

BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



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SPECIAL SCHEDULES

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday, March 30 -
Sunday, April 1 CLOSED
Monday, April 2
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

EXAM WEEK

Thu, May 17 7:30 am -10 pm
Fri, May 18 7:30 am -5 pm
Sat, May 19 10 am -2 pm
Sun, May 20 7 pm -10 pm
Mon, May 21— Thu, May 24
7:30 am -10 pm
Fri, May 25 7:30 am -5 pm

COMMENCEMENT AND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Sat, May 26 -Mon, MAY 28
CLOSED
Tue, May 29
SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

SUMMER HOURS

Mon-Fri 9 am -1 pm
CLOSED EVENINGS
AND WEEKENDS

Tue, June 19 CLOSED
Wed, July 4 CLOSED

**College Grounds Café and
the College Bookstore will be
closed for the summer.**

30th Anniversary of Queen Silvia of Sweden's Visit

Thirty years ago, on April 13, 1988, Queen Silvia of Sweden visited Bryn Athyn. Two years earlier, Carroll Odhner's husband, Rev. Dr. J. Durban Odhner, had been the keynote speaker on Swedenborg's birthday at the Swedish House of Nobles in Stockholm.

At the banquet, Dr. and Mrs. Odhner were sitting with Lars Bergquist, a prominent Swedish diplomat and member of the Scandinavian Swedenborg Society. The discussion turned to a trip to America that the King and Queen were planning to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the establishment of New Sweden, a colony founded in the area now known as Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. Odhner wondered if it might be possible for them to

visit Bryn Athyn at the same time, to dedicate the new Swedenborg Library building. Mr. Bergquist thought it was a great idea and proceeded to show Dr. Odhner how to write an official letter to the Royal Court. The surprising reply stated that the Queen had accepted the invitation! After two years of extensive preparations, the Queen arrived in Bryn Athyn.

After leaving the helicopter which had carried her to the College campus, Queen Silvia and her entourage made their way through the enthusiastic crowd which had gathered to catch a glimpse of her. She proceeded into the Library and down to the Swedenborgiana & Archives Reading Room, which was full of fortunate people who had received personal

invitations to the event. After an official welcome by representatives of the General Church, Academy of the New Church, and Bryn Athyn Borough, Queen Silvia unveiled a plaque and proclaimed, "I inaugurate this library in memory of the contribution to mankind by Emanuel Swedenborg, a great son of Sweden."

After the Library visit, Bishop and Mrs. Louis King walked with the Queen to Bryn Athyn Cathedral for a quick tour and then on to Glencairn Museum to see the building and have a chance to meet some members of the community.

From there, Queen Silvia returned to her helicopter waiting on the Glencairn lawn to carry her back to join her husband, King Carl XVI Gustaf, for a gala affair in Wilmington, Delaware.

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Photos from our archives.

Carroll's Corner: Swedenborgiana

This past month, Carroll was pleased to have the opportunity to present an overview with slides of our special collections on Tuesday, February 13 at Cairnwood Village. Marvin Clymer helped prepare the images of our treasures. Carroll gave examples of the research questions that frequently come to her from all over the world.

The New Church Special Collections in Bryn Athyn College's Swedenborg Library provide the very foundations on which the New Church is based. The library is home to the largest collection in the world of books, documents, and images relating to the New Church, and is composed of Swedenborgiana, New Church Literature, and the Archives.

The Swedenborgiana collection contains copies of Emanuel Swedenborg's

original manuscripts, first and all subsequent editions of Swedenborg's theological writings, and more. The New Church Literature collection documents the church that grew based on these theological writings with New Church books, journals, newsletters, pamphlets, liturgies, and hymnals. Finally, the Archives offer a personal perspective, with photographs, letters, and documents related to the history of the New Church, the General Church, Bryn Athyn College, the Academy of the New Church, and the Bryn Athyn Church and community.

These collections are the world's primary repository for New Church thought and history and serve as a critical resource for New Church education. They fulfill a purpose explicitly stated in the Academy of the New Church Charter for "establishing a library." They

also serve a critical use in the academic research of scholars in Bryn Athyn and around the world. Requests for research in 2017 alone have originated from Sweden, France, Ukraine, Italy, United Kingdom, and Canada, as well as across the U.S.

Staff members preserve and maintain the collections, and process, catalog, and store incoming material. They also work diligently to digitize the collections, making the information easy to search, share, and preserve. Their work is critical in not only saving these works for the future, but also enabling them to be shared and utilized, spreading the work of Emanuel Swedenborg farther and faster than ever before.

*Carroll Odhner
Director of Swedenborgiana
and New Church Research*



Stained glass portrait of Emanuel Swedenborg hanging in the Swedenborgiana Reading Room of the library.

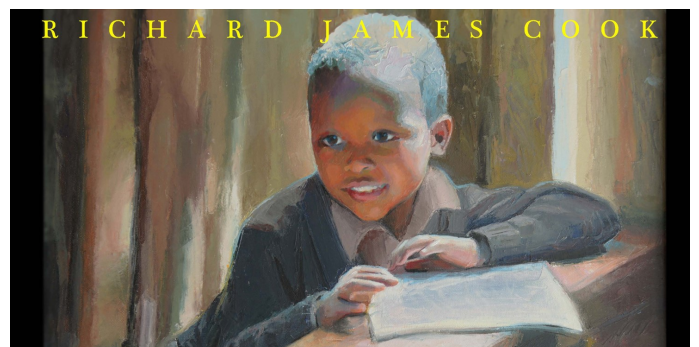
Art Exhibit: Richard Cook

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to announce the opening of their Spring Term art exhibit, featuring the work of local artist, Richard Cook.

The exhibit: "A Journey Through Art to Find the

Spirit" will open on Sunday, April 8 from 4 pm until 6 pm, with a reception and talk by the artist. Cook's works will be on view through the end of May.

All are invited to attend.



Name our Art Gallery Contest

Along with some exciting changes to how we organize our fiction collection, and how we will use the browsery space, we are delighted with the newly installed hanging system in our Art Gallery hallway. In fact, we are so delighted that we've decided to give it a new name, and we need your help!

We are running a contest, and invite your suggestions to be put into the box on the bookshelf near the café. The winning name will be chosen by the president of the Friends of the Swedenborg Library. The winning entry will receive a pizza from Seasons Pizza!



Images from the recent art exhibit of watercolors by Peggy Merrell.

Muddy Shoes Garden Club

We are thrilled to welcome the Muddy Shoes (formerly Horsham) Garden Club to the library.

The club has been meeting for over ten years in another location. They often host expert gardeners speaking on current topics.

If you want to see what the group has to offer, upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 19, and Monday, April 2, at 7 pm in the Friends Room.



FOSL Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm in the Friends Room of the Library. The Rev. Dr. Ray Silverman and Star Silverman gave a fascinating talk about their new book tied to their popular course on the Ten Commandments: "Rise Above It: Spiritual Development for College Students."

In the business portion of the meeting, members elected Suzy Laidlaw as President of FOSL. She is delighted to serve in this position, and has many exciting ideas for the coming year!

Rosanne Bostock, the current Treasurer, was re-elected for an additional term.

Changes coming to our Fiction Collection and the Browsery

We have been taking a good look at our current collection in fiction, and are refining and updating our offerings to better serve our college students, faculty, staff, and local community. We've decided to move some of our more classic titles into the literature

section [P] in the Library of Congress collection. We are also relocating "leisure reading" titles into the former Browsery space, where people can quickly grab a book on their way to and from the café and bookstore. The new collection is called

"Mostly Fiction" and will include both fiction and non-fiction items. You will be able to check out books from Mostly Fiction for an entire academic year! We are hoping this change will result in more current and popular titles circulating as folks find time to relax on

weekends and breaks.

Please stop by soon and find something fun to read! If you have questions, just ask!



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Swedenborg Library Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide materials, information, and services to support the academic programs of Bryn Athyn College; and to acquire, preserve, and promote New Church collections and archives for use throughout the world.



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