



Drott Lodge No. 168
Vasa Order of America
Washington, D.C.

**Drott Lodge Newsletter
November 2022**

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We're back – and we're bustling once again!

Programs - activities - bazaars - Lucia - Look out D.C.!

For those of our members that haven't joined in an in-person Lodge event this fall, this is your chance to get energized and join your friends in the festivities! Closing the chapter on the last few years, I was absolutely thrilled to be back together with Lodge members at October's meeting, singing our favorite songs, enjoying some homemade Lingonberry Cake with almond paste, learning a new craft, but mostly..... just enjoying being in the company of so many of you that I've missed seeing in person.



While we are still tweaking a few activities (based on what will work best, can be successful, fun, and well attended), it's an absolute joy to report Drott will participate in the holiday merriment! It's all starting to come together – and we want to be sure you all can join in this year's festivities with us!

- Genealogy Workshop (12 November)
- Swedish & Icelandic Christmas Bazaar (12 November)
- St. Lucia – Joint Drott Lodge & ASA Program (10 December)

Welcoming children, tomtes, and Lucia attendants to participate
Holiday mini bazaar with baked goods
Dancing around the Christmas tree

Join me for this resurgence of Drott's participation in Scandinavian favorites & holiday festivities in the DC area.

In Truth & Unity,

Julie Lynn Olson
Past Chairman
Drott Lodge #168

Saturday November 12, 2022
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Virtual Swedish Genealogy Conference



It's not too late to sign up for the Virtual Swedish Genealogy Conference hosted by Vasa Drott Lodge #168 on **Saturday, November 12, 2022**. You have until 8 PM EST on Thursday November 10, 2022 to sign up.

Our presenters are all experts in the field of Swedish genealogy:

Kathy Cuff

Archivist-Manager for the Vasa Order of America National Archive and Museum in Bishop Hill, IL. She will discuss VASA Archives: Records and Sources in Bishop Hill.

Kathy Meade

The North American representative for Arkiv Digital AD AB. She will present Researching in the Swedish Church Books Using Arkiv Digital.

Geoff Fröberg Morris

Author of the book, A Practical Guide to Swedish Church Records for Genealogy and Family History. He will answer the 5 research questions of What, Who, When, Where, and How to use estate inventories (Bouppteckning) effectively.

Bob Johnson

A professional genealogist who has recently participated in the writing of Genealogy at a Glance: Swedish Genealogy Research and Husförhörslängder, Swedish Household Examination Records: Framing the Solutions to Your Swedish Ancestry Puzzles. He will discuss Swedish Maps for Genealogical Research, an introduction to digitized historic map collections and property descriptions covering most farms

and villages from the 1600s to the 1900s available at the Swedish National Archives (Riksarkivet) and the Swedish Land Registry (Lantmäteriet).

With a grant from the Grand Lodge, Drott is opening registration up to All Vasa Order of America Members in Good Standing for the price of \$ 35.00.

Registration Information:

Vasa Members \$35.00

General Public \$50.00

**Please sign up here
by Thursday November 10, 2022 at 8PM EST:**

<http://www.memberplanet.com/events/vasadrottlodge168/swedishgenealogyconference>

**More information about the program and the speakers:
[Genealogy Conference.pdf](#)**

**Saturday November 12, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Christmas Bazaar
American Legion
3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA**

Drott Lodge is joining the Icelandic Christmas Bazaar this year. We will be selling imported gifts on Nov 12, 2022. Doors open at 10 am. If you are not busy with the Genealogy conference, please stop by and do your Christmas shopping early.

We are also looking for people to help out at our tables. Please contact Karin at **pk_weeden@msn** if you can help out.



Icelandic and Swedish Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday November 12th
10am-3pm
American Legion Post 177
3939 Oak St. Fairfax, VA**

**We are excited to have the Swedish
Drott Lodge join us.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Do your Christmas shopping with us. We
have a great selection of unique
handcrafted items. Enjoy our famous
Icelandic hotdogs, smurbrauð (open
faced sandwiches) and Icelandic
pönnukökur (crepe) with whipped cream**

Hosted by the Icelandic Association of Washington D.C.

DECEMBER EVENT - Save the Date!



**Saturday December 10, 2022
4:30 pm - 7 PM
Lucia and Julfest Celebration
Drott Lodge and ASA**

Scandinavian Lucia Celebration, dance around the tree, and Fika, Saturday
December 10, 2022, 4:30pm-7pm, St. John's Episcopal Church, Bethesda, MD.

Kerstin Hendrikson will lead the Swedish Lucia and dance around the tree.

Children (both girls and boys) from Drott Lodge and ASA are very welcome to join the Lucia processional- please contact Karin Weeden at pk_weeden@msn.com for details and to provide rough measurements for robes.

For specifics and to purchase tickets to this event, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scandinavian-lucia-celebration-tickets-454230524727?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

St. John's Episcopal Church is located in Bethesda, at the corner of Wisconsin Ave and Bradley Lane.

Volunteers needed for decorating the tree and the hall and selling at the Drott Lodge tables. Please contact us at pk_weeden@msn.com if you can help out.

Other Scandinavian Events in Our Area

The Nordic Dancers

The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC, meet regularly on Wednesdays through May 24. Come and learn traditional dances of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and Norway. Music is provided by fiddler, Paul Carlson. Newcomers are welcome. Proof of vaccination and good-quality masks are required. For more information, visit their website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>

You can also contact them at 301-864-1596 or send a message to NordicDancers@aol.com.

Genealogy Meeting November 2022

The Swedish Genealogy Group of MD, DC, and VA will meet on Sunday November 6th at 1:30pm, both in person and via Zoom. We will help attendees break through brick walls in their genealogical research. If you wish to attend, please email JanetJohnson30254@gmail.com to receive the meeting link or request directions to attend in person.

Past Event Scandinavian Crafts October 16, 2022

We had lots of fun painting or stitching our tomte and Dala horse creations. It takes a lot of patience to finish a project, but it was well worth it.

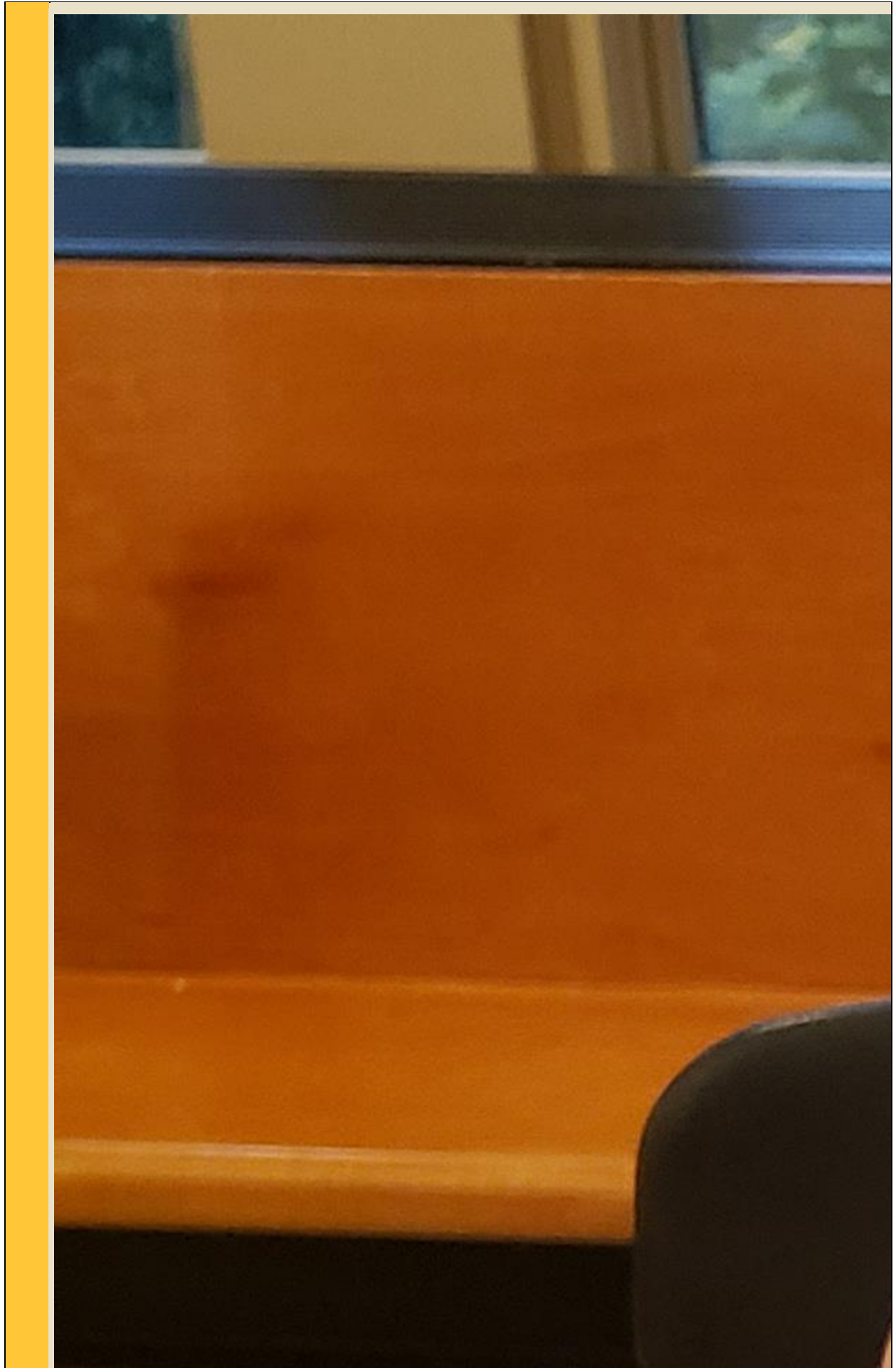
Thank you to instructors Ashley Mullinax, Janet Johnson and Kris Leedom for a wonderful afternoon of crafts, and to all the members of the cultural committee who spent time over the summer preparing all the kits for this event.

A huge thank you to all who brought goodies for the fika table.

There will be more kits available for sale at the bazaar events Nov 12 and Dec 10 (unless we run out).









Cardmaking Group

Kris Leedom, Allison Bennett, Karin Weeden and Janet Johnson met up at Janet Johnson's house to make Christmas cards. Some of the cards have been beautifully painted with watercolors by Allison. The cards will be for sale at the bazaar events and at Lucia.

Here are some sample cards and some photos from the event:





In Memoriam

Glenna Langley



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of longtime Drott Lodge member Glenna Thoreen Langley. She passed away on July 2, 2022, at the age of 84. Glenna joined VASA Drott Lodge #168 in 1986 and valued her membership to Drott Lodge and her many friendships. She is survived by her daughter Dancia M. Langley Langebeck, also a longtime Drott member.

Swedish Pumpkin Pie

Maybe baking isn't your thing or maybe you always wanted to make a pumpkin pie from scratch. You don't know where to start and you're not sure you have all the tools needed. Well, here is a video of the Swedish Chef from the Muppet Show showing you how it's done! Watch it, you will not be disappointed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue0ntfkknUM>

Unpaid Membership Fees for 2022

Regular annual membership fees due are \$50.00

Life Members and Youth Members still at \$25.75.

Please go to MemberPlanet and make your credit card payment.

You can also send in a check. Please contact Carol Whitley
at carol4600@verizon.net.

Keep Your Memberplanet Account Up to Date

It is important that you update MemberPlanet if you have new contact information, such as if you have moved or have a new phone number.

Newsletter Deadline November 25

The next newsletter will be distributed in December. Do you have something you want to share with us? Did you go on a trip? Please send in your story and a picture or two.

All submissions are due to pk_weeden@msn.com by **November 25, 2022**. Please make sure to include the word **NEWSLETTER** in the subject.

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