Be creative. Be extra/ordinary!

Did you know there are whole new worlds of creativity to be discovered behind the doors of the American Swedish Institute? Nordic Handcraft workshops range from birch bark basketry and carving to textiles and water color painting. Nordic Table workshops will teach you everything from how to prepare Nordic pub food or a Nordic brunch to making Icelandic yogurt (skyr) or the delectable semla bun (stuffed with almond paste and whipped cream) at home.

And what better place to learn Swedish (or Finnish) than at ASI, where you also have access to some of the finest related cultural programming in the region if not the country! ASI invites you to both get cozy learning and to expand your horizons this winter and into the spring. Perhaps you’ll even receive creative inspiration from the new and immersive extra/ordinary exhibition, opening on February 28.

We hope this new Catalog will help guide your adventures. Please join us to learn, cook, create and so much more at the Castle! Don’t wait to register because many workshops have been selling out! Thank you for being a part of the ASI community.

Members Move Us

Members are key to making the American Swedish Institute a vibrant cultural center and gathering place for all people.

With member support, ASI helps bridge generations and identities by creating meaningful experiences around Nordic culture, craft, art, food and more that help explore heritage and how it relates to others.

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Nordic Handcraft

The American Swedish Institute’s Nordic Handcraft workshops bring Nordic-inspired handcraft traditions to life. Grounded in the Swedish slöjd (handcraft) tradition, our instructors offer innovative and creative takes on traditional folk arts.

Basketry

Birch Bark Knife Sheath with Beth Homa-Kraus
Friday, January 26, 6 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, January 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Craft a custom birch bark sheath for a favorite slöjd knife in this intensive weekend workshop. Over three days, students will prepare a wooden sheath insert customized to their knife blade (no more than 5”) and birch bark weavers; weave their sheaths, encasing the wooden inserts in a double woven, diagonal weave; and finish the sheaths with leather straps and optional embellishments.

$100 ASI members / $125 non-members; $50 materials fee

Woven Wheat Love Tokens with Bonnie Buzza
Wednesday, January 29, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wheat weaving has been used around the world to create harvest charms and love tokens that symbolize bounty and good fortune. Students will be introduced to working with harvest wheat and complete several Scandinavian style woven wheat hearts using 3, 4 and 5 straw plaits, with the option to take some materials and continue wheat weaving at home.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-members; $10 materials fee

Birch Bark Clutch with Beth Homa-Kraus
Saturday, April 18 & Sunday April 19, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Create a small clutch out of locally harvested birch bark. Students will learn the basics of the double diagonal plaited weave pattern and elaborate further by adding a woven bark or leather flap. The clutch’s size is roughly 7” x 4” and will have a small handle — perfect for phone, keys and wallet. Ages 16+ welcome.

$155 ASI members / $175 non-members; $50 materials fee

Traditional and Contemporary Russian Birch Bark Baskets with Vladimir Yarish
Thursday, May 7 & Friday, May 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Internationally recognized birch bark artist Vladimir Yarish will lead intermediate to advanced students in exploring birch bark technique through two small baskets, one traditional and contemporary. Students will practice both straight and diagonal weave, as well as embellishments and attaching a root rim. This visit is co-sponsored by The Museum of Russian Art.

$155 ASI and TMORA members / $175 non-members; $150-225 materials fee dependent on basket style

Glass and Ceramics

All glass and ceramics projects are fired after class and will be available for pick up 1-2 weeks later.

Craft and Cocktails: Fused Glass Coasters with Kayla McDaniels
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of glass art — from cutting to design principles to fusing basics — and create a pair of unique glass coasters while sipping on a signature drink from FIKA.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members

Nature Patterned Fused Glass Plates with Susan Tracy
Saturday, April 11, 1 – 4 p.m.
This class introduces the art of glass fusing and slumping. Students will use a simple pattern from nature to design a pair of vibrant six-inch fused glass plates using creativity, cutting tools and the heat of a kiln.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-members; $40 materials fee

Ceramic Luminaries with Sue Flanders and Ingrid Sundstrom
Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. – noon
Get ready for summer patio season! Prepare several styles of luminaries from slabs of clay, with lots of ways to create patterns for candlelight.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members; $5 materials fee

Clay Frogs for Kids! With Sue Flanders and Ingrid Sundstrom
Saturday, April 25, 1 – 3 p.m.
Kids ages 10+ will have fun making frogs in a variety of sizes from slabs of clay and decorating them with vibrant underglazes.

$20 ASI member youth / $25 non-member youth

Metal and Jewelry

Intro to Sámi-Inspired Bracelets with Liz Bucheit
Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Join experienced jewelry instructor Liz Bucheit to start working with tenntråd, the pewter wire that Scandinavia’s Sámi people have traditionally used for embellishment, to fit and assemble the different parts of a bracelet, complete with an antler button.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members; $95 materials fee

Advanced Sámi-Inspired Bracelets with Liz Bucheit
Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
This advanced jewelry class builds on the fundamentals of working with tennträ (pewter wire) in the Sámi tradition. Students will learn techniques to add and combine additional elements to create more ornate bracelets from pewter wire, reindeer leather and antler buttons. This course follows the Intro to Sámi-Inspired Bracelets workshop.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members; $125 materials fee

For full course descriptions and to register, please visit ASImn.org.
Sky High Wire Work with Faith Clover and Sheri Tamte
Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sunday, March 15, 1 – 5 p.m.
Join two experienced wire artists to practice traditional Swedish wire craft (lusfårslöjd) while making at least three projects: a wire ornament tree, a candlestick and a pedestal bowl. This weekend-long workshop is paced to build skills and techniques for traditional wire shapes with plenty of individual attention.
$125 ASI members / $140 non-members; $25 materials fee

Viking Chain Knit Bracelet with Liz Bucheit
Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Explore the ancient tradition of chain making and use “Viking Knitting,” a centuries-old looping technique, to create a beautiful fine silver bracelet with a sterling silver toggle clasp. Bring a keepsake of your own to attach or customize with a silver charm available for an additional charge.
$155 ASI members / $175 non-members*; $25 materials fee

Paper and Studio Arts

Workshop includes an instructor-led visit to ASI’s exhibition extra/ordinary, based on Tara Sweeney’s picture book, A to Zåäö: Playing with History at the American Swedish Institute.

Paper Quilled Hearts with Meg Erke
Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.
Explore the art of paper quilling to create sweet decorations perfect for Valentine’s Day. Paper quilling uses long, thin strips of paper coiled tightly to create intricate designs.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members; $60 materials fee

Watercolor Still Life: Cups and Saucers with Tara Sweeney
Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Learn watercolor basics and create a still life painting to celebrate the beauty of a cup and saucer. Please bring a photo of your favorite teacup and saucer or paint ASI’s historic Rörstrand porcelain.
$155 ASI members / $175 non-members*; $30 materials fee

Textiles

Beginning Nålbinding with Melba Granlund
Sundays January 5, 12 & 19, 1 – 4 p.m.
Learn the folk art tradition of nålbinding, a looping technique often called “Viking knitting,” to begin to make a hat. Pick up a new hobby to keep busy for the rest of the winter!
$125 ASI members / $140 non-members; $15 materials fee*

Felted Slippers with Judy McDowell
Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Use classic wet felting techniques to create a custom pair of warm, woolly slippers. From tracing your foot to discussing finishing techniques, you’ll learn a new skill and make cozy footwear.
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Tuesdays, February 4, 11 & 18, 1 – 4 p.m.
Expand on basic nålbinding techniques and learn to create your own patterns for warm socks or mittens using your favorite stitches. Also learn how to create decorative edging and stitching embellishments.
$125 ASI members / $140 non-members; $5 materials fee*

Natural Craft and Wellness

Winter Wreaths with Ann Mekala
Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Build your own wintry wreath with seasonal and local flora. Students will start with a handcrafted grapevine base and add leaves, dried flowers, seed pods and more to create a wreath.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members; $60 materials fee

Late Winter Herbals with Gigi Stafne
Saturday, February 1, 1 – 5 p.m.
Nordic traditions recognize the late winter moon as a seasonal shift known as the “Black Frost Moon.” Rather than succumbing to “cabin fever,” explore some of the traditional herbal preparations that have helped generations of Nordic people nourish themselves through late winter with experienced herbalist Gigi Stafne.
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Spring Florals Paper Quilling with Meg Erke
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$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Artful Letters and Cards with Tara Sweeney
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Start with simple brush script lettering and invent whimsical embellishments to illustrate a card or letter. Plenty of individual attention and inspiration will be provided to students with any amount of watercolor experience.
$155 ASI members / $175 non-members*

Swedish Kurbits (Dalmålning) Painting with Pieper Fleck Bloomquist
Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Explore the art of kurbits, or dalmålning, which flourished in Sweden in the 18th and 19th centuries. Students will learn folk painting skills through discussions and demonstrations that explore mixing traditional paints, color and design — and will use acrylics to paint a potted kurbits flower on a 12”x16” canvas. Ages 13+
$155 ASI members / $175 non-members; $10 materials fee*

Counting the Castle: Zigzag Watercolor Sketchbooks with Tara Sweeney, Intergenerational Edition
Friday, April 3 & Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Hunt for details large and small around the Turnblad Mansion! Document findings in watercolor and ink in a pocket-sized zigzag sketchbook. Youth ages 8-12 must register with an accompanying adult; teens welcome on their own.
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Felted Slipper Boots with Judy McDowell  
Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Using fast felting Scandinavian wools, create warm, custom footwear by making a pattern from your foot, layering wool over the pattern, and using the wet felting process to shape the wool into a pair of seamless slipper boots!  
$85 ASI members / $95 non-members; $30 materials fee

Swedish Toothbrush Rugs with Melba Granlund  
Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
The Scandinavian-American tradition of toothbrush rugs combines very old nålbinding techniques with a modern tool — sturdy toothbrush handles — to create hardwearing rugs out of fabric scraps. Students will practice traditional and simplified nålbinding stitches and create a round rug with the stitch of their choice.  
$85 ASI members / $95 non-members; $5 materials fee*

Felting Finishing School with Judy McDowell  
Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Bring your dry, fully felted slippers or mittens to class to add leather reinforcements and embellishment worthy of your artisan creations! Students will learn how to add leather to thick felt and several embellishment techniques such as embroidery and needle felting.  
$55 ASI members / $65 non-members; $30 materials fee*

Craft and Cocktails: Felted Wool Jewelry with Kayla McDaniels  
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Take an evening to create a fun set of jewelry out of felted wool balls! With a drink from FIKA in hand try out simple felting and jewelry-making techniques in a relaxed atmosphere and head home with a custom pendant necklace and earrings.  
$35 ASI members / $40 non-members

Winter Winds Hat: Exploring Twined Knitting with Laura Ricketts  
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Discover some of the nuances of Scandinavian twined knitting, also known as tvåändstickning, by using a hat pattern as a useful sampler project to compare twined knit fabric with stranded, twisted and slipped stitch fabrics. This is workshop welcomes both intermediate and advanced knitters.  
$55 ASI members / $65 non-members*

Hand Spinning with Lesley Darling  
Sunday, May 10, 1 – 5 p.m.  
Spend an afternoon learning one of the oldest forms of spinning! Using modified point spindles, students will make yarn, practice plying, discuss wool processing, and throw in some Swedish vocabulary for good measure.  
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Green Woodcarving 101 with Josh Torkelson  
Wednesday, February 5, 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Beginning carvers will learn the fundamental knife skills necessary to begin exploring traditional green woodcarving in the Scandinavian style, from finding tools and materials to safety and maintenance. Open to ages 14+ with a registered adult.  
$30 ASI members / $35 non-members

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*This workshop has a required tools list. Please visit ASImn.org or call (612) 871-4907 for more information.
Green Woodcarving 102 with Rose Holdorf or Josh Torkelson  
Thursdays, February 6 – 27, 1 – 4 p.m.  
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(for women and non-binary students only)  
Thursdays, April 9 – 30, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Begin with a freshly cut log or branch and use traditional woodworking tools — axes, froes, drawknives, hook knives and carving knives — to transform wood from local forests into useful objects for the home. This in-depth class offers an excellent foundation to any aspiring or emerging woodworker.  
$185 ASI members / $205 non-members

Carve a Heart with Josh Torkelson  
Wednesday, February 12, 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Make a wooden heart decoration in this beginner-level course. Students will be introduced to the tradition of green woodcarving, including basic knife grips and carving techniques. Open to ages 14+ with a registered adult.  
$30 ASI members / $35 non-members

Build Your Own Shaving Horse with Rose Holdorf  
Friday, February 21, 6 – 9 p.m. &  
Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
In this weekend-long course, students will each build their own sturdy shaving horses suited for furniture making, spoon carving and other green woodworking projects. The instructor will share thoughts about design considerations, sourcing materials and shaving horse use in discussions and demonstrations throughout the weekend.  
$155 ASI members / $175 non-members; $70 materials fee

Scandinavian Wooden Figure Carving with Bill Jaeger  
Begins the week of February 24 and runs for 13 weeks  
6 class sessions offered: Mondays from 10 a.m. – noon; Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – noon; Tuesdays from 1 – 3 p.m.; Tuesdays from 7 – 9 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – noon; Wednesdays from 1 – 3 p.m.  
Have you ever wanted to carve your own tomtar, trolls or maybe even a family member? These courses meet two hours per week with longtime wood carving instructor Bill Jaeger, who guides students through carving his original designs with plenty of individual attention. Tools and blanks are available for an additional cost from the instructor.  
$145 ASI members / $160 non-members. Register by February 16 to receive the Early Bird discount.

Carve Your Own Dala Horse with Rose Holdorf  
Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Students will carry on the tradition of midwinter whittling in this workshop focusing on Scandinavian flat-plane figure carving techniques, carving the iconic Dala Horse. There may even be time to finish the carving with paint and a simple wood finish.  
$85 members / $95 non-members; $20 materials fee

Craft and Cocktails: Intro to Kolrosing with Kayla McDaniels  
Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Learn the decorative technique of kolrosing to make a small wooden trivet. Kolrosing (literally “coal-writing”) has been used on woodenware across Scandinavia since at least Viking times; you’ll be introduced to basic techniques and tools while enjoying a signature drink from FIKA.  
$35 ASI members / $40 non-members

From Tree to Table — Cutting Boards and Beyond with Rose Holdorf  
Sunday, March 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Split pieces of wood from locally-sourced, freshly cut logs and, after exploring traditional green woodworking tools, turn the wood into functional objects for the kitchen. Decorative techniques and finishing will be discussed as time allows. Open to ages 14+.  
$85 ASI members / $95 non-members; $20 materials fee

Wooden Buttons, Toggles and Beads with Josh Torkelson  
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Create handmade finishing touches for a sweater, bag or key fob. Students will use carving knives, planes, saws and other hand tools to shape several beads, toggles or buttons, and then drill holes to finish. This class is designed for beginning woodcarvers and perfect for knitters and thrifters!  
$35 ASI members / $40 non-members

Hand Carved Wooden Bracelets with Josh Torkelson  
Thursdays March 19 & 26 from 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Create 2-3 wooden bracelets from a freshly cut tree branch in this two-part class. First, use a carving knife, saw and drill to shape and size your bracelets. After a week of drying, decorate each bracelet with milk paint and add other finishing touches to create a fashion statement of your own design.  
$65 ASI members / $75 non-members

Community Craft  
Join other makers for these regular drop-in opportunities to work, share and learn in community. Any kind of quiet handcraft is welcome, just bring your own materials and tools. No cost or registration necessary; stay for as long as you like.  

Makers Mornings  
Tuesdays 10 a.m. – noon, meet in the Lindberg Stuga

Makers Nights  
Wednesdays, January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., meet in the Studio classroom
Nordic Table workshops celebrate and explore Nordic foodways—from heritage traditions to the contemporary “New Nordic” movement.

**Savory Takes on Sweet Nature with Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen**
Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
This class will explore the many ways to enjoy honey and maple syrup in savory dishes, including glazes, vinaigrettes and snacks. Local author Beth Dooley and photographer and home cook Mette Nielsen will cover kitchen tips, conversions and share their favorite savory recipes from their most recent book, *Sweet Nature: A Cooks Guide to Using Honey and Maple Syrup*.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Quick Pickling for Winter with Anna Sharratt**
Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn the process of quick pickling with winter root vegetables, from preparation to tasting the finished product. From beets to carrots to onions, discover new inspiration (from Scandinavia and elsewhere) for adding sweet, sour and salty balance to your winter meal rotation. This is a hands-on class with plenty of sampling.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Nordic Pub Food with Patrice Johnson**
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Belly up to the bar and learn how to marry pub food to Nordic sensibilities. Instructor Patrice will share twists on favorite pub foods using new flavors and ingredients, from dill to aquavit to lefse. This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation and includes a complimentary beverage by FIKA.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-members

**Semlor with Swedish Crown Bakery and Eva Sabet**
Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Historically, the *semla* — a cardamom bun stuffed with almond paste and whipped cream — was served only on the day prior to the Lenten fasting tradition. Join Eva Sabet of Swedish Crown Bakery and discover her version of this extra-indulgent fika treat in this hands-on workshop.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Kringles and Kringlor with Patrice Johnson**
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn about the variations of the kringe, or Danish puff, from pie crust to breads to jam-filled pastries. Instructor Patrice Johnson will share two of her favorite versions of this almond-laced pastry, along with tips and tricks to bake this coffee party classic at home!

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Digging into Gravlax with Anna Sharratt**
Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
*Gравлакс* — literally “buried salmon” — is a traditional and delicious holiday food. Anna Sharratt will walk students through the process of making this Scandinavian delicacy, from selecting a piece of fish to tasting the finished product, all the while sharing opportunities for customizing flavors and accompaniments, from the traditional to the creative.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Nordic Brunch with Patrice Johnson and Soile Anderson**
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Soile and Patrice team up again to present some elegant and delicious takes on brunch, just in time for setting your Easter menu. They’ll cover everything from eggs to tablescapes, offering students plenty of inspiration for their own spring celebrations and beyond. Students will receive a copy of Soile Anderson’s book *Celebrations to Remember*.

$65 ASI members / $75 non-members

**Seafood for Spring with Eva Sabet**
Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Soak up some secrets from Eva Sabet, owner of Swedish Crown Bakery, for tackling seafood in fresh, Nordic fashion. Together the class will prepare salmon quiche, the iconic open-faced shrimp sandwich, and classic open-faced herring sandwiches. From brunch to supper, these dishes will serve as inspiration from spring to Midsommar and beyond.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

**Making Skyr at Home with Anna Sharratt**
Friday, April 17, 6 – 8:30 p.m. & Saturday, April 18, 1 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn the art of making *skyr* — a thick and tangy Icelandic yogurt — and explore Iceland’s unique culture through the lens of skyr in traditional and contemporary life. Students will leave with a container full of skyr to enjoy at home as well as recipes to use it in. Ages 10+ welcome alongside a registered adult.

$65 ASI members / $75 non-members / $20 youth
**Youth Programming**

**Kids at the Castle**  
Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18  
Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15  
Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21  
Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18, 9 – 10 a.m.  
Mark your calendars for the third Friday and Saturday of every month for this action-packed, kids and family creative playtime. Join us for circle time, storytelling, crafts, visual play, music and movement in the Turnblad Mansion. Suggested for ages 2-5. Adults must accompany children.  
$8 per family; no registration required

**Starting with Slöjd**  
Sundays January 19, February 9, March 8 & April 5, 1 – 2 p.m.  
Starting with Slöjd is a monthly program for children who are ready to start crafting! Whether it’s with wool, wire, clay or more, we’ll explore new tools, materials and skills that prepare kids for a lifelong love of handcraft. These drop-off programs are suitable for students in grades K-3.

**Babies at the Castle**  
Babies at the Castle: Bring Your Own Crawler Yoga  
Friday, January 19, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 9 – 18 months. Participants are highly encouraged to bring their own yoga mats. $15 for caregiver and child. Limit one adult to baby.

**Runt om Sverige (Swedish Immersion Camp)**  
August 24, 25, 26 and 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 6 – 12. Young makers will work with paper, textiles, mosaics, nature, wood, and felt to create fun and useful objects. $200 ASI member youth / $250 non-member youth.

**Glass and Movement**  
Wednesday, August 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 6 – 10. Explore contemporary Swedish culture through cooking, games, craft and movement. Language instruction is embedded in all activities throughout the day. All levels of Swedish learners are welcome. $50 ASI member youth / $60 non-member youth.

**Babies at the Castle**  
Babies at the Castle: Bring Your Own Crawler Yoga  
Friday, Saturday  
ASLI welcomes Blooma for a special Babies at the Castle. Little ones are free to move through the space while you are guided through practice. Embrace the curiosity of your little one while giving yourself the supportive space to move and breathe. This class is for parents and any caregiver with children 9 – 18 months. Participants are highly encouraged to bring their own yoga mats. $15 for caregiver and child. Limit one adult to baby.

**Babies at the Castle**  
Babies at the Castle: Bring Your Own Baby Yoga  
Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 9 – 10 a.m.  
Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 9 – 10 a.m.  
ASI’s carrier tours for baby and caregiver will immerse you and your little one in the new exhibitions, Swedish Dads and extra/ordinary. Tours are approximately 30 minutes plus 15 minutes of sensory play. Designed for parents and any caregiver with children 9 – 18 months.  
$15 for caregiver and child. Limit one adult to baby.

**Summer Day Camps**  
Registration required at least one week before and opens at 10 a.m. March 2. Campers bring their own lunch and clothes for outdoor play. Early care is $10 per camper. Families may drop off their camper between 7:30 and 8:45 a.m. Late care is $15 per camper. Families may pick up their camper at 5:30 p.m.

**The Amazing World of Astrid Lindgren Preschool Camp**  
June 16, 23 and 30, 8:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
Ages 3 – 5. Experience the charming worlds created by Astrid Lindgren. Activities include circle time, crafts, storytime, games, snack and exploration. Campers must be toilet trained and 3 years old by June 1, 2020 to participate. Late care not available.  
$100 ASI member youth / $125 non-member youth.

**Pippi Day Camp**  
Tuesday, August 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 6 – 10. The world’s favorite red-headed heroine is the inspiration for this day of adventure! Campers are encouraged to dress like Pippi Longstocking or her friends. $50 ASI member youth / $60 non-member youth.

**Vikings Day Camp**  
Wednesday, August 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 6 – 10. Learn about Viking mythology, forge your own weapons and discover the mystery of runestones – all while having fun! $50 ASI member youth / $60 non-member youth.

**Swedish Cooking and Culture Camp**  
August 24, 25, 26 and 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 8 – 12. Each day will focus on how Swedes eat, celebrate and dress like Pippi Longstocking or her friends. $50 ASI member youth / $60 non-member youth.

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## Levels of Instruction

We offer language opportunities for beginning, intermediate and advanced speakers. Classes marked with * are Accelerated and move at a faster pace.

**New to Swedish?** Check out the classes under the Beginning section.

**Returning student?** Find your class by day and time under the appropriate section. Continuing Beginning classes are between chapter 2-10 of the textbook, Intermediate classes are between chapter 11-20, and Advanced are any classes beyond the Rivstart A/Mål 1 textbook.

New to the ASI language program, but not to Swedish or Finnish? Contact Language Programs Coordinator Liz Stopka at lizs@asimn.org or (612) 871-4907 for help in finding the right class for you.

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### Class Day & Time | Instructor | Class Materials
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**BEGINNING SWEDISH CLASSES**
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**Starting in Winter:**
- Mon. 8 p.m.: Hanslin
- Sat. 9:45 a.m.: Stopka

**Starting in Spring:**
- Tues. 8 p.m.: White
- Fri. 10 a.m.: Stopka

**CONTINUING BEGINNING SWEDISH CLASSES**
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- Tues. 10 a.m.: Stopka
- Wed. 4:15 p.m.: Willson-Broyles
- Wed. 4:00 p.m.: Hanslin
- Thurs. 9:30 a.m.: Haaland
- Thurs. 6:15 p.m.: Stopka
- Thurs. 8:00 p.m.: White

**INTERMEDIATE SWEDISH CLASSES**
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- Tues. 9:30 a.m.: Haaland
- Tues. 6:15 p.m.: White
- Tues. 8 p.m.: White
- Wed. 2:15 p.m.: Hanslin
- Wed. 11:15 a.m.: Haaland
- Thurs. 8:15 p.m.: Stopka

**ADVANCED SWEDISH CLASSES**
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- Mon. 6:15 p.m.: Haaland
- Mon. 8 p.m.: Haaland

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Register at ASImn.org or by phone at (612) 871-4907.
Language and Culture Classes

Explore New Worlds
ASI offers year-round opportunities to learn Swedish or Finnish, plus related classes taught in Swedish and English, that tap into music, books, Scandinavian history and holiday traditions offering insight into Nordic culture. From traditional classes for adults to opportunities for young students and teens, we have something for all ages.

Intro to Swedish
Sundays January 12 & March 22, 3 – 5 p.m.
Are you curious about the Swedish language, or looking for a quick and low-pressure way to prepare for an upcoming visit to Sweden? This two-hour introductory workshop is the perfect way to pick up a bit of grammar and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation.
$15 ASI members / $18 non-members

Intro to Finnish
Sundays January 12 & March 22, 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Are you curious about the Finnish language, but not yet ready to commit to a multi-date class? Are you looking for a quick and low-pressure 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.
$15 ASI members / $18 non-members

Språktugan
4th Wednesday of the month from 5 – 7 p.m.
Språktugan is a monthly drop-in gathering for Swedish speakers to prata svenska! Speakers of all levels are welcome and an instructor will be present to answer any questions.
Free; no registration necessary.

Nordic Book Chat
Sunday January 12 & March 22, 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Join ASI’s book chat to discuss our picks of Nordic novels. In January we will read Three Hours by AndersRoslund och Borge Hellström; March’s book is Love by Hanne Orstavik.
$15 ASI members / $18 non-members

Swedish Crime Fiction on TV
Session 1: January 15, 22, 29 & February 5, 6 – 8 p.m.
Session 2: February 12, 19, 26 & March 4, 6 – 8 p.m.
Swedish TV’s crime mysteries are among the best in the business, and a great way to learn more about Swedish culture and language. Watch episodes of Wallander season 2, first shown in Sweden in 2009. Before each show, the instructor will provide a cultural context for the episode; after viewing, discuss aspects of the plot, production and society. The shows are in Swedish with English subtitles. All discussions will be in English.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Using Swedish Media for Language Learning
Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
This workshop is perfect for those learning Swedish and wanting further enrichment. Participants will explore different online Swedish language resources and get tips for great podcasts, TV shows and news sites to aid in their language learning.
$10 ASI members / $15 non-members

Litteraturklubb
Saturdays January 25, February 22, March 28 & April 18, 1 – 3 p.m.
This program is for advanced Swedish speakers. ASI’s Litteraturklubb träffas varannan månad i ett par timmar och diskuterar en novell, en dikt, en kort roman, eller aktuella samhällsfrågor på svenska. Deltagare får läsmaterial i förråd av ledaren.
$5 ASI members / $8 non-members per Klubb date

Intro to Swedish: Nordic Noir Edition
5 Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7 p.m. beginning February 4
Become a detective while gaining basic Swedish skills in this brand new Intro to Swedish class! An interactive web-based crime story will be used to teach Swedish language and culture, supplemented by activities and handouts. Students will have fun working through the story together to solve a mystery and pick up Swedish along the way.
$70 ASI members / $80 non-members

Swedish Landskap with Nils
3 Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11 a.m. beginning February 5
Learn about the provinces of Sweden, from Skåne to Lappland, through the eyes of Nils Holgersson, a fictional boy who traveled on a goose’s back through all 25 Swedish landskap (regional landscapes). The classes will highlight historical and contemporary aspects of each area’s geography (for example, Finland was a landskap until 1809) and their cultural celebrations and gastronomic delights. The course is held in English.
$40 ASI members / $50 non-members

Swedish Hiking Club
Sunday, February 9, 1 – 3 p.m.
Join us for a special winter edition of Swedish Hiking Club. Use your svenska while taking a promenade at Richardson Nature Center in Bloomington — rent/bring your own snowshoes if you like, or just walk in boots. All Swedish language levels are welcome, but please note that conversations will be held på svenska. Vi ses!
$10 ASI members / $15 non-members

Melodifestivalen Finale Watch Party!
Saturday, March 7, 1 – 4 p.m.
Watch the finale of Melodifestivalen 2020 on the big screen as ASI. Melodifestivalen is Sweden’s most popular TV program that selects Sweden’s entry for Eurovision. The competition will be streaming live at 1 p.m. Central Time, so grab a drink/food from FIKA and cheer on your favorite performer! Attendees are encouraged to dress up.
Free and no registration required.
Registration Policies

To Register
All programs are available for registration online, by phone at (612) 871-4907 and in person at our front desk during open hours. Full payment must be received for registration to be complete. Please make every effort to register no later than one week in advance of an event.

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 if space becomes available.

Cancellation and Refund Policy
Refunds are not available for cancellations made within seven days of a program. ASI reserves the right to cancel a program one week prior to its start date due to low enrollment. Registrants will be contacted directly and receive a full refund if ASI cancels a program for any reason. Please allow one week for refunds to be processed.

Severe Weather
ASI may close and cancel programs in the case of severe weather. ASI contacts program registrants directly in case of weather-related closures and posts closure information on our website and social media accounts. If ASI remains open for programming during inclement weather, absent registrants are not eligible for refunds.

Materials Fees
Some workshops require additional materials fees for equipment and materials use, payable by cash or check to the instructor at the beginning of class.

Age Policy
Most programs and events at ASI are open to all ages. Unless otherwise noted, adult workshops are open to ages 18 and older. Some intergenerational workshops may be open to younger registrants alongside registered adults; please see individual program descriptions for more information. Youth programs are designed for specific age groups; all youth registrants should meet age requirements at the time of the course.

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

To update your contact information or to be added to the ASI Workshops and Programs Catalog mailing list, please call (612) 871-4907 or email info@ASImn.org.
Museum Hours (Mansion & Galleries)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday noon–5 p.m.
ASI Museum Store
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m.–5 p.m.
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FIKA, the café at ASI
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.*
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.†
Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m.*
Monday Closed
Full menu served — *(11 a.m.–3 p.m.), †(11 a.m.–8 p.m.)

To Book Your Private Event
(612) 524-5105 | events@ASImn.org

Become an ASI Member
(612) 870-3349 | johnw@ASImn.org

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

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