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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Summer Greetings!**  Midsummer? Or Midsommar? However we spell it, our annual Swedish “welcome summer” celebration is the next Drott Lodge big event. Along with our lodge, this year’s fest will be cohosted by ASA, SWEA DC, and Finlandia Foundation NCC. Planning for a fun time for all is underway. So, please put June 25 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Carderock Park on your calendar. More details follow later in this newsletter.  Our annual post-summer break “welcome back” lodge meeting and dinner will be on September 10, and will include a program on Viking longboats. The presentation by Len Lesduk will precede the October 14 opportunity to ride and help crew his Viking longboat at Leonardtown, MD. More information is included below.  Also on our fall calendar are other activities to note. All lead up to a new year of activities in 2024. That also means a new team of leaders to be elected in January. To prepare for that, I have appointed Arne Dunhem as the new Nominating Committee Chair. In addition to his many years in a range of Drott Lodge leadership roles, he is Vice District Master and the leader of the District effort to strengthen and grow all district lodges. Joining Arne on the committee so far are Larilyn André, Julie Olson, and Susan Remmert. Are you interested in joining this team to help position Drott Lodge for a strong future? If so, please contact Arne or me by June 30.  Finally, as I wrote in a previous newsletter, many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering to help with meetings and events as you are able and available.  I look forward to seeing you on June 25!    In Generosity, Truth, and Unity,  Kathy Olson  Chairman  Drott Lodge #168 | | |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Drott Lodge will once again celebrate Midsommar in Carderock Park, MD. We are joined by American Scandinavian Association (ASA), Finlandia Foundation NNC, and Swedish Women's Educational Association DC (SWEA). We have reserved the large pavilion as in the past. Come on out and celebrate this special Swedish tradition. It's a great family event, so bring your kids and grandkids. We will have games for everyone. Bring your own picnic and drinks. We will provide additional water. If you want to sit outside the pavilion, don't forget to bring a chair. And don't forget bug spray.  **Here is the flyer and directions:**  [Midsommar\_Picnic\_Flyer\_2023 v3.pdf](https://www.drott-lodge.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=9uRUMX9du5xjsT%2b6klzg3zlzVfFz5Ajw8uNaLKNCTekHBSP2BfvZOWFUizTETnnnIV3kxCcTaP%2bBwBSEEARJDN44dP4LSC0yw799P3Mq3Ks%3d)  Setup starts at 1 PM.  Please contact us at [Drott.Lodge.168@gmail](https://www.drott-lodge.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=5hOgZYvMfjnylEPtwDJaEQ2GjpuRw5MsF8o29MRB72hQHKpI28Qw10A1O5ByfWb%2fBlwUxNF2ECijN88LQRyqS3p7KAEgoupS%2fsL4D8gk5Go%3d) if you are able to help out. Many hands make light work! | | |
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Please RSVP by June 7, 2023 with subject line: “June 2023 Milles”. here is more information about the event, parking etc.  [SACU June 10.pdf](https://www.drott-lodge.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=jHfORE8QG1W2cl3BkrcL6bggHEHKMH0Ac2fhdQEKJG0aNM0f1%2bqavcPX5NGzIgs7eDPfZeUTLzkN9cS%2bLuHWvcBiNdDUdBEEAGaKoBH6HOw%3d) | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | **House of Sweden**  Open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays 12-5 pm. Admission is free. You can go see the exhibits and visit the roof top.  **EXHIBITIONS**  **A view from the side - until August 27, 2023**  Lars Tunbjörk (1956 – 2015) is one of Sweden’s most internationally renowned photographers. His photos display warmth and humor and a deep fascination with feelings of loneliness and the longing for meaning. His images encourage the viewer to pause and think, and they evoke a range of emotions, including happiness, recognition, sadness, and anger. Tunbjörk had his big breakthrough in 1993 with "Landet utom sig," his photo project about Sweden that received the most attention over the years. Following his sudden passing in 2015, the Tunbjörk Foundation was established to preserve the entirety of Tunbjörk's body of work.  **Pioneer the Possible: Accelerating the Green Transition**  We know climate change can feel overwhelming and tempting to avoid. But the immense shift to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and mitigate the looming climate crisis requires everyone's attention.  Sweden plans to be carbon neutral by 2045. Through broad commitment — from government officials, major companies, and Swedish citizens — a wide range of solutions are being developed. From renewable energy to sustainable industries, Swedes are creating hope for the future.  Join Sweden in pioneering the possible and putting all the pieces of the green transition together. | | |  | | --- | |  | | | **House of Sweden**  **Sweden's National Day**  **Sunday June 4, 2023**  **11:00am - 1:00pm (ET)**  Free, but need to sign up to receive ticket. See blue link below.  2023 is a year of celebration for Sweden as it is turning 500 years old!  Ahead of Sweden’s National Day on June 6, join for a celebration at the House of Sweden this Sunday June 4, 2023.  Come have strawberry cake and coffee, walk through the current exhibitions, enjoy music by Spelmanslaget & Svenska Sånggruppen, as well as the company of fellow Swedes!  Remarks will be made by Karin Olofsdotter, Sweden's Ambassador to the United States.  **About Sweden’s National Day:**  Since 1983, Sweden has celebrated its National Day on June 6. It is the date when Gustav Vasa was elected King of Sweden in 1523. This laid the foundation of Sweden as an independent state, and on the same date a new, important constitution was adopted in 1809.  Welcome! Välkommen! | |  | | |  | | --- | | [Sign Up here for House of Sweden June 4 Celebration](https://www.drott-lodge.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=DGzvFGTMz8K4YMTm%2bKyem%2b5teWHDrk%2fRpi9N3rhmZD0dgy%2b45XqveLT3%2fWVH%2fjcTPL5tIqNuwzVJoEDI%2bXnarybsmfgYQS4eajB0WWxH1RA%3d) | | |  | | |  | | --- | |  | | | Sweden is celebrating 500 years.  Sweden National day 6 June is coming up soon. The tradition of celebrating this date began in 1916 in honor of the election of King Gustav Vasa on 6 June 1523, as this is considered the foundation of modern Sweden. This summer Sweden is celebrating 500 years.  The event signifies the end of the Danish-ruled Kalmar Union, so in a sense it is a marking of Swedish independence.  I found an interesting video about the Swedish National Day, that I think is very informative and I would like to share with you. You also will get the opportunity to learn some Swedish words at the end. Click on the yellow link below!  [Swedish National Day](https://www.drott-lodge.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=n%2bDM%2fJ1rLeTO6tAHVUopLl7JDFC8dCsGrk7EeithxAzehvD374Ba2yXlakHHtzl4r1Qjjv4Bk%2bmSljWaI6RwQA2lFEuIkuuq2V%2fCWrL9c1c%3d)  If you are interested there are more stories of Gustav Vasa on the internet. The folklore is that Gustav Vasa was a good skier. When the Danish king Kristian II was going to get rid of Gustav Vasa, he sent out some of his men to go after him. Gustav Vasa then fled to Dalarna and when the Danes were approaching Dalarna Gustav Vasa and his men fled on skies to the mountains. The Danes did not do well on skies, and they had to return home in an uncommitted matter.  By Gunnel Hamilton | |  | | |

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