



THE  
**SCANDINAVIAN**  
CLUB of TOLEDO



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends / Kära Vänner!

April is a transition month, serving up rain to provide for sprouting flowers and farmers' fields, a cyclical process. Our Scandinavian Club of Toledo is heading toward the end of our fiscal year, our annual cycle, a time when we take care of the business of the organization, "we" being plural, and meaning all of us. Each year, we have the opportunity to think about who we would like to lead us, and who would like to serve. According to the Constitution of the Scandinavian Club of Toledo, "officers are elected by membership vote in May of each year and will serve for a term of one year. Their term shall begin in June." Would you like to join us on the board, perhaps as Member-At-Large, or in some other capacity?

As I recall, it was springtime, when I was ten or twelve years old, that my father gave me a pocket-knife for whittling. I wasn't very good at it, but it was fun. I actually cut my own leg, chopping down tall weeds in the field behind our house. My interest in carving came back when I visited a National Woodcarvers Museum, out West. There, were many, many pieces on exhibit that had been hand-carved by the artist. Some of you know that my friend, Bettye Jo Hansbarger, is active in the Black Swamp Woodcarvers group that meets weekly at the Common Space on Reynolds Road. In the March 2013 issue of *Carving* magazine, she found an article about the Swedish woodcarver, Axel Petersson. At the April meeting of the Scandinavian Club of Toledo, we will share that article and a little bit more about this man who served as inspiration for many other Scandinavian woodcarvers.

We hope to see you! / Hoppas vi ses!

Eva Slawson, President

## April

*Our April meeting will be held at  
**American Table**  
on Saturday, April 20th, at 5 p.m.*

**Reservations** :: Please contact Kris Johnson with your name and number attending at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com) so that the restaurant has an idea of how many of us will be there. Reservations should be in by Friday, April 19th.

**Location** :: We'll meet at **American Table**, a family restaurant in Perrysburg, in their meeting room. *Directions:* From the Rt. 25 exit of I-475 at Perrysburg, turn North towards Perrysburg. Turn Right at first stoplight intersection. Turn left at first drive into shopping center. Their red sign is clearly visible.

**Menu** :: We will be ordering individually off the menu.

**Program** :: Our program this month will be on Swedish woodcarver **Axel Petersson**. Our presenters will be our club president, **Eva Slawson**, and club member **Bettye Jo Hansbarger**, who is herself a passionate wood carver.

### Member News

At the upcoming **International Festival**, Club member **Chris Weisfelder** will be teaching people how to pronounce some of those "strange" words found in the Swedish crime novels that have become so popular.

Club member **Dr. Jan Wahl** will be introducing two classic movies at the BGSU Gish Theater: "*The Devil and Daniel Webster*" (1941) on April 14, and "*I Know Where I'm Going*" (1945) on April 21. Both are at 3pm and are free.



**The University of Toledo,  
Student Union Auditorium**

Admission: \$5 for advance sales, seniors (65+), and students with ID

Admission at door: \$7

Children under 10 free

The fourth annual Toledo Sister Cities **International Festival** will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2013, in the Student Union Auditorium at the University of Toledo (2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo 43606). A Parade of Nations will open the event at 12 Noon, and a full range of cultures and performances will be featured all afternoon until 8 PM

The event features ethnic food, dancing, music and other performances by participants celebrating cultures from around the world. The festival features local community groups, and a number of local ethnic restaurants will offer international fare. Vendors will be on hand to offer crafts and

other goods. There will be activities for children to enjoy, and beer from around the world for the adults.

This year, Scandinavian Club member **Christine (Johansson) Weisfelder** will lead a half-hour class on basic Swedish and and pronunciation of words found in **Swedish** crime novels, which have become so popular. This will be held in a nearby room to the Auditorium, in the Student Union at UT. The language in this room will change every half hour — **Chris's Swedish begins at 4:00 pm**, (but check the schedule when you get there to be sure as the time may change).