

RESERVATION FOR APRIL

Anneliese's, Friday, April 22, 2011.

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Upcoming Meetings

April— Nominating Committee to be formed for May's elections.

May— tentatively May 15 for Sunday Spring Brunch. Program to be announced later. May is the month we have elections to our Board, as our fiscal year goes from July through June.

June— Midsommar Fest. We will celebrate Midsommar on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 4 pm.

List of our meetings, activities and references:
<http://home.roadrunner.com/~krisjohnson/ScandinavianClub/ScandinavianClub.htm>



Malmö braces for Scandinavia's largest shopping mall

by Karen Holst at The Local

A mall billed as one of Europe's most spectacular shopping centers is under construction in Malmö, Sweden, but questions remain as to whether the city can handle the massive expansion in retail space.

Slated to open October, 2012, Emporia — a gigantic three-story shopping center that is more than three times the size of neighboring Malmö Arena — has been coined as Europe's most spectacular and Scandinavia's largest shopping center, and promises to deliver a shopping experience well-beyond the normal.

The glamorous exterior flaunts two stunning and colorful main entrances made entirely of curved glass. One grand entrance is inspired by the semi-precious Amber stone and will be orange glass; the other influenced by the near-by sea and offering a mix of blues. Inside, visitors will discover at least 200 stores, more than 20 restaurants and cafes, a rooftop park, two indoor playgrounds, several family rooms and plenty of lounge areas.

The inside world of Emporia unfolds

into three levels, composed of shopping corridors and anchored by six distinct, open squares taken from the piazza concept of Rome's bustling streets. Each square offers a separate lounging experience and a unique, open area where elevators and escalators can be used when traversing the mall.

The roof struts another spectacular yet sustainable environment that will be converted entirely into green space, about the size of four football fields, with limited access via walkways for visitors to enjoy the view of Malmö and the sea.

Emporia is housed in Hyllie, an emerging district just southeast of Malmö that promises to extend the feel of the city's reach, and is part of the area's new urban development plan, which is second only to Västra Hamnen in terms of sheer size and expenditure. The plans include Malmö Arena, Emporia and a new train station, as well as at least 7,000 new homes, 7,000 new jobs, hotels and offices.

—Read entire article at The Local at www.thelocal.se/32910/20110330/

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New Swedish Banknotes

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Sweden's Riksbank has announced the new faces to adorn the country's new currency — including a celebrated film director, a former UN secretary-general and a children's author — which will be phased-in beginning in 2014/2015.

Swedish film director Ingmar Bergman landed the honor of adorning the new 200 kronor note, while the favorite children's author Astrid Lindgren will be the new face on the 20 kronor note, replacing the popular Selma Lagerlöf.

Former United Nations secretary-general Dag Hammarskjöld will be featured on the 1,000 kronor note, opera singer Birgit Nilsson on the 500 kronor, film star Greta Garbo on the 100 kronor, and musician Evert Taube on the 50 kronor note.

"The General Council has chosen people who have made positive and important cultural impressions during the 1900s. We believe that the new designs reflect Swedish heritage and different parts of Sweden in a positive and representative way," said Johan Gernandt and Leif Pagrotsky, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the General Council in a statement.

The faces of the various personalities will be embellished by landscape designs from their respective regions:

- **Dag Hammarskjöld** (1000 kronor) served as head of the UN from 1953 until his death in 1961, is connected with Lapland in the far north of Sweden.

- **Birgit Nilsson** (500 kronor) a celebrated dramatic soprano, who died in 2005, was connected to Skåne in the far south of Sweden.

- **Ingmar Bergman** (new 200 kronor note) is known for a vast body of work often dealing with bleakness and despair, and who died in July 2007, was closely associated with the Baltic island of Gotland.

- **Greta Garbo** (100 kronor) was a major movie star in Hollywood's Golden Age. She died in 1990 and is buried in Stockholm, the city in which she grew up as **Greta Lovisa Gustafsson**.

- **Evert Taube** (50 kronor) is best known for his folk songs and is one of Sweden's most widely respected musicians. While he grew up in Västergötland in western Sweden, he is closely associated with Bohuslän, further up the coast.

- **Astrid Lindgren** (20 kronor) best known internationally for her character Pippi Longstocking, is meanwhile closely associated with Småland in southern Sweden.

Walking on Ice

REYKJAVIC, Iceland — Reykjavík city council has promised to close off a number of downtown streets from car traffic, as they want to make the city more friendly to pedestrians and encourage businesses to hold outdoor events as the weather gets nicer. Construction is already underway and the project is expected to be completed by May at the very latest.

—by Paul Nikolov at www.grapevine.is