

In memory of
our initiators, founders and benefactors:
John & Karin Wennström, of New York
Göte Sundberg, Sea Captain, Honorary Chairman, of Mariehamn
Hjördis Sundblom, Honorary Member Nr 1, of both

We – here at the Åland Islands Emigrant Institute
wish to extend a most heartfelt invitation to here on the Åland Islands:

*come celebrate with us
our common roots:*

for the



100 years of Åland Islands Autonomy

– in the Middle of the Baltic –

15-20 August 2022

under the title



”Åland Calling: Come Home to Your Roots, Share and Connect With Us”

(with simultaneous translation Swedish – English - Swedish)

(If called for we reserve the right to make unexpected necessary changes in the program)

Monday, August 15:

Assembly: The Red Cross House, Västra Esplanadgatan 5, Mariehamn

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| 4 pm - 4.30 pm | Coffee and sandwich |
| 4.30 pm - 4.45 pm | Transportation to The Åland House of Government |
| 5.00-6.00 pm | Guided tour of The Government House and a Visit to the Provincial Archives of Åland |
| 6.00-6.15 pm | Transportation back to the Red Cross House |
| 6.30-7.00 pm | Welcome Greetings at the Red Cross House |
| 7.00 pm - 7.30 pm | How Åland Turned Autonomous: History |
| 7.30-8.00 pm | ... And Its Future |
| 8.00/8.15 pm | Welcome supper Åland style |
| | Bed time! |

Tuesday, August, 16:

Assembly: The Red Cross House, Västra Esplanadgatan 5, Mariehamn

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| 9.00 am-9.30 am | Language and Society: Heritage from the Swedish Era in Finland's and Åland's History |
| 9.30-10.00 am | Åland: From the 1800's Up To 1921. How It Was Then and Now |
| 10.00-10.30 am | Peasants, Crofters, and the Landless: The Rural Classes, Social and Economic Situation. |
| 10.30-11.00 am | Åland Collections in the SLS Archives (“the Swedish Literary Society of Finland”) |

11.00-11.15 am	Questions and Comments
11.15-11.45 am	Coffee Break
11.25 am-12.45 pm	My Family History 1-3
12.45-1.00 pm	Questions and Comments
1.00-2.00 pm	Lunch (& toilet visits)
2.00 pm	the bus has arrived and expects to depart 15 minutes later
2.45-4.00 pm	A Bus Tour to Kastelholm Castle (founded in the late 1300's), a Heritage from Our Swedish Era
4.00 pm	the bus is waiting for us and expects to depart 15 minutes later
4.30-5.00 pm	the Bomarsund Visitor Center
5.00 pm	the bus is waiting for us and expects to depart 15 minutes later
5.20-6.30 pm	A Visit to Fortress Bomarsund (founded in 1832), a Heritage from Our Russian Era
7.00 pm	Supper
8.30 pm	Home to Bed

Wednesday, August 17:

Assembly: The Red Cross House, Västra Esplanadgatan 5, Mariehamn

9.00 am-9.30 am	Emigration from Åland: East to the Russian Empire
9.30-10.00 am	Emigration from Åland: West to North America and the Flow into Sweden
10.00-10.30 am	Seafolk as Emigrants – Immigration South to Australia and New Zealand
10.30-11.00 am	Finland's Family History Association, A Presentation
11.00-11.15 am	Questions & Comments
11.15-11.45 am	Coffee Break
11.25 am-12.45 pm	My Family History, 4-6
12.45-1.00 pm	Questions & Comments
1.00-2.00	Lunch (& toilet visits)
Independent Afternoon: Shopping – Resting etc.	
5.30 pm	Please make ready for transportation to take you to Supper (at 6.15 pm)

Or:

2.00 pm	the bus has arrived and expects to depart 15 minutes later
2.30-3.30 pm	By Bus to the Pellas Shipmaster's Homestead with a bookstore and a Gallery upstairs featuring two exhibits
3.30 pm	the bus is waiting for us and expects to depart 15 minutes later
4.00-5.30 pm	Afternoon coffee at the Önningeby Art Museum and visit to the Sjöblom Emigrant- and Crofter's Museum
5.30 pm	the bus is waiting for us and expects to depart in 15 minutes
6.15 pm	Supper
About 8.00 pm	Transportation back to the hotels

Thursday, August 18:

Excursions to Places of the Hearths. By Private Cars In Search of Your Ancestors: Covering Parishes, Cemeteries, Villages, Åland Landscapes...

Previous Registration Obligatory!

9.00 am	Assembly at the Hotel Lobby & Departure by private cars to Individually Targeted Sites Based Upon Request
9.30/10 am - -1.00 pm	Visits to churches, graveyards and villages, stops for photographing
1.30-2.30 pm	Lunch at Restaurant <i>Soltuna</i> in Geta Parish
2.30 pm	to the cars & departure in 15 minutes
3.00-4.30 pm	Visit to the Åland's Museum of Photography, with Coffee Pause
4.30 pm	to the cars & departure in 15 minutes
5.15-6.30 pm	Visit to the Museum Collection of Traditional Åland Owners' Marks
6.30 pm	to the cars & departure in 15 minutes & Return to Mariehamn
7.30 pm	Supper at Hotel
About 8.30 pm	Transportation back to the hotels

Friday August, 19:

Assembly: The Red Cross House, Västra Esplanadgatan 5, Mariehamn

9.00-9.30 am	Family History Research: Covering the Åland Islands: How To Do It
9.30-10.00 am	Åland, Finnish and Scandinavian Databases
10.00-10.20 am	My Family History, 7
10.20-10.30 am	Questions & Comments
10.30-11.00 am	Time to Share your accumulated experiences here so far: what you gathered from yesterday's journeys: your highpoints, the lowpoints, your ahaas and disappointments
11.00-11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.10-11.30 am	My Family History, 8
11.30 am-12.30 pm	Time to Share your accumulated experiences here so far: ... (continued)
12.30-1.30 pm	Lunch (& toilet visits)
1.40-2.10 pm	Presentation of <i>The Society Åland of New York</i>
2.20 pm	the bus has arrived and expects to depart in 15-20 minutes
2.40-3.40 pm	Bus to Svinö Ferry Landing for Föglö Islands
3.40-4.10 pm	Short Ferry Ride to Föglö Islands
4.10 pm	boarding the bus at Föglö
4.30-5.00 pm	Short Bus Ride to Föglö Church
5.00 pm	the bus is waiting for us and expects to depart in 15 minutes
5.30 pm	Bus for a short view of the Norrgård Farm in Sonboda village
6.15-8.30 pm	Dinner served at Restaurant <i>Seagram</i> at Degerby, Föglö, with a presentation of <i>The Swedish Finn Historical Society</i> at Seattle, Washington, and its magazine <i>The Quarterly / Kusiner</i> between the courses
8.30 pm	the bus is waiting for us / or a short walk to the Degerby Ferry Landing
9.05-10.00 pm	Ferry and Bus back home

Saturday, August 20:

Assembly: The Red Cross House, Västra Esplanadgatan 5, Mariehamn

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| 10.30-11.00 am | Åland Seafaring, A Peek into the Past |
| 11.00-11.30 am | What the Seaman House and Ship Crew Records Reveal |
| 11.30 am-12.10 pm | Coffee and Sandwich |
| 11.40 am-12.00 pm | My Family History, 9 |
| 12.00-12.15 pm | Questions & Comments |
| 12.20-12.30 pm | Transportation to the Åland Maritime Museum |
| 12.45- 2.30 pm | Guided tour of the Åland Museum Ship <i>the Pommern</i> |
| 2.30-2.45 pm | Transportation from the Maritime Museum to the Park Bar |
| 3.00-5.00 pm | Closing Dinner at the Park Bar & Summary of Our Experience |
| | The End: Welcome back anytime! |
| | We long to see you soon again! |

Beyond the official program: - on offer, weather permitting

Sunday, August 21:

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| 12 noon-12.30 pm | Departure by small boat to Kobba Klintar, the Historic Pilot Station (founded in 1862) at the outer edge of the inlet to Mariehamn Harbor: for coffee and a sandwich to await the huge ferries from Stockholm and Åbo to pass – a fantastic sight never to be forgotten |
| by 3 pm | return & back in the Mariehamn Harbor |

In case of storm and / or rain:

We take a bus to the other old, land-locked Pilot House of Mariehamn to marvel at the very same from a different angle and have a meal elsewhere.