We are forging ahead with Summer 2020 programs and classes!

The American Swedish Institute recognizes that our community is navigating uncharted territory as we all face the serious coronavirus pandemic. While all in-person programs have been cancelled this spring and we do not know how long the COVID-19 virus will keep us at home, we are moving ahead with optimistic plans for the future and hope that we will soon be able to offer the abundant programming outlined in this new digital CATALOG. This digital format will allow us to create more real-time updates as the situation evolves. Please check our website for the most up to date program listings and know that we will promptly reach out in the case of additional changes to our calendar.

Meanwhile, we have opened web based language classes for spring, and are continuing to work at bringing you activities, programs and recipes via our website, ASImn.org, and our social media accounts. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram! We are looking forward to staying connected with you, the ASI community, wherever you are.

Members Move Us

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Visit ASImn.org/membership or call (612) 870-3349 to join today!

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

Sawtooth Rummled Birch Bark Basket with Beth Homa Kraus
Saturday, June 13 & Sunday, June 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Discover the beauty and strength of birch bark while weaving a medium-sized table basket, perfect for organizing or displaying objects with its wide base (up to 10”), shallow walls and sturdy rim. This rim design is perfect for adventurous beginners or intermediate basket weavers, adding a third dimensional pattern that mimics the zigzags of a sawtooth.

$155 ASI members / $175 non-members. $65-$85 materials fee depending on size of basket.

Coiled Baskets with Teresa Audet
Saturday, August 1, 1 – 5 p.m.
Try out a simple basket-making technique and create a small coiled basket in one afternoon. Start your basket on a pre-drilled wooden base, then build the sides using rope, twine and a simple hand stitching technique to hold the coiled basket sides together. Choose from several shapes and colors to complete an approximately 5” x 5” basket. Ages 13 and up are welcome to register alongside an adult.

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Weaving the Birch Bark Field Pouch with Beth Homa Kraus
Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
In this two-day class, students will be introduced to the history and ecology of birch trees and discuss sustainable harvesting practices for birch bark, then try their hand at processing birch bark in preparation for weaving. Using prepared weavers, students will weave the base of their pouch using a diagonal plaited weave. On the second day, students will prepare and attach a leather flap and handle and make the finishing touches, then leave with a sturdy and attention-grabbing pouch ready to use as a small purse or tool kit for years to come.

$155 ASI members / $170 non-members. Materials fee varies.

Glass and Ceramics

Glass and Ceramics projects are fired after class and will be available for pick up 1-2 weeks later.

Craft and Cocktails: Glass Sun Catcher with Kayla McDaniels
Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Create a unique glass sun catcher to brighten a favorite window while learning the basics of glass fusing. Cut and design a 5” x 5” glass piece and prepare it for later fusing. Finished sun catchers will be fired after class and available at a later date for pick up.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members

Metal and Jewelry

Sawtooth Rimmed Birch Bark Basket with Beth Homa-Kraus
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#### Natural Craft and Wellness

**Hand Sewn Leather Clutch Bag with Beth Dow**

Date TBD

Make a keepsake leather clutch in this one-day class. Students will learn how to cut and sew leather with a traditional two needle saddle stitch. Discussions throughout the class will also cover adding hardware to leather, surface decoration and leather care. This class requires good hand strength and dexterity. Open to ages 14 and up.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members. $50 materials fee.

**Midsummer Flower Crowns with Ann Meléa**

Offered on two days: Tuesday, June 16 & Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ann Meléa of St. Paul’s Dear Hysopp Floral Studio will help students create a festive flower crown with locally grown flora. Perfect for dressing up during ASI’s annual festival, or even displaying on a table, students will head home ready to create flower crowns for all their friends and family! Students will leave with two crowns. Open to ages 10+ if accompanied by a registered adult.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members. $40 materials fee.

#### DIY Beeswax Food Wrap with Bliss Benson

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Bee keeper and maker Bliss Benson will lead students through the process of coating cotton fabric with a thin layer of melted beeswax. Once cooled, the wraps can be used to replace plastic wrap or zip lock bags to wrap sandwiches, produce, bowls and more. Naturally water resistant and simple to clean, beeswax coated food wraps can be reused many, many times before eventually being composted. Students will take home two 13” x 13” wraps.

$35 ASI members / $45 non-members. $15 materials fee.

#### Nordic Herbs for Summer with Gigi Stafne

Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Taking inspiration from Nordic herbal traditions, spend a day exploring the medicinal herbs and wild plants. This workshop is grounded in both modern understandings of herbal medicine and the Norse mythology and oral traditions of Súna, the Norse Sun goddess and healer. Using seasonal plants, students will make at least three herbal preparations to take home including Fireweed Flower Essence, Swedish Herbal and Bitter’s and a Norse Mugwort Bundle. Open to ages 13 and up.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members. $25 materials fee.

#### Textiles

**Garden Silk Scarves: Botanical Dyeing at Home with Lesley Darling**

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Use common plants and flowers to add natural color to your wardrobe! Working on silk scarves (and maybe a few bonus projects), students will create a variety of beautiful patterns, from dappled abstracts to Shelby, through a steam dyeing process. Students will leave with several scarves, the know-how to replicate the process at home, and tips for growing and gathering natural dye plants in time for summer.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members. $45 materials fee.

**Dye Like a Viking with Theresa Horstman**

Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn how the Vikings added color to their life through vibrant textiles! Join Duluthian Theresa Horstman to explore the beautiful colors that can be coaxed from the flowers, leaves, roots and even the lichen and fungi common to our northern landscapes in both the Midwest and Scandinavia. Students will receive seven 25-yard skeins of yarn to dye in the colors of their choice (enough for a few small projects), and will learn how to prepare dye baths, mordant fibers, modify color, and even identify common dye plants that might already be in your backyard.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members. $25 materials fee.

**Craft and Cocktails: Felted Jewelry with Kayla McDaniels**

Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Take an evening to create a fun set of jewelry out of felted wool. Students will need felt balls of different colors and sizes, and then assemble a fun and quirky pair of earrings and pendant necklace. This class will take place online.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members.

**Craft and Cocktails: Felted Soaps with Kayla McDaniels**

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Take a simple wet felting project by covering a bar of soap with a colorful layer of felt. These “flebed” soaps are perfect for traveling or keeping next to the tub, as they work as a washcloth and soap all in one. Plus, they’re a great starter project for learning the basics of wet felting! We’ll work with natural vegetable oil based soaps and beautiful wool roving, and students can expect to take home finished soaped soaps from this class.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members.

**Craft and Cocktails: Felted Fleece Cushion Cover with Becky Utecht**

Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Start with a raw, unshaved sheep’s fleece and transform it into a warm and wooly chair pad, pillow top or other decorative element. Using hot water, soap and a little elbow grease, students will practice the technique of felting a fleece into one piece while preserving its sheepskin-like appearance. Students will head home with a beautiful and warm household accessory. Ages 14 and up.

$85 ASI members / $95 non-members. $25 materials fee.

**Dive into the art of fabric stippling with Duluth textile artist Kirsten Aune. Taking inspiration from Kirsten’s colorful, bold patterns and modern Scandinavian design, students will create their own designs for use on a simple project such as a pillow or small purse. From cutting stencils to finishing projects with hand printed patterns, this class will provide an excellent overview of fabric stippling that can be applied to home and apparel projects.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-members. $25 materials fee.

**Learn simple stitching techniques using any fabric to develop your own original designs in fabric art! Students will use the technique of felting a fleece into one piece while preserving the fleece’s texture. Students will complete a unique key chain or zipper pull to take home.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members.

**You will learn how to create a festive flower crown with locally grown flora. Perfect for dressing up during ASI’s annual festival, or even displaying on a table, students will head home ready to create flower crowns for all their friends and family! Students will leave with two crowns. Open to ages 10+ if accompanied by a registered adult.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members. $40 materials fee.

**Get a sneak peek at ASI’s summer exhibition Papier with the Swedish artist Bea Szenfeld. Join Swedish designer and paper artist Bea Szenfeld to explore her new exhibition at ASI, created with illustrator Sina Wirsén. Using the summer exhibition Papier as its inspiration, students will learn some of the basic techniques of paper art to create one or two small creations.

$35 ASI members / $40 non-members.

**Stenciled Fabrics with Kirsten Aune**

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**Mend, Swap, Alter! Refresh Your Wardrobe with Maddy Bartsch**

Saturday, August 22, 1 – 4 p.m.

Do you have clothing that could use a bit of love? Whether it’s a sweater that requires a bit of darning or a plain garment that could use some altering, this class will guide participants in mending, altering or swapping what’s in their closets. Participants are invited to bring garments to swap with others, and the instructor will provide a plethora of materials to borrow for mending and altering during class. Please bring whatever basic sewing supplies you have and clothing to mend, alter or swap! No experience is necessary.

$45 ASI members / $55 non-members.

**SAORI Weaving with Chaki O’Brien**

Friday, August 28, 1 – 4 p.m.

Exercise your creativity and try a beginner-friendly Japanese weaving technique. SAORI weaving is an expressive, “freestyle” weaving process, blending color into a beautiful piece of fabric you will take home.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-members. $20 materials fee.

**SAORI Weaving Intergenerational Session with Chaki O’Brien**

Saturday, August 29, 1 – 4 p.m.

Calling all crafty families! In this intergenerational session (for ages 10+), each student will work on their own loom and learn the art of SAORI weaving – an expressive, “freestyle” weaving process, blending color into a beautiful piece of fabric to take home.

$55 ASI members / $65 non-member adult / $35 youth / $20 materials fee per project.

For full course descriptions and to register, please visit ASImn.org. Please visit ASImn.org or call (612) 871-4907 for more information.
Wood
Bowl Carving with the Axe and Adze for Women and Nonbinary Students with Jess Hirsch
Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn how to make a traditional Scandinavian dough bowl using the axe and adze in this two-day course. Women’s Woodshop founder and instructor Jess Hirsch will cover axe ergonomics, design and layout and finishing techniques with gouges. Each student will make one bowl with the potential of making an additional small bowl. This course is designed to get students confident with the axe; bowl carving is physically demanding and students should be prepared to stand and saw for a full day. This course is open to students who identify as women or nonbinary.
$35 ASI members / $40 non-members. $40 materials fee.

Craft and Cocktails: Intro to Kaloisng with Kayla McDaniels
Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Get started with kaloisng, the traditional art of wood etching that has decorated wooden surfaces for centuries. You’ll learn how to prepare a wooden surface, use a kaloisng knife and burnish your design so it magically appears while decorating a small wooden trivet.
$35 ASI members / $40 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 Morning
Tuesdays 10 a.m. – noon, meet in ASI’s Courtyard, weather permitting, or in the Lindberg Stuga

Makers Night
Wednesdays, June 24, July 22, August 26
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., meet in ASI’s Courtyard, weather permitting, or in the Berglund Studio Classroom

Nordic Table
Nordic Table workshops celebrate and explore Nordic foodways—from heritage traditions to the contemporary “New Nordic” movement.

Nordic Table for Families: Nationaldagen Strawberry Cake with Jessica Karlsson
Saturday, June 6, 2020, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate Sweden’s National Day (Nationaldagen) with the most scrumptious, Swedish dessert: a whipped cream filled strawberry cake. Instructor Jessica will share her favorite recipe and guide families through the process, while sharing insights into what makes National Day in Sweden special. Meanwhile, kids and their special adult will work side by side to help prepare strawberries, whip cream, and bake a cake, then sit down together for a celebratory fika, or snack time. Adults get to accompany kids ages 6-16 in this fun intergenerational class.
$35 ASI member youth and adult pair / $45 non-member youth and adult pair

Fika Flatbreads with Chef Blake Meier
Sunday, June 7, 7-2 p.m.
Uncover the world of Scandinavian flat breads with Fika’s head chef, Blake Meier. Chef Blake has explored traditional flatbreads to profile in FKA’s menu—from soft to hard, thick to thin, even gluten-free—and is eager to share his discoveries. This demonstration-based class will work, in small groups, to explore and dig into how these very ancient breads fit into FKA’s New Nordic menu.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Herring Through the Ages with Patrice Johnson
Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Have you thoroughly explored herring in all its forms? From pickled to deep fried, herring aficionado Patrice Johnson will be your guide as you try a meal that will take you from Viking times through to the present—with plenty of surprises. You’ll walk away with lots of ideas for incorporating herring into summer meals, from light suppers to picnic lunches. This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation, and (weather permitting) will take place outdoors.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

A Savory Sweet Pantry with Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen
Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Authors Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen share inspiration from their book Savory Sweet: Simple Preserves from a Northern Kitchen; and will choose several of their favorite summer recipes and demonstrate how versatile those recipes are, with applications from savory snacks, to sweet desserts. This class is demonstration based and includes a light meal, as well as opportunities to purchase books from the authors.
$45 members / $55 non-members

Quick Pickling for Summer with Anna Sharratt
Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Summer is the perfect time to get started with quick pickling, an easy and fast way to extend the life of beautiful Midwestern produce while adding new flavors to warm weather meals. Join Anna Sharratt to gain some tips for quick pickle preparation, taste examples of the finished pickles, and discover new inspiration for adding sweet, sour and salty balance to your summer meal rotation. Whether you rely on a backyard garden or a neighborhood farmers market, you’ll leave with lots of ideas for building out your Nordic-inspired pantry. Come ready to participate in this hands-on class with a light share meal.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Summer Cocktails with Fika Café
Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Expand your cocktail horizons with FIKA Café this summer! FKA staff will share a few recipes from their rotation of specialty cocktails, making use of high quality ingredients and homemade concoctions. Never fear, these impressive looking drinks are easy to tackle at home and a fun way to give a nod to the seasons and traditional Nordic ingredients. This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation. Open to ages 21+
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Making Skyl with Patrice Johnson
Saturday, July 25, 1 – 5 p.m.
Learn the art of making skyl—a thick and tangy Icelandic yogurt— and explore Iceland’s unique culture through the lens of skyl in traditional and contemporary life. Leave with a container full of skyl to enjoy at home as well as recipes to use it in. Ages 10+ welcome if registered alongside an accompanying adult.
$35 ASI members / $75 non-members

Fermentation in the New Nordic Kitchen with Fika Café
Sunday, August 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Curious about fermented flavors and their role in Nordic cuisine? Join the talented team behind Fika Café to explore the technique of fermenting vegetables and other ingredients to add fresh and complex flavors to familiar dishes. You’ll taste finished ferments, walk through the process (it’s easier than you think) and collect lots of inspiration for flavor combinations and creative uses of fermentation in your day-to-day kitchen. This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

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$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Foraging Fruits in the City with Maria Westerlind
Saturday, June 20, 2 – 4 p.m.
Join Maria Westerlind of Four Season Foraging as we explore the urban environment in search of wild foods, luneberries and mulberries should be ripe and bountiful for picking. We will also discuss other wild edibles found along the way as well as the cultural heritage of foraging in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries. Students should wear clothing appropriate for the weather (rain or shine!) and be prepared to walk about 10-12 city blocks. Ages 10 and up welcome alongside a registered adult.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Digging in to Gravlax with Anna Sharratt
Sunday, June 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Grunx – literally “boured salmon” – is a traditional and delicious holiday food. Students will go through the process of making this Scandinavian delicacy, from selecting a piece of fish to tasting the finished product, all while sharing opportunities for customizing flavors and accompaniments, from the traditional to the creative. This class includes a beverage from FKA.
$55 ASI members / $65 non-members

Swedish Hot Dogs with Patrice Johnson
Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Ubiquitous as street food across the country, they are often served with mashed potatoes, either in a paper to go container, or wrapped up in a thin flat bread known as a surtbröd. Topped with creamy shrimp salad to crunchy fried onions, this is not your grandma’s hot dog. This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation.
$45 ASI members / $55 non-members

Knitting with Patrice Johnson
Monday, August 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
FIKA is holding our annual knitting on August 23, but if you want to learn how to pull off your own party at home, look to Patrice Johnson for guidance. During this workshop, she’ll share tips for preparing (and eating) your crof, along with a slate of traditional and modern accomplishments. So that we can properly toast our host and fellow guests, everyone will be given an aquavit shot (included in the price of the class). This class is demonstration-based with some opportunities for participation, and will be held on the Tamllad Mansion’s Hopper Terrace, weather permitting.
$65 ASI members / $75 non-members

For full course descriptions and to register, please visit ASImn.org.
**Youth Programming**

**Celebrate Your Birthday at ASI!**
Throw a fun and memorable party that your special birthday child (or grandchild) will love! Let ASI Party Staff do the set-up, clean-up, and facilitate all activities. Children can choose from Pippi, Vikings, DIY Dala Horse, or Swedish Birthday Cake party themes. Each party includes craft activities and playtime in the castle. Perfect for children turning 5 – 12 years old.

*Party Package for up to 10 children and 4 adults:* $200 ASI Members / $225 Non-members
*Party Package for up to 15 children and 6 adults:* $225 ASI Members / $250 Non-members

**Starting with Slöjt**

*Sunday, June 7, July 12, and August 9, 1 – 2 p.m.*
Join us for this monthly program for early elementary children who are ready to start crafting! Whether we're playing with wool, wire, clay or more, we'll explore new tools, materials and skills that prepare kids for a lifetime of handmade or slöjt. These drop-off programs are suitable for students in grades K-3.

*$10 ASI members / $15 non-members per class*

**June 7:** Make a stencil and make designs on a bandana!

**July 12:** Create magical sun prints with leaves and flowers from Midsommar the Swedish way.

**August 9:** Craft a string of paper beads inspired by the new exhibit! Pippi at the Castle!

**Preschool Programs**
Explore Swedish (and Swedish-American) traditions with your little one. Together we'll answer the questions of "What do Swedish families do throughout the year?" and "Why do they do it?" This program is specifically designed for children ages 3 – 5 and their important adults.

*$15 ASI member child / $20 non-member child / adult free. Limit 2 adults per child*

**Midsummer Music and Magic**
*Preschool Program*
Friday, June 5, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Calling all small gnomes (small gnomes), come hop, dance, sing and celebrate Midsummer the Swedish way.

**Meet the Moomen**
*Preschool Program*
Friday, July 10, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
The Moomens turn 75 this year! Spend the morning with these beloved characters during storytime, craft and exploration of the Turnblad Mansion.

**Pond Life and Paper Making**
*Preschool Program with Silverwood Park*
Friday, August 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Join ASI at Silverwood Park for a morning of art and adventure in the great outdoors. Observe nature as we explore a pond, create plantable paper and embrace the popular Swedish saying, “There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.” This program will take place at Silverwood Park. Please meet ASI and Silverwood staff outside the Silverwood Park Visitor Center. 2500 County Road E, St. Anthony, MN 55421.

**Family Yoga with Blooma**
*Tuesdays June 9 & August 11, 5:15 – 6 p.m.*
Join us for Family Yoga in the summer sun! This class is designed for yogis of all ages and all levels. Blend through movement and breathing exercises and discover ways to unwind, together. You’re encouraged to have fun and laugh with your family through games, songs and movement. Adult accompaniment required for children under 13.

*$20 ASI member adult / $25 non-member adult / $10 children under 13. Includes admission to the Summer Lawn Party following the session.*

**Kids at the Castle**

*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*

**Friday, June 19, 9 – 10 a.m.: Sigrid and the Dragon**
It’s a Viking saga for the whole family! Legends of dragons, epic music and Viking sagas come together in this tale of bravery. Sigrid and the Dragon dares you to face your fears and join the adventure and fun – just remember that you’re NEVER supposed to wake up the dragon! In this show, children get to interact, count, rhyme and sing along to ancient musical instruments. Featuring performer and “kesselpeln” Anna Rynefors from Sweden, who plays harp, bowed lyre, Swedish bagpipe and sings.

**Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18. 9 – 10 a.m.: Water, sky and me**
This month’s program celebrates ASI’s Family Gallery installation – Water, Sky and Me. Developed and designed in collaboration with Swedish illustrator and author, Sina Wirström. As a special guest, Sina will read one of her books aloud. Sina is known for a range of popular children’s books, including the Brokiga and Vem series.

**Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, 9 – 10 a.m.: VA-ROOM, SCREECH, WHOAHOOS!**
This month’s program is inspired by the season and will engage and encourage adventures young minds through circle time, storytelling, crafts, visual play, music and movement.

**Summer Slöjt! Youth Handcraft Series**
*Wednesdays July 8 & August 5, 1 – 3 p.m.*
Join us for our Wednesday afternoon Summer Slöjt! Youth Handcraft Series. Taking inspiration from the Swedish tradition of slöjt, or handcraft, young makers will make beautiful and useful objects while working with new materials. This drop-off program is suitable for kids and teens who are entering grades 2-9.

*$10 ASI member child / $15 non-member child per session*

**July 8:** Accessitize with wire

**July 15:** Create a friend with Sina Wirström!

**July 29:** Try out tapestry weaving

**August 5:** Design a glass sun catcher

**Babes at the Castle**
*Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27
Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25
Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29
Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 26
Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.*
ASI’s carrier tours for baby and caregiver will immerse you and your little one in the extra/ordinary and Paper exhibitions. Tours are approximately 30 minutes followed by music and sensory play. Designed for babies up to 15 months.

*For caregiver and baby. $10 for an additional adult. Limit 2 adults per baby.*

**Summer Camps**
Registration required at least one week before camp start date. Campers must bring their own lunches and wear clothing appropriately for outdoor play. Extended care options are available for each camp. Children enrolled in early care may arrive between 7:30 and 8:45 a.m. $10 per camper. Children enrolled in late care may be picked up by caregivers between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. $15 per camper.

**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, storytelling, games, snack and exploration. Campers must be toilet trained and 3 years old by June 1, 2020 to participate. Early and late care not available.

*$100 ASI member youth / $125 non-member youth.*

**Handcraft Camp**
*August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
Ages 8 – 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.*

**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. 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.*

**Sommar På Skratt**
*Swedish Immersion Camp*
*Thursday, 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.

*$500 ASI member youth / $500 non-member youth.*

**Volunteer to be a Camp Counselor at the American Swedish Institute!**
Applications are due at 2 p.m. on June 15
Camp Dates (all shifts take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
*August 10 – 13: Hanscraft Camp*
*August 18: Pippi Day Camp*
*August 19: Viking Day Camp*
*August 20: Swedish Immersion Day Camp*
*August 24 – 27: Swedish Cooking and Culture Camp*
For the first year ever, ASI is taking applications for volunteer camp counselors for our Summer Day Camp Program. We’re looking for enthusiastic and responsible 13 – 16 year-olds to help out with the camps in August that focus on Nordic culture. Apply to be a Camp Counselor at arsen@asian.org/support/volunteer.

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**American Swedish Institute**

**CATALOG June-Aug 2020**
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.

Beginning

Sommarkurs 1 – Swedish Summer Course with Ingela Haaland
Tuesday and Thursdays for 4 weeks, 4:30 – 6 p.m., beginning June 9
Jump-start your learning this summer with our accelerated Swedish course! Sommarkurs 1 takes you through the first 4 chapters of the Rivstart A1+2 book. This course will meet twice a week for four weeks. Rivstart A1+2 Textbook and Drivningsbok required.

$110 ASI members / $120 non-members

Intro to Finnish with Joonas Sundström
Sunday, June 7, 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Are you curious about the Finnish language, but not yet ready to commit to a multi-date course? Are you looking for a quick and low-pressure way to get excited about a new language? This two-hour introductory workshop is a quick, 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

Intro to Swedish with Jean Hanslin
Sundays June 7 & August 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

Kort kurs / with Jean Hanslin
8 Wednesdays beginning July 8, 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.
This class is specifically developed for adult language students with basic or limited experience in second-language learning and designed to lay a good foundation for continuation of Swedish language study. The class uses a text called Kort Kurs, which can be purchased exclusively in the ASI Museum Store.

$150 ASI members / $160 non-members

Speaking

Spel! Swedish Conversation Games with Jean Hanslin
4 Wednesdays starting July 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Immerse yourself in language and interactivity to improve your oral speaking skills and listening comprehension in Swedish. No English allowed! This class is for students who have at least one year of language study.

$50 ASI members / $60 non-members

*S one-day Spel! workshop on Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

$15 ASI members / $18 non-members

Swedish Hiking Club with Liz Stopka
Saturdays June 13, July 11 & August 22, 9 – 11 a.m.
Get outdoors and take a skogslöp with us this summer, your Swedish while taking a promenad at area parks. We will go for a walk through the woods and stop for fika to close the morning. Each date will have a different theme and discussion topic. Discussions will be held in svenska, and this program is open to all Swedish speakers. Comfortable and willing to practice their language skills; Location: Silverwood Park (June), Swede Hollow Park (July) and Elosie Butler Wildflower Garden (August). Specific directions on where to meet will be provided later! Bring your own fika.

$10 ASI members / $15 non-members per Club meeting

Afterwork på ASI
Third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Afterwork på ASI is a new program for Swedish speakers modeled after the one inspired to create it after taking an introduction to Swedish course at ASI. This class is suitable for novice to intermediate Swedish learners.

$20 ASI members / $25 non-members

Reading & Writing

Skriv! Swedish Writing Workshop with Ingela Haaland
4 Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. beginning June 2
This class is specifically developed for adult language students with basic or limited experience in second-language learning and designed to lay a good foundation for continuation of Swedish language study. The class uses a text called Kort Kurs, which can be purchased exclusively in the ASI Museum Store.

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Introduction to the History of Sweden with Gregg White
6 Wednesdays beginning July 15, 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Learn the story of the people and events that led to modern Sweden’s unique political and economic systems and what makes Sweden among the most innovative and entrepreneurial countries in the world today. Handouts and course materials will be provided in this class.

$110 ASI members / $120 non-members

How Do You Say Murder in Swedish with Liz Stopka and James Smrikarov
Wednesday, August 12, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
This Nordic Noir-themed class is a fun opportunity to brush up on your Swedish language skills (and learn some new vocabulary) before fall begins. Participants will work together to solve a mystery in a language-learning game developed by James Smrikarov (who was inspired to create it after taking an introduction to Swedish course at ASI). This class is suitable for novice to intermediate Swedish learners.

$20 ASI members / $25 non-members

Read Swedish Through Song with Jean Hanslin
4 Thursdays beginning June 4, 4:30 – 6:40 p.m. & 4 Tuesdays beginning July 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
The Swedish language has a natural musical quality, and this class combines Swedish lyrics and grammar with melodic lines in an attempt to increase comprehension and retention. Both traditional and contemporary songs are used. Some knowledge of Swedish is helpful.

$30 ASI members / $60 non-members

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Start Reading Swedish: Svenska hjältinnor with Liz Stopka
4 Thursdays beginning June 4, 4:30 – 6:40 p.m. & 4 Tuesdays beginning July 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Read short texts in Swedish about Swedish women heroes – such as Hilma af Klint, Elfie Ebeling, Karin Boye and more – and explore their works through class activities. Learn some Swedish history and pick up new vocabulary and cultural information while improving your reading skills. This class is suitable for students with at least one year of Swedish language study. Take the June class, the July class or both! Each class will feature different Swedish women heroes.

$50 ASI members / $60 non-members

Short Stories for Students, Intermediate & Advanced with Ingela Haaland
4 Thursdays beginning August 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Intermediate), noon – 1:30 p.m. (Advanced)
Join us for a series of four short story classes. This Intermediate class is for Swedish language learners who speak, write and read enough Swedish to carry on a simple conversation about a text. We will read one (very) short story in Swedish per week and discuss it together using activities and a little English where needed! The Advanced class is for Swedish language learners who have completed Rivstart A1+2 or literature class level students. We will read one (longer) short story per week and discuss it together in Swedish.

$50 ASI members / $60 non-members

Finnish

Finnish Literature Class with Joonas Sundström
This class meets for 9 Mondays from 6 – 7:30 p.m., beginning June 1
Read the abridged Finnish novel, Punainen Kuin Veri by Salla Simukka. Book cost ($30) is included in course fees.

$145 ASI members / $155 non-members

Review

Essing Back Into Swedish with Gregg White
5 Tuesdays beginning August 11, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
This class is designed to help continuing students get back into the groove of learning Swedish prior to the beginning of ASI’s Fall Term. Get reacquainted with the basics of Swedish grammar and conversation by reading and discussing texts and then doing corresponding exercises. The book used is Learn Swedish - Swedish Reader for Beginners (Hildeman & Bette, Stockholm University), which is available online.

$75 ASI members / $85 non-members

Rivstart Review Courses 1 & 2 with Ingela Haaland
4 Tuesdays beginning August 18, 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. (Course 1), 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. (Course 2)
The Rivstart Review Courses are designed to reinforce and reinforce areas of study in which you feel rusty or uncertain. Rivstart Review II will focus on the first half of the book (chapters 1-10). Rivstart Review II will focus on the second half of the book (chapters 11-20).

$50 ASI members / $60 non-members

SAVE THE DATE! ASI Language Program Fall Kick-off Fika
Wednesday, September 2nd, 5:30-8pm
Save the date for the ASI Language Program Fall Kick-Off Fika!

Culture

Nordic Book Chat with Jean Hanslin
Sunday, June 7, 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Join ASI’s book chat to discuss our picks of Nordic novels. In June we will read The Girl who Lived Twice by David Lagercrantz.

$15 ASI members / $18 non-members

Learn Swedish Through Song with Jean Hanslin
4 Wednesdays beginning July 8, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
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Public Programs and Events

Summer Lawn Parties
Tuesday, June 9, 6 – 9 p.m.
Tuesday, August 11, 6 – 9 p.m.
The Summer Lawn Parties are back at ASI! Join us for some after-hours fun on the lawn of the Turnblad Mansion this summer with lively music, games, craft, and themed cocktails and bites from Fika. Bring a special someone or the whole family! There will be fun had by everyone with activities themed to the current exhibit. The June Lawn Party will feature music from Copper Street Brass, and the August party will welcome back the SkolCzech Band.
$15 non-member, $10 member, $3 Child (under 12)

Midsommar Celebration
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Summer is short! So get outside and enjoy ASI’s Midsommar Celebration, where anyone can be Swedish for a day! - no Nordic heritage required. Whether you’re a festival regular, or just curious what the holiday is all about, there is something for everyone. Make sure to make a flower head-wreath and then prepare to dance and sing around the Midsommar pole.
*Note: Midsommar happens every year on the 3rd Saturday in June. This festival affects the normal hours of Ficka, the museum, and the ASI Store. Mediterranean passes accepted. ASI Museum Store and Fika hours will be the same as festival hours.

The Road Goes Ever On — Cantus Concert
Thursday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.
Take a journey with Cantus into the land of fantasy and magic. Continuing Cantus’ tradition of highlighting solo voices and duets, Swarowski draws on the work of composers who explore the miraculous and imaginary. This program centers on Donald Swann’s song cycle The Road Goes Ever On, settings of texts by J.R.R. Tolkien from his monumental work. The Lord of the Rings and other writings about Middle-earth universe. Tickets include museum admission. Adults $22 / Students $10 (with valid ID). Tickets now on sale: (612) 435-0055 or cantussings.org

Kräftskiva — Crayfish Party
Friday, August 28, doors open for cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.
Registration for this program opens on March 30. Experience a Swedish summer tradition at ASI’s renowned Crayfish Party. Once reserved for the Swedish aristocracy, this national delicacy is now celebrated by anyone looking to enjoy a summer night. The magical evening in ASI’s outdoor courtyard (weather permitting) features lanterns, party hats and, of course, plenty of crayfish steeped in crown dill brine served with good bread, strong cheese and shot of aquavit. Our hosts will show you how to eat the crayfish and lead drinking songs. Grab a bib and skål! Please drink responsibly, and plan for a safe journey home.
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Friday, August 28, 6 p.m.
New to kräftskiva / crayfish or need a refresher? Come to a crash course before the dinner to prepare for the party. You’ll learn popular Swedish drinking songs, an essential element to the kräftskiva, so you’ll be prepared to sing in style at the festival later that evening!
$10. Registration is due by August 14.

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
Registrants will be contacted directly and receive a full refund if ASI cancels a program for any reason. Refunds are typically not available for cancellations made within seven days of a program, but due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, our typical cancellation policy may be waived. Read more on our website.
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.
Wednesday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday noon–5 p.m.

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.)

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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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