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Slöjd Studio: Make a Mother's Day Gift
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Registration Opens

Friday, March 22
(ASI members)

Monday, March 25
(general public)

Register online
at asimn.org

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 the Fall!

September–October programs and events go on sale Friday, July 19 (ASI members) and Monday, July 22 (general public). Schedule announced mid-July.

Become an ASI member!

Make an impact, receive free museum admission, and save on event registration, with opportunities to register for many programs before they become publicly available. **Join today at asimn.org.**



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.

Community Craft

Virtual Makers Mornings

Virtual | Tuesdays, May 7–August 27,
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 are welcome. Drop in as often as you like, for as long as you like. Free; registration required.

Makers Night

In-Person | Third Thursdays, May 16, June 20, July 18,
and August 15, 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. Free; no advanced registration required.

Glass & Ceramics

Clay Fairy Garden Fun with Sue Flanders

In-Person | Sun, May 5, 2–4 pm

Deck out your fairy garden with mushrooms, creatures, gnomes, and more! Students of all ages are invited to make a dozen tiny clay decorations perfect for tucking in a potted plant or fairy garden. After students build and paint their creations with colorful underglazes, the projects will be fired in the instructor's home studio and returned to ASI for pick up. Suitable for ages 18+ or ages 9–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$50 (\$45 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to instructor



Carve and Paint a Ceramic Vase with Kim Burnham

Craft & Cocktails: Carve and Paint a Ceramic Vase with Kim Burnham

In-Person | Thu, June 13, 6–9 pm

Join potter Kim Burnham of Imokim Pottery to decorate a ceramic vase with carved and painted details, while enjoying a beverage from FIKA Café! Students will decorate pre-formed bud vases, then the pieces will be glazed with a top clear coat and then fired before returning to ASI for pick up a few weeks after class. Registration includes one beverage. Suitable for ages 21+. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$30 materials fee payable to instructor



Natural Crafts & Wellness

Nordic Herbals for Summer with Gigi Stafne

In-Person | Sat, June 29, 10 am–3 pm

Taking inspiration from Nordic herbal traditions, spend a day exploring generational wisdom and knowledge of summer herbs and wild foods. Students will make several herbal preparations, while grounding their learning in modern understandings of herbal medicine and the Norse mythology and oral traditions of Sunna, the Norse Sun goddess and healer. Suitable for ages 14+. \$80 (\$70 ASI member) + \$30 materials fee payable to the instructor

Paper & Studio Arts

Stamped Spring Cards with Kayla Ann

Virtual | Thu, May 9, 6:30–8:30 pm CDT

Create your own stamps and print a greeting card! Kayla will guide students through the process of carving a simple stamp or two, then printing a spring-inspired card right at home. Students provide their own materials and will keep their stamps and other tools to make more cards in the future; see asimn.org for more. Suitable for ages 18+. \$50 (\$45 ASI member)

Advanced Watercolor – Ordinary People with Tara Sweeney

In-Person | Fri, May 31–Sun, June 2, 10 am–5 pm

Capture the magic of ordinary people at work and play in this three-day advanced watercolor workshop. Students will work from a photo reference to create a three-layer monochromatic value study and then a full-color painting using a split-primary limited palette. This advanced class is suitable for students 18+ with previous experience with this instructor and the above techniques. Find the materials list with class description at asimn.org. \$400 (\$350 ASI member)

Intergenerational Four Elements Artwork with Alison Aune

In-Person | Sun, June 16, 1–4 pm

Visit the new exhibition *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*, then make a piece of artwork inspired by Karin's tapestry *The Four Elements* in this intergenerational workshop. Youth and their special adults will look at Karin's bold colors and abstract shapes symbolizing the four elements, then make their own composition using acrylic paint and mixed media. Suitable for ages 5–13 accompanied by an adult. \$50 per adult/child pair (\$45 ASI adult/child member pair) + \$20 materials fee adult/child pair payable to instructor

Watercolor Floral Motifs with Tara Sweeney

In-Person | Thu, June 27–Fri, June 28, 10 am–5 pm

Create bold watercolor floral motifs, drawing inspiration from the garden, ASI's summer exhibition *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*, and the Art Nouveau movement. This two-day watercolor workshop will focus on drawing floral components and combining them into an original watercolor floral motif. All levels of ability welcome. See asimn.org for full class description and materials list. Suitable for ages 18+. \$250 (\$225 ASI member)

Painting with Swedish Egg Yolk Paint with Pieper Bloomquist

In-Person | Fri, July 19, 1–3 pm

Learn to make your own natural paint out of egg yolks in the style of folk paints from Southern Sweden! Students will mix multiple colors of paint and use them to paint a beautiful flower on a homemade canvas inspired by Swedish folk paintings. Suitable for any skill level, ages 12+. \$60 (\$50 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

Intro to Swedish Dalmålning Folk Painting with Pieper Bloomquist

In-Person | Sat, July 20, 10 am–5 pm

Design your own floral kurbits (flower motif) inspired by folk painting in the Swedish region of Dalarna!



Wet Felted Sculptural Moomin with Elise Kylo

Students will adapt traditional flower and leaf forms to create their own designs using acrylic paints. As this is a skill-building workshop, students will explore many techniques (easily adaptable to other artistic mediums) but may not leave with a finished piece. Suitable for all skill levels, ages 12+. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor. Pieper will also present a lecture on folk arts on Thursday, July 18. See Arts & Culture Events section.

Textiles

SAORI Weaving with Chiaki O'Brien

In-Person | Sat, May 4, 1–4 pm

Go beyond the borders of Scandinavia in this beginner-friendly handcraft workshop that explores Japanese weaving traditions. Try your hand at SAORI weaving, an expressive, "freestyle" weaving process that blends color into a beautiful piece of fabric students will take home. Prepared looms will allow students to jump right in, regardless of previous weaving experience. Suitable for ages 11+. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

Wet Felted Sculptural Moomin with Elise Kylo

In-Person | Sat, May 11, 10 am–5 pm

Hand felt a durable and cuddly Moomin character inspired by Tove Jansson's beloved stories! Using classic wet felting techniques, students will learn how to make a 100% wool stuffed character that can last a lifetime. Students need good hand strength and the ability to stand for extended periods. Suitable for ages 18+, or 11–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

Moomin Inspired Felted Seat Cozy with Elise Kylo

In-Person | Sun, May 12, 10 am–3 pm

Create a beautiful and durable seat cozy inspired by Tove Jansson's Moomin illustrations. Using two different felting techniques, students will design their own portable wool cushion perfect for use both in the home and outside! Students need good hand strength and the ability to stand for extended periods. Suitable for ages 18+, or 9–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$80 (\$70 ASI member) + \$35 materials fee payable to instructor



Backstrap Band Weaving with Caroline Feyling

Design and Weave a Repp Band with Kerstin Neumüller

Virtual | Sat, May 18–Sun, May 19, 10 am–12 pm CDT

Join Swedish textile artist and educator Kerstin Neumüller to design and start weaving a repp band, a style in which warp threads tightly cover the weft threads. Using their 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 online sessions. Suitable for ages 12+. \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Bauhaus-Inspired Block Printed Textiles with Katrina Ulrich

In-Person | Thu, May 23, 6–9 pm or Thu, June 6, 6–9 pm

Try a new craft while creating textiles in the Bauhaus Design tradition! The German Bauhaus Design Movement was one of the most important aesthetic influences on mid-century Scandinavian design. In this evening long class, students will use bright colored ink and carved wooden blocks to print their own textiles to take home. No previous experience necessary.

Suitable for ages 14+. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

Next Steps in Spinning with Lesley Darling

In-Person | Sat, May 25, 10 am–5 pm & Sun, May 26, 10 am–1 pm

Ready to take your next step in spinning? Spend a weekend developing new spinning skills so you can spin the yarn you want! Students should have previous spinning experience and are invited to bring their favorite tools and fibers to explore. Yarn design, wheel troubleshooting, and making the jump from hand spindle to wheel are all possible topics in this highly personalized class. Suitable for ages 16+. \$135 (\$120 ASI member) + \$75 materials fee payable to instructor

Intergenerational Needle Felted Pocket Tomte and Friend with Jen Newburg

In-Person | Sun, May 26, 1–3 pm

Make the sweetest little woolly tomte and critter friend ready for imaginative play in this intergenerational needle felting class. Kids and their special adults will

shape and decorate a pocket sized tomte and an accompanying woodland creature using the magical technique of needle felting. Kids ages 9–17 invited to join alongside an adult. \$50 adult/child pair (\$45 ASI member adult/child pair) + \$25 materials fee payable to the instructor

Natural Dyeing with Black Walnuts with Riley Kleve

In-Person | Thu, May 30, 6:30–8:30 pm

Create your own hand-dyed silk scarf using natural materials you can find in your own backyard. Learn how to extract color from black walnuts and create a dye bath using black walnut husks foraged locally here in the city. Students will practice using different resist methods to create a unique silk scarf to wear or display. Suitable for ages 18+ or ages 14–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$60 (\$50 ASI member), + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

Intergenerational Felted Flower Garland with Jen Newburg

In-Person | Sun, June 9, 1–3 pm

Make a sweet garland of colorful woolly flowers just in time for *Midsommar*! Felter Jen Newburg will lead kids and their special adults through the process of shaping and decorating wool flowers using the magical technique of needle felting, before stringing them onto a garland. This project is especially suited for younger participants, welcoming children ages 5–10 with an accompanying adult. \$50 adult/child pair (\$45 ASI member adult/child pair) + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor

Backstrap Band Weaving with Caroline Feyling

In-Person | Wed, June 12–Thu, June 13, 10 am–5 pm

Explore the beautiful but utilitarian world of band weaving! Working on a backstrap style rigid heddle loom, students will start by weaving a simple, plain-weave band. Students will then learn the Nordic pick-up technique to weave bands with patterns perfect for use as a belt, hairband, strap, or decorative garment

edging. No prior weaving experience is required. Suitable for ages 14+. \$200 (\$180 ASI member) + \$35 materials fee payable to instructor

Felting a Small Faux Fleece with Becky Utecht

In-Person | Sat, June 22, 10 am–5 pm

Start with raw, unwashed sheep's fleece and transform it into a warm and wooly chair pad or pillow top. Using hot water, soap, and a little elbow grease, students will practice the technique of wet felting a fleece into one piece while preserving its sheepskin-like appearance. Suitable for ages 17+, or ages 14–16 accompanied by a registered adult. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$45 materials fee payable to instructor

Stenciled Apron with Kirsten Aune

In-Person | Sun, June 30, 10 am–4 pm

Dive into the art of fabric stenciling! Taking inspiration from textile artist and instructor Kirsten Aune's colorful, bold patterns and modern Scandinavian designs, students will create their own stencils and use them to decorate a prepared cotton apron. Once students have learned the basics of fabric stenciling, they will be ready to decorate fabric for all kinds of projects. Suitable for ages 14–17 to attend with a registered adult. \$85 (\$75 ASI member) + \$65 materials fee payable to instructor

Beginning Spinning on a Hand Spindle with Riley Kleve

In-Person | Thu, July 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 the 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



Nordic Handcraft

Coaxing Out Primary and Secondary Colors with Natural Dyes with Maddy Bartsch

In-Person | Sat, July 13, 10 am–5 pm

Join Maddy Bartsch of Salt of the North Dyes to coax out a rainbow of colors from locally grown plant-based dyes. This introductory dye class will focus on dyeing primary red, yellow, and blue, which participants will transform into secondary green, purple, and orange. Weather permitting, this class will take place outdoors. Open to ages 18+ or 16+ accompanied by a registered adult. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$45 materials fee payable to instructor

Get Started Nålbinding with Jake Fee

In-Person | Sun, July 14, 1–4 pm

Try out *nålbinding*, an old textile tradition that has roots around the world but has been especially well preserved in Scandinavia! In this short intro class, students will make their own *nålbinding* needle (the only tool necessary in this highly portable craft), learn a little about the history of *nålbinding* around the world, and learn some basic stitches to start a bracelet or armband. You'll leave with everything you need to continue this craft at home! Suitable for ages 11+. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to instructor

Intergenerational Needle Felted Pocket Snowman with Jen Newburg

In-Person | Sun, July 21, 1–3 pm

It's time for *jul i juli*, Christmas in July! Chill out by making a woolly little snowman perfect for imaginative play in this intergenerational needle felting class. Kids and their special adults will shape and decorate a pocket-sized snowman complete with a face and accessories using the magical technique of needle felting. Suitable for ages 9–17 alongside an adult. \$50 adult/child pair (\$45 ASI member adult/child pair) + \$25 materials fee payable to the instructor



Embroidered Linen Sampler with Judy McDowell

Dyeing with Lichens with Theresa Hornstein

In-Person | Sat, July 27, 10 am–5 pm

Lichens have been used as dyes for centuries. Depending on the species and dyeing method, lichens produce colors ranging from golds and browns to pinks and purples. By practicing dyeing small wool skeins, students will explore lichen biology, ethical harvesting, and dye preparation in this intro-level class. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 16+ or 14–15 accompanied by a registered adult. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

Cross Stitching Like Karin with Laura Ricketts

In-Person | Sun, July 28, 10 am–5 pm

Karin Larsson's eye for design and talent for textiles may have been underappreciated when she was alive, but in this workshop, participants will create a contemporary cross-stitch to put Karin's words and designs front and center. Suitable for ages 16+ and all levels of experience; students provide their own materials; see asimn.org. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$4 pattern fee payable to the instructor

Embroidered Linen Sampler with Judy McDowell

In-Person | Fri, August 2, 10 am–5 pm

Get started on a hand embroidered linen sampler inspired by Karin Larsson's handwork! This class offers an overview of some basic free-hand embroidery stitches and gets students started on a linen sampler

with circular motifs. The finished 12" x 16" sampler will work as a small pillow cover, table runner, or bag front. Suitable for all experience levels, ages 16+. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

Intergenerational Needle Felted Mushroom House with Jen Newburg

In-Person | Sun, August 4, 1–3 pm

Make a cute and fluffy mushroom 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 mushroom-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. Suitable for ages 9–17 alongside an adult. \$50 adult/child pair (\$45 ASI member adult/child pair) + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor

Creative Darning and Mending with Riley Kleve

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

Add some new life to well-loved clothing using some basic darning and mending techniques! Students will practice some basic techniques to darn knit cloth and mend woven cloth using tools and supplies provided by instructor Riley Kleve. Participants will leave with new techniques for beautiful mends to add color, pattern, and durability to clothing. Suitable for ages 16+. \$50 (\$45 ASI member), + \$10 materials fee paid to instructor

Wood

Kolrosing Foundations with Liesl Chatman

In-Person | Tuesdays, May 7–June 11, 6–8 pm or Wednesdays, May 8–June 12, 10 am–12 pm

Get started with a very old, very portable decorative craft! 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 six-week course, students will learn the basics of design, materials, and techniques for kolrosing flat and curved woodenware; final weeks are devoted to starting with

lettering and curves. Suitable for ages 13+. \$175 (\$150 ASI member) + \$60 materials fee payable to instructor

Intro to Green Woodcarving with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Fri, May 17, 1–4 pm

Get a taste of carving with fresh wood using traditional Scandinavian tools and techniques. This quick intro class covers the basics of using a carving knife and working with "green" or fresh wood while making a small butter spreader. Carving requires good hand strength and flexibility. Suitable for ages 16+, or ages 11–15 with a registered adult. \$50 (\$40 ASI member) + \$15 materials fee payable to instructor

Green Woodcarving Foundations with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Sat, May 18, 10 am–5 pm, & Sun, May 19, 9 am–12 pm

Ready to dive into Scandinavian-style wood carving? If you hope to someday carve spoons, bowls, and other practical items using "green" or fresh wood using traditional hand tools, this is the the right place to start. Students will complete several simple projects such as hooks or spatulas while being introduced to foundational tools and techniques. Note: carving requires good hand strength and flexibility. Open to ages 16+, or ages 14–15 with a registered adult. \$130 (\$115 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

Milk Paint Basics with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Sat, June 8, 10 am–5 pm

Looking for a paint with a long history, natural ingredients, and a durable finish? Milk paint, a powdered paint made from milk protein, lime, and natural pigments is a great choice! This class will cover basic techniques for mixing, applying, and finishing milk paint to achieve the desired look and feel while making sample tiles for future reference. Suitable for ages 16+. \$100 (\$90 ASI member) + \$40 materials fee payable to instructor



Nordic Handcraft

Tool Sharpening Tutorial with Jeanette Torkelson and Andrew Austin-Petersen

In-Person | Sun, June 23, 10 am–3 pm

Keen to learn the basics of tool sharpening? This class covers knife anatomy, determining blade sharpness, and the sharpening process, focusing on *slöjd* and hook knives. Learn hand and power sharpening techniques, and leave with the skills to grow your sharpening practice at home! Students bring personal tools to sharpen, see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 18+. \$75 (\$65 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor

Try Carving a Dala Horse for Women and Non-binary Students with Jess Hirsch

In-Person | Fri, July 12, 9 am–12 pm

Learn basic carving holds with an iconic Swedish Dala horse in this morning-long class. Pick up a Swedish carving knife and pre-cut basswood blank and bring your very own Dala horse to life. Finishing options will be discussed in class. Open to women and non-binary students only and suitable for ages 16+. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor

Carve a Fox with Matt Bruch

In-Person | Fri, July 26, 1–5 pm

Try out woodcarving in the Scandinavian flat-plane tradition while carving a personality-filled fox! 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 will paint the foxes to bring them to life. Suitable for students ages 11–14 attending alongside a registered adult, or 15+ independently. \$70 (\$60 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee payable to instructor

Intro to Kolrosing with Liesl Chatman

In-Person | Thu, August 1, 6:30–9 pm

Join Liesl Chatman to learn more about the very old but accessible craft of kolrosing. Students will have a chance to practice making their own marks with a kolrosing knife and get a feel for the many possibilities that kolrosing offers anyone interested in woodworking, drawing, and traditional Scandinavian crafts. Suitable for students ages 15+ or ages 11–14 alongside a registered adult. \$60 (\$50 ASI member) + \$15 materials fee payable to instructor

Carve a Kuksa with John Fleck

In-Person | Sat, August 3–Sun, August 4, 10 am–5 pm

Carve your own wooden traveling cup in the traditional Nordic green woodworking tradition. In this weekend-long class, students will work with prepared blanks to 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 16–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$225 (\$200 ASI member) + \$50 materials fee payable to instructor

Scandinavian Figure Carving with Charles Banks

In-Person | Fri, August 9–Sun, August 11, 10 am–5 pm

Carvers of all experience levels are invited to join this three-day flat plane figure carving class. Using just a knife, students will carve a Nordic-inspired character in a simplified, traditional style. Students can expect plenty of discussion about the history of figure carving and notable carvers while finishing one or two carvings. Moderate hand strength and dexterity required. Suitable for ages 16+. \$250 (\$225 ASI member) + \$10 materials fee per blank payable to instructor



Scandinavian Figure Carving with Charles Banks

Carve a Veggie with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Sat, August 17, 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 couple of miniature wooden vegetables, perfect for playtime, display, or even making a statement necklace. Painting and other finishing options will be discussed but not completed in class. Open to ages 16+ or ages 11–15 accompanied by a registered adult. \$65 (\$55 ASI member) + \$25 materials fee payable to instructor

Carve a Swedish Wall Hook with Sam Gathje

In-Person | Sun, August 18, 10 am–12:30 pm

Put your knife to work carving useful, Swedish-style wall hooks in this half-day class! Students will practice carving in the traditional “green” wood style to create a hook out of a fresh-cut branched piece of wood. Whatever shape and size you make, this hook will be a practical addition to your home. Suitable for students ages 16+ with good hand strength and dexterity. \$65 (\$55 ASI member) + \$15 materials fee payable to instructor



Swedish Cardamom Buns with Kristi Bissell



Nordic Table

Celebrate and explore northern foodways through events that connect participants to food experts, guest chefs, and seasoned educators. Demos allow students to watch instructors prepare featured recipes while workshops are participatory experiences in which registrants cook alongside the instructor. Tickets to virtual Nordic Table classes include access to a recording of the class for one month.

Swedish Cardamom Buns with Kristi Bissell

Virtual | Thu, May 9, 1–2 pm CDT

Turn out cardamom buns worthy of a bakery display case with a little help from Kristi Bissell of the Scandinavian cooking blog True North Kitchen! Kristi will demonstrate how to mix and knead the yeasted dough, prepare the filling, and bake a batch of buns at home. This virtual class will include lots of tips and tricks for the home baker. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Intro to the Nordic Table with Patrice Johnson

In-Person | Thu, May 16, 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)

Spring City Foraging with Maria Wesserle

In-Person | Sun, May 19, 1:30–3:30 pm

It's unnecessary to trek into the wilderness to harvest wild edibles—there's options right here in the city! Join instructor Maria Wesserle of Four Season Foraging to explore the urban environment in search of seasonal wild foods. Students should be prepared to be outside, rain or shine, and walk up to 10–12 city blocks. Suitable for ages 18+, or 11–17 alongside a registered adult. \$45 (\$40 ASI member)

Sparris och Rabarber with Scott Graden

In-Person | Tue, May 28, 5:30–8:30 pm

Spring is in full swing so it's time to celebrate those stalwart northern perennials, asparagus, and rhubarb! Chef Scott Graden of Duluth's New Scenic Café knows seasonal produce inside and out and will demonstrate a set of recipes through a delightful spring dinner with Nordic influences. \$135 (\$125 ASI member)

Intergenerational Midsommar Fika with Anna Sharratt

In-Person | Sat, June 1, 1–3:30 pm

Get ready for Midsommar with some summery homemade treats! In this intergenerational class, kids ages 6–12 and their special adults will make a tasty *fika* inspired by the Midsommar holiday. While creations bake and chill, participants will take the time for a small craft! And of course, there will be ample time for sharing a *fika* together. \$90 adult/child pair (\$80 ASI member adult/child pair)

Midsommar Feast with Anna Sharratt

In-Person | Sun, June 2, 10 am–5 pm

Practice preparing a Midsommar feast inspired by the fresh, simple foods common on the summer solstice smörgåsbord! As a group, this class will practice preparing a variety of classic dishes, both sweet and savory. Weather permitting, the meal will be served outdoors. Suitable for ages 18+, or ages 14–17 with a registered adult. \$150 (\$135 ASI member)

Midsommar with the Larssons with Patrice Johnson

In-Person | Thu, June 13, 6–8 pm

Celebrate Midsommar with some of the dishes Karin and Carl Larsson's family may have eaten! Patrice Johnson will demonstrate dishes the Larssons may have enjoyed at their home Lilla Hyttlös in Dalarna, Sweden around the turn of the century. This class includes a light meal, and students will head home with the recipes ready to prepare for their own Midsommar party or incorporate into other summer meals. \$70 (\$60 ASI member)

Scandinavian Strawberry Cream Cake with Kristi Bissell

Virtual | Thu, June 20, 1–2 pm CDT

Ready to tackle a showstopper of a summer dessert that is secretly easier than it looks? Kristi Bissell of the Scandinavian cooking blog True North Kitchen is here to walk you through each element of the classic strawberry cream cake. She'll demonstrate every step, from baking a vanilla cake to mixing a pastry cream, mashing up a fresh strawberry filling, and finally assembling and decorating—all in time for Midsommar. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Berry Jam Basics with Heidi Skoog

In-Person | Thu, July 11, 6:30–8:30 pm

Learn to capture summer's bounty into a beautiful berry jam with preserving expert Heidi Skoog, owner of Scandia based company Serious Jam. Heidi will demonstrate the process for making a jam that is balanced in flavor and properly set with whatever berries are fresh from the market at the time of class. Tips for specific berries, sourcing, and storage (whether canning or in the fridge) will also be discussed. \$70 (\$60 ASI member)



Nordic Table

Dill in the Nordic Kitchen with Kristi Bissell

Virtual | Thu, July 18, 1–2 pm CDT

Let the garden lead the way in this virtual cooking demo that celebrates all things dill! Kristi Bissell of the Scandinavian cooking blog True North Kitchen will zip through a handful of easy recipes that highlight this essential Scandinavian herb. From simple salads to make-ahead sauces, and of course, her take on the quick pickle, this class will give anyone with a garden or love of farmers markets a good reason to highlight the freshness that dill brings to any dish. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Karin's Garden Dinner with Patrice Johnson

In-Person | Thu, July 25, 6–8 pm

In honor of ASI's summer exhibition, *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*, join Patrice Johnson for this special demonstration class featuring some of Karin Larsson's favorite dishes. An adventurous cook who dabbled in vegetarian cooking and brought back tastes of her travels in Italy and France, Karin's bounteous garden (and Minnesota's local markets) will inspire this menu, which will be served outdoors, weather permitting. \$75 (\$65 ASI member)

Canning 101 with Heidi Skoog

In-Person | Sun, July 28, 1–4 pm

Get ready to get canning with preserving expert Heidi Skoog, owner of Serious Jam! This afternoon class will focus on the essential tools and skills for preserving food using water bath canning. While participants make and can a simple jam in class, the same techniques can also be applied to jellies, sauces, salsas, and pickles. Suitable for ages 18+. \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Summer City Foraging with Maria Wesslerle

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should be prepared to be out rain or shine and walk up to 10–12 city blocks. Suitable for ages 18+, or ages 11–17 accompanied by a registered adult. \$45 (\$40 ASI member)

Scandinavian Pizza Tour with Patrice Johnson

In-Person | Thu, August 8, 6–8 pm

Take a tour through contemporary Scandinavia with one of the region's most popular dishes—pizza! Patrice Johnson will share three favorite pizzas from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, and will explore what certain types of toppings mean about immigration and the changing tastes in Scandinavia. A side salad and simple dessert will cap off the meal in this demonstration-style class. \$70 (\$60 ASI member)

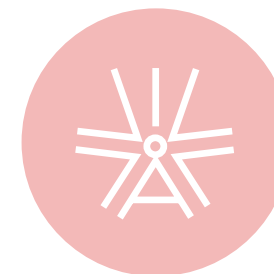
Tomatoes in the Nordic Kitchen with Kristi Bissell

Virtual | Thu, August 15, 1–2 pm CDT

Tomatoes are not typically regarded as a Nordic ingredient, but they are valued by gardeners in the north for their ability to thrive during the long summer days. Kristi Bissell, of the Scandinavian cooking blog True North Kitchen, will showcase her take on Nordic-style tomato dishes in this virtual class. She will demonstrate how to make a rustic rye tart that is perfect for late summer dinners, some delicious open-faced sandwiches, and a hearty salad. Participants will gain a wealth of ideas on how to make the most of this iconic summer produce. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Thursday Nights at FIKA Café

Thursdays, 3–8 pm.
Enjoy 50% off all bottles
of wine and \$1 off all
cocktails, beer, and wine.



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.

Introductory Language Classes

Intro to Finnish with Joona Sundström

Virtual | Sun, May 5, 1–3 pm CDT

Curious about the Finnish language, but not ready yet to commit to a multi-date class? Looking for a quick and low-pressure way to get excited and prepare for an upcoming visit to Finland? This two-hour introductory workshop 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 with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Sun, May 19, 5–7 pm CDT

Curious about the Swedish language, but not ready yet to commit to a multi-date class? Looking for a quick and low-pressure way to get excited and prepare for an upcoming visit to Sweden?

This two-hour introductory workshop 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)

Sweden and Swedish for Travelers with Gregg White

Virtual | Tue, June 4–Thu, June 13, 4:30–6 pm CDT

This language and travel course is great for anyone seeking a brief introduction to Swedish and the lovely country where it is spoken. Class meets Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks. Required text: Swedish Dictionary & Phrasebook by Julie Hansen & Dick Nilsson (available in the ASI Museum Store). \$65 (\$55 ASI member)



Language Classes

Intro to Swedish

In-Person | Thu, July 11, 6–8 pm

Curious about the Swedish language, but not ready yet to commit to a multi-date class? 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 instructor Liz Stopka 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)

Special Events

ASI Language Student Potluck

In-Person | Wed, May 29, 5:30–8 pm

Are you a current or former language student? Please join us for our annual language student spring potluck! Bring a dish and join ASI language teachers and fellow students for an end of the year celebration. Free; registration required.

Morgondopp / Morning Dip

In-Person | Fridays, July 12–August 2, 7:30–8:30 am

Back by popular demand after last summer's success, join instructor Liz Stopka on four early Friday mornings for a morgondopp (morning dip) in the lake before starting the day. Meet the group at Lake Harriet South Beach. Bring your own coffee and stick around for a fika after your swim. Free; no registration required.

Expansion Classes

Sommarpratatare: Intermediate Swedish Conversation with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Mondays, June 3–June 24, 4:30–6 pm CDT

Keep up with your svenska this summer! This class is suitable for students at a high intermediate or above 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 focusing on questions and answers from simple to complex. *Häng med!* \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Intermediate Swedish Literature with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Mondays, June 3–July 8, 6:30–8 pm CDT

Over six weeks, students will read and discuss the lättläst novel *Handen* (Henning Mankell), reading 15 pages each week together. This class is suitable for intermediate level learners, i.e. you have been studying Swedish for several years. Required materials: *Handen* (lättläst) by Henning Mankell. \$95 (\$85 ASI member)

Swedish Pronunciation with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Tuesdays, June 4 & 11, 4:30–6 pm CDT

Come and dig into details on how to pronounce Swedish. This class is appropriate for students of any level who are looking for tips on how to improve their pronunciation when speaking Swedish. Students should have studied at least one 9-week term of Swedish before enrolling in this class. This class is held in English. \$35 (\$25 ASI member)

Sommarhistorietter: Read Classic Swedish Stories with Gregg White

Virtual | Tuesdays, June 4–25, 6:15–7:45 pm CDT

This class is intended for students who already have a good grasp of Swedish and who wish to apply their knowledge to some classics from Swedish literature. Both Swedish and English will be spoken. Course materials provided by instructor. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Intermediate Finnish Literature with Joona Sundström

Virtual | Tuesdays, June 4–July 23, 6:15–7:45 pm CDT

Keep up with your Finnish this summer! Over the course of eight weeks, students will read and discuss the Finnish novel *Musta kuin eebenpuu* by Salla Simukka. This class is suitable for students at the Intermediate level, i.e. at least two years of Finnish study or equivalent. Class materials will be provided by the instructor. \$130 (\$120 ASI member)

Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners with

Kjerstin Moody

Virtual | Tuesdays, June 4–25, 6:30–8 pm

This course is designed for students who have completed A1-level Swedish (Beginning I and II levels) and are studying towards A2 proficiency (Beginning III level). Students will read one chapter per week (chapters 1–4) from the *Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners* book and discuss the stories together. Required materials: *Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners* by Olly Richards. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Beginning II Swedish Literature with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Wednesdays, June 5–June 19,

10:30 am–12 pm CDT

Reading is a great way to improve your vocabulary and in this class, students will read short, familiar stories på svenska! Over three weeks, students will read and discuss short stories such as *Guldlock* (Goldilocks) comparing them to the English versions. This is suitable for students who have been studying Swedish for at least one term. Materials will be provided by the instructor. \$45 (\$35 ASI member)

Swedish Grammar: Parts of Speech with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Wednesdays, June 5–26, 12:30–2 pm CDT

Consider yourself a grammar lover or hater? Either way, this course is for you! Review and solidify Swedish grammar concepts by focusing on a different part of speech each week. Over four weeks, the class will cover nouns, verbs, adjectives and pronouns. This class is suitable for students at the Beginning II level of Swedish and above. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

History of the Swedish Language with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Wednesdays, June 5–June 19, 4:30–6 pm CDT

This three-part lecture, held in English, invites students to discover how the Swedish language developed from the first century through today. Where can there still be remnants of older Swedish in today's language, and where is the language headed today in a globalized world? Materials provided by instructor. *Välkommen!* \$45 (\$35 ASI member)

Sveriges historia with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Wednesdays, June 5–26, 6:30–8 pm CDT or

Mondays, August 5–26, 10–11:30 am CDT

Come join conversations about the SVT Play series *Historien om Sverige*. There will be discussions on one episode per week: four episodes in June and four in August. Sign up for one or both classes. This class will be conducted in Swedish. Registrants must have completed Rivstart A or its equivalent and feel comfortable conversing in Swedish. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Swedish Literature in Translation: 1880–1950 with

Gregg White

Virtual | Thursdays, June 6–July 18, 6:15–7:45 pm CDT

In this class, students will read excerpts from the writings of a dozen Swedish authors, each representing one of the major movements in Swedish literature in these six important and creative decades. All readings are in English and course materials will be emailed prior to class. \$95 (\$85 ASI member)

Åh snaps! Swedish Drinking Songs

In-Person | Thu, June 6, 6:30–7:30 pm

Snapsvisor, or drinking songs, are essential to many festive occasions in Sweden. In this popular workshop taught by instructor Liz Stopka, participants learn how to sing several snapsvisor and how to *skål* properly and celebrate like a true Swede—just in time for *Midsommar*! Purchase a drink from FIKA Café to *skål* with and join us outside in the courtyard for a fun summer evening. \$15 (\$10 ASI member)



Language Classes

Swedish Hiking Club

In-Person | Sat, June 8, 9–11 am or

Sat, July 13, 9–10 am or Sat, August 17, 9–11 am

Kom och prata svenska ute i naturen! Swedish Hiking Club welcomes all Swedish speakers to get out of the house for a promenad på svenska! This program is open to all levels of Swedish speakers, but please note that the class will stick to Swedish as much as possible. Conversation topics and activities will be prepared in advance. Bring your own *fika*. Vi ses i naturen! \$10 (\$5 ASI member)

Who was Karin Larsson? with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Tue, June 25, 6:30–8 pm CDT

Welcome to a lecture on Karin Larsson — an artist and interior designer who was married to the artist Carl Larsson. This lecture will cover Karin Larsson’s accomplished life, with a focus on her contributions to interior design and clothing fashion. The virtual slide presentation will be conducted in English and is intended to complement the ongoing exhibit at ASI. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Vem var Karin Larsson?

Virtual | Tue, June 25, 6:30–8 pm CDT

Välkommen till en föreläsning om Karin Larsson: konstnär och inredningsarkitekt, gift med konstnären Carl Larsson. Denna föreläsning hålls av Ingela Haaland och ska ta upp Karin Larssons liv med fokus på hennes bidrag till inredning och klädmode. Denna virtuella presentation är på svenska och kompletterar utställningen på ASI. There is an English version of this presentation on June 18. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Read and Write in Swedish: Bortbytningen with Jean Hanslin

Virtual | Wednesdays, June 26–July 10, 10:30 am–12 pm CDT

Hone your Swedish reading and writing skills in this new class. Over the course of three weeks, students will read the short story *Bortbytningen* by Selma Lagerlöf,

discuss it as a class, and re-write it to update the text to a more modern view. This class is suitable for students at the Intermediate I level and above. \$45 (\$35 ASI member)

Start Reading Swedish: Muminrollen och havsörkestern

Virtual | Tuesday, July 9–30, 10–11:30 am CDT

Read and discuss the story *Muminrollen och havsörkestern* adapted from the novel by Tove Jansson and participate in activities to support your reading and vocabulary building. This class is taught by instructor Liz Stopka and suitable for students with at least one year of Swedish language study or equivalent. Class materials will be provided by the instructor. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Keep Reading Swedish: Sommarboken

Virtual | Tuesdays, July 9–August 13, 5–6:30 pm CDT

Immerse yourself in the rhythms of a Swedish island in summer through reading the beloved Swedish classic *Sommarboken* by Tove Jansson. Over the course of six weeks, students will read and discuss the novel together in Swedish, reading about 25 pages per week. This class is taught by instructor Liz Stopka and suitable for students at the Intermediate I level of Swedish and above. Required materials: *Sommarboken* by Tove Jansson. \$95 (\$85 ASI member)

Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners with Kjerstin Moody

Virtual | Tuesday, July 9–30, 6:30–8 pm CDT

This course is designed for students who have completed A1-level Swedish (Beginning I and II levels) and are studying towards A2 proficiency (Beginning III level). Students will read one chapter per week (chapters 5-8) from the Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners book and discuss the stories together. Required materials: Short Stories in Swedish for Beginners by Olly Richards. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Swedish Immersion Day Camp with Kjerstin Moody and Liz Stopka

In-Person | Sun, July 14, 10 am–3 pm

Immerse yourself in Swedish for the day in this day camp for adult language learners. Enhance your Swedish vocabulary and listening comprehension while meeting new friends and making things together. 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 instructors will speak only in Swedish. \$75 (\$65 ASI member)

Spelkväll: Swedish Game Night with Jean Hanslin and Liz Stopka

In-Person | Thu, July 18, 6–8 pm

Practice your listening and speaking skills during this fun summer evening game night. This class will play all sorts of games including favorites, like charades and kubb, using only Swedish! Instructors will lead games both inside and outside and some movement will likely be required. *Häng med!* \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Knitting på svenska with Rachel Willson-Broyles

In-Person | Thu, August 1, 6–7:30 pm

Learn to read knitting patterns in Swedish! Common terminology and abbreviations will be covered. Instructor will provide a free sample pattern to study. Students are welcome to bring materials to try out the provided pattern or bring a current project. A portion of class time will be devoted to knitting and chatting together. Some previous knowledge of both knitting and Swedish required. \$20 (\$15 ASI member)

Advanced Swedish Conversation: Nyheter with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Mondays, August 5–26, 6:30–8 pm CDT

This class is held in Swedish for advanced speakers. This class will focus on current events in Sweden, using Nyheter på lätt svenska and 8 Sidor as a base for conversation, and will also include other topics of conversation during class. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)



Celebrating ASI Instructor Gregg White

Celebrating over 35 years of teaching at ASI, Language Learning instructor Gregg White’s journey embodies dedication and passion. From in-person classes to virtual platforms, he’s remained committed to fostering cultural understanding and lifelong connections among his students.

Discover his upcoming courses at asimn.org.



Language Classes

Svensk poesi / Swedish Poetry with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Wednesdays, August 7–28, 10–11:30 am CDT

Interested in reading and discussing poetry in Swedish? This class will read poems in Swedish with English translations and then discuss them in Swedish. Some poems are set to music and recordings will be included for students to listen to. Requirement: conversant in Swedish (students have completed Rivstart A or the equivalent). \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Swedish Folklore and Superstition with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Wednesdays, August 7–28, 6:30–8 pm CDT

This four-part class, held in English, describes common creatures belonging to Swedish folklore and the historical context in which they were formed. Students will read about superstitions that went hand-in-hand with folklore and remnants of both folklore and superstitions that are still seen in Swedish culture today. Materials provided by instructor. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Refresh your Swedish: Beginning II with Gregg White

Virtual | Tuesdays, August 20–September 10, 4:30–6 pm CDT

Students at the Rivstart A chapter 3 level or higher can get a head-start on their fall term studies in this four-week class that focuses on the basics of Swedish grammar and vocabulary. This class will begin in chapter 14 of Learn Swedish, which takes an entirely different approach to the language. Required text: Learn Swedish—Swedish Reader for Beginners (Hildeman & Beite). Not available in the ASI Museum Store. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Refresh your Swedish: Intermediate with Gregg White

Virtual | Tuesdays, August 20– September 10, 6:15–7:45 pm CDT

Students at the Rivstart A chapter 8 level or higher can get a head-start on their fall term studies in this four-week class that focuses on the basics of Swedish grammar and vocabulary. This class will begin in chapter 24 of Learn Swedish, which takes an entirely different, and perhaps refreshing, approach to the language. Required text: Learn Swedish - Swedish Reader for Beginners (Hildeman & Beite). Not available in the ASI Museum Store. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

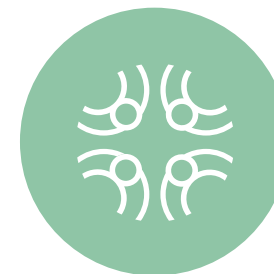
Refresh your Swedish: Advanced with Gregg White

Virtual | Thursdays, August 22–September 12, 5:30–7 pm CDT

Students at the Rivstart A chapter 15 level or higher can get a head-start on their fall term studies in this four-week class that focuses on reading and conversation. The class uses Sagor och sanningar (3rd edition), a text for those who already can speak and read Swedish fairly well but want a fresh approach. This class will begin with chapter 6. The book is available in the ASI Museum Store. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Scholarships Available

ASI offers need based financial assistance and scholarships for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students for food, handcraft, language, and youth programs. **See asimn.org/about/scholarships for more info and to apply.**



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 *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*. 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 in the Castle. All babies will receive a baby teether. \$20 (\$15 ASI member adult plus baby), \$13 additional adult

Babies at the Castle: Karin Larsson

In-Person | Fri, July 26 and Sat, July 27, 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. Suitable for ages 2–5. \$15 per family

Kids at the Castle: Movin' and Groovin' with Ingrid Aune

In-Person | Fri, May 17 and Sat, May 18, 9–10 am

Kids at the Castle: Watch my Garden Grow

In-Person | Fri, June 21 and Sat, June 22, 9 am–10 am

Special Edition Kids at the Castle: The Box King

In-Person | Fri, July 19 and Sat, July 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.

Kids at the Castle: Nature Play

In-Person | Fri, August 16 and Sat, August 17, 9–10 am



Youth & Family

Preschool Programs

Explore Swedish and Swedish American culture with your little one. This program is specifically designed for children ages 3–5 and their favorite grownups. Adult accompaniment is required and advance registration is required for all Preschool Programs. Limit one adult per registered preschooler. Free for accompanying adults. \$20 (\$15 ASI members)

Kosläpp (Cow Release) with Jessica Karlsson **In-Person | Fri, May 3, 10–11:30 am**

Preschoolers and their grownups will meet Sweden’s most famous storybook cow “Mamma Mu.” Mamma Mu will tell stories about kosläpp (cow release), the joyous springtime in Sweden, when the farmer lets the cows out of the barn after a long winter. Preschoolers will learn about farm life in Sweden and craft a little happy cow!

Midsommar Music and Magic

In-Person | Thu, June 6 and Fri, June 7, 10–11:30 am

Calling all små grodorna (little frogs)! Come hop, dance, and celebrate Midsommar!

Karin Larsson’s 4 Elements, Creative Painting and Collage for Preschoolers with Alison Aune

In-Person | Fri, August 2, 10–11:30 am

Alison Aune will share Karin Larsson’s 4 Elements Tree Design as inspiration for creative art making. Children will look at Larsson’s use of bold colors and abstract shapes that symbolize the 4 elements of wind, water, fire, and earth. Using watercolors and collage materials, each child will create their own 4 Elements of expressive composition. \$5 materials fee payable to instructor.

Starting with Slöjd

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–2. \$20 (\$15 ASI member)

Needle Felted Magic Wands with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, May 19, 1–2 pm**

Create a magical wand to incorporate into imaginative play! In this program, kids will be lead through shaping and decorating magical wands using the traditional technique of needle felting. Using a needle to poke colorful wool into shapes is a fun and easy handcraft for all ages.

Nature Art with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, June 16, 1–2 pm**

The instructor will guide students as they use their senses to explore the outdoors and create art that tells the world a little more about Minnesota’s nature story. This program will take place outside. Students must wear clothing suitable for outdoor play and messy art projects. Students should come to class prepared with sun protection and water bottles.

DIY Dala Horse

In-Person | Sun, July 21, 1–2 pm

Join Youth & Family Programs Coordinator, Lindsey Tscherne, as students sand, paint, and decorate their own wooden Dala horse!

Weaving in Nature with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, August 18, 1–2 pm**

Inspired by ASI’s exhibition, *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*, the instructor will introduce students to the art of tapestry weaving. Young makers will use textile and natural materials to create small works of art. This class will take place outside. Students must wear clothing appropriate for outdoor play and messy art projects.



Weaving in Nature

Slöjd Studio

Slöjd Studio is a new monthly program for children in grades 3–5. Participants will practice slöjd skills and explore new tools as they continue to nurture their lifelong love of handcraft. Although this drop-off program was designed as a continuation of Starting with Slöjd, participation in that program is not a prerequisite.

Make a Mother’s Day Gift with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, May 5, 1–3 pm**

The instructor will teach young makers the foundations of embroidery as each student adorns a tea towel to give their mother on Mother’s Day. \$20 (\$15 ASI member)

Printing on Mixed Media with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, June 9, 1–3 pm**

Explore the technique of block printing to create beautiful repeating designs on fabric. The instructor will teach the fundamentals of block printing. Students will experiment as they use this block on fabric and cards. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Juggling Balls with Jake Fee **In-Person | Sun, July 28, 1–3 pm**

Get ready to juggle! The instructor will teach young makers how to make juggling balls from all colors of fabric and a variety of fillings. Participants might make a set of small red woolen juggling balls filled with beans, or a set of large patterned juggling balls filled with cattail fluff. After sewing, participants will learn how to juggle! \$20 (\$25 ASI member) + \$10 material fee payable to instructor.

Weaving in Nature with Anna Ruhland **In-Person | Sun, August 11, 1–3 pm**

Inspired by the exhibition, *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen*, the instructor will introduce students to the art of tapestry weaving. Young makers will use textile and natural materials to create works of art. This class will take place outside. Students must wear clothing appropriate for outdoor play and messy art projects. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)



Youth & Family

Summer Camps

Nordic Cooking & Culture Camp with Patrice Johnson

In-Person | Wed, July 31, 9 am–3 pm

Get ready to cook and bake Nordic-inspired treats with Patrice Johnson (ASI Nordic Table instructor). During this one-day camp, youth ages 6–10 will practice new kitchen skills while they learn about Nordic food and culture. \$100 (\$90 ASI member)

Dulcimer Camp with Ross Sutter

In-Person | Tue, August 6, 9 am–3 pm

Ross Sutter's dulcimer building workshop allows youth to complete and learn how to play a one-stringed dulcimer that will last for years. Participants (ages 8–12 years old) will take their new instruments and sheet music home with them so they can continue to play after the camp ends. \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Mini Makers Camp

In-Person | Mon, August 12, 9 am–3 pm

Calling all crafty kids! In this one-day camp, young makers (ages 6–10) will nurture their love of slöjd (handcraft) as they explore a variety of materials to create beautiful and useful objects. \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Swedish Language Camp

In-Person | Tue, August 13, 9 am–3 pm

Travel to Sweden for the day during this fun and interactive camp designed for beginning Swedish language learners ages 6–10. Campers will expand their Swedish language skills while they explore different regions of Sweden through games, music, and craft. ASI educators embed Swedish language instruction in activities throughout the day. \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Pippi Camp

In-Person | Wed, August 14, 9 am–3 pm

Campers will feel inspired by the world's favorite red-headed heroine during this day of adventures for kids ages 6–10. Participants may dress like Pippi Longstocking or her friends! Together, campers will eat Pippi Pancakes, create a bag to use when collecting treasures as "thing finders," bake *pepparkakor*, and more! \$80 (\$70 ASI member)

Handcraft Camp

In-Person | Mon, August 19–Fri, August 23, 9 am–3 pm

Grow your slöjd skills during this five-day camp designed for young makers ages 8–12. Led by ASI educators, participants will work with wood, clay, wire, and more throughout the week to create several unique projects. This camp will include fun and challenging crafts for everyone. Special guest instructors include Jess Hirsch, Sue Flanders, and Jake Fee. Parents/Guardians must be able to pick up clay projects from ASI 3 weeks after camp ends. ASI Youth & Family Programs Coordinator, Lindsey Tscherne, will notify families once Sue Flanders returns the projects to ASI. \$400 (\$350 ASI member)



Handcraft Camp



Oskar Stenmark Quartet—Voices of my Ancestors



Arts & Culture

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.

Performances & Screenings

Music Thursday: Polivon

In-Person | Thu, May 2, 6–7 pm

Don't miss these free concerts on the first Thursday of every month. This month, come hear local indie band, Polivon. During summer months, this will be an outdoor performance (weather permitting). Included as a part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; no registration required.

Music Thursday: Megan Wallace Quartet

In-Person | Thu, June 6, 6–7 pm

Don't miss these free concerts on the first Thursday of every month. This month, come hear Megan Wallace and her quartet perform Elfrida Andrée repertoire in the Mansion Grand Hall. Free; registration required for a seat. Standing room available for walk ups. Included as a part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; no registration required.

Oskar Stenmark Quartet—Voices of my Ancestors

In-Person | Sun, June 23, 6–8 pm

Close out the Twin Cities Jazz Festival on a high note with Swedish jazz trumpeter, Oskar Stenmark! With a musical family lineage dating back to 1762, Oskar channels the voices of his ancestors with a unique blend of jazz and Swedish folk music. Come hungry! FIKA Café will offer a special jazz-inspired menu during the show for purchase. Advanced tickets required. \$30 (\$25 ASI member). At the door tickets: \$35

Malmöflickorna

In-Person | Thu, June 27, 6–8 pm

After more than 1800 performances in 37 countries, Swedish dance gymnastics group Malmöflickorna makes their Minnesota debut at ASI with support from USA Gymnastics during the US Olympic Trials. Don't miss this rhythmic performance. Part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; registration encouraged.



Arts & Culture

Prejudice & Pride – Swedish Film Queer

In-Person | Thu, June 20, 6–8 pm

Celebrate Pride at ASI with a special screening of *Prejudice & Pride—Swedish Film Queer!* From Mauritz Stiller's filming of the world's first gay romance in 1916 to Sweden's new wave of Scandinavian transgender films, this documentary explores the highs and lows of the century-long struggle for queer liberation. Free; registration encouraged

Music Thursday: Summer Singers

In-Person | Thu, July 11, 6–7 pm

Don't miss these free concerts on the first Thursday of every month. This month, come hear Summer Singers perform selected works from the upcoming concert at ASI on July 21 at 2 pm. During summer months, this will be an outdoor performance (weather permitting). Included as a part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; no registration required.

Summer Singers

In-Person | Sun, July 21, 2–4 pm

Join The Summer Singers for a special new a cappella program inspired by Nordic and Indigenous celebrations of the summer solstice. The Summer Singers brings free vocal music to communities all around the Twin Cities for one month only every year. Free; registration required

Music Thursday: Twinflower

In-Person | Thu, August 1, 6–8 pm

Don't miss these free concerts on the first Thursday of every month. This month, hear Nordic flute duo, Twinflower. During summer months, this will be an outdoor performance (weather permitting). Included as a part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; no registration required

Special Events

First Look: Let the Hand Be Seen

In-Person | Sun, June 9–Sun, June 9, 5–9 pm

Be the first to view *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen* at this preview event featuring a discussion from renowned textile artist, Helena Hernmarck, who was heavily influenced by the work of Karin Larsson. FIKA Café will present a special garden party menu featuring a series of unique small plates inspired by Karin Larsson and the Larsson family available for purchase. Advanced tickets: \$30 (\$25 ASI member). At the door tickets: \$35

Midsommar Celebration

In-Person | Sat, June 15, 10 am–5pm

The Midsommar Celebration at the American Swedish Institute is one of the largest in the Midwest. Dating back to ancient times, Midsommar is a tradition that welcomes back warm weather and the growing season, and also marks the longest day of the year. It's celebrated by making fresh-flower head wreaths, singing songs, listening to live music, and dancing around the *midsommarstång* (maypole)—all hallmarks of this family-friendly festival.

Register for timed entry to Midsommar. Advance ticket registration is required to attend this event. At the door tickets will be available after 1:30 pm. Midsommar is one of ASI's most popular events; please anticipate limited on-site parking. Advanced tickets: \$15 (\$12 ASI member), \$6 (Ages 6–17), Free (Ages 0–5) At the door tickets: \$18 per person

ASI Open Kubb Championship

In-Person | Sat, July 27, 10 am–6pm

Enter the ASI Open Kubb Championship with your team of 3 to fight for Kubb fame and glory! This double-elimination open tournament is open to players of all skill levels, but only the best will be crowned ASI Open Champions. \$30 per team

Midsommar Celebration





Arts & Culture

Crayfish Party

In-Person | Fri, August 23, 6–9pm

This popular annual feast features great food, great music, and great aquavit! All on the ASI lawn. Participants (21+) will receive a complimentary shot of aquavit. \$80 (\$70 ASI member), \$30 youth (ages 6–11)

Talks, Lectures & Readings

The Politics of Eurovision

In-Person | Thu, May 2, 6–7:30 pm

In this lecture by Dr. Devashree Gupta, students will learn about the history of Eurovision and how it played a role in Cold War rivalries, contributed to the construction of the modern European identity, and continues to be a place where politics and culture intertwine. Students will also watch some famous (and not-so-famous) Eurovision performances and talk about Sweden's place in Eurovision history as it prepares to host the 2024 competition. Free; registration required

Eurovision Finale Countdown

In-person | Thursday, May 9, 5–8 pm

Join Norway House staff member and Eurovision fanatic Ethan Bjelland to watch the performances from all 2024 finalist countries to get ready for the big finale on Saturday, May 11. This program is drop-in so bring your friends, grab a drink or dinner at FIKA and stay for a few countries, or watch them all. Free; no registration required.

Sticks, Stones, and Broken Bones: The Archaeological and Historical Landscapes of Gotland

In-Person | Thu, May 23, 6–7pm

Join Marcel Derosier, M.A., for an expansive conversation that cuts across Iron Age, Viking, and Medieval archeological and historical sites in Gotland, Sweden. Marcel will explore key questions that can be answered by sticks, stones, and broken bones—tools for

today's archaeologists. Marcel's research is supported by the MN Swedish Women's Education Association research scholarship. Presented as part of ASI's Free Thursdays After 3 pm. Free; no registration required

Nordic Book Circle with Kjerstin Moody

In-Person | Sun, May 26, 2–4 pm

This reading group will read a sampling of voices from across the Nordic region available in English translation with particular emphasis given to women, queer, and/or BIPOC writers. May's title is *Stolen* by Ann-Helén Laestadius (Sápmi/Sweden, translator Rachel Willson-Broyles). \$10 (\$5 ASI member)

Nordic Culture in Focus: Fika with Kjerstin Moody

In-Person | Thu, May 30, 6:30–8 pm

"Hygge." "Lagom." "Fika." These are words commonly heard and read about in Scandinavian languages, no doubt familiar to many. In the third of a three-part discussion series, participants will come together to try to unpack and understand the term "fika" by studying and discussing how it's been written about, packaged, and sold in a U.S. context. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Crash Course in Nordic Myths

Virtual | Wed, June 5–Wed, June 26, 6–7:30 pm CDT

Come explore what experts know about Norse mythology with Old Norse expert Dr. Paul Peterson. Norse myths frequently include a wealth of lore and anecdotes, along with huge casts of characters. This class will attempt to make sense of Norse myths by examining the structures of the tales and investigating the background in which they were written. \$65 (\$55 ASI member)

Knowing Karin Larsson with Ingela Haaland

Virtual | Tue, June 18, 6:30–8 pm CDT

Welcome to a lecture on Karin Larsson: artist and designer, married to artist Carl Larsson. The lecture will cover the accomplished life of Karin Larsson, with a focus on her contributions to interior design and clothing

fashion. This virtual slide presentation is in English and complements the exhibit at ASI. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Big in Sweden: Book Launch Party with Sally Franson

In-Person | Tue, July 2, 6–8 pm

Celebrate the release of *Big in Sweden*, the new novel by Sally Franson, cast member of the popular Swedish reality TV show *Allt för Sverige*, where individuals from around the world discover their Swedish roots. Big in Sweden explores notions of family, friendship, and love, through Swedish reality TV. Free; registration required

Sámi History Lecture Series

The Sámi are the only recognized Indigenous people in Europe, whose lands, Sápmi, are divided by Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. These lectures introduce students to Sámi Studies, historical, and geographical landscapes and histories as colonized peoples. This class will examine contemporary colonialism and Sámi resistance and sovereignty. Each lecture has a separate registration. \$25 (\$20 ASI member)

Sámi History 101

Virtual | Wed, July 10, 6–8 pm CDT

Learn about the Sámi within the larger Nordic geographical and linguistic landscape. Students will learn the basics of Sámi Studies, oral and archaeological histories, and land tenure, while examining what it means to theorize about Sámi History and methods of that research.

Sámi Histories of Colonization

Virtual | Wed, July 17, 6–8 pm CDT

Dive into colonial histories in Sápmi, learning about how historical relations, encroachment, taxation and borders, among others, constructed and construct Fennoscandic forms of colonialism.

Sámi Today: Survivance

Virtual | Wed, July 24, 6–8 pm CDT

Contextualize Sámi survivance, or survival by resistance, by looking at activism, rights, contemporary forms of colonization and current events in Sápmi.

Exploring Folk Art in Sweden with Pieper Bloomquist

In-Person | Thu, July 18, 5:30–6:30 pm

Join contemporary folk artist and 2023 American Scandinavian Foundation folk art fellow Pieper Fleck Bloomquist to hear about her recent trip to Sweden to dig deeper into *bonadsmålning*, the painted narrative murals common in Southern Sweden in the 18th and 19th centuries. \$10 (\$5 ASI member). At the door tickets: \$13

Tours

Turnblad Mansion Tour

In-Person | Tuesdays–Sundays, 1:30–2:30 pm

Discover the history of the Turnblad Mansion and Turnblad family on a dynamic guided tour led by ASI educators. Register in advance to secure your space. Walk-up registration may also be available but will be limited based on the number of advanced registrations. Included with museum admission.

Private Group Tours

In-Person | Wed, May 1–Sat, August 31, 10 am or 1 pm CDT

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 10 am or 1 pm. Includes museum admission. \$20 per person

Discover the Golden Mile: Neighborhood Walking Tour

In-Person | Thursdays, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, September 12 & 26, 5–6:30 pm

Explore the area of Minneapolis once known as The Golden Mile on this guided walking tour of the blocks surrounding ASI. Discover the architecture, stories, and cultures of the neighborhood—past and present—and learn how this vibrant neighborhood has changed over time. \$15 (\$10 ASI member). At the door tickets: \$18



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. *Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen* opens on June 8.



Thursday Night Happy Hour

From 3–8 pm, half off bottles of wine and \$1 off cocktails, beer, and wine at FIKA Café.



Live Music

Live music on select Thursday evenings.

Registration Policies

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.

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 18 and older.

Program Scholarships

ASI is committed to removing financial barriers to its programs for anyone who needs assistance. Any individual may apply for up to \$400 of financial assistance per year. We also warmly welcome students from under-represented backgrounds into programs at a reduced cost. Please find more information at asi.org/about/scholarships

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Tuesday	10 am–4 pm
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Thursday	10 am–8 pm (Free after 3 pm)
Friday	10 am–4 pm
Saturday	10 am–4 pm
Sunday	10 am–4 pm

FIKA Café lunch menu is served from 11 am–3 pm and on Thursdays 11 am–8 pm. Happy hour every Thursday from 3–8 pm.

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

