Look ahead to the Winter!
November–January programs and events go on sale Friday, September 27 (ASI members) and Monday, September 30 (general public). Schedule announced mid-September.

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

**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.

**Registration Opens**
Friday, July 19
(ASI members)
Monday, July 22
(general public)
Register online at asimn.org

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 on view through October 27.

**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.
The American Swedish Institute

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.

Special Events

Cocktails at the Castle
In-Person | Sat, September 14, 6–11 pm
Cocktails at the Castle returns this fall with great music, Nordic-inspired art, and wild surprises. Discover independent bands, pop-up activities, food and drinks, and explore the museum galleries at this adults-only fall event awarded ‘Best Event Concept’ by MSP Magazine.

Expect the unexpected at Cocktails at the Castle—this year’s theme is “Country House Party” and will feature performances from headliners, LAAMAR, Pit Stop, and Clare Doyle. Don’t miss this year’s eclectic mix of unique art experiences and unforgettable performances you can’t find anywhere else! $50 ($45 member), $100 VIP ticket includes early event access, private space, 1 complimentary beverage, and exclusive arts activity.

Two other opportunities to meet Emil Åreng

Pop up bar at FIKA Café
Thu, October 17, 5–8 pm

Nordic Table Lecture
Sat, October 19, 1–2:30 pm (see page 17)

Chefs’ Dinner: FIKA + FACIT
In-Person | Wed, October 16, 6–9 pm
Enjoy this special 5-course Chef’s Dinner co-curated by FIKA Café’s Executive Chef, Amalia Obermeier-Smith, and internationally acclaimed bartender and author, Emil Åreng of FACIT Bar in Umeå, Sweden. Guests at this unique culinary event will embark on a journey across Sweden with each course featuring food and beverage pairings inspired by the five geographical regions of Sweden. $300 ($250 member). Taxes and gratuity included.

Photo: Emil Åreng (left) and Amalia Obermeier-Smith (right)
Arts & Culture

Talks, Lectures, & Readings

Artist Talk with Christine Novotny
Virtual | Wed, September 25, 6:30–8 pm
Tune in to hear from featured local exhibition artist Christine Novotny about her inspiration and process for her 2024 ASI exhibition of vibrant woven work Christine Novotny. Christine will discuss her journey as a weaver, give her thoughts on the relevance of handweaving today, and share some stories behind the exhibition pieces. $15 ($10 ASI members)

Weaving at ASI with the Weavers Guild of Minnesota
In-Person | Thu, October 24, 6:30–8:30 pm
Celebrate the weaving project at ASI by the Minnesota Weaver Guild during the Karin Larson: Let the Hand be Seen exhibit. Hear from guild members and learn more about the Weavers Guild of Minnesota. Free, registration required

Nordic Book Circle with Kjerstin Moody
Explore contemporary Nordic Literature in English with Kjerstin! Every month, read and discuss works from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries that explore the theme, meanings, and experiences of migration. $10 ($5 ASI member)

The Emigrants, Vilhelm Moberg (Sweden, trans. Gustaf Lannestock)
In-Person | Sun, September 22, 2–4 pm

Swede Hollow, Ola Larsmo (Sweden, trans. Tiina Nunnally)
In-Person | Sun, October 27, 2–4 pm

In the Distance, Hernan Diaz (Sweden/U.S., trans. Rachel Willson-Broyles)
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The Trail We Leave, Rubén Palma (Denmark/Chile, trans. Alexander Taylor)
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The Singularity, Balsam Karam (Sweden, trans. Saskia Vogel)
In-Person | Sun, March 23, 2–4 pm

A Drop of Midnight, Jason Diakité (Sweden/U.S., trans. Rachel Willson-Broyles)
In-Person | Sun, April 27, 2–4 pm

Palimpsest, Lisa Wool-Rim Sjöblom (Sweden/Korea/New Zealand)
In-Person | Sun, May 25, 2–4 pm

Tourbilt Mansion Tour
In-Person | Sun, September 1–Thu, October 31, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm
Discover the history of the Turnblad Mansion and Turnblad Family on a dynamic and interactive guided tour led by ASI educators. Register in advance to secure your space. Walk-up registration may be available and will be limited based on the number of advanced registrations. Included with admission.

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In-Person | Sat, September 21, 1–2:30 pm
Join Duluth author-translator Eva, as she discusses translating *Fire From the Sky* by Swedish Sámi author Moa Backe Åstot. Discover its relevance for an American audience and hear about unique language challenges faced in its translation, followed by a Q&A with Eva and translator and ASI Swedish Instructor Rachel. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Translating Culture with Eva Apelqvist and Rachel Willson-Broyles

Discover the Golden Mile: Neighborhood Walking Tour
In-Person | Thursdays, 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. Participants must be able to travel along public sidewalks for one hour. Wheelchairs and other mobility aids are welcome, and should be provided by participants. The Turnblad Mansion, ASI Museum Store, and FIKA Café will be open before and after the tour for a complete experience. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Private Group Tours
In-Person | Tue, September 3–Thu, October 31, 10–11 am or 1–2 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 10 am or 1 pm. Includes museum admission. Unique meal and refreshment options available through catering, such as cookies, cocktails, or a full Swedish smörgåsbord. $20 per person for groups of 10–50 people.

Halloween Flashlight Tours
In-Person | Wed, October 23 & Fri, October 25, 6–7:30 pm & 7–8:30 pm both dates
Curious about mysterious sounds and sightings in the Turnblad Mansion? Follow an ASI educator on this special 21+ tour as they traverse a darkened castle and share stories from our internal Ghost Files. A flight of Aquavit samples from FIKA Café is included in the ticket. N/A option available. See asimn.org for more details. $45 ($40 ASI member)
Nordic Handcraft

Embrace your inner maker with hands-on workshops, meet-ups, and lectures on the past, present, and future of Nordic handcraft. These programs invite makers of all backgrounds to build community, practice folk arts, and share innovative and creative approaches to woodcarving, basketry, textiles, and more, inspired by the Swedish tradition of slöjd (handcraft).

Some programs require students to provide their own materials while others include a materials fee paid directly to the instructor. Find the full course descriptions at asimn.org.

Basketry

Baskets through the Ages with Steen Hedegaard Madsen
In-Person | Lecture | Thu, October 10, 5:30–6:30 pm
Join Danish basket maker and historian Steen for stories of European basket traditions through thousands of years of history. He will share images and a few examples of baskets he has studied, collected, and reproduced. Accompany Steen and other local

makers afterwards for ASI’s monthly Makers Night! $15 ($10 ASI member)

Danish Willow Basket Exploration with Steen Madsen
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 11–Sun, October 13, 9 am–4:30 pm
Explore the deep and wide tradition of willow basketry with renowned Danish basket maker Steen in this three-day course. In this open format, student directed course, students of all levels will choose from various

willow basket patterns based on their skill level and interest. Please note, previous basket experience is not required but students must have good hand strength and flexibility to participate in this class. Suitable for ages 16+. $375 ($345 ASI member), includes $75 materials fee

Weaving the Birch Bark Field Pouch with Beth Homa Kraus
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, November 1, 6–9 pm, Sat, November 2–Sun, November 3, 10 am–5 pm both dates
Join this weekend class with Beth to weave a unique birch bark pouch—perfect for a tool kit or purse. Discover birch bark’s history, ecology, and harvesting while creating your pouch, complete with a leather flap and handle. Please note, hand strength and dexterity are required. Suitable for ages 16+. $250 ($225 ASI member) + $80 materials fee payable to instructor

Community Craft

Community Craft meet-ups are always free and open to anyone.

Virtual Makers Mornings
Virtual | Meet up | Tuesdays, 10:30 am–12 pm CDT
In a relaxed, virtual setting hosted by ASI staff, join a community of makers who share projects, work, experiences, and stories each week. All crafts and skill levels welcome. Drop in as often as you like, for as long as you like. Free; registration required

Craft & Cocktails: Carve a Ceramic Pumpkin Luminary with Kim Burnham
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, September 19, 6–8:30 pm
Pick your own pumpkin from the patch and carve it into a ceramic luminary! Each student will choose a prepared pumpkin form (about 6-8” tall), then add ridges, a face, or other carved designs while enjoying a complimentary beverage from FIKA Café. Suitable for ages 21+. $65 ($60 ASI member) + $55 materials fee payable to instructor

Glass & Ceramics

In ASI’s glass and ceramics classes, all student projects are fired in a kiln after class and then returned to ASI for pick up.

Craft & Cocktails: All Souls Day Ceramic Luminaries Kim Burnham
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 3, 6–8 pm
Inspired by the luminaries used across Sweden to commemorate loved ones on All Souls Day in November, students in this workshop will decorate their own ceramic luminaries with carved designs. This class also includes a complimentary beverage from FIKA Café. Suitable for ages 21+. $65 ($60 ASI member) + $35 materials fee payable to instructor

Holiday Traditions Luminary with Sue Flanders
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, October 27, 10 am–5 pm
Create a cherished family heirloom that will bring light and joy to the holiday season! Starting with a porcelain pine tree shape, students will create a variety of small holiday symbols to be attached to the tree and painted with colorful underglazes. Suitable for ages 14+. $100 ($90 ASI member) + $40 materials fee payable to instructor
Intergenerational

Intergenerational handcraft workshops are designed for a child and adult to attend together; please note there is an appropriate age range for each workshop. For other family friendly programming, see our Youth and Family programs on page 20.

Intergenerational Felted Fall Garland with Jen Newburg
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 22, 1–3 pm
Make a sweet garland of colorful, woolly leaves and acorns! Jen 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 class is for children ages 5-10 and an accompanying adult. $50 adult/child pair ($45 ASI member adult/child pair) + $25 materials fee payable to the instructor

Intergenerational Needle Felted Forest Friend with Jen Newburg
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, October 6, 1–3 pm
Make the sweetest little wooly forest creature ready for imaginative play in this intergenerational needle felting class. Jen will lead kids and their special adults through shaping and decorating an autumnal woodland creature such as an owl, rabbit, or hedgehog using the magical technique of needle felting. This class is for youth ages 9-17 and an accompanying adult. $50 adult/child pair ($45 ASI member adult/child pair) + $25 materials fee payable to the instructor

Metal & Jewelry

Table-Made Hair Jewelry Bracelet with Karen Keenan
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 17, 4–6 pm, Fri–Sat, October 18–19, 9 am–4 pm & Sun, October 20, 9 am–3 pm
Join Minnesota artist Karen to explore the Scandinavian art of hairwork jewelry. This unique and almost extinct weaving and needle art developed during the Victorian Era’s cultural urge 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 while learning more about the fascinating history of this craft. Suitable for ages 16+. $250 ($225 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Natural Crafts & Wellness

Nordic Medicine from Trees with Gigi Risberg Stafne
In-Person | Workshop | Wed, October 2, 10 am–3 pm
Join herbalist Gigi to learn more about eight common medicinal trees and shrubs common in Nordic folk medicine traditions and also found in the Upper Midwest. Participants will have the opportunity to handcraft a tea, tincture, and sauna blend while learning about each tree’s myths, magic, food, shelter, and medicine. Suitable for ages 14+. $80 ($70 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Paper & Studio Arts

Swedish Kurbits (Dalmålning) Painting with Pieper Fleck Bloomquist
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 28–Sun, September 29, 10 am–5 pm both days
Learn folk painting skills through discussions and demonstrations that explore traditional color and design and use acrylics to paint your own kurbits flower. This class welcomes all skill levels, ages 14+. Students provide some materials; please see asimn.org for more info. $200 ($180 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

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Fanciful Paper Cutting with Torben Jarlstrøm Clausen
Virtual | Workshop | Sun, September 29, 2–4 pm CDT
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 for more details. Suitable for all experience levels, ages 14+. $40 ($35 ASI member)

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Rag Rug Embroidery with Riley Kleve
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 15, 1–5 pm
Rag rugs have long been perfectly practical home items that can also add decorative flair and hold personal memories. In this class, students will take inspiration from Karin Larsson’s embellished rug in the fall exhibition and practice a similar technique to incorporate their own fabric scraps into a small, embroidered textile filled with personality and meaning. Suitable for all experience levels, ages 14+. $75 ($65 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Textiles

Wool Embroidery Intro with Laura Berlage
Virtual | Workshop | Fridays, September 13–27, 2–4 pm CDT
Wool embroidery has offered needleworkers expressive texture on many types of textiles throughout history. Learn about some of its various iterations in this immersive introductory class while stitching your own floral piece with yarn from Laura’s own sheep. A kit ($40 value) is included in the class fee; students also provide some supplies, see asimn.org for more details. Suitable for ages 16+. $135 ($125 ASI member), includes kit

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Watercolor Floral Motifs with Tara Sweeney
In-Person | Workshop | Wed, October 9–Thu, October 10, 9 am–4 pm both dates
Create bold watercolor floral motifs, drawing inspiration from the garden, ASI’s fall 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)

Watercolor Floral Motifs with Tara Sweeney
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 10, 1–2:30 pm
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Felted Tapestry with Elise Kyllo
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 21–Sun, September 22, 10 am–5 pm both dates
Immerse yourself in the strong patterns of Karin Larsson’s textiles while creating a custom felted wool tapestry (2’x4’) inspired by her favorite colors and patterns. Students will practice the basics of creating a consistent felted texture with various decorative elements incorporated. Good hand strength and the ability to stand for extended periods is necessary for this project. Suitable for ages 16+. $200 ($180 ASI member) + $40 materials fee payable to instructor

Bauhaus Inspired Block Printed Textiles with Katrina Ulrich
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, September 26, 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

Intro to Swedish Huck Weaving with Wendy Johnson
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 28, 1–4 pm
Learn to knit a Lovikka-inspired mitten, characterized by its colorful embellished cuffs! Explore the history of Lovikka mittens, then learn the steps to knit, embroider, and “full” (felt) a child-sized mitten. Students will go home ready to knit the second small mitten or a pair of adult mittens. This project is suitable for knitters new to mittens who can knit on double-pointed needles, ages 16+. $80 ($70 ASI member) + $35 materials fee payable to instructor

Design and Weave a Repp Band with Kerstin Neumüller
Virtual | Workshop | Sat, September 28–Sun, September 29, 10 am–12 pm CDT both dates
Join Swedish textile artist and educator Kerstin to design and start weaving a repp band, a style in which warp threads tightly cover the weft threads. Practice making a pattern, warping, and begin to weave a repp band using your small rigid heddle band weaving loom over two online sessions. Suitable for ages 12+. $80 ($70 ASI member)

SAORI Weaving with Chiaki O’Brien
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 5, 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

Wool Embroidered Coin Purse with Laura Berlage
Virtual | Workshop | Thursdays, October 10–24, 1–3 pm CDT
Explore the world of wool-on-wool embroidery while creating your own special coin purse! Drawing inspiration from traditional Nordic designs, students will learn a variety of stitches using yarn from the instructor’s own sheep. Students then assemble and sew the fabric and liner into a miniature purse and attach a clasp to complete; no previous experience required. Suitable for ages 16+. $140 ($130 ASI member), includes kit

Needle Felted Fall Landscapes with Kayla Ann
Virtual | Workshop | Thu, October 17, 6:30–8:30 pm CDT
Enjoy the relaxing art of needle felting to craft a textile as pretty as a painting! Using a piece of felt as your canvas and wool roving as your paint, Kayla will show students how to create a small fall-inspired textile landscape. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org for list. Suitable for ages 14+. $50 ($45 ASI member)

SAORI Weaving with Chiaki O’Brien
Virtual | Workshop | Sun, October 22, 10 am–5 pm both dates
Explore Scandinavian-style wool-on-wool embroidery and “full” a child-sized mitten. Students will go home ready to knit the second small mitten or a pair of adult mittens. This project is suitable for knitters new to mittens who can knit on double-pointed needles, ages 16+. $80 ($70 ASI member) + $35 materials fee payable to instructor

Beginning Nålbinding with Melba Granlund
In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, September 24–October 29, 6–9 pm
Learn the folk art tradition of nålbinding, a looping technique often called “Viking knitting,” to start a cozy winter hat. Over three weeks, students will get started with a new hobby to keep busy for the rest of the winter! Students provide their own project yarn and pay a materials fee for other materials; see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 16+. $135 ($120 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Weaving a Scandinavian Roots Sampler with Melba Granlund
In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, September 24–October 29, 6–9 pm
Try out a variety of Scandinavian weaving techniques over this 6-week course with Melba. Using a tabletop tapestry loom and wool yarn, students will create a sampler with a variety of Swedish and Norwegian patterns. This intro level weaving class is perfect for beginning weavers and intermediate weavers looking to explore new techniques. Suitable for ages 16+. $240 ($235 ASI member) + $50 materials fee payable to instructor

Wool Embroidered Sheepskin Mittens with Laura Berlage
Virtual | Workshop | Fridays, November 8–22, 2–4 pm CST
Explore Scandinavian-style wool-on-wool embroidery and create your own cozy chopper-style mittens using shearling sheepskin and wool yarn from the instructor’s own farm! A kit ($150) is included in the class fee. Students provide some supplies, see asimn.org for details. While previous wool embroidery experience is helpful, no prior experience is required. Suitable for ages 16+. $245 ($235 ASI member), includes kit
Wood
Most woodcarving classes require good hand strength and flexibility to participate. See full course descriptions at asimn.org for more information.

Green Woodcarving Foundations with Maeve Gathje
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 7, 10 am–5 pm & Sun, September 8, 9 am–12 pm

Ready to dive into Scandinavian-style wood carving? This is the right class for students who want to start carving spoons, bowls, and other practical items from “green” or fresh wood using traditional hand tools. Students will complete several small projects while being introduced to foundational tools and techniques. Note, carving requires good hand strength and flexibility. Ages 16+ welcome, or ages 14+ if registered alongside an accompanying adult. $130 ($115 ASI member) + $25 Materials fee payable to instructor

Norwegian-style acanthus carvings are familiar to many appreciators of traditional buildings, wooden bowls, and other folk art, with painterly forms that build together into endless patterns. In this six-week workshop, students learn the basic “alphabet” of Norwegian acanthus by drawing and then beginning to carve with gouges and chisels. Students provide their own materials for this class; see asimn.org for more info. Suitable for ages 18+. $225 ($200 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to the instructor

Intro to Green Woodcarving with Maeve Gathje
In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, September 24–October 15, 9 am–12 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. Note, carving requires good hand strength and flexibility. Suitable for ages 16+, or ages 11–15 registered with an adult. $50 ($40 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Kolrosing Basics with Liesl Chatman
In-Person | Workshop | Wednesdays, October 16–November 6, 1–3:30 pm

Get started with a very old, very portable decorative craft! At its simplest, kolrosing is the art of incising a wooden surface, revealing the pattern with pigment, and burnishing the cuts to create a smooth, durable decoration. In this four-week course, students will learn the basics of designs, materials, and techniques for kolrosing flat and curved woodware. Suitable for ages 13+. $125 ($110 ASI member) + $60 materials fee payable to instructor

Advanced Scandinavian Shrink Box Carving with Paul Linden
In-Person | Workshop | Wednesdays, September 7–November 6, 6:30–9 pm

Develop your carving skills while making several small shrink boxes in this advanced 10-week class! Krympburkar (shrink boxes) are an old and ingenious type of container combining green and dry wood to make a sealed vessel. This class uses hand tools to explore advanced wood carving techniques. Students must have previous experience with green woodworking and good hand strength/flexibility. Suitable for ages 16+ $250 ($225 ASI member) + $50 materials fee payable to instructor

Flat Plane Facial Details with Jock Holmen
In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, September 24–October 15, 9 am–12 pm

Master the art of flat plane carved faces with woodcarver Jock! Faces can be the trickiest but most fun part of a traditional Scandinavian figure.

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Sharpening Basics with Jeanette Torkelson and Andrew Austin-Peterson
In-person | Workshop | Thu, October 24, 6-9 pm

Keen to learn the basics of tool sharpening? This class covers knife anatomy, determining blade sharpness, and the sharpening process, focusing on slöjd or carving knives. Learn hand and power sharpening techniques and leave with the skills to grow your sharpening practice at home! Students may bring personal tools to sharpen, see web description for more info. Suitable for ages 18+. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Over four weeks, this class will focus on eyes, noses, lips and ears to perfect any expression. Suitable for all skill levels ages 18+. $175 ($150 ASI member) + $5+ materials fee payable to the instructor

Introduction to Acanthus with Jock Holmen
In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, September 24–October 29, 1–4 pm

Scholarships available
ASI offers need-based financial assistance and scholarships for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students for our food, handcraft, language, and youth programs.
See asimn.org/about/scholarships for more info and to apply.
Family Foraging with Maria Wesserle  
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 22, 1–3 pm  
It’s never too early to learn where to look for edible wild plants and to practice good foraging habits! Adventurous kids and their special adults will join Maria of Four Season Foraging to explore the urban landscape and learn some of the key rules for foraging in the city. Suitable for ages 6-13 alongside an adult. $60 adult/child pair ($55 ASI member adult/child pair)

Danish Rugbrød with Kristi Bissell  
Virtual | Demo | Thu, October 3, 1–2 pm CDT  
Hearty Danish rye bread is one of the classic Scandinavian breads, and it’s quite simple to make at home, even for novice bakers! Join Kristi of the blog True North Kitchen to see a demonstration of all the steps of her Easy Overnight Danish Rye Bread in this virtual class. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Intergenerational Fall Fika with Anna Sharratt  
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 12, 1–3:30 pm  
Hunker down for fall with some cozy homemade treats! In this intergenerational class, kids ages 6-12 and their special adults will work together to make a batch of cinnamon buns. While the creations rise and bake, students will make a small craft! And of course, leaving time for sharing a fika together at the end of class. $90 adult/child pair ($80 ASI member adult child pair)

Fall City Foraging with Maria Wesserle  
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, October 13, 1–3 pm  
No need to trek into the wilderness to harvest wild edibles—it’s right here in the city! Join Maria of Four Season Foraging to explore the urban environment in search of wild foods. Students should be prepared to be out rain or shine and walk up to 10–12 city blocks. Suitable for ages 18+, or 11–17 with an adult. $45 ($40 ASI member)

Drinking in Sweden—South to North with Emil Åreng  
In-Person | Lecture | Sat, October 19, 1–2:30 pm  
Join acclaimed Swedish bartender Emil to hear about exciting developments in the Swedish beverage scene! Emil’s bar, FACIT, works only with Swedish ingredients and producers, and has been named the best bar in Sweden since its 2021 opening in Umeå. Explore five regions that have significantly impacted Swedish distilling and bartending and learn about his work with local producers and ingredients. $15 ($10 ASI member)

Intro to the Nordic Table with Patrice Johnson  
In-Person | Demo | Thu, October 24, 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, and nutritious the Nordic Table can be! $70 ($60 ASI member)
Language Classes

ASI’s language program is one of the best resources available to learn Swedish, Finnish, and North Sámi. With both online and in-person classes offered at all skill levels, students of all ages can learn a new language or practice their skills from anywhere in the world. Along with traditional classroom formats, ASI offers innovative language learning experiences—book clubs, hiking clubs, music-listening sessions, and more.

9-Week Language Courses

Fall term starts September 16
The Fall term offers fun and educational courses in Swedish, Finnish, and Sámi, ranging from beginning to advance levels. Both virtual and in-person opportunities are available. Most classes require 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 to explore all 9-week language courses.

New 9-Week Language Courses

New Beginning I Swedish - Kort Kurs 1 with Jean Hanslin
Virtual | Mondays, September 16–November 11
10:30 am–12 pm CST
Specifically developed to meet adult language students with basic or limited experience in second-language learning. This class is taught by Jean for new beginners and uses a text called Kort Kurs 1, which can be purchased as a digital download exclusively from the online ASI Museum Store. $145 ($135 ASI member)

New Beginning I Swedish with Liz Stopka
Virtual | Tuesdays, September 17–November 12, 4–5:30 pm CST
Join Liz and start in chapter 1 of Rivstart A1/A2. Required materials: Rivstart A1/A2 textbok and övningsbok (workbook), *3rd edition, 2023. This class meets virtually. New Beginning I classes are for new beginners to Swedish. $145 ($135 ASI member)

Intermediate Swedish Conversation with Jessica Karlsson
In-Person | Thursdays, September 19–November 14, 1:30–3 pm
This intermediate class will take inspiration from the Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen exhibit by diving into the Larsson family’s art and lives with lively discussions and hands-on activities. Students should have completed Rivstart A1/A2 or equivalent. Materials provided by instructor. This class meets in-person at ASI. $145 ($135 ASI member)

Introductory Language Classes

Intro to Swedish with Jean Hanslin
Virtual | Sat, September 14, 9:30–11:30 am CST
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Jean 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)

Intro to Finnish with Joona Sundström
Virtual | Sun, September 15, 1–3 pm CST
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Joona 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)

Expansion Classes

Sámi Herbals for the Eight Seasons with Gigi Stafne and Áila O’Loughlin
In-Person | Tue, September 10, 4–6 pm
Explore the eight seasons of the Sámi calendar and their seasonal plants, used for both food and medicine. Make your own herbal remedy to support the changing of the season with award-winning herbalist Gigi with Northern Sámi language support provided by Dr. Áila. $35 ($30 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Hjälp! Swedish Language Learning Hacks with Jean Hanslin
Virtual | Sun, September 22, 10 am–12 pm CST
Get tips and tricks to simplify learning a new language. Explore teaching approaches, learning styles, retention strategies, and comparisons to English. Gain numerous resources to enhance your success. Perfect for beginners or current students seeking new language learning strategies. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Youth Language

Lilla Skolan
In-Person | Saturdays, September 7–November 9, 9:30–11 am
A program for Swedish-speaking children ages 3–6, Lilla Skolan features story time, music, and a craft followed by free play in an immersive Swedish environment. At least one Swedish-speaking parent must be with the child during the lesson. $135 ($125 ASI member)

Svenska Skolan
In-Person | Saturdays, September 7–November 9, 9:30–11:30 am
Saturday morning language and culture program for ages 7–14 that offers an opportunity for children to learn or practice Swedish in a fun and interactive environment. Instruction is tailored to meet the needs of children at all levels of Swedish. Häng med (Join us)! $160 ($150 ASI member)
Youth & Family

ASI’s Youth & Family Programs invite participants of all ages to play, learn, and explore Nordic art, craft, culture, and history year-round. Participatory events, workshops, camps, and classes, offer families, children, and even the tiniest tots a chance to discover something new about their world—and themselves!

Babies at the Castle

Leave your strollers at the door and carry your baby through a tour of ASI’s exhibitions before they open 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 in the Turnblad Mansion. All babies will receive a baby teether. Includes museum admission. $20 ($15 ASI member adult plus baby), $13 additional adult.

Babies at the Castle: Karin Larsson
In-Person | Fri, October 25, 9:15 am–10 am & Sat, October 26, 9:15–10 am
Experience Karin Larsson: Let the Hand be Seen with your baby!

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: Terrific Textiles
In-Person | Fri, September 20, 9–10 am & Sat, September 21, 9–10 am

Kids at the Castle: It’s Fall!
In-Person | Fri, October 18, 9–10 am & Sat, October 19, 9–10 am

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)

Preschool Program: Pippi Longstocking
In-Person | Fri, October 4, 10–11:30 am
Embark on a cultural journey with your preschooler led by ASI educators Jessica Karlsson and Lindsey Tscherne! Dive into Pippi Longstocking’s world with pancakes, story time, crafts, and Swedish language fun. Limit one adult per child. Registration includes museum admission. $20 Preschooler and Adult ($15 ASI member)

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)

Starting with Slöjd: Flower Pyssel (Flower Craft) with Anna Ruhland
In-Person | Sun, September 15, 1–2:15 pm
Experience the joy of crafting with Starting with Slöjd! This monthly drop-off program is perfect for elementary students (grades K-2). Guided by Anna, young makers will work to create a craft within the theme of flowers and botany. Students will use a variety of craft materials including yarn, paper, ribbon, coloring supplies, feathers, pom-poms, buttons, and more!

Starting with Slöjd: Folkloric Masks with Anna Ruhland
In-Person | Sunday, October 20, 1–2:15 pm
Starting with Slöjd is a monthly program for students in grades K–2. Whether playing with wool, wire, paper, or more, students will explore new tools, materials, and skills that prepare kids for a lifelong love of slöjd (handcraft). Anna will lead students through an exploration of Scandinavian folktales, using these stories as inspiration to create a unique mask.
Slöjd Studio is a 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.

Slöjd Studio: Handsewn Treasure Bags with Anna Ruhland
In-Person | Sun, September 8, 1–3 pm
Unleash creativity with Slöjd Studio! ASI’s monthly program for young makers (grades 3–5) offers hands-on exploration of slöjd techniques and tools. Under Anna’s expert guidance, kids will craft and customize treasure bags, then embark on an exciting treasure hunt through the Castle. $25 ($20 ASI member)

Slöjd Studio: Introduction to Tin Embossing with Anna Ruhland
In-Person | Sun, October 13, 1–3 pm
Experience the magic of Slöjd Studio, a monthly program designed for young makers (grades 3–5). Led by Anna, participants will explore slöjd techniques and discover new tools. Tin embossing is a fun art technique to bring images to life on shimmery tin. With simple tools, students will learn how to make a picture pop with shading and patterns, turning their artistic ideas into mystical, shiny images. $25 ($20 ASI member)

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Lucia Choir Participant Registration
Sing in ASI’s Lucia Choir this Jul season! Children in grades K-12 with ASI Family memberships may register for this choir. Families who participated in the 2023 Lucia Choir can register from September 23 – October 2. Registration for new families opens on October 3. Registration will close once the choir is full. Visit asimn.org for more information.

Contact ASI if you have not received login information. Instructions are provided at the time of purchase. Login 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.

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.

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 asimn.org/about/scholarships.
Craft & Cocktails: Carve a Ceramic Pumpkin Luminary with Kim Burnham