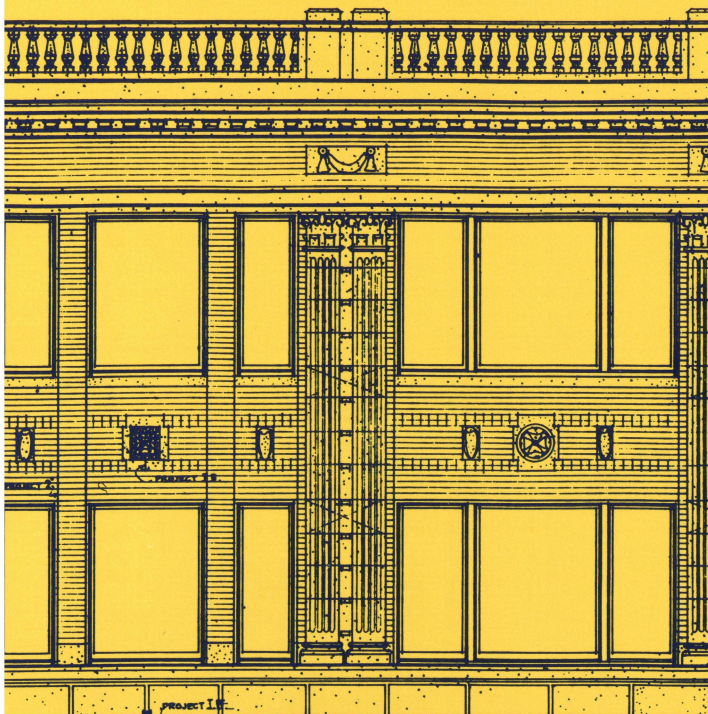




Swedish American
Museum Center



*An educational activity center
for interpretation of Swedish-
American history and culture*

About the Museum Center

The Swedish American Museum Center is governed by the Swedish American Museum Association, a private non-profit organization that is supported by individual members, organizations, grants and gifts. It is the mission of the organization to preserve the rich Swedish heritage by collecting, interpreting and displaying Swedish American history and culture in a visual manner.



The Museum Center is located in Andersonville, a traditionally Swedish area of Chicago's north side.

The 24,000 square foot Center houses a museum with permanent exhibits, galleries for temporary shows, a museum store, Swedish library, and meeting and workshop areas, as well as the headquarters of the governing association.

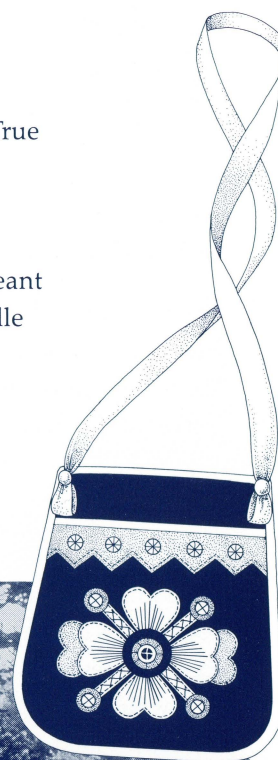
The entire Andersonville community celebrates all of the Swedish holidays. Merchants and residents turn out for Midsummer, Leif Erickson Day, Lucia and Christmas. Tourists visit the area to sample Swedish food, buy gifts, and visit the Museum Center.

Education and Public Programs

Genealogy, arts and crafts, Swedish language classes, tours, lectures, concerts, as well as outreach programs for senior citizens, children, and the handicapped are conducted by the Museum Center. Special programs can be arranged for school children or tour groups by contacting the Museum Center during regular hours, Monday through Friday.

Examples of programs and celebrations planned through 1990:

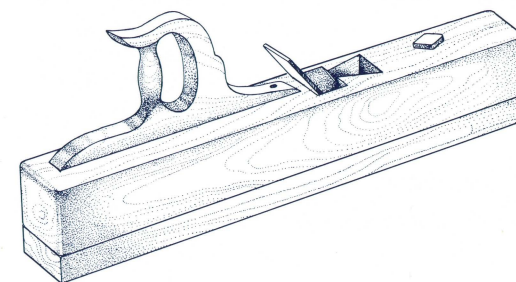
- Viking History Week
- Nobel Laureate Week
- Swedish Fairy Tales Come True
- Song Fests
- Harvest-time Celebrations
- Basketmaking
- Lucia, Queen of Lights Pageant
- Midsummer in Andersonville
- Leif Erickson Day and other festivals



Volunteer Involvement

Volunteers are a vital part of the organization. They serve as docents and helpers in the Museum store, classrooms, workshops, library and office.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Museum Center. New volunteers are always needed and welcome.



Use of Facility

The Museum Center can be used by organizations that wish to hold meetings or special programs. For details and schedules of events, call the Executive Director at 728-8111.

Membership

Individuals, couples, families, organizations, and companies can be members of the Museum Center. Fees are nominal and membership is renewable every 12 months from the application date. Special discounts on membership are given to senior citizens.

Benefits of membership include free general admission to the museum; discounts on special programs and on purchases at the Museum Store, and For-Members-Only openings to special exhibits and shows.