

September 2021

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Meeting 6:30 p.m: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church | 9440 Balboa Blvd | Northridge, CA 91325
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GVL Happenings



WELCOME BACK!

We will once again be back at Prince of Peace Church in Northridge for our September 9, 2021 Golden Valley Lodge meeting. We look forward to greeting each other. Please bring a mask. We won't wear one eating. HAHAHA Let's keep our spirits high and all try to be at the meeting with

smiling faces. We are grateful that we can meet again.

There will not be a November 11th GVL meeting because we will be having our 75th Anniversary banquet on the weekend. Any needed business will be taken care of at that time.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Vasa Park Marknad celebration on October 3rd beginning at 9am.

A special thank you to Mona, Andrea, Birgitta, Britt Marie, and Lilian for our meeting dinner.

In Truth and Unity,
Andrea Tabanelli,
Vice Chair
(Delphine Trowbridge, Chair, is on vacation traveling)

Happy September Birthday!

Sylva Pitters	1
Stefanie MacDonald	2
Dawn Mathews	7
Kevin Dewey	11
Cecilia Elisabeth Danhi	12
Jason Blohm	19
Birgetta Glad	26
Annika Buck	28

2021 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

- Chair:** Delphine Trowbridge
- Vice Chair:** Andrea Tabanelli
- Past Chair:** Maidie Karling
- Corresponding Secretary:** Dorothy Burns
- Assistant Secretary:** Mona Steffen
- Financial Secretary:** Ann-Kristin Karling
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 - Trustee 2 years** Maria Jacobs
 - Trustee 3 years** Wenche Eklund
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 - Auditor 2 years** Britt Potter
 - Auditor 3 years** Ann Heinstedt
- Membership Chair:** Maidie Karling
- Events Co-Chair:** Maggie Connelly & Delphine Trowbridge
- Scholarship Chair:** Beth Bunnell
- Financial Chair:** Hubert Pitters
- Historian:** Laurie Taylor
- Vasa Park:** Richard Heinstedt
- Bar:** Roy and Hanna Olson
- Newsletter:** Laurie Taylor
- Youth Group:** Nicolette Taylor



Culture Corner: Sami handicraft



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The Sami/Sámi make up one of the world's least numerous native peoples, with around 70,000 individuals living in Sápmi, in what is now parts of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia. About 20,000 Sami live in Sweden — with their own cultural heritage, language, flag and parliament. The Sámi people have always lived close to nature with great respect for their animals.

Eco-tourism is a relatively new way for Sweden's native population to make a living. Guided tours of northern lights and rides in reindeer sleds are examples of popular activities provided by one of the tourism companies in Swedish Lapland.



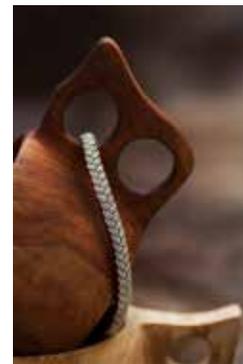
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The Sami people have their own folk costume, the kolt. The traditionally blue costumes have at least 12 different styles and differ for men and women. The footwear are made from reindeer fur because it provides excellent insulation. Producing a good pair of boots requires special skills and specific knowledge on how to treat the fur.



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Traditional Sámi handicraft decorating the reindeer.



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The wooden cup in the picture is a kåsa. The kåsa is a traditional sami drinking vessel most often made from birch.

Traditional Sami knife. Handmade with a reindeer horn handle decorated with traditional Sami carvings.



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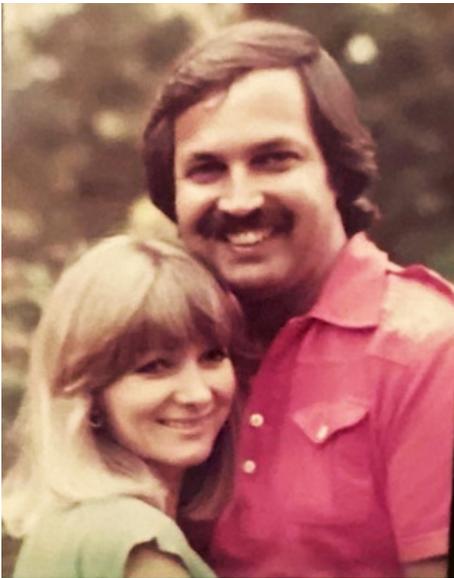
Handmade bracelets from Swedish Lapland. The bracelets were traditionally made in Sámi culture, and are made of reindeer skin and tin thread with silver.

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When Sylva was 1 she moved to Stockholm where she continued her studies at the Commercial Art School in Stockholm, Sweden, and received a Degree in Advertising. When she was 21, she came to Los Angeles as an Au Pair. She worked for a year for a family in Brentwood who had 5 children. Although she had studied English in Sweden, she did not speak it. One of the children, a little boy named Scott, helped her learn English. He was a challenging child in the beginning and then they became very close. She named her first child Scott after this little boy. She worked for another family after that. When asked if she wanted to go back to Sweden after being an Au Pair, Sylva shook her head and looked at Hubert – smiled and said “No, not after I met Hubert.” He was born in Indonesia and his family had to move to Holland at the end of World War II. They came to Los Angeles in 1961.

Hubert and Sylva met at the Continental Club in Hollywood, a place where Europeans gathered. They got married in 1966 at the Norwegian Seaman’s Lutheran Church in San Pedro.

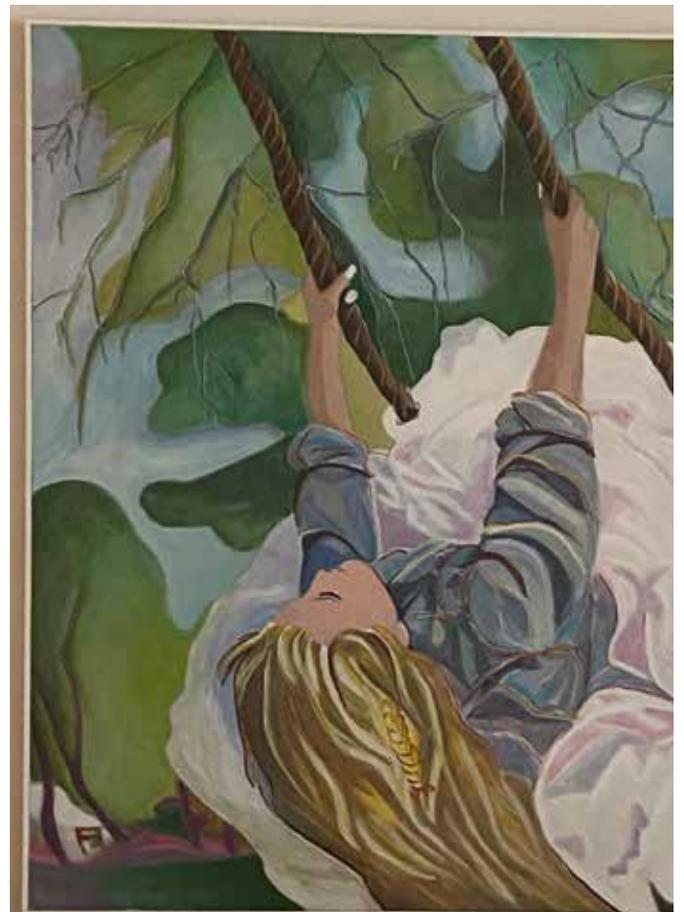


They lived for over 40 years in a beautiful 2-story home in Tarzana that had a large, lush backyard and pool. They raised two sons there. Hubert is semi-retired now and they felt they needed to downsize. Just recently, they moved to a condo in Newberry Park. They could not move everything into the smaller unit, so they donated a lot of it to the Lutheran Church.

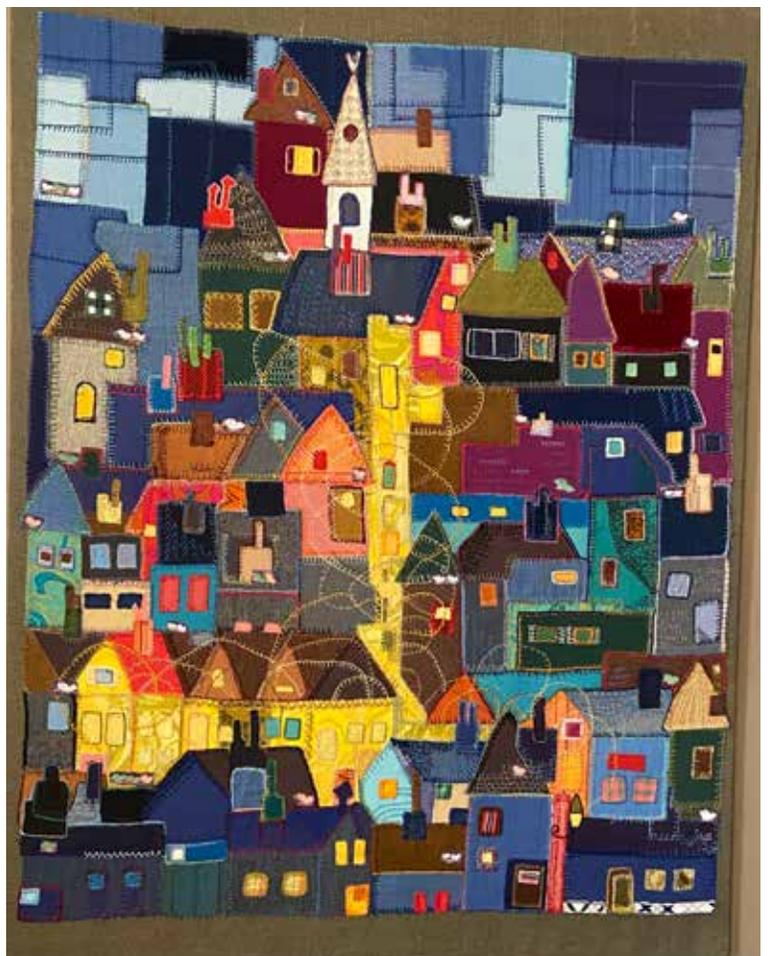
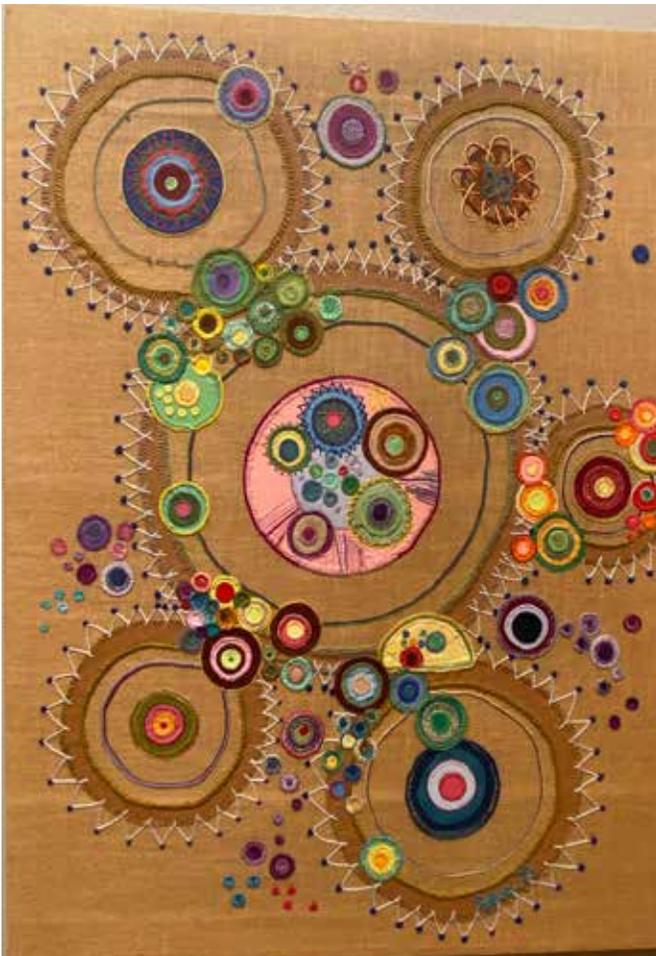
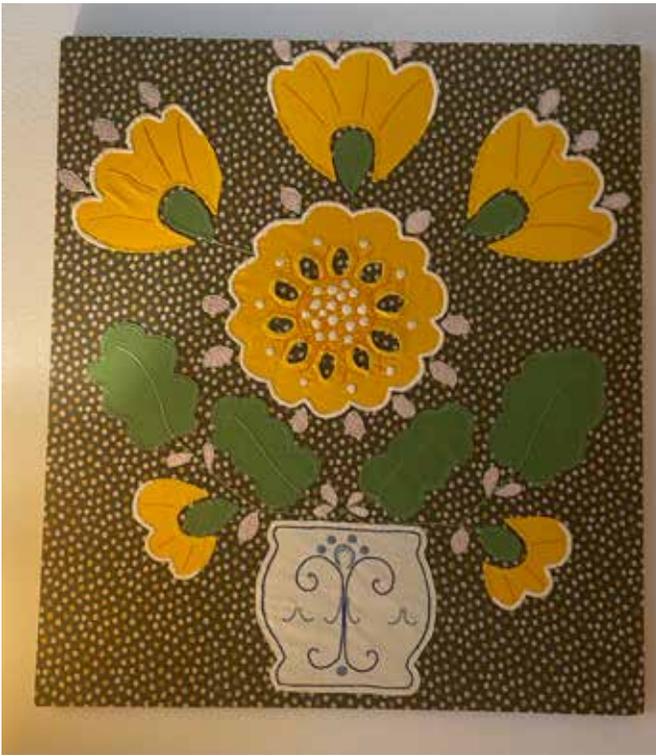
Sylva continued her studies when she came to Los Angeles. She received an Associate in Arts degree from Pierce College and continued with courses in design visualization and color at CSUN and at Everywoman’s Village in Van Nuys studying under Dr. Alex Villumsons, drawing, painting, and watercolor. Since the commercial art world frustrated her artistic expression of her love of nature, she finally realized that painting fulfills this need. Sylva has sold many of her paintings in group exhibitions in Los Angeles, solo exhibitions, and to individuals. Her other creative interests include batik and decoupage.

Throughout the year, Sylva and other Vasa members get together making Christmas crafts with a group called the Pyssel Gruppen. They donate these items to the Lutheran Church and SVEA to sell at the Holiday programs.

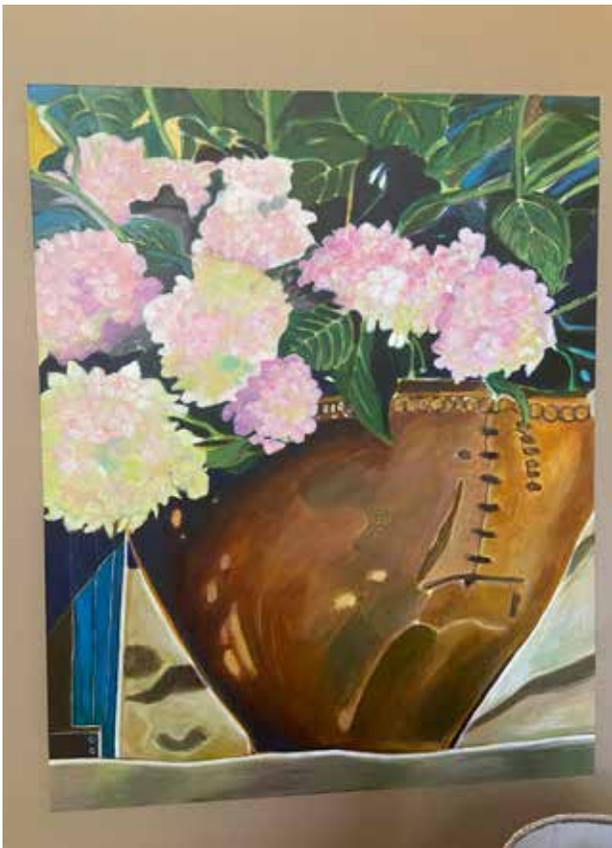
If you are lucky enough to visit the Pitter’s home, you will see paintings and artwork of all kinds on many walls in the house. It is truly an amazing experience to see!



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SCANDINAVIAN AUTUMNFEST & HÖSTMARKNAD CELEBRATION



- ▶ Vendor Opportunities
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Vasa Gem Mining
- ▶ Alpine Tube Slide*
- ▶ Lingonberry Pie Eating Contest
- ▶ Swedish Field Games
- ▶ Rock Climbing Wall*
- ▶ Children's Play Structure
- ▶ Opportunity Drawings
- ▶ Interactive Inflatables
- ▶ Bingo with Great Prizes
- ▶ Swedish Folk Dancing & Music
- ▶ Swedish Food
- and more!

* Closed-toe shoes required

OCTOBER 3, 2021 | SUNDAY
9AM - 6PM



VASA PARK

2854 Triunfo Canyon
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

\$10 parking per car (non-member)
and \$5 parking per car for Vasa members

NO BBQ, NO DOGS

(except ADA compliant service dogs)

Vendor Opportunity: vpeventcoord@gmail.com

Visit us at: www.vasapark.org

AUTHENTIC FOOD AND SKILLED ARTISANS

Enjoy the tastes of Sweden and traditional foods such as varmkorv med bröd, or vertbröd and krakor. Beyond the great foods, you will also be able to buy beautifully crafted gifts and souvenirs.

