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# Catalog





## Registration Opens

Friday, July 22  
(ASI members)

Monday, July 25  
(general public)

Register online  
at [asimn.org](http://asimn.org)

### Needle Felted Pocket Tomte and Friend with Jen Newburg

Learn, practice, and explore Scandinavian folk arts and cultures through programs and events at the American Swedish Institute. Pick up a new skill or practice your craft in handcraft classes led by master artisans. Connect time-honored food traditions with a bright New Nordic future (or just learn a new recipe!) in Nordic Table demos and workshops. Learn Swedish or Finnish, or fine tune your skills, with classes for all ages and abilities.

One of the leading museums and cultural centers in the Twin Cities, ASI offers inclusive, transformative arts and culture experiences centered around learning, reflection, and collaboration.

ASI offers both in-person and virtual programs. Connect from anywhere in the world and be sure to check the location of your program prior to registering.

**Unless otherwise noted, advance registration is required for all programs and events. Learn more about ASI's programs and exhibitions at [asimn.org](http://asimn.org).**

### Look ahead to the holidays!

November–January programs and events go on sale **September 30 (ASI members)** and **October 1 (general public)**.

Schedule announced late September.



# Nordic Handcraft

ASI's Nordic Handcraft series brings Scandinavian handcraft traditions to life through workshops, makers meet-ups and lectures. Grounded in the Swedish tradition of *slöjd* (handcraft), these programs gather makers of all backgrounds to build community, practice folk art traditions and share innovative and creative approaches to textiles, woodcarving, basketry and more.

## Basketry

### Adventures in Knutkorgar with Fred Livesay and Jane Laurence

In-Person | Lecture | Thu, September 29, 6:30–8 pm

Join Fred and Jane for a whirlwind recap of their 2022 adventures across Scandinavia in search of the secrets of the *knutkorg*, or knot basket. These woven wooden baskets made their way to the USA with 19th century immigrants, and Jane and Fred have followed them across Minnesota and back to their original source. Photos, anecdotes, and some basket show and tell will all be included. \$15 (\$10 ASI member)

### Danish Willow Basket Exploration with Steen Madsen

In-Person | Workshop | Fri, September 30–Sun, October 2, 9 am–4:30 pm

Explore the deep and wide tradition of willow basketry with renowned Danish basket maker Steen Madsen in this open-format, student-directed,

three-day course. Students of all levels will choose from various willow basket patterns based on their skill level and interest. Throughout the weekend, Steen will share his research spanning 7000 years of basket history in northern Europe and beyond. Suitable for ages 16+; good hand strength required. \$350 (\$325 ASI member), \$75 materials fee included

## Community Craft

### Virtual Makers Morning

Virtual | Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 am CDT

In a relaxed, virtual setting hosted by ASI staff, join a community of makers who share projects, work, experiences, and stories each week. All crafts and skill levels welcome. Drop in as often as you like, for as long as you like. Free.

### Makers Night

In-Person | Third Thursdays, September 15 and October 20, 6–8 pm

Gather with other makers for a friendly and productive evening! Makers Night is a monthly opportunity every third Thursday for anyone interested in craft to work in community and share conversation, tips, and questions. Bring a project to work on and any tools you need. Free. No advance registration required.



Danish Willow Basket Exploration with Steen Madsen

## Glass & Ceramics

### Painted Tomte Mugs with Sue Flanders and Ingrid Sundstrom

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 10, 2–4 pm

Decorate your own mugs with a tomte, the charming character from Swedish folk lore. Students will follow a pattern or paint their own tomte onto two bisqueware mugs prepared by potter Sue Flanders. Sue will fire the mugs after class and return them to ASI for pick up about a week later. Suitable for ages 13+. \$55 (\$45 ASI Member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

### Forage and Fuse with Emma Wood

In-Person | Workshop | Tue, September 20, 6:30–8:30 pm

Create a unique glass object that holds the imprint of foraged plants in this workshop at Foci, the Minnesota Center for Glass Arts in Minneapolis. Students will bring their own plantmatter and seal it inside a fused glass piece, capturing both a design and moment in time. Suitable for ages 16+, or 13–15 with a registered adult. \$95 (\$85 ASI member)

### Water Themed Fused Glass Plates with Susan Tracy

In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 25, 12:30–3:30 pm

Make two 6" fused glass plates to enjoy or give as gifts in this unique workshop. Students will be introduced to the art of glass fusing and slumping using water and beaches as inspiration. After class, the instructor will fuse and slump the projects in her kiln and return them to ASI for pick up a few weeks later. No previous experience necessary. Suitable for ages 18+. \$65 (\$55 ASI member) + \$40 materials fee payable to instructor

## Natural Crafts & Wellness

### DIY Beeswax Wraps with Bliss Benson

In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 6, 6:30–8:30 pm

Create two reusable and sustainable beeswax coated food wraps while learning about Minnesota's pollinators! Local bee keeper Bliss will lead students through the process of coating cotton fabric with beeswax using two different techniques. As a natural replacement for plastic wrap, your two 13" square wraps can be reused many, many times before eventually being composted. Suitable for ages 16+. \$55 (\$45 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor

## Paper & Studio Arts

### Watercolor Legacy Landscapes with Tara Sweeney

In-Person | Workshop | Thu, September 22–Fri, September 23, 10 am–5 pm both days

Create a watercolor landscape painting of a treasured place that will be a legacy for future generations. Students will work from a photo of a favorite landscape to produce a painting via a three-layer, limited palette approach. Emphasis on light, shadow, and depth will create a lively scene with glowing colors. Students provide their own materials; please see [asimn.org](http://asimn.org) for more information. Suitable for all skill levels, ages 18+. \$175 (\$155 ASI member)

### Watercolor Batik Fall Birches with Kim Gordon

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 24, 1–4 pm

Try your hand at watercolor batik, a fun and modern twist on the ancient batik technique. Students will use layers of melted wax and watercolor on rice paper to create an image of a golden grove of birch trees in their fall glory. This unusual art form is fun and approachable, and results in a beautiful piece of art that reflects our northern landscape. Suitable for ages 16+. \$65 (\$55 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor.

### Swedish Bonadsmålning with Egg Tempera with Pieper Fleck Bloomquist

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 8–Sun, October 9, 10 am–5 pm both days

Explore traditional Swedish *bonadsmålning* painting techniques in this two-day class appropriate for all skill levels. Using basic patterns with options for embellishment, students will craft their own egg yolk-based paints and create an 8" x 10" folk art painting while exploring traditional use of color and design. Students provide some materials; please see [asimn.org](http://asimn.org) for more information. Suitable for ages 13+. \$175 (\$155 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

### Cultivating Creative Ritual with Anna Brones

Virtual | Workshop | Thu, October 13, 6:30–8 pm CDT

Ritual and routine are important parts of the creative process, and for helping to kickstart creativity. Join artist Anna Brones for a conversation around creative prompts, idea and activities that help engage the creative process. Each student will start a physical deck of creativity prompt cards, which can continue to grow and offer inspiration beyond class. Suitable for ages 16+. \$25 (\$20 ASI Member)

## Craft & Cocktails

Grab a friend for a fall Craft & Cocktails workshop inspired by Birger Sandzén's outdoor paintings! Enjoy a signature beverage from FIKA Café while dipping your toes into handcraft led by teaching artist Kayla Ann. Open to ages 21+. One beverage and all materials included. \$45 (\$40 ASI member)



Nature Inspired Block Prints with Kayla Ann

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In-Person | Workshop | Thu, September 29, 6:30–8:30 pm

Try your hand at block printing! Participants may bring a photo of a favorite tree or nature detail as inspiration to create a small print block and make a few prints to take home.

### Needle Felted Painterly Landscapes with Kayla Ann

In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 13, 6:30–8 pm

Develop a needle felted landscape as pretty as a painting. Bring a photo of a favorite vista or use a landscape provided by the instructor as your guide.

## Textiles

### **Intergenerational Needle Felted Pocket Tomte and Friend with Jen Newburg**

**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 10, 10 am–12 pm**

Make the sweetest little wooly tomte and critter friend ready for imaginative play in this intergenerational needle felting class. Kids and their special adults will decorate a pocket sized tomte and an accompanying woodland creature using the magical technique of needle felting. Kids ages 8+ are invited to join alongside an adult. Limit one adult per child. \$35 adult/child pair (\$30 ASI member pair) + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor

### **Start Weaving a Repp Band with Kerstin Neumüller**

**In-Person | Workshop | Wed, September 14, 10 am–5 pm**

This class offers an overview to Swedish textile artist Kerstin Neumüller's process of carving fanciful small looms and combining colors for useful bands. Students will have a chance both to try their hand at carving and start weaving a repp band, in which the warp threads tightly cover the weft threads. This class will offer plenty of inspiration to tackle these crafts further at home. Suitable for ages 16+. \$115 (\$105 ASI member) includes \$25 materials fee

### **Carve and Weave with a Nordic-Style Rigid Heddle Loom with Kerstin Neumüller**

**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 17–Sun, September 18, 10 am–5 pm both days**

Carve a useful small rigid heddle loom and learn how to use this loom for weaving repp-style bands with Swedish textile artist Kerstin Neumüller in this two day workshop. On day one, students will carve their own loom under instructor direction. On day two, students will practice setting up their looms and start weaving a repp band, a Scandinavian

style band in which the warp tightly covers the weft. Suitable for ages 16+. \$250 (\$225 ASI Member), includes \$75 materials fee

### **Intergenerational Needle Felted Pumpkin House with Jen Newburg**

**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 1, 1–3 pm**

Make a cute and fluffy pumpkin house ready for imaginative play in this intergenerational class. Felter Jen Newburg will lead kids and their special adults through the process of shaping and decorating two pumpkin-shaped houses using the magical technique of needle felting. Using a needle to poke colorful wool into place is a fun and easy craft for all ages. Each adult joins a child ages 8+. Limit one adult per child. \$35 adult/child pair (\$30 ASI member pair) + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor

### **Painting with Wool – The Folk-Art Heart with Laura Berlage**

**Virtual | Workshop | Thu, October 13, 1–4 pm CDT**

Create a unique wool "painting" in the style of Scandinavian folk art. Students will explore the magic of needle felting to create a folk-art style heart motif using beautiful hand-dyed roving from the instructor's own sheep. Focus will be given to shape creation, colorwork to mimic folk painting technique, and three-dimensionality. This class includes a kit (\$25 value) which can be shipped for an additional fee. Suitable for ages 13+. \$90 (\$80 ASI member), includes \$25 materials fee

### **Swedish Embroidered Applique Sampler with Natalie Norman**

**In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 14, 10 am–5 pm**

Recreate a Swedish applique design in wool felt while learning about folk textile embellishment. Students will work from a pattern inspired by an



### **Start Weaving a Repp Band with Kerstin Neumüller**

18th century embroidered mitten. Techniques for up to 7 embroidery stitches will be shared, resulting in a textile that could be finished to use for a small pillow or purse. All skill levels welcome. Suitable for ages 16+. \$95 (\$85 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to instructor

### **Nålbinding: The Next Step with Melba Granlund**

**In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 21–Sun, October 23, 1–5 pm each day**

Expand on basic *nålbinding* techniques and learn to create your own patterns for warm socks or mittens using your favorite stitches. Students also may choose to practice new stitches or focus on decorative edging and stitching embellishments. Students provide their own yarn and needles; *nålbinding* needles will be available for purchase from the instructor. Suitable for ages 16+. \$160 (\$145 ASI Member) + \$5 materials fee payable to instructor

### **Skinnfell – The Printed Sheepskin with Becky Utecht and Sue Flanders**

**In-Person | Workshop | Sun, October 23, 10 am–5 pm**

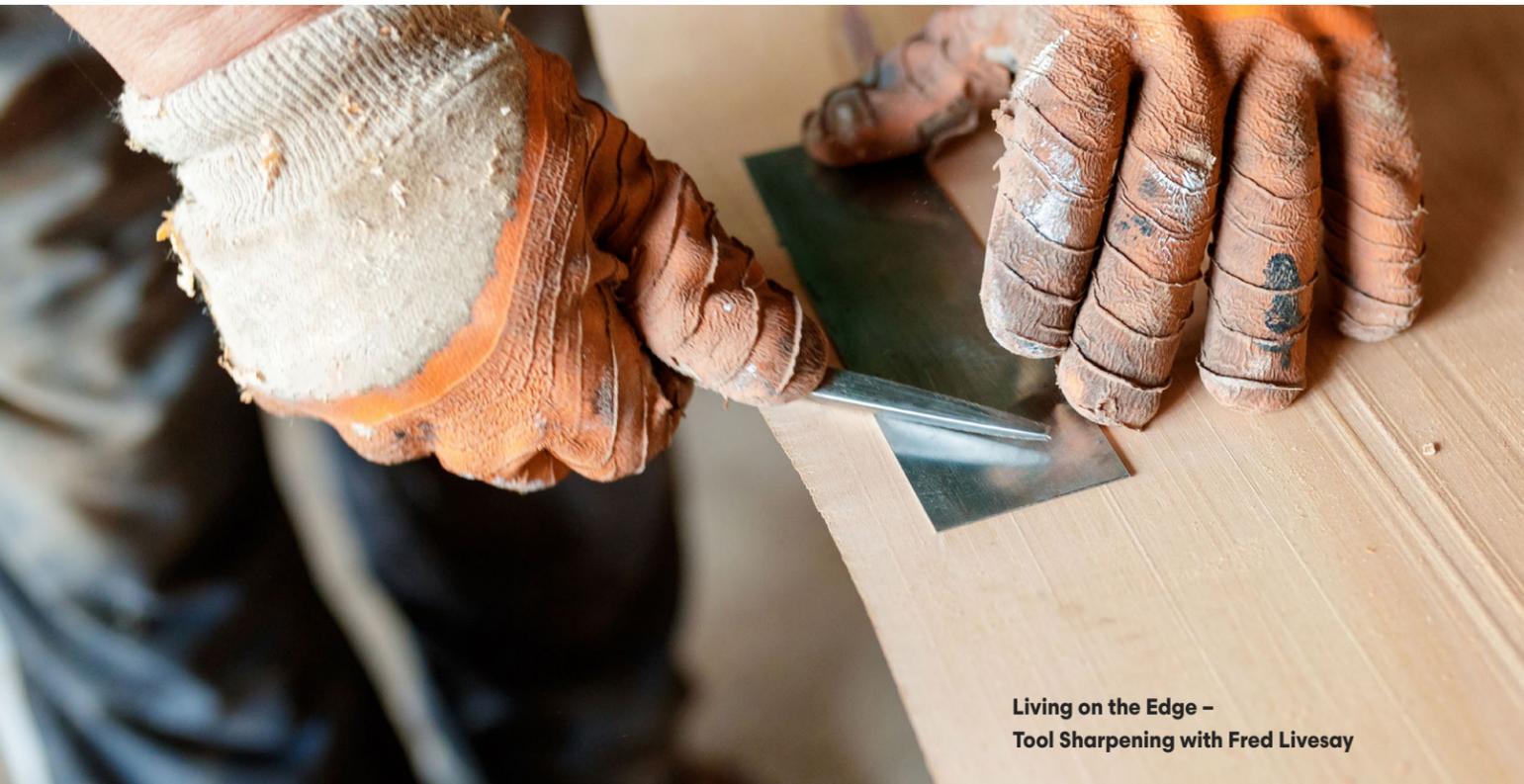
Learn about the history of Norwegian embellished sheepskins, or *skinnfell*, while block printing and

finishing a tanned sheepskin about 22" by 32". Originally used as coverlets, these finished *skinnfells* are perfect for use as a chair pad, bench cover, or wall hanging. Students will use traditional Norwegian wooden print blocks to create unique designs and explore edging options. Suitable for ages 16+; good hand strength required. \$95 (\$85 ASI member) + \$80 materials fee payable to instructor

### **Closet Repair with Maddy Bartsch**

**In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 27, 6–8:30 pm**

Continue the long and sustainable tradition of mending! Using items brought from home, students will pick the right mend for each project, try basic darning and mending techniques, and explore useful supplies. You'll leave with the confidence to take on whatever your closet throws at you. Students bring garments and optional mending supplies from home, or may purchase a kit (\$10) in class. \$55 (\$45 ASI member) + optional \$10 materials fee payable to instructor



Living on the Edge –  
Tool Sharpening with Fred Livesay

## Wood

### Carve a Heart with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 11,  
2–4:30 pm

This beginner-level course will introduce students to the tradition of Scandinavian-style flat plane carving, including basic knife grips and carving techniques. Students will make a sweet wooden heart decoration, perfect for display, gifting or even making a statement necklace. Open to ages 16+, or ages 12–15 alongside a registered adult. \$50 (\$45 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to instructor

### Scandinavian Spoon Carving with Paul Linden

In-Person | Workshop | Wed, September 14–Wed,  
November 16, 7–9 pm each session

Build your spoon carving skills in this 10-week course! This class uses spoons and other small projects to

explore intermediate and advanced techniques of woodworking in the spirit of *slöjd*, the Swedish handcraft tradition of creating beautiful and functional objects. Students should have some previous experience in wood working with hand tools and good hand strength/flexibility. Suitable for ages 16+. \$250 (\$225 ASI Member) + \$50 materials fee payable to instructor

### Intro to Kolrosing with Liesl Chatman

In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, October 4–25,  
6–8 pm, or Wednesdays, October 5–26,  
10 am–12 pm

Get started with a very old, very portable decorative craft! At its simplest, *kolrosing* is the art of incising a wooden surface, revealing the pattern with pigment, and burnishing the cuts to create a smooth, durable decoration. In this four-week course, students will learn the basics of designs, materials,

and techniques for kolrosing flat and curved woodenware. Two sessions available. Suitable for ages 13+. \$125 (\$110 ASI member) + \$60 materials fee payable to instructor

### Shrink Boxes for Women and Non-binary Students with Jess Hirsch

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 15, 10 am–2 pm

Make a shrink box in this half day class! Shrink boxes are a container carved from green wood. We start with a branch, hollow it out, and insert a dry wooden bottom. As the fresh wood dries, it shrinks into place, magically sealing the bottom to create a useful container! Open to women and non-binary students only and suitable for ages 16+; good hand strength required. \$75 (\$65 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

### Green Woodcarving 101 with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 22, 2–4:30 pm

Get a taste of woodcarving in this half day, in-person class. This quick overview to the fundamentals of woodcarving will introduce you to the tools,

terminology, and concepts of working with green wood. With a carving knife in hand, you will practice simple knife grips and maybe even finish a small butter spreader. Suitable for ages 16+, or ages 12–15 registered alongside an adult. \$50 (\$45 ASI member) + \$15 materials fee payable to instructor

### Living on the Edge – Tool Sharpening with Fred Livesay

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 29–Sun,  
October 30, 10 am–5 pm both days

Keen to hone your sharpening skills? Dull tools are inefficient, unsafe and not fun to use, so let's get them sharpened! Over one weekend students will learn to create, keep, and hold an edge on everything from pruners to scissors using hand and power sharpening methods. Students may bring personal tools to sharpen in class, see web description for more info. Suitable for all skill levels, ages 16+. \$175 (\$155 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

### Continuing Spoon Carving – The Pocket Spoon with Liesl Chatman

In-Person | Workshop | Sat, November 5–Sun,  
November 6, 10 am–5 pm both days

Small spoons are the bane of many spoon carvers. This class is designed to help you tackle them! Students will be led step by step through an unconventional double-blank method to make two pocket sized spoons at a time. This method allows for a safe, efficient process that doesn't tire hands out as quickly. Suitable for students with prior spoon carving experience, ages 16+. \$175 (\$155 ASI Member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor



Intro to Kolrosing with Liesl Chatman



## Nordic Table

Celebrate and explore the northern foodways through these unique workshops, demonstrations, and food events. Held either in-person or virtually, Nordic Table programs connect participants around the world to ASI's food experts, guest chefs, and seasoned educators.

Demo classes are opportunities to learn about recipes or techniques and then cook them at a later time. These programs are recorded and made available to registrants for one month after the program date to allow registrants to re-watch or participate if they cannot attend live.

Workshops are participatory experiences where registrants cook and taste alongside instructors.

### Swedish Cheesecake with Patrice Johnson

**In-Person | Workshop | Wed, September 7, 4–6 pm**

Spend an afternoon learning about a slightly obscure but delicious regional Swedish specialty, the *ostkaka*. While translated as “cheesecake” this baked dairy pudding is probably unlike any cheesecake you’ve tried — sweet, creamy, and not too heavy. Patrice Johnson will share her accessible take on this delicious dessert in this hands-on workshop taught at the Mill City Museum’s Baking Lab classroom. \$55 (\$45 ASI member)

### Swedish Breakfasts with Erin Swenson-Klatt

**Virtual | Demo | Thu, September 8, 1–2 pm CDT**

Swedish breakfasts capture many traveler’s imaginations; whether you stay in a home or at a hotel, you’re sure to get a selection of open-faced sandwich ingredients as well as cold or hot cereals. Erin will share her go to Swedish breakfast table spreads and a few simple recipes to deck out a perfect *frukost* buffet. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

### Easy Kanelbullar with Kristi Bissell

**Virtual | Demo | Thu, September 22, 1–2 pm CDT**

Get ready for *kanelbullensdag* (Cinnamon Bun Day) on October 4th by watching Kristi walk through all the steps for a batch of easy Swedish cinnamon buns. Kristi will demo how to mix and knead the dough, prepare the filling, shape and bake a batch of buns. Students will leave inspired to bake their own batch of buns at home. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

### Fall City Foraging with Maria Wesslerle

**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 15, 2–4 pm**

You don’t need to trek into the wilderness to harvest wild edibles — you can do it right here in the city! Join Maria Wesslerle of Four Season Foraging to explore the urban environment in search of wild foods. Students should be prepared to be out rain

## Thursday Nights at FIKA Café

**Thursdays, 3–8 pm. Live music at 6 pm the first Thursday of the month**

Enjoy 50% off all bottles of wine and \$1 off all cocktails, beer, and wine. Patio open for outdoor dining. Make it a family night and let the kids discover ASI’s free outdoor play cart in the enclosed courtyard.

or shine and walk up to 10–12 city blocks. Suitable for ages 18+, or 10–17 with an adult. \$45 (\$40 ASI member)

### Fall Fika Favorites with Kristi Bissell

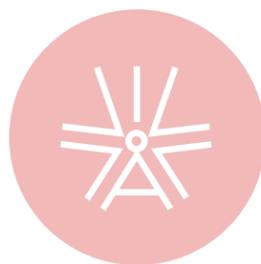
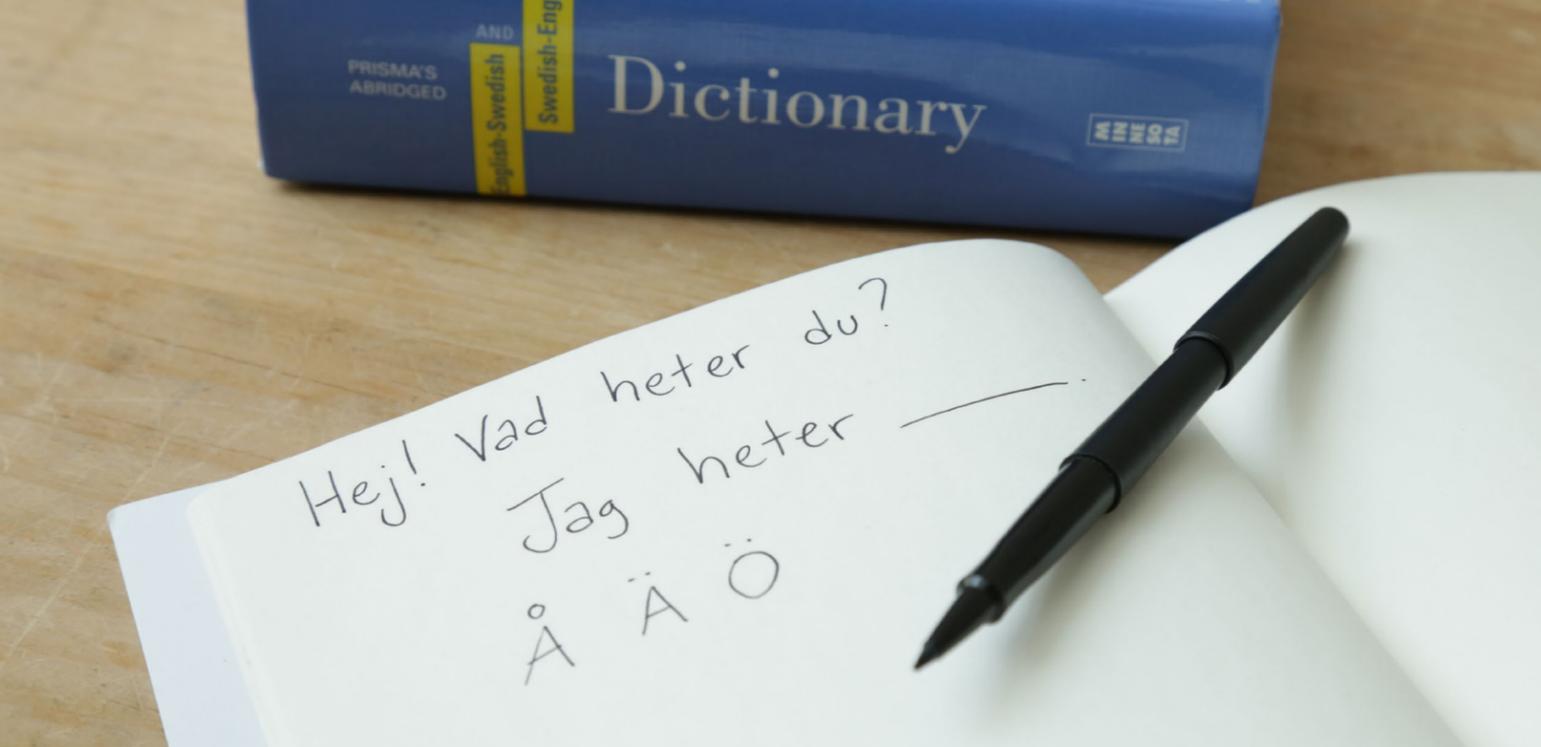
**Virtual | Demo | Thu, October 20, 1–2:30 pm CDT**

Kristi will demonstrate her takes on the Swedish apple cake, a sweet and quick Pumpkin Rye Bread with Cinnamon Sugar topping, and her grandmother’s *pepparkakor* (ginger snaps) recipe. Students are sure to pick up plenty of baking tips for cakes and cookies from this virtual class. \$35 (\$30 ASI member)

### Filmkväll – Ronia, the Robber’s Daughter with Patrice Johnson

**Virtual | Workshop | Thu, October 20, 5–7 pm CDT**

Cook a thematic menu in your own kitchen with Patrice’s guidance, then settle in for a *filmkväll* (movie night) at home with the 1984 classic *Ronia, the Robber’s Daughter*. Patrice will pull inspiration from Ronja’s life in the castle and woods to build a menu that can be assembled over our two hour class, before everyone settles in for the film at home over dinner. You’ll have to cue up the film yourself, but it’s widely available for streaming or rental. \$45 per household (\$40 ASI member household)



# Language Classes

With more than one thousand students each year, ASI's language program is one of the best resources for Swedish and Finnish language learning available outside of Scandinavia. Both online and in-person classes offer students at all skill levels an opportunity to learn a new language or practice their skills from anywhere.

From one-day exploratory classes to nine-week language sessions, ASI's language program features a range of learning options. Along with traditional textbook-based classes, seasonal programs bring language learning to life in new ways—from book clubs to hiking club, music-listening sessions, and more.

## NEW Swedish Language Happy Hour

**In-Person | Thursdays, September 8 and October 13, 5–7 pm**

Take an after work (happy hour) like the Swedes! Join ASI from 5–7 pm on the second Thursday every month for a Swedish language conversation hour. Grab a drink or food from FIKA if you wish and prata svenska with us. FIKA offers happy hour prices 3–8 pm every Thursday. Stay for as long as you like. Free. No advance registration required.

## Introductory Classes

These two-hour introductory workshops are the perfect way to get a feel for Swedish or Finnish. Registrants will pick up a bit of grammar and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation. \$18 (\$15 ASI member)

**Introduction to Swedish**  
Virtual | Sun, September 11, 1–3 pm

**Intro to Finnish**  
Virtual | Sun, September 18, 12:45–2:45 pm

## 9-Week Language Courses

**Fall semester begins September 12**

The fall semester offers more than 30 fun and educational courses in Swedish and Finnish ranging from beginner to advanced levels, with both virtual and in-person opportunities available.

Expert language educators host classes every day of the week, and each class meets the same time each week. Most classes have required course materials, many of which are available through the ASI Museum Store. Find a selection of fall course offerings, including all Beginning classes, below. **Visit [asimn.org](http://asimn.org) to find the complete schedule and register for a fall language class today!** 9-Week Language Courses are \$135 (\$125 ASI member). Early Bird Discount will be discontinued for language classes as of fall 2022.

## NEW Beginning Level Language Classes

**Beginning Swedish: Kort Kurs 1**

Virtual | Wednesdays, September 14–November 9, 11 am–12:30 pm

A beginning level Swedish class taught by Jean Hanslin specifically developed to meet adult language students with basic or limited experience in second-language learning.

**Beginning Swedish with Paul Peterson**

Virtual | Wednesdays, September 14–November 9, 6–7:30 pm

A beginning level Swedish course taught by Paul Peterson starting in chapter 1 of *Rivstart A1/A2*.

**Beginning Swedish with Ingela Haaland**

In-Person | Thursdays, September 15–November 10, 9:30–11 am

A beginning level Swedish course taught by Ingela Haaland starting in chapter 1 of *Rivstart A1/A2*.

**Beginning Swedish with Rachel Willson-Broyles**

In-Person | Thursdays, September 15–November 10, 6:15–7:45 pm

A beginning level Swedish course taught by Rachel Willson-Broyles starting in chapter 1 of *Rivstart A1/A2*.

## Swedish literature classes starting new books in the fall

**Swedish Literature**

Virtual | Tuesdays, September 13–November 8, 11:15–12:45 pm

An advanced level Swedish course taught by Ingela Haaland starting in chapter 1 of *Stöld*. Required materials: *Stöld* by Ann Helén Laestadius.

**Swedish Literature**

Virtual | Saturdays, September 17–November 12, 10–11:30 am

An intermediate level Swedish course taught by Liz Stopka starting in chapter 1 of *Den dag jag blir fri* (about the life of activist Katarina Taikon). Required materials: *Den dag jag blir fri* by Lawen Mohtadi.



## Language Classes

### Youth Language Learning

#### Lilla Skolan

**In-Person | Saturdays, September 10–November 12, 9:30–11 am**

This new program for Swedish-speaking children ages 3–5 features story time, music, and a craft, followed by free play. *Lilla Skolan* is an immersive Swedish environment, and at least one Swedish-speaking parent must be with the child during the lesson. \$135 (\$125 ASI member)

#### Svenska Skolan

**In-Person | Saturdays, September 10–November 12, 9:30–11:30 am**

*Svenska Skolan* is a Saturday morning language and culture program for students ages 6–12 that offers an opportunity to learn to practice Swedish in a fun and interactive environment. Instruction is tailored to meet the needs of children at all levels of Swedish. Häng med! \$160 (\$150 ASI members)

#### Svenska för tonåringar (Swedish for Teens)

**Virtual | Tuesdays, September 13–November 8**  
**Three group options available beginning 5 pm, 6 pm, or 7 pm**

*Svenska för tonåringar* (Swedish for teenagers) is a class for students age 13–18 who are serious about learning Swedish. In this course, you will speak, write and read in Swedish. *Vi talar, skriver och läser på svenska. Kom och lär dig svenska hos oss!* There are three sessions of *Svenska för tonåringar* based on language ability. Visit [asimn.org](http://asimn.org) to learn more. \$100 (\$90 ASI members)



Svenska för tonåringar (Swedish for Teens)



Babies at the Castle



## Youth & Family

From handcraft classes to opportunities for language learning, from summer day camps to birthday parties, there is always something for you and your children to explore together while learning about craft, culture, and history!

### Babies at the Castle

Carry your baby through ASI's featured exhibition before it opens to the public, on these unique tours designed for babies up to 18 months and their caregivers. These in-person experiences are approximately 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes of sensory play, and include a wooden teether for each baby. All mamas, papas, grandparents, and loving adults welcome. \$15 adult and one child; \$10 Additional Adult; includes museum admission.

#### Babies at the Castle: The Morning Dip

**In-Person | Fri, September 23, 9:15–10 am & Sat, September 24, 9:15–10 am**

Learn about ASI's featured photography exhibition, *The Morning Dip: Photography by Peggy Anderson*, which explores a tradition curious ritual performed by nearly every resident of the coastal

town of Torekov, Sweden. Through large format photography, Paris-based American-Swedish artist Peggy Anderson explores this longstanding ritual, as well as her own relationship to a county where she lived as a child and now spends every summer.

#### Babies at the Castle: The Turnblad Mansion

**In-Person | Fri, October 28, 9:15–10 am & Sat, October 29, 9:15–10 am**

This tour will focus on the artistic and creative aspects of the Turnblad Mansion that contributed to the overall beauty of Minneapolis's favorite castle. You and your little one will explore the woodwork, stone carvings, the *kateklugnar* (tile stoves), decorative plasterwork, and the painted glass window that makes ASI such a charming place to visit.



Kids at the Castle

### Kids at the Castle

It's a morning playdate at the Castle! Offered twice on select Fridays and Saturdays, these action-packed creative playtimes encourage adventurous young minds through circle time, storytelling, crafts, visual play, music, and movement, inspired by the season and ASI's exhibitions. Advance registration required; adults must accompany children; suggested for ages 2-5. \$8 per family

#### Kids at the Castle: Wonderful Water

**In-Person | Fri, September 16, 9-10 am & Sat, September 17, 9-10 am**

Don't miss a *Kids at the Castle* inspired by ASI's featured exhibition *The Morning Dip: Photography by Peggy Anderson*.

#### Kids at the Castle: Pajama Party

**In-Person | Fri, October 21, 9-10 am & Sat, October 22, 9-10 am**

Participants will embrace the shorter days with a pajama party and read stories about houses and museums at night. Adults and children are encouraged to wear their pajamas to this program.

### Preschool Programs

Explore Swedish and Swedish-American culture with your little one in these programs specially designed for children ages 3-5 and their accompanying adult. Adult accompaniment is required, and advance registration is required for all Preschool Programs. \$20 per child (\$15 ASI member child). Free for accompanying adult(s).

#### D is for Dala Horse

**In-Person | Fri, October 7, 10-11:30 am**

Discover the rich cultural story of the Dala horse through creative storytelling, *slöjd* (handcraft), and museum exploration. Together, participants will answer the questions of "What is a Dala horse" and "How do Swedish artists create these national symbols?"

### Starting with Slöjd: Youth Handcraft Workshops

*Starting with Slöjd* is a monthly program for early elementary children. Participants explore new tools, materials, and skills that prepare them for a lifelong love of handcraft. These drop-off programs are suitable for students in grades K-3. Advance registration required is required for all *Starting with Slöjd* programs. \$15 (\$10 ASI member child)

#### Flower Stamped Bandanas

**In-Person | Sun, September 18, 1-2 pm**

Young crafters will create colorful bandanas by picking flowers from the American Swedish Institute's gardens and using a mallet to smash the flowers onto the bandanas! The finished project makes for a great accessory or dish cloth.

#### Finger Weaving

**In-Person | Sun, October 16, 1-2 pm**

Children will learn the art of finger weaving, allowing them to create bracelets, necklaces, headbands, and other fun accessories.



### Birthday Parties at the Castle

Create a memorable themed party for your special child (or grandchild). They'll love it, their friends will love it, and you'll love it, too, because ASI will do the set-up and clean up, and organize all the activities!

Parties can be hosted on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons pending availability. Perfect for kids turning 5 to 12. Learn more and reserve your spot today at [asimn.org](http://asimn.org).

Swedish folk music duo 'Symbio'



# Arts & Culture Programs

From exhibition openings to concert series, book talks to nature walks, these events and signature festivals bring people together in celebration of art and culture in all their forms.

## Performances & Screenings

### Music Thursdays

**In-Person | First Thursday of every month, 6–7 pm**

**Thu, September 1: Scott Keever**

**Thu, October 6: Art Bjornjeld & Ross Sutter**

ASI hosts free concerts on the first Thursday of every month. These performances are open to all. No advance registration required. FIKA Café holds happy hour every Thursday from 3–8 pm, and museum admission is free after 3 pm every Thursday, beginning September 1.

### Symbio

**In-Person | Sun, September 25, 2–3 pm**

*"One of the most distinctive groups in the environs of folk music in recent years." - LIRA Music Magazine.*

Featuring original compositions and a magical interplay between accordion and hurdygurdy, this powerhouse Swedish duo takes audiences on moving, dreamy musical journey. Traditional and contemporary folk music fans alike will not want to miss this performance. \$35 (\$30 ASI member)

### Signe Aurell: IRRBLOSS

**In-Person | Sat, October 1, 2–3 pm**

Fans of folk music and poetry should not miss this unique performance by Swedish musicians Maja Heurling and Ola Sandström, who have set IRRBLOSS, the metrically perfect and lyrically powerful poetry of Swedish immigrant Signe Aurelle, to music. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

### JAERV + The OK Factor

**In-Person | Fri, October 7, 7–9 pm**

On the heels of their joint Swedish tour in the summer of 2021, local string duo The OK Factor and Swedish folk quintet JAERV return to ASI in support of their program, Traditions. Unique instrumentation, deep musical talent, and a cameraderie born from the bands' joint Scandinavian adventure combine to offer a unique night of folk music grounded in pure, palpable joy. \$35 (\$30 ASI member)

## Talks, Lectures & Readings

### Culture & Conversation Series: Learn How Folk Music Differs Among Three Provinces in Sweden

**In-Person | Thu, September 15, 1–2 pm**

Join ASI Instructor Ingela Eilert Haaland and members of youth folk music group Lilla Spelmanslag as they present on their July 2022 trip to Sweden and perform folk music from the Swedish provinces of Dalarna, Småland, and Skåne. Coffee and tea provided. Included in museum admission. No advance registration required.

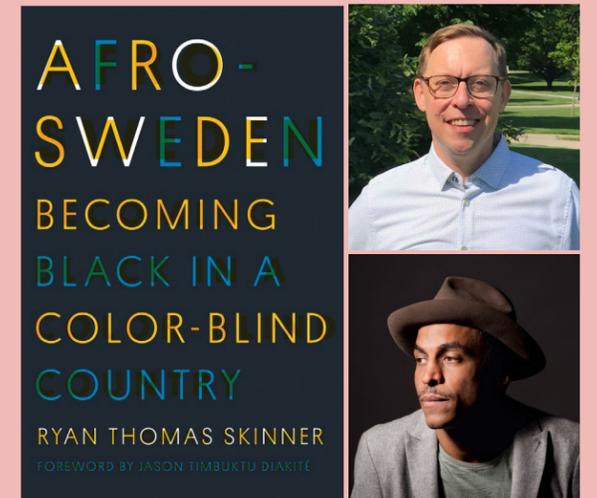
### Culture & Conversation Series:

#### Jordemoder: Poems of a Midwife Discussion with Author Ingrid Andersson

**In-Person | Thu, October 20, 1–2 pm**

Join author and midwife Ingrid Andersson in conversation about her new book

*Jordemoder: Poems of a Midwife.* This collection of poetry traces the life of a Swedish-American mother and midwife who descends from twelve generations of farmers in Småland, Sweden. Coffee and tea will be provided. Included in museum admission. No advance registration required.



### Afro Sweden: Becoming Black in a Color-Blind Country

**In-Person | Wed, October 19, 6–7:30 pm**

Join author Ryan Skinner and Swedish hip hop artist Jason 'Timbuktu' Diakité for an important conversation about Skinner's new book, *Afro Sweden: Becoming Black in a Color-Blind Country*. The first scholarly monograph in English to focus on the African and Black diaspora in Sweden, *Afro-Sweden* emphasizes the voices, experiences, practices, knowledge, and ideas of these communities. Books will available for purchase at the event. \$15 (\$10 ASI member)



## Museum Tours

### Public Tours

**Public tours are offered Wednesday-Sunday, September 1–October 30, 2:30pm**

Delve into the story of the Turnblad Family on these dynamic and interactive explorations of their namesake Turnblad Mansion, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Advance registration suggested. Walk-up registration limited. Included with museum admission.

### Group Tours

**Available Tuesdays–Fridays, 10 am or 1 pm**

These unique tours offer groups of 10 to 30 individuals the opportunity to explore ASI's exhibitions or learn more about the historic Turnblad Mansion. Tours can be enhanced with unique meal and refreshment options—from fresh-baked cookies to a full Swedish *smörgåsbord*. Led by ASI educators, each tour lasts approximately one hour. Perfect for family gatherings, corporate events, and other occasions. \$20 per person

### Virtual Exhibition Tour

**Tue, September 27, 5–5:45 pm**

Unable to explore ASI in-person? Discover featured exhibitions *The Morning Dip: Photography by Peggy Anderson* and *Birger Sandzén: Distant Horizons* through a live, virtual tour led by an ASI educator. Get up close with Peggy Anderson's large-format photos and Birger Sandzén's captivating paintings while hearing stories of the artists' techniques and their artwork. Have the opportunity to ask ASI educators all your questions about these exhibitions. \$15 per virtual connection

### Turnblad Mansion Flashlight Tours

**In-Person | Fri, October 28 & Sun, October 30, 6:30pm**

Wondering if there are ghosts in the Mansion? Come find out! Lights are off for this 21+ flashlight tour of the historic Turnblad Mansion. ASI educators will illuminate special features, allowing you to appreciate the 1908 building in a new (and possibly spooky) way. A specialty Halloween cocktail and small bites are included. \$55 (\$50 ASI member)



# Cocktails at the Castle returns!

### Cocktails at the Castle

**In-Person | Fri, September 9, 8–12 pm**

The region's most anticipated museum party returns! Art, demos, interactives, pop-up performances, and more, bring the entire ASI campus to life at this late night party and kickoff to the fall season. Performances by Annie Mack and Little Fevers set the soundtrack to a night under the glow of the historic Turnblad Mansion, with unexpected surprises around every corner, and activities both indoors and out. Museum galleries

will be open late, and FIKA Café will serve a unique menu of exhibition-themed foods and drinks.

Let's face it, it's been a long few years away and not all of us have updated our party clothes wardrobe since 2019. So let's meet half way. Inspired by ASI's current exhibition *The Morning Dip*, suggested party attire at this year's Cocktails at the Castle is bathrobes and clogs.

**\$30 (\$27 ASI member)**



# ASI is free after 3 pm every Thursday

Every Thursday beginning September 1, explore the ASI galleries and discover the Turnblad Mansion with free admission for all visitors.



### Exhibitions

Explore world class exhibitions of art & culture. Don't miss *The Morning Dip*, on view through October 30.



### Thursday Night Patio Hour

From 3–8 pm, half off bottles of wine and \$1 off cocktails, beer, and wine. Open for outdoor dining.



### Live Music

Live music on select Thursday evenings.

## Registration Policies

**Health & Safety Notification**  
 The American Swedish Institute continues to monitor and respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic with updates to its health & safety protocols. For the most updated policy, please visit [asimn.org/visit/health-safety](https://asimn.org/visit/health-safety)

### Register for Events

Register at [asimn.org](https://asimn.org), via phone at 612-871-4907, or in person at our front desk during open hours. Payment must be received for registration to be complete. Some programs have registration deadlines; all guests are encouraged to register at least one week in advance of all programs.

### Waitlists for Sold Out Events

ASI keeps waitlists for all sold out classes, events, and workshops. Please call 612-871-4907 to be added to a waitlist. ASI will only contact those on waitlists as space becomes available.

### Virtual Programs

Virtual programs are taught over Zoom. Participants do not need their own Zoom account, but do need a strong internet connection and a device with video capabilities. Some programs are recorded for documentation or teaching purposes. Complete login instructions are provided upon registration and as a reminder one day before a program via email.

### Cancellation & Refund Policy

Refunds are not available for student cancellations made within seven days of a program. ASI reserves the right to cancel a program one week prior to its start date. In the instance of an ASI cancellation, registrants will be notified by phone or email and will receive a full refund.

### Severe Weather

In the instance that severe weather causes ASI to cancel a program, ASI will contact registrants directly and post closure information on [asimn.org](https://asimn.org) and social media accounts. If ASI remains open for programming during inclement weather, absent registrants are not eligible for refunds.

### Kits

Some virtual programs may use kits, included in the course fee. Kits will include some or all of the materials students need to make their project at home. Kits are available for pick up at ASI about one week before class or can be shipped for an additional fee; information for each individual class is available on the web page of each program.

### Age Policy

Most programs and events at ASI are open to all ages. Nordic Handcraft, Nordic Table, and Language Classes are generally open to ages 18+; please see individual program descriptions for more specific exceptions. Youth programs are designed for specific age groups; all youth registrants should meet age requirements at the time of the course.

### Class Scholarships

ASI is pleased to welcome students from historically underrepresented groups and cultural communities into handcraft and food classes at a reduced tuition fee. Limited spaces in each class are available on a first come, first serve basis. Students are invited to use these scholarships up to two times per calendar year. Please fill out the online form at [asimn.org/about/scholarships](https://asimn.org/about/scholarships).

### Non-discrimination policy

In ASI programs, no individual or group will be discriminated against because of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.



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**Cinnamon Bun Day returns!**  
Cinnamon Bun Day is October 4. Pre-order your pastries from FIKA Café today. Pick them up 9/28–10/2 or on 10/5. Visit [asimn.org](http://asimn.org).

**Mansion & Galleries\***

Wed, 10 am–4 pm  
Thu, 10 am–8 pm  
Fri–Sun, 10 am–4 pm

**Museum Store\***

Wed, 10 am–4 pm  
Thu, 10 am–8 pm  
Fri–Sun, 10 am–4 pm

**FIKA Café\***

Wed, 10 am–4 pm  
Thu, 10 am–8 pm  
Fri–Sun, 10 am–4 pm  
Full menu served 11 am–3 pm

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**Museum Admission**

\$12 adults; \$8 seniors (62+); \$6 ages 6–18 and students with ID; FREE for children under 6 and ASI members.

**\*Hours of operation may shift due to COVID-19. Visit [asimn.org](http://asimn.org) for up to date information.**



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