase his imaginative and playful ceramic works in Osher Gallery and the Turnblad Mansion. Kim carefully builds each sculpture by hand and uses a special technique on some to create a signature lime green color and a 'mossy' texture. These figures, dubbed 'moss people,' often lovingly depict life-sized children and can be imagined as introspective dwellers in Finland's plentiful forests. Kim's work sparked curiosity and wonder as thousands of visitors engaged with his creative and fresh approach to traditional ceramics.

Gudrun Sjödén — A Colourful Universe — July 28 – October 28, 2018

In her United States premiere exhibition, Gudrun Sjödén, the innovative Swedish textile designer and global entrepreneurial force, worked in collaboration with ASI to present *Gudrun Sjödén* — A *Colourful Universe*. Gudrun's vibrant, female-friendly clothing designs with folk and nature-inspired motifs are drawn from her work as a water-color artist. Gudrun's creativity, ingenuity and environmental consciousness have created one of the most enduring and successful fashion brands in recent memory. A *Colourful Universe* brought thousands of loyal Gudrun fans to ASI who sought to deepen their connection with their favorite maker, while also introducing many new viewers to her clothing and accomplishments as an artist and entrepreneur.

Benson Gallery and Community Gallery

ASI's Benson Gallery and Community Gallery feature Minnesota artists whose work meaningfully connects with ASI's annual exhibition theme. In 2018, ASI featured the works of Tia Keobounpheng, sisters Alison Aune and Kirsten Aune, Cecilia Schiller and Verne Anderson, along with dozens of other Minnesota artists who participated in the Arts North competition or exhibited works in partnership with the Lake Country Pastel Society.

"I am so happy to have joined...I went to ASI especially to see Gudrun Sjödén's exhibition, which was fantastic! How beautifully creative to have her work displayed throughout the Mansion!" — Susan Osaki Holm

CraftBOWL — Jögge Sundqvist leads an exhibition press preview





Collections

The American Swedish Institute manages material, library and archival collections which represent Swedish art and culture and reflect the historic and ongoing experiences of Swedish-Americans. These collections serve scholars and lifelong learners seeking information about Sweden, Swedish culture and Swedish-Americans. Collections support and inform the work of ASI staff, volunteers, members and associated clubs and organizations.

Turnblad Mansion Stewardship

The largest item in ASI's material collection is the historic Turnblad Mansion, which has awed visitors with its artisanship in stone, glass and wood for more than 110 years. In 1971, the iconic Mansion was among the first in Minneapolis to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This past year, ASI renewed its focus on preserving the splendor and craft mastery of the Mansion by undergoing a Historical Building Condition Assessment with HGA Architects & Engineers. The results indicated a sound structure and foundation and a well-cared-for historic asset. Yet one hundred plus years of weather, age and growth in program activity has left its mark on the historic masonry and interior and exterior finishes. More work is underway to identify and address issues, while simultaneously updating the Mansion's components to heighten ASI's ability to feature modern exhibitions that interpret Nordic art, immigration and craft. As part of this initiative, ASI secured a significant grant from the Minnesota Historical Society's Historical and Cultural Heritage fund to begin planning and drafting. In the years ahead, ASI will begin restoring various spaces of the Mansion to bring them into peak condition for another century.

"We would highly recommend to anyone, native or visitor, to spend at least half a day touring this classic building and learning about the intersections of Swedish immigration and its impact on Minneapolis and Saint Paul history" — Dr. Carol G. Taylor

Helena Hernmarck knits



Swedish glass art from the 2018 exhibition Recent Acquisitions



1832 Swedish baptismal gown



ASI Collections Acquisitions

ASI's collection continues to grow and develop to include items expressing the best of contemporary Swedish culture, material artifacts and artwork that represent the historic and ongoing experiences of Swedish-Americans.

17,275 items in the library collection

7,233 pieces in the material collection

1,505 users on the collections website

292 archival collections

71 reference inquiries

28 research visits

25 acquisitions in FY 2018 (2 library, 7 archives, 16 material)

- An unprecedented collection of 258 pieces of Swedish art glass donated by Andrea Blum and Warren Olson, amassed over 20 years, was curated to fill gaps in ASI's existing glass collection. This generous donation contains pieces by many of Sweden's noted glass houses and designers and was featured in ASI's exhibition *Handpicked:* Recent Acquisitions.
- ASI volunteer Lois Hall generously donated family items including an ornate 1832 Swedish baptismal gown. Covered with intricate metallic embroidery, the gown is a stunning example of early Swedish *dopdräkt*, or baptismal clothing.
- Helena Hernmarck, the textile artist who created the beautiful tapestry hanging in the Nelson Cultural Center, donated five 'knits' which were made as part of her artistic process. These knits were photographed to create the framed prints that hang outside Larson Hall.

Have you ever been in FIKA and wondered what used to be in the exact spot where you are sitting? Connie Cleary knows. As a young child in the 1940s, she lived with her grandmother at 2616 Park Avenue, a neighbor to the Turnblad Mansion. She finds it comforting to know that when she sits in FIKA, she is, in the physical sense, back in her grandmother's kitchen. Cleary donated photographs of her grandmother's house and the neighboring Turnblad Mansion, and shared her memories of growing up next to the great house.

Connie Cleary house



Our Neighborhood

Each year more than 500 children and their families engage with ASI through The Pippi Project at Andersen and Bancroft Elementary Schools, Story Swap at Wellstone International High School and two PICA/Head Start programs within walking distance of ASI. Participants share cultural stories and experiences that deepen understanding across different cultures and generations.

ASI Community Garden

As a surprise for his wife Emily's birthday, George Johnson arranged a dinner for friends and family at ASI that benefitted the community garden tended by neighborhood children. Thanks to the Johnson's generosity, the raised boxes and trellis now installed along Park Avenue serve as a living classroom for neighborhood students to learn about gardening and healthy eating.

Bowls for Open Arms

In partnership with Open Arms of Minnesota and St. Kate's Empty Bowl Project and the *CraftBOWL* exhibition, ASI hosted a soup social with handmade ceramic bowls that benefitted Open Arms of Minnesota's mission to provide nutritious meals to Minnesota residents suffering from a serious illness. ASI staff also contributed by donating time to help prepare meals and deliver them to Open Arms' metro-area clients.

Inspired by a wooden bowl in the 101 Bowls installation cherished by several generations in the Glaser family, Dan Berggren, a friend of the Glaser's, composed a poignant song called "Share the Bowl."

Ebenezer Partnership

Residents of Ebenezer Senior Living's buildings in the Phillips West neighborhood visited ASI often to participate in hands-on craft programs and to attend ASI's ongoing events. Some notable examples included watercolor and pottery classes and helping to create ceramic bowls for the Bowls for Open Arms soup benefit. ASI is grateful to have such a strong neighborhood partner in Ebenezer and to be able to connect Ebenezer residents with arts and cultural experiences.

ASI Community Garden



Ebenezer partnership







Cultural Programming

Through comprehensive cultural programming — with numerous offerings for all ages including language courses and handcraft workshops, foodways programming and author events, *Svenska Skolan*, the Lucia Choir and heritage festivals like *Midsommar* — ASI serves as a vibrant cultural center locally and globally that bridges generations and builds relationships across cultures.

Nordic Handcraft in Minneapolis Public Schools

ASI extended the year of *The Handmade* by offering local students at Bancroft and Whittier elementary schools opportunities for after-school, Nordic-inspired handcraft. This unique creative outlet reinforced skills in the class-room and exposed children to a love of making!

Visit from Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter

ASI was honored to welcome Swedish Ambassador to the United States Karin Olofsdotter for a visit in September 2018.

Dr. Richard Tellström

With support from the Swedish Council of America, ASI welcomed Swedish food historian Dr. Richard Tellström for a month-long residency. Tellström researched and shared the origins of some of Swedish America's beloved, but smelly, food traditions (a.k.a lutfisk). Insights from Dr. Tellstrom's residency will be presented in November 2019 when ASI welcomes him back.

Sweden World Cup Soccer

ASI hosted hundreds of World Cup soccer fans to cheer on the Swedish national team during a viewing of the quarter finals match against England.

2018 Swedish American of the Year

In 2018, longtime ASI President/CEO Bruce Karstadt was nominated by the Vasa Order of America to receive the prestigious Swedish American of the Year award. Bruce and key guests from ASI traveled to Växjö, Sweden, to accept the award.

Sweden World Cup soccer viewing at ASI



Swedish Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter (center), members of her and ASI's Staff







See Yourself at ASI!







Kräftskiva — Crayfish Party



Family in Grand Hall during Julmarknad



Midsommar Celebration



Julglädje



ASI Family Gallery: Ulla's Bakery



Winter Solstice Celebration





Great Makers Exchange



First Look: Gudrun Sjödén — A Colorful Universe

ASI Clubs, Affiliates and Partners — FY 2018

Core to the fabric of our gathering place are the clubs, affiliate organizations and partners that nurture the spirit of community, honor heritage and history, and extend ASI's reach in new and innovative ways that benefit the community we serve.

ASI Clubs and Performing Groups

ASI Cloudberries ASI Male Chorus ASI Spelmanslag

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Swedish Hospital Alumni Association

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Swedish Genealogical Society of MN

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Heritage Society Members have made a commitment to ASI's future, ensuring ASI can remain a gathering place for years to come. Gifts include naming the ASI as a beneficiary in estate plans and/or a gift of \$3000 or more to the Heritage Endowment Fund. Tack så mycket!

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— Karen Bieschke

Serving Our Mission — Volunteer Recognition FY 2018

The American Swedish Institute is indebted to its volunteers for their many hours of valuable service.

INDIVIDUALS 164

HOURS 13,898

Volunteers giving 100 hours or more (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

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Beth Kaluza

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Left to right: Christine Lane, Britt-Marie Wood, Sten Johnson, Robert Nicholl (ASI Visitor Services/Volunteer Coordinator), Robert Morgan, Ted Johnson, Jason Patalonis, Erma Comstock, Alan Hagstrom



ASI at a Glance

(Statistics for FY 2018)

181,569 People Connected and Engaged at ASI in FY 2018

53,598 Turnblad Mansion and Museum Admissions

38,803 Diners at FIKA

26, 9 # of Retail Transactions in ASI Museum Store

26,025 Facebook Fans

24,800 Items in ASI Collections

22,539 Guests for Rental Events

9,236 Volunteer Hours Donated

9, 144 Festival Attendees (Julmarknad, Midsommar and Winter Solstice)

7,8 | 4 Adult Programs Participants

5,925 Instagram Followers

5,285 Clubs & Organization Visits

4,754 Active Member Households

4,4 2 Youth & Family Program Participants

3,270 Group Tour Participants

1,624 School Partnership Program Participants

69 Active Volunteers

3 Clubs, Performing Groups and Affiliates

Swedish American of the Year Award for Bruce Karstadt

2017 ASI Lucia Choir

Endowment Support

Total Sources of Funds for Operations



Mansion at Midsommar

Sources of Funds and Expenditures for Core Mission Support and Capital Projects — FY 2018*

SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR FY 2018

Operations		Other	
Donations and Grants	\$1,662,100	Donations for Capital Projects and	
Memberships	316,200	Cash Reserve	\$63,250
Admissions	344,700	Total Sources of Funds for Other	\$63,250
Programs, Classes and Events	370,400		Ψ03,230
Cultural Enterprises, Net of	901,500		
Cost of Sales			

EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2018

170,000

149,800

\$3,914,700

Operations		Other	
Museum, Programs and		Capital Expenditures from	
Core Mission Support	\$3,906,700	Operating Funds	\$29,957
Total Operations Expenditures	\$3,906,700	Total Capital Project Expenditures	\$29,957

*For the period October I, 2017 – September 30, 2018. The above financial information accurately represents operations, but is not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals. For audited financial statements when available, see ASImn.org.



