

# BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed, Dec 20  
7:30 am - 5 pm  
Thu, Dec 21 - Tue, Jan 2, 2018  
CLOSED  
Wed, Jan 3  
RESUME REGULAR HOURS  
Mon, Jan 15 MLK Day  
CLOSED

### EXAM WEEK

Mon, Feb 19- Wed, Feb 21  
7:30 am - 10 pm  
Thu, Feb 22  
7:30 am—5 pm

### SPRING BREAK

Sat-Sun, Feb 24-25  
CLOSED  
Mon, Feb 26 - Fri, Mar 2  
9 am - 1 pm  
Sat, Mar 3- Sun, Mar 4  
CLOSED  
Mon, Mar 5- Tue, Mar 6  
9 am - 1 pm  
Wed, Mar 7  
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

<http://www.brynathyn.edu/academics/swedenborg-library>

## The Swedenborg Bust

We recently moved the Swedenborg Bust to a prominent spot near the main entrance to the library, in order to shine the light on this special piece. We've also updated our brochure outlining its history as well. Brochures are available at the entrance. Here is a brief overview, taken from the brochure:

"This bust of Emanuel Swedenborg was created by Vilhelm Hultkrantz in 1909 based on various portraits and what was believed to be his cranium (skull). One bust was presented by the Anatomical Institute of Upsala, Sweden, to the

Swedenborg Society in London in honor of its Centennial in 1910 and is still there. Our copy on display here was given by the artist to Alfred Stroh in Sweden about the same time in recognition of Mr. Stroh's work on the preservation of Swedenborg's manuscripts. After his death, Stroh's widow Signe gave this bust to Rev. Erik Sandstrom and Mrs. Sandstrom who was Alfred Stroh's niece. It held pride of place in the Sandstrom homes of Sweden, England and the U.S. until 1978 when they gave it as a token of friendship to the New Church Society in Washington, D.C. In 1997 it

was brought to the Glencairn Museum where it was prepared for its present display as part of Swedenborgiana in the Swedenborg Library. It is on loan from the Washington Society."

*Dr. Erik E. Sandstrom, Curator, Swedenborgiana, June 2006.  
Revised September 2017;  
Text by Mary Sandstrom Cooper*



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## Christmas Greetings

The "Bright and Morning Star" is the Lord Himself  
who was born into the world.  
He was the Light, and will come with new light."  
- Apocalypse Revealed 932

*The Staff and Volunteers of the Swedenborg Library  
wish you a joyous Christmas,  
and a peaceful, hopeful New Year.*



## Carroll's Corner: Swedenborgiana

This October we had two special visitors to Swedenborgiana. On Sunday, October 8, Göran Winqvist, a descendant of Swedenborg's younger brother Jesper, came to Bryn Athyn for the morning service at the cathedral and to visit the Swedenborg Library and its special collection of Swedenborgiana. We were fortunate to have Julia Schmucker arrange all the details for his stay in Bryn Athyn including a lunch in the library. She and Michelle Rose helped with his transportation, picking him up at the train and driving him back to Philadelphia after his stay. Göran and his friend Maria, were very interested in the Swedenborg Library and especially the special collections. They were amazed when I showed them the extent of our collections and

Swedenborg's own personal copy of *True Christian Religion*, among other treasures. We were pleased that Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rose could join us for the lunch and tour of Swedenborgiana and contribute to the lively discussion of Swedenborg's works and family connections. Göran gave a commemorative coin for the Swedenborgiana collection. The coin shows Swedenborg's bust on one side and his summer house on the verso. It was engraved by Swedish artist Lea Ahlborn and was part of the celebration of moving Swedenborg's summer house (Lusthuset) from his Hornsgatan property to the new public park of Skansen in 1896.

On Charter Day afternoon, we had another visitor to Swedenborgiana. For several months, I had been assisting a graduate student

from Duke University, Bryce Gessell, with research on Swedenborg's work on the brain. Bryce was eager to see the photostats of Swedenborg's hand-written Latin codices on the brain and the cerebrum. Fortunately, he was coming to the area to present at a conference at Lehigh University. We arranged for him to spend the afternoon before returning to North Carolina. During his visit, he was able to mark all the passages which he wanted for his research and we are currently in the process of scanning them for him.

While he was here, we were joined briefly by President Brian Blair, who wanted to meet and welcome him to the campus. Bryce also met Dan Synnesvedt and

Marcy Latta, who came by the library to meet him. Bryce is working on research in the history of the philosophy of neuroscience and kept running into Swedenborg's name. We look forward to future visits as his research interests in Swedenborg progress.

*Carroll Odhner*  
Director of Swedenborgiana  
and New Church Research



*Photos by Julia Schmucker  
and Marvin Clymer.*

## English students visit rare books

We were delighted to welcome Dr. Kristin King's English 220 class on their visit this fall. They came to see the books in Swedenborgiana, and the rare book collections that cover English literature and language circa 1600 - 1900.

Carroll Odhner put on the white gloves and pulled out some of our treasures. Everyone was fascinated!



Photos by Marvin Clymer.



## Art exhibit: Peggy Merrell

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to announce a new exhibit featuring paintings by Peggy Merrell.



The opening reception will be Sunday, December 3, from 4pm—6pm with a talk by the artist. All are invited!

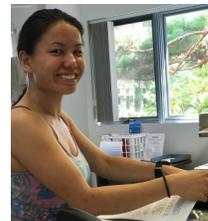
## Save the date: FOSL annual meeting

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm in the Friends Room of the Library. After a brief business meeting, the Rev. Dr. Ray Silverman and Star Silverman will talk about their new book related to their popular course on the Ten Commandments.

The Friends' Board officers

who are up for election are President and Treasurer. Rosanne Bostock, our current treasurer, has offered to run again, but we are seeking a new president as our current president, Don Fitzpatrick who has given yeoman's service, will be resigning. Please plan to attend this interesting and important meeting.

## In our Instagram Feed...



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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.*



#### **REGULAR HOURS**

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am - 10 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am—2 pm
Sunday	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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