The American Swedish Institute is a museum, a cultural education center, a café, a destination store, a historic mansion, and so much more. ASI is one of the best resources in the country for exploring Nordic-inspired arts and culture through inclusive, transformative experiences centered around learning, reflection, and collaboration.

Unless otherwise noted, advance registration is required for all programs and events. Learn more about ASI’s programs and exhibitions at asimn.org.

Look ahead to 2024
February–April programs and events go on sale Friday, November 24 (ASI member) and Monday, November 27 (general public). Schedule announced mid-November.

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Nordic Handcraft
Inspired by Swedish handcraft traditions, 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
Craft & Cocktails: Birch Bark Birds with Beth Homa Kraus
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, December 14, 6:30–8:30 pm
Learn about the magic of the birch tree while weaving a small ornamental bird out of birch bark and enjoying a festive cocktail from FIKKA Café! Each student will make a bird as unique as them, crafted from locally harvested birch bark and leather string. Students must have good finger dexterity and strength to complete this project. Open to ages 21+. $65 ($55 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Birch Bark Stars with Beth Homa Kraus
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, December 17, 10 am-12 pm or 1:30-3:30 pm
Create two beautiful folded star ornaments out of an iconic northern material this holiday season. Using birch bark strips harvested and prepared by the instructor, students will fold two birch bark stars while learning about the ecology, harvest, and cultural history of birch bark. This class requires good hand strength and finger dexterity. Suitable for ages 14+; am and pm sessions offered. $60 ($50 ASI member) + $35 materials fee payable to instructor

Community Craft
Virtual Makers Mornings
Virtual | Community Craft | Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 am CST
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 | Community Craft | Thursdays, November 16, December 21, January 18, 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 and drop in for as long as you like. No advance registration required. Free

Register online
at asimn.org

Registration Opens
Friday, September 29 (ASI members)
Monday, October 2 (general public)

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Virtual Makers Mornings
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Basketry Ornaments with Becky Utecht and Sue Flanders
Photo: Becky Utecht
**Glass & Ceramics**

**Fused Glass Christmas Tree with Susan Tracy**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Sun, October 29, 1-4 pm**  
Make a one-of-a-kind glass Christmas tree to brighten your home this holiday season. Glass artist Susan Tracy will lead students in designing and decorating an 8” tall tree and a festive ornament before taking the projects home to fuse in her glass kiln. Projects will be returned to ASI for pick up a few weeks later. Open to all experience levels. Suitable for ages 18+. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $30 materials fee payable to instructor

**Craft and Cocktails: Clay Ornaments with Sue Flanders and Ingrid Sundstrom**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Thu, November 2, 6:30–8:30 pm**  
Turn up the (cozy) quotient with this holiday-themed Craft and Cocktails class! Spend a relaxing evening painting designs on four pre-shaped clay ornaments while sipping on a festive beverage from Fika Café. Ornaments will be glazed and re-fired, then available for pick up later in November—perfect for decorating gifts, a Christmas tree, or gifting. Open to ages 21+ $65 ($55 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to instructor

**Holiday Tinsmithing—From Ornaments to Tinsel with Kitty Latané**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Sun, November 5, 10 am–5 pm each day**  
Explore the universe of fanciful paper-cut beings with Denmark. Students will work alongside Torben to release their own fantastic people from a piece of paper using only a pair of scissors. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org. All experience levels are welcome. Suitable for ages 16+. $40 ($35 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

**Fanciful Paper Cutting with Torben Jarlstrøm Clausen**  
**Virtual | Workshop | Sun, November 12, 9 am-3 pm CST**  
Explore the universe of fanciful paper-cut beings with paper-cutting artist Torben from his home in Odense, Denmark. Students will work alongside Torben to release their own fantastic people from a piece of paper using only a pair of scissors. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org. All experience levels are welcome. Suitable for ages 16+. $40 ($35 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

**Metal & Jewelry**

**Table-Made Hair Jewelry Bracelet with Karen Keenan**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Thu, November 9, 4–6 pm; Fri, November 10 & Sat, November 11, 9 am–5 pm, and Sun, November 12, 9 am–5 pm**  
Join Minnesota artist Karen Keenan to explore the Scandinavian art of hairwork jewelry. This unique and almost extinct weaving and needle art sprung from the Victorian era urges to preserve personal connections and memories of loved ones. Students will use provided hair to practice making a bracelet based on 19th century hairwork patterns in ASI’s own collections while learning more about the fascinating history of this craft. Suitable for ages 18+. $250 ($225 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

**Paper & Studio Arts**

**Fancy Paper Cutting with Torben Jarlstrøm Clausen**  
**Virtual | Workshop | Sun, November 12, 9 am-3 pm CST**  
Explore the universe of fanciful paper-cut beings with paper-cutting artist Torben from his home in Odense, Denmark. Students will work alongside Torben to release their own fantastic people from a piece of paper using only a pair of scissors. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org. All experience levels are welcome. Suitable for ages 16+. $40 ($35 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

**Paper Quilled Ornaments with Kayla Ann**  
**Virtual | Workshop | Thu, November 16, 6:30–8:30 pm CST**  
Try out paper quilling in this intro level class! Students will learn about the basic tools and materials used in paper quilling while working on a winter themed ornament that could hang on a tree, window, or gift. This class includes a kit; see asimn.org for info. Suitable for ages 16+. $65 ($60 ASI member), includes kit ($15 value)

**Watercolor Interiors with Tara Sweeney**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Wed, January 10–Thu, January 11, 10 am–5 pm**  
Capture a favorite indoor space in glowing watercolor this winter! Over two days, students will work from reference photos to practice building a value study and move on to a full color painting. This workshop welcomes all levels and is an excellent opportunity to build confidence in watercolor technique. This class has a materials list; see asimn.org. Suitable for ages 18+. $200 ($180 ASI member) + variable $85-$130 materials fee payable to instructor

**Textiles**

**Weaving Swedish Rölakan Samples with Melba Granlund**  
**In-Person | Workshop | Fri, November 3–Sun, November 5, 10 am–5 pm each day**  
Learn about weaving in the Swedish rölakan style in this three-day class inspired by historic samples in the ASI Collections. This simple flatweave tapestry technique creates durable, double-sided woven items where the weft fully covers the warp. Students will work on table-top sized tapestry looms to weave at least one sample pattern up to 10” square. Suitable for all experience levels, ages 18+. $500 ($470 ASI member) + $30 materials fee payable to instructor
Skinnfell Ornaments with Becky Utech and Sue Flanders
In-Person | Workshop | Wed, November 8, 1–4 pm
Add some skinnfell ornaments to your tree, doorknob, or holiday decorations this year! Skinnfell are Norwegian embellished sheepskins, traditionally printed with wood block stamps. While learning a little about this unique craft’s history, participants will cut, print, and stitch two ornaments from pieces of tanned sheepskins. Suitable for ages 10+ or 11+ accompanied by a registered adult. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Naturally Dyed Silk Bandana with Lesley Darling Virtual | Workshop | Thu, November 9, 5–7 pm CST
Just in time for gifting and entertaining, students will learn the basics of natural dyeing and bundle sustainably grown dye plants and fabric together to create a unique textile of natural dyeing and bundle. This class includes a kit; see asimn.org for info. Suitable for ages 16+. $60 ($55 ASI member), includes kit ($10 value)

Hand Felted Sculptural Tomte with Judy McDowell In-Person | Workshop | Sat, November 18, 10 am–5 pm
Create your own hand felted tomte just in time for the holidays! In this class, students will have the opportunity to learn two felting techniques, wet felting and needle felting, while creating a sculptural 10”–12” tall tomte that can stand on a shelf or mantle on its own natural birch base. This workshop requires hand strength and some extended standing. Suitable for ages 16+. $100 ($90 ASI member) + $25 materials fee payable to instructor

Knitting Selbu-Inspired Mittens with Jane Addams In-Person | Workshop | Sun, November 26, 10 am–5 pm
Two-color patterned Selbu mittens are an iconic Nordic accessory. In this class, knitters ready to tackle a colorwork pattern will work through the key parts of a Selbu-inspired mitten pattern including reading a colorwork chart and shaping a thumb. Suitable for knitters ages 14+ who can knit, purl, cast on and are confidently ready to tackle colorwork and shaping with guidance. More advanced instruction can be provided for experienced knitters. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org for info. Suitable for ages 14+. $60 ($55 ASI member), includes kit ($10 value)

Felted Folk Ornaments with Kayla Ann Virtual | Workshop | Thu, December 14, 6:30–8:30 pm CST
Get ready to create a festive, quick decoration with some wool, needle felting tools, and maybe a cookie cutter or two! Students will use their own cookie cutters (or cardboard) as a template for creating a sweet holiday ornaments in this virtual class. This class includes a kit; see asimn.org for info. Suitable for ages 16+. $60 ($55 ASI member), includes kit ($10 value)

Creative Lucet Cordmaking with Riley Kleve In-Person | Workshop | Thu, December 7, 6:30–8:30 pm
Try out the art of lucet braiding, using a simple wooden hand tool to create colorful and durable cords. These are perfect for tying up gifts during the holiday season, but of course can be used for a whole manner of other uses as well. Please note: braiding requires motor skills in two hands. Suitable for ages 16+. $60 ($50 ASI member), + $10 materials fee payable to instructor

Needle Felted Gnome with Laura Berlage Virtual | Workshop | Fri, December 15, 2–5 pm CST
Create a jolly felted gnome in this afternoon-long online class! Students will transform hand dyed wool from the instructor’s own sheep into a festive gnome with long cap, beard, and expressive face. This class includes a kit; see asimn.org for info. Suitable for all skill levels, ages 14+. $97 ($87 ASI member), includes kit ($32 value)

Celebrate the winter solstice by creating felted wool luminaries, perfect for using throughout the holiday season. Using traditional wet felting techniques, students will felt one or two lightweight woolen globes that can be lit from within. This workshop requires hand strength and some extended standing. Suitable for ages 16+. $75 ($65 ASI member) + $20–$30 materials fee payable to the instructor

Nordic Handcraft
BEGINNING SPINNING ON A HAND SPINNING WITH RILEY KLEVE
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, January 11, 6:30–8:30 pm
Spin the night away as you transform fibers into hand spun yarn! This hands-on class welcomes beginning spinners to essentials of yarn making using a simple and portable tool, the hand spindle. Whatever your yarn dreams may be, this class will get you started! Please note: spinning requires motor skills in two hands. Suitable for ages 16+ $50 ($45 ASI member) + $15 materials fee paid to instructor.

DESIGN AND WEAVE A REPP BAND WITH KERSTIN NEUMÜLLER
Virtual | Workshop | Sundays, January 21 & 28, 10 am–12 pm CST both sessions
Join Swedish textile artist and educator Kerstin Neumüller online to design and start weaving a repp band, a style in which warp threads tightly cover the weft threads. Using your own small rigid heddle band weaving loom and materials, students will practice making a pattern, warping, and starting to weave a repp band over two virtual sessions. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 12+. $80 ($70 ASI member).

INTERGENERATIONAL NEEDLE FELTED WINTER SCENE WITH JEN NEWBURG
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, January 21, 1–3 pm
Join felter Jen for this intergenerational class where kids and their special adults get to try out “painting with wool” together. Using a felt base stretched over a small embroidery hoop, students will practice needle felting techniques to create a colorful winter scene using felted needles, wool, attention to detail, and lots of imagination! Open to children ages 9–17 alongside an accompanying adult. $50 per adult/child pair ($45 ASI member adult/child pair) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor.

Estonian Inlay Knitting with Lesley Darling
Virtual | Workshop | Wednesdays, January 24 & 31, 5–7 pm CST both sessions
Roustitud is an Estonian inlay technique which creates beautiful raised embellishments on knitted items. Using hand dyed wool, students will practice this technique on a pair of wrist warmers over two sessions. Suitable for intermediate knitters comfortable working in the round. Students do not need previous colorwork experience. This class includes a kit; see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 16+. $103 ($95 ASI member), includes kit ($38 value).

CARVED JULBOCK CANDLE HOLDER WITH SAM GATHJE
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, November 25, 12–5 pm
Carve and paint two Swedish-style julbock (Christmas goat) candle holders, perfect for holiday display or gifting! This class is perfect for someone who has done a little carving and wants to create a festive handmade decoration for their home. Students will work on prepared basswood blanks and then paint their candle holders with milk or acrylic paints. Suitable for ages 16+. $80 ($70 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor.

CARVE AN ORNAMENT WITH SAM GATHJE
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, December 9, 2–4:30 pm
Try your hand at carving while creating a unique wooden ornament to spruce up your holiday tree! Students will learn Scandinavian-style flat plane carving techniques to add the details to pre-shaped ornaments. Each student will take home a few ornaments that can be painted after class, and then displayed or gifted. Suitable for ages 16+, or ages 11–15 accompanied by a registered adult. $65 ($55 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor.

CUT OUT TO CURVE: CARVE A JULBOCK WITH JOHN FLECK
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, January 6, 2–4 pm
Carve your own wooden traveler cup in the traditional Nordic green wood working tradition. In this advanced weekend-long class, students will work with fresh birch logs to axe out, hollow, and shape their own durable and versatile kuksa. Good hand strength and previous green woodcarving experience, such as a multi-day spoon or bowl carving class is required. Students provide their own tools. Suitable for ages 18+ or 16+ accompanied by a registered adult. $225 ($200 ASI member) + $50 materials fee payable to instructor.

SCANDINAVIAN LOOM BEADED FOLK BAND WITH LAURA BERLAGE
Virtual | Workshop | Fridays, January 19–February 9, 2–4 pm CST each session
Explore the beauty and fun of beading on a loom in the Scandinavian tradition! Inspired by woven Nordic band patterns, students will make a red and gold beaded bookmark from start to finish in this four-week class. A kit is included in the class fee and comes with a loom; see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 16+. $185 ($170 ASI member), includes kit ($70 value).

STAMPED TEA TOWELS WITH KAYLA ANN
Virtual | Workshop | Thu, January 18, 6:30–8:30 pm CST
Create your own stamped and print a tea towel in just an evening! Kayla will guide students through the process of carving a simple stamp or two, then printing a tea towel right at home. Students will keep their reusable stamps and all the tools to make more projects. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org.

THE HANDMADE SEWING KIT WITH NATALIE NORMAN
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, January 20, 10 am–5 pm
Sew and decorate your own portable sewing kit in the style of a Northern Swedish or Marsma sypåse. The Handmade Sewing Kit with Natalie Norman ($170 ASI member), includes kit ($70 value). Suitable for ages 16+. $50 ($45 ASI member) + $15 materials fee paid to instructor.

FROM LOG TO CUP: CARVE A KUUKSA WITH JOHN FLECK
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, January 21, 1–3 pm
Carve your own wooden traveling cup in the traditional Nordic green wood working tradition. In this advanced weekend-long class, students will work with fresh birch logs to axe out, hollow, and shape their own durable and versatile kuksa. Good hand strength and previous green woodcarving experience, such as a multi-day spoon or bowl carving class is required. Students provide their own tools. Suitable for ages 18+ or 16+ accompanied by a registered adult. $225 ($200 ASI member) + $50 materials fee payable to instructor.

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Advanced Scandinavian Bowl Carving with Paul Linden
In-Person | Workshop | Wed, January 10–Wed, February 28, 6:30–9 pm
Try your hand at carving your own small bowls in the Scandinavian green wood tradition, using fresh cut wood, axes, and gouges. Over 8 sessions, instructor Paul Linden will lead students through the process of selecting the raw material, preparing blanks, shaping the bowls and a variety of approaches to finishing. By the end, students will have one or more small bowls, perfect for cereal, ice cream and more! Students must have previous green wood carving experience, such as a multiday class. $250 ($225 ASI member) + $50 Materials fee payable to instructor

Carve a Chickadee with Matt Bruch
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, January 13, 1–5 pm
Try out woodcarving in the Scandinavian flat-plane tradition while carving a chickadee this winter! This course is particularly suited to new carvers, including adults and youth ages 11–14 who want to try out a new craft together. Students will use a carving knife to shape their basswood block, then paint our chickadees to bring them to life. Suitable for students ages 15+, or ages 11–14 accompanied by a registered adult. $70 ($60 ASI member or $45 youth 11-17) + $10 materials fee payable to instructor

Intro to Spoon Carving for Women and Non-Binary Students with Jess Hirsch
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, January 26, 12:30–3:30 pm
Try out spoon carving in this afternoon intro class! Students will learn about how instructor Jess selected a tree and prepared the wooden blanks, then practice basic carving techniques to carve a cooking spoon before wrapping up with a discussion of finishing options and care. Open to women and non-binary students only and suitable for ages 16+. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to instructor

Mushrooms in the Nordic Kitchen with Kristi Bissell
Virtual | Demo | Thu, November 2, 1–2:30 pm CST
Long live the mighty mushroom! In this virtual class, Kristi will demonstrate a trio of mushroom recipes, taking inspiration from classic Nordic ingredients and traditional dishes. Multipurpose recipes including a sprightly smörgås (open faced sandwich), hearty gratin, and an umami packed pâté, will tempt you right into the kitchen to tackle a pile of mushrooms. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Holiday Bounty from the Perennial Kitchen with Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen
In-Person | Demo | Thu, November 16, 6:30–8:30 pm
This holiday season, consider looking for ingredients that are as delicious and good for us as they are for the land. Beth and Mette will share recipes from their 2021 cookbook, The Perennial Kitchen: Simple Recipes for a Healthy Future, featuring ingredients grown on local, regenerative farms, from grains and beans to fruits and vegetables. $70 ($60 ASI member)
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**Nordic Table**

**Identifying and Using Evergreens with Maria Wesserle**
**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, November 18, 1–3:30 pm or Sat, January 6, 1–3:30 pm**

Ready to dive into identifying, processing, and even tasting evergreens this winter? Maria Wesserle will share information about some of the evergreens commonly available in the Upper Midwest, along with how to identify, harvest, source, and prepare them. The classroom is sure to smell great, and students will have lots of time to get all their questions answered. Two sessions offered. $70 ($60 ASI member)

**Modern Scandinavian Cookies and Bars with Patrice Johnson**
**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, November 25, 1–3 pm**

The best Scandinavian cookies come in a variety of shapes and flavors, and Star Tribune Cookie Contest Award Winner Patrice Johnson is here to mix them up with modern takes on classic recipes! Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and join in the fun to mix, roll, drop, slice, and taste in this participatory workshop. $70 ($60 ASI member)

**A Swedish Meatball Dinner with Kristi Bissell**
**Virtual | Demo | Thu, December 7, 1–2:30 pm CST**

A Swedish meatball dinner ticks every box for a winter meal: cozy and comforting, balanced, and delicious! Join Kristi Bissell of the True North Kitchen blog for an afternoon demonstration of her dream meatball dinner menu – Swedish meatballs with a creamy gravy and lingonberries, an elegant celery root puree, and those essential pickled cucumbers. These are the perfect recipes for this holiday season and beyond. $25 ($20 ASI member)

**Intergenerational Lucia Day Baking with Anna Sharratt**
**In-Person | Workshop | Sat, December 9, 1–3:30 pm**

Practice your family baking skills in this intergenerational course. Just ahead of St. Lucia day, kids ages 6–12 and their special adults will work together to make a batch of Swedish style saffron buns and tasty pepparkakor (gingersnaps). Students will uncover baking tricks and tips as well as discuss how we all celebrate the holidays at home, while creating new memories and traditions. $90 adult/child pair ($80 ASI member adult/child pair)

**Nordic Holiday Apps with Patrice Johnson**
**In-Person | Demo | Thu, January 25, 6–8 pm**

Prepare and share a light meal while exploring the central tenets of New Nordic cuisine, including seasonality and locally sourced ingredients. Patrice will also touch upon how the environment, migration, and trade have affected foodways in both Swedish and Swedish American communities. Leave with a new understanding of how diverse, colorful, and nutritious the Nordic table can be! $70 ($60 ASI member)

**Easy Finnish Flatbreads with Kristi Bissell**
**Virtual | Demo | Thu, January 18, 1–2 pm CST**

Join Kristi Bissell of the True North Kitchen food blog for two easy Finnish flatbreads featuring whole grains for flavor and nutrition! Kristi will demonstrate ruisreikäleipä, or Finnish ring bread, a yeasted bread featuring rye and honey which offers big grainy flavor and a classic shape, and her unyeasted version of rieska, a quick bread made with buttermilk, barley, and oats. $25 ($20 ASI member)
Language Classes

ASI’s language program is one of the best resources for Swedish and Finnish language learning outside of the Nordic region. Both online and in-person classes offer students at all skill levels an opportunity to learn and practice their language skills from anywhere in the world.

9-Week Language Courses

Winter term starts January 8

The Winter term offers 40 fun and educational courses in Swedish, Finnish, and Sami, ranging from beginning to advance levels. Both virtual and in-person opportunities are available. Most classes have required course materials, many of which can be found through the ASI Museum Store. 9-week language courses are $145 ($135 ASI member). Visit asimn.org for the complete schedule and to register for classes.

NEW!
Beginning I Swedish: (Rivstart A1/A2 - Ch.1) new edition, Rachel Willson-Broyles
In-person | Thursdays, January 11–March 7, 4:15–5:45 pm

Language Expansion Classes

The Eight Seasons of the Sámi Calendar
In-Person | Sun, November 12, 2–4 pm
Above the Arctic Circle, Sámi people celebrate eight seasons of the year instead of only four seasons. In this class, taught by Àila O’Loughlin, students will learn about the Sámi yearly calendar, seasons, months, and major holidays in Sámi culture that mark the passing of time. Students will also have a chance to learn some Northern Sámi language as they craft an eight-seasons calendar wheel to take home. This class takes place in-person at ASI. $25 Individual ($20 ASI member), $40 family

Hjälp! Swedish Language Learning Hacks
Virtual | Mon, November 13, 6–8 pm CST
Gain some tips and tricks on simplifying the process of learning a new language, which can seem challenging and complex. In this workshop, taught by Jean Hanslin, participants will consider teaching approaches, learning styles, retention strategies, comparisons to English, and will receive numerous resources to enhance language learning success. This class is perfect for new beginners or current students looking for new language learning tips and strategies. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Which class should I take?

Please take note of chapters and editions of required textbooks found in the course description.

Beginning I classes are for new beginners to Swedish. They will start in chapter 1 of the textbook.

Beginning II classes continue studies in Rivstart A1/A2.

Beginning III classes cover the second half of Rivstart A1/A2.

Intermediate I classes cover the second half of Rivstart B1/B2.

Intermediate II classes cover the second half of Rivstart B1/B2.

Advanced I classes cover the second half of Rivstart B2/C1.

Advanced II classes cover the second half of Rivstart B2/C1.

Swedish Literature classes can be at a variety of levels. Read the class description to find out more about the level of the class.

Beginning Finnish I classes use Suomen Mestari 1 and start on chapter 1.

Beginning Finnish II classes continue using later chapters of Suomen Mestari 1.

Intermediate Finnish classes cover all of Suomen Mestari 2.

Advanced Finnish classes cover Suomen Mestari 3.
Knowing Selma Lagerlöf
Virtual | Tue, November 14, 6:30–8 pm CST
Delve further into the life and accomplishments of Nobel prize winner Selma Lagerlöf with instructor Ingela Haaland. Learn how folk traditions helped form her writing style, discover her role in film production, and see how she received inspiration from travels far and wide in the world. Learn what lasting contributions Lagerlöf’s writing has made upon literature to this day. Come and celebrate the writer whose stature graces the gardens of ASI. $20 ($15 ASI member)

Joulu 101: Finnish Christmas Workshop
In-Person | Wed, November 15, 6:30–8 pm
Curious about the joulu (Christmas) season in Finland? Join instructor Elizabeth “Helvi” Brauer for the Joulu 101 workshop where we will discuss holiday traditions and food, learn a song or two in Finnish, and make a craft. Perhaps you’ll discover some new joulu traditions of your own! This event is suitable for all ages (bring Mummo and Vaari), but we ask that for every two children under 13, there is an accompanying adult. $20 ($15 ASI member), $5 child

Bara Svenska från fika till fika: Swedish Immersion Experience
In-Person | Thu, November 16, 10 am–3 pm
Interact entirely in Swedish revolving around activities and games for a day with instructor Jean Hanslin. Students will expand vocabulary, improve pronunciation, and speed up comprehension and response time. Pack and bring a lunch, fika provided. Perhaps you’ll discover some new joulu traditions of your own! This event is suitable for all ages (bring Mummo and Vaari), but we ask that for every two children under 13, there is an accompanying adult. $20 ($15 ASI member), $5 child

The Packaging, Marketing, and Selling of Contemporary Nordic Culture: “Hygge”
In-Person | Thu, November 16, 4–6 pm
Hygge. Lagom. Fika. No doubt you have heard and perhaps read about at least one if not all these words that are found in the Scandinavian languages. In the first of a three-part discussion series, led by Kjerstin Moody, participants will come together to try to unpack and understand the term “hygge” by studying and discussing how it’s been written about, packaged, and sold in a U.S. context. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Jul 101 Workshop
In-Person | Thu, November 16, 6:30–8 pm
Curious about the jul (Christmas) season in Sweden? Join instructor Ingela Haaland for the Jul 101 workshop where we will discuss holiday traditions and food, learn a song or two in Swedish, and make a craft. Perhaps you’ll discover some new jul traditions of your own! $20 ($15 ASI member), $5 child

Nordic Book Circle: Contemporary Nordic Literature in Translation
In-Person | Sundays, November 26, December 17, January 28, 2–4 pm
This monthly reading group led by Kjerstin Moody will read a sampling of these voices from across the Nordic region available in English translation with particular emphasis given to women, queer, and/or BIPOC writers. See what books will be covered at asimn.org. $10 ($5 ASI member)

Short Stories for Advanced Students
Virtual | Mondays, November 27–December 18, 4:30–6 pm CST
In this reading and conversation class, held in Swedish with instructor Ingela Haaland, students will read and discuss four short stories by four different authors around the theme of jul. The stories will be sent as email attachments ahead of class. This class is suitable for students at an Advanced I level of Swedish or above. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Start Reading Swedish: Jul i Bullerbyn
Photo: ASI Staff
Start Reading Swedish: Jul i Bullerbyn
Virtual | Mondays, November 27–December 11, 4:30–6 pm CST
Are you just starting your Swedish language learning journey, but are already keen to start reading? This class is for you! Read and discuss the Astrid Lindgren story Jul i Bullerbyn with instructor Jean Hanslin and participate in activities to support your reading and vocabulary building. This class is for students with at least one year of Swedish language study or equivalent. Required materials: Jul i Bullerbyn, provided by instructor. $50 ($40 ASI member)

Sjung! Swedish Children’s Songs
In-Person | Tuesdays, November 28–December 19, 4:30–6 pm
Join instructor Ingela Haaland, students will hone their speaking skills through conversations about current events in Sweden. Sing them for your (grand)children. What do the texts mean? What is the origin of each song, and who wrote them? Students will listen to recordings of the songs and then sing them together. No prior knowledge of Swedish necessary. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Refresh your Swedish: Beginning I
Virtual | Tuesdays, November 28–December 19, 4:30–6 pm CST
Are you planning to continue your Swedish studies in January? Fantastiskt! This class will give the beginning I student a refresher in Swedish before winter term. Over four Tuesdays, this class taught by instructor Gregg White will look at the basics of Swedish grammar and conversation by reading and discussing texts and then doing corresponding exercises. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Beginning II Swedish Conversation: Jul
Virtual | Mondays, November 27–December 11, 6:30–8 pm CST
Keep up with your svenska between terms! This class is suitable for students at a Beginning II level of Swedish (students must have taken 3 or more terms of Swedish classes). In this class, students will hone their speaking skills through conversations about jul/vinter, play conversation games and have fun – på svenska! Materials provided by instructor Jean Hanslin. $50 ($40 ASI member)
Refresh your Swedish: Intermediate I
Virtual | Tuesdays, November 28–December 19, 6:30–8 pm CST
Are you planning to continue your Swedish studies in January? Fantastiskt! This class will give the continuing intermediate student a refresher in Swedish before winter term. Over four Thursdays, this class taught by instructor Gregg White will address both Swedish grammar and conversation by reading and discussing texts and then doing corresponding exercises. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Beginning II Swedish Conversation: Current Events
Virtual | Tuesdays, November 28–December 19, 6:30–8 pm CST
Keep up with your svenska between terms! This class is suitable for students at a Beginning II level of Swedish (students must have taken 1 or 2 terms of Swedish classes). In this class, taught by instructor Inge Haaland, students will hone their speaking skills through conversations about current events in Sweden. Materials provided by instructor. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Typiskt svenskt / Typical American Discussion
Virtual | Wed, November 29, 5:30–7 pm CST
Gunn Edberg-Caldwell leads this fun, open discussion about the similarities and differences between Sweden and the United States. What do people generalize or assume about each country or culture? What can one learn from the other? Participants will compare and discover how different yet alike these two countries really are. $20 ($15 ASI member)

Svenska dialekter: Swedish Dialects
In-Person | Thu, November 30, 6–8 pm
Join instructors Liz Stopka and Rachel Willson-Broyles for a fun evening filled with music, nostalgia, and new traditions. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Intermediate Swedish Conversation: Jul
Virtual | Thursdays, November 30–December 14, 6:15–7:45 pm CST
This class is suitable for students at an intermediate I or II level of Swedish (i.e. you must be able to hold a conversation in Swedish). In this class, students will hone their speaking skills through conversations about jul/vinter, play conversation games and have fun – på svenska! Materials provided by instructor Jean Hanslin. $50 ($40 ASI member)

Jul i Valleby: Det stora strömavbrottet
Virtual | Fridays, December 1–December 22, 10–11:30 am CST
Read and discuss the short novel Jul i Valleby: Det stora strömavbrottet (Lasse Majas detektivbyrå) by Martin Widmark and participate in activities to support your reading and vocabulary building. This class is taught by Liz Stopka and is suitable for students at the intermediate I level and above (1-2 years of Swedish language study or equivalent). Required materials: Jul i Valleby: Det stora strömavbrottet. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Swedish and Swedish for Travelers
Virtual | Thursdays, November 30–December 14, 4:30–6 pm CST
This language and travel course taught by Gregg White will get the traveler to Sweden off on the right foot! If you are not ready to commit to a full language course but want a brief introduction to Swedish and the lovely country where it is spoken, then this course is for you. Required text: Swedish Dictionary & Phrasebook by Julie Hansen & Dick Nilsson (available in the ASI shop). $65 ($55 ASI member)

Refresh your Swedish: Advanced I
Virtual | Thursdays, November 30–December 21, 4:30–6 pm CST
Are you planning to continue your Swedish studies in January? Fantastiskt! This class will give the advanced student a refresher in Swedish before winter term. Over four Thursdays, this class taught by instructor Gregg Rydberg with instructor Jean Hanslin and participate in activities to support your reading and vocabulary building. This class is for students with at least one year of Swedish language study or equivalent. Required materials: Tomten by Viktor Rydberg, provided by instructor. $50 ($40 ASI member)

Joululaulut: Finnish Christmas Sing-along
In-Person | Wed, November 29, 7–8 pm
This joulu (Christmas)-themed sing-along will introduce students to classic Finnish Christmas songs and a few less-traditional. This event is suitable for singers and non-singers of all ages. Leave with a curated joulu playlist to enjoy throughout the season! Join instructor Elizabeth “Helvi” Brauer for a fun evening filled with music, nostalgia, and new traditions. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Reading Swedish: Tomten
Virtual | Thursdays, November 30–December 14, 4:30–6 pm CST
Read and discuss the story Tomten by Viktor Rydberg with instructor Jean Hanslin and participate in activities to support your reading and vocabulary building. This class is for students with at least one year of Swedish language study or equivalent. Required materials: Tomten by Viktor Rydberg, provided by instructor. $50 ($40 ASI member)

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Keep Reading Swedish: Jul i Valleby
Virtual | Fridays, December 1–December 22, 10–11:30 am CST
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Svenska dialekter: Swedish Dialects
In-Person | Thu, November 30, 6–8 pm
Join instructors Liz Stopka and Rachel Willson-Broyles for this class on Swedish dialects! This class will cover the major dialects in Sweden listening to samples, learning vocabulary, and even trying our hand at pronunciation. The class will be taught in a mix of Swedish and English, so some knowledge of Swedish is required. $25 ($20 ASI member)

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ASI Language Student Julefest
In-Person | Wed, December 6, 5–8 pm
Save the date for ASI's Language Student Julefest. Enjoy a festive evening together with fellow language students and teachers featuring light snacks, crafts, and singing. Free; RSVP required.

Åh snaps! Swedish Drinking Songs
In-Person | Thu, December 7, 7–8 pm
In this workshop taught by instructor Liz Stopka, participants will learn how to sing several popular snapsvisor and how to skål properly in order to celebrate like a true Swede - just in time for julbord season! Come ready to sing, laugh, and learn a little Swedish language and culture. Participants have the option to skål with water or purchase a drink from FIKA Café. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Hjält! Swedish Language Learning Hacks
Virtual | Sat, January 13, 1–3 pm CST
In this workshop, taught by Jean Hanslin, participants will consider teaching approaches, learning styles, retention strategies, comparisons to English, and will receive numerous resources to enhance language learning success. This class is perfect for new beginners or current students looking for new language learning tips and strategies. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Sámi Histories, Colonization and Today Lecture 1
Virtual | Wed, January 17, 6:30–8 pm CST
The Sámi are the only recognized Indigenous people in Europe, whose lands, Sápmi, are divided by Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. This three-part series introduces students to Sámi historical and geographical landscapes and colonial histories in Sápmi. Additionally, students will examine contemporary colonialism and Sámi resistance and sovereignty. $20 ($15 ASI member)

Swedish Day Camp for Adults
In-Person | Sun, January 21, 10 am–3 pm
Immerse yourself in Swedish for the day in this new winter day camp for adult language learners led by instructor Liz Stopka. Participants will take part in a variety of cozy winter activities such as baking, crafting, singing, and playing games, all på svenska. This day camp is suitable for learners at the Beginning II level or above. Students should have some familiarity with Swedish already and feel comfortable with the fact the instructor will speak only in Swedish. $75 ($65 ASI member)

Introductory Classes

Intro to Finnish
Virtual | Sun, November 5, 12:45–2:45 pm CST
Are you looking for a quick and low-pressure way to get excited and prepare for an upcoming visit to Finland? This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Jean Hanslin is the perfect way to get a feel for Finnish, pick up a bit of grammar, and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Intro to Swedish
Virtual | Sun, November 12, 1–3 pm CST
Are you looking for a quick and low-pressure way to get excited and prepare for an upcoming visit to Sweden? This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Jean Hanslin is the perfect way to get a feel for Swedish, pick up a bit of grammar, and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation. $25 ($20 ASI member)

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Intro to Northern Sámi
Virtual | Sun, November 19, 2–4 pm CST
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Áila O’Loughlin is the perfect way to learn some history of the nine living dialects of Sápmi, get a feel for North Sámi, pick up a bit of grammar and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic greetings. Families welcome! $25 Individual ($20 ASI member), $40 family

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This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Joona Sundström is the perfect way to get a feel for Swedish, pick up a bit of grammar and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversations. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Youth Language Learning

Svenska för tonåringar Level 1
Virtual | Tuesdays, January 9–March 5, 4:30–5:30 pm CST
Svenska för tonåringar (Swedish for teenagers) is a class for students age 13-18 who are serious about learning Swedish. In this course, students will speak, write, and read in Swedish. Vi talar, skriver och läser på svenska. Kom och lär dig svenska hos oss! There are two sessions of Svenska för tonåringar based on language ability. This class meets virtually. $100 ($90 ASI member)

Svenska för tonåringar Level 2
Virtual | Tuesdays, January 9–March 5, 6–7 pm CST
Svenska för tonåringar (Swedish for teenagers) is a class for students age 13-18 who are serious about learning Swedish. In this course, students will speak, write, and read in Swedish. Vi talar, skriver och läser på svenska. Kom och lär dig svenska hos oss! There are two sessions of Svenska för tonåringar based on language ability. This class meets virtually. $100 ($90 ASI member)

Lilla Skolan
In-Person | Saturdays, January 20–March 2, 9:30–11 am
A program for Swedish-speaking children between 3-5 years old, Lilla Skolan 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. $115 ($105 ASI member)

Svenska Skolan
In-Person | Saturdays, January 20–March 2, 9:30–11:30 am
Svenska Skolan is a Saturday morning language and culture program for ages 6-12 that offers an opportunity for children 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. Hang med! $140 ($130 ASI member)
Youth & Family
From day camps to carrier tours, birthday parties to youth handcraft, there’s always something for children to explore together at ASI.

Babies at the Castle
Leave your strollers at the door and carry your baby through a tour of Once Upon a Mansion: ASI’s 73rd Holiday Experience before ASI opens to the public. This unique tour is designed for babies up to 18 months and their caregivers. Tours are approximately 30 minutes followed by an additional 15 minutes of sensory play. $15 ($12 ASI member), $10 additional adult

In-Person | Fri, November 24, 9:15–10 am
In-Person | Fri, December 22, 9:15–10 am
In-Person | Sat, January 6, 9:15–10 am

Kids at the Castle
It’s a morning playdate at the Castle! These action-packed creative playtimes encourage adventurous young minds through circle time, storytelling, crafts, visual play, music, and movement. “Kids at the Castle” themes are inspired by the seasons.

Advance registration is required. Adults must accompany children. Suggested for ages 2–5. Includes museum admission. $15 per family

Grateful Hearts
In-Person | Fri, November 17 & Sat, November 18, 9–10 am

Tiny Tomtes and Extraordinary Elves
In-Person | Fri, December 15 & Saturday, December 16, 9–10 am

Special Edition Kids at the Castle: The Box King
In-Person | Fri, January 19 & Sat, January 20, 9–10 am
Told with hand carved marionettes and a transforming cardboard box, The Box King is a family show about the foibles of a forgetful king. What happens when the king cannot remember who anyone is any longer? Is putting everything and everyone into boxes the way to keep things organized, or is there more to an organized kingdom?

Lucia’s Legend
In-Person | Fri, December 8 & Sat, December 9, 10–11:30 am
Explore the legend and traditions behind Lucia Day with your little one at ASI this holiday season. Together, students will engage in storytime, crafts, and songs. Students will walk away with recipes and ideas for creating your own Lucia celebration at home. Swedish Language instructor, Jessica Karlsson will co-lead this program.

Happy 95th Birthday ASI!
In-Person | Fri, January 5, 10–11:30 am
Celebrate the American Swedish Institute’s 95th birthday the Swedish way. You and your little one will experience a joyful and traditional Swedish birthday party filled with baking, storytime, exploration, games, and crafts. You won’t want to miss this action-packed party!

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. Advanced registration required. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Needle-felt Garlands
In-Person | Sun, December 17, 1–2 pm
Join Anna Ruhland this December to make winter-inspired garland! Students will needle-felt snowflakes and beads. Their creations will transform into wintery garlands as students string together their needle-felted handcrafts. These cozy decorations will add cheer to any bedroom or Christmas tree.

Tapestry Weaving
In-Person | Sun, January 21, 1–2 pm
Anna Ruhland will introduce students to the art of tapestry weaving. Young makers will have an opportunity to use a wide variety of materials to create a colorful piece of art!
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Special Events

Winter Kubb League
In-Person | Thu, November 2–Sat, December 2, 6–8 pm
ASI’s Kubb League returns this November with the satisfying ‘thwunk’ of wood dowels hitting wooden blocks. Over 5 weeks, 16 teams will undertake grueling (well, not so much) Thursday evening outdoor competition, culminating in a tournament on Saturday, December 3 during ASI’s Julmarknad Holiday Market. Spectators are encouraged, and competition takes place on the Turnblad Mansion lawn, rain, snow, or shine. Register your team of 3 today at asimn.org. All skill levels welcome. $60 per team of 3 players

Lutfisk Dinner
In-Person | Sun, November 19, 1–3 pm
You’ve heard about it. You’ve laughed about it. Now it’s time to try it. Don’t miss this seasonal specialty featuring traditional Scandinavian dishes accompanied by live music. $45 ($40 ASI member), $20 ages 12 and under, free for children under 3

Arts & Culture Programs

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

Member Appreciation Weekend!
November 9-12, ASI members can save up to 20% on in-store purchases.

Visit shop.asimn.org
Julmarknad Handcraft Market & Festival

The sights and sounds of the Scandinavian marketplace returns the first weekend in December at one of the region’s largest handcraft markets and festivals.

Shop handmade goods from more than 40 regional artists at booths inside ASI and out in the courtyard. Browse exceptional items from ASI’s own Jul Shop, alongside distinctive artisan glass, clothing, wood, jewelry, ceramics, and textiles. Perfect for all ages, Julmarknad features pop-up musical performances, family crafts, story time, festival foods, and take-home handcraft projects that celebrate the season. Please note! ASI will offer timed event admission only to Julmarknad on Saturday and Sunday. Reserve your admission time now at asimn.org. $18 ($15 ASI member)

Julmarknad Preview Party

Kick off the Julmarknad Holiday Market weekend with a special opportunity to shop the handcraft wares of more than 40 artists and makers before the Saturday and Sunday crowds.

Expect live music, food and drink from FIKA Café, and a chance to explore Once Upon a Mansion, ASI’s Holiday Exhibition. $30 ($25 ASI member)

Preview Event:

Fri, December 1, 6–8 pm

Market & Festival:

Sat, December 2–Sun, December 3, 10 am–4 pm
Arts & Culture Programs

Lucia Celebration Concert
In-Person | Sun, December 10, 1 pm & 3 pm
Celebrate light during the long dark winter in this special concert featuring the youthful voices of the ASI Lucia Choir! The choir and Lilla Log will perform traditional music in this magical one-hour performance in Larson Hall. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 6 at 10 am. Tickets may be purchased online, or by calling (612) 971-4907. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Lucia in the Mansion
In-Person | Wed, December 13, 6:30 pm
Don’t miss one of ASI’s most cherished holiday events! Celebrate light overcoming darkness with a magical choral performance in the Turnblad Mansion’s Grand Hall featuring ASI’s Lucia Choir, Lucia, and Lucia’s attendants. Attendees are invited to join the choir for a special Lucia fika (Lucia Buns and pepparkakor) after the concert. This event is open exclusively to ASI members. Limit 4 tickets per membership. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 6 at 10 am. Tickets must be purchased by calling (612) 871-4907. Not available for purchase online. $25 per person

Julgåldje: Family Holiday Concert
In-Person | Sat, November 25, 9–10 am & 11 am–12 pm
Songs, stories, games, and smiles are the hallmarks of julgåldje, translated from Swedish as “Christmas joy.” Bring the entire family to join in the fun and create memories at this annual holiday performance featuring the youthful voices of the ASI Lucia Choir, Lucia, and Lucia’s attendants. Attendees are invited to join the choir for a special Lucia fika (Lucia Buns and pepparkakor) after the concert. This event is open exclusively to ASI members. Limit 4 tickets per membership. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 6 at 10 am. Tickets must be purchased by calling (612) 871-4907. Not available for purchase online. $25 per person

Joulubord Dinners
In-Person | Sat, December 16, 6:30–8:30 pm & Sun, December 17, 1–3 pm
Skip cooking at home and find tastes that will please everyone at one of the region’s best holiday smorgasbords. Don’t miss this multi-course meal featuring all your favorite Nordic dishes, accompanied by live music. For this unique food experience, registrations are non-refundable and must be made at least one week in advance. $90 ($85 ASI member)

Winter Solstice
In-Person | Wed, December 20, 5–9 pm
Mark the shortest day and longest night of the year at ASI with the popular Winter Solstice Celebration. Fika Café will serve a special festive menu with small plates and warm glögg (Swedish mulled wine). The ASI Museum Store and Jul Shop will also be open late for all of your last minute gift needs! ASI will offer timed event admission only to Winter Solstice. Reserve your admission time now at asimn.org. $18 ($12 ASI member), $6 child

Winter Dip Workshop
In-Person | Sat, January 27, 1–4 pm
Boldly embrace winter in this new cold-water workshop led by Nick Fox, certified Wim Hof instructor. Learn about the health benefits of winter swimming and how to practice it safely in this comprehensive two-part workshop. Part one starts out on dry land at the ASI, where Nick will teach the entire process of how to dip safely and warm up naturally. Part two heads into the wild, with a short, guided group dip at a local Minneapolis ice hole! $60 ($50 ASI member)

Private Mansion Experiences

Daytime Group Tours
In-Person | Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10 am or 1 pm
Explore ASI's exhibitions and the Turnblad Mansion during tours led by ASI educators. With exclusive access to ASI content experts, these tours offer an up-close and unique experience for groups. One-hour tours are available to book Tuesdays through Saturdays at 10am or 1pm. $25 per person for groups of 10–50 people. Includes museum admission.

Evening Holiday Experiences
In-Person | Tuesday–Sundays, Evenings
Create a unique holiday memory for your family, friends, or company this year by booking a private evening tour of ASI’s holiday exhibit. Participants will have the historic Turnblad Mansion to yourselves as you’re led through the holiday exhibit by an ASI educator. Tours are $30 per person with the option to add on a dinner, dessert, or appetizers. Contact Slate & Stone Catering to book your holiday experience. $30 per person

Holiday Cocktail Tours
In-Person | Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19, December 26, 6:30–8 pm
Experience the magic of a winter evening at ASI! Tour the 2023 holiday exhibition with an ASI educator. Participants will receive a unique mug and have the option to fill it with a holiday drink from our cash bar, including glögg, the traditional Swedish mulled wine. Participants must be 21+. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available. $35 ($30 ASI member)

VocalEssence, and he is celebrating another milestone—his 80th Birthday! Join us as we go down memory lane, rediscovering music of beloved composers performed throughout the past 55 years in the beautiful and intimate setting of Larson Hall. For ticket information visit www.vocalescence.org/phillips-favorites/

Holiday Drink Experiences
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Ticket Policies
Tickets for ASI programs, as well as museum admission, may be purchased online, via phone, or in-person at the ASI Front Desk during business hours. Advance purchase is recommended for all activities. Full payment must be received for registration to be complete.

A registration fee is added to all tickets. The fee is based on event or transaction type and covers expenses related to the transaction.

Any ASI activity may be filmed, photographed, or recorded by ASI staff. Registrants consent to appear in this documentation and its future use by ASI.

Waitlists
ASI keeps waitlists for all filled programs. Please call (612) 871-4907 to be added to a waitlist. ASI will only contact those on waitlists as space becomes available.

Cancellation Policy
Program registration may be canceled more than 30 days in advance of the start of a program for a refund, less the registration fee. A $10 cancellation fee will be applied to any cancellation within 30 days of a program. Cancellations within 10 days of a program are non-refundable.

ASI reserves the right to cancel a program one week prior to its start date if enrollment has not reached the required minimum, or due to severe weather. If ASI cancels a program for any reason, registrants will be notified via phone or email and will receive a full refund. In the case that ASI remains open for programming during inclement weather, absent registrants are not eligible for refunds.

Virtual Programs
Virtual programs are taught over Zoom. Participants need a strong internet connection and a device with video capabilities. Some programs are recorded for documentation or teaching purposes. Login instructions are provided at the time of purchase. Contact ASI if you have not received login information.

Health & Safety
Visit asimn.org/registrationpolicies for information about current safety guidelines.

Kits & Material Fees
Certain virtual programs use Kits that include some or all of the required program materials. Kits are available for pick up at ASI approximately one week in advance of a program or can be shipped for an additional fee.

Certain in-person workshops require material fees payable by cash or check to the instructor at the beginning of class. These fees cover equipment and materials used.

Age Policy
Certain ASI programs have age requirements. Registrants must meet listed age requirements in order to participate in a program. Unless otherwise noted, Nordic Handcraft and Nordic Table workshops are open to ages 16 and older.

Program Scholarships
ASI is pleased to welcome students from historically underrepresented groups and cultural communities into its programs. A select number of these registrations are available on a first come, first served basis. Registrants are invited to use these scholarships up to two times per calendar year. Please fill out the online form at asimn.org/scholarships.

Non-discrimination policy
The American Swedish Institute does not discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.

ASI is free after 3 pm every Thursday

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

Exhibitions
Explore world class exhibitions of art & culture.

Leaving Your Mark: Stories in Wood is on view through Oct 29, 2023.

Thursday Night Happy Hour
From 3–8 pm, half off bottles of wine and $1 off cocktails, beer, and wine.

Live Music
Live music on select Thursday evenings.

Julkmarknad / Photo: ASI Staff
Museum Galleries, Museum Store & FIKA Café Hours

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Museum Admission
$13 adults; $10 seniors (62+);
$6 ages 6–18 and students with ID;
FREE for children under 6 and
ASI members.

ASI Museum admission is
free every Thursday, 3–8 pm

*Updated Museum Hours!
Starting November 14, ASI will
open to the public on Tuesdays
from 10 am–4 pm, in addition
to open hours Wednesday
through Sunday.