

May 2025

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



Our dinner hosts have announced that it is to be a western themed dinner so you are encouraged to dress accordingly!

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due.
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GVL Happenings

Happy May/June Birthday!!!

MAY (5)

Roland Gustavsson	1
Rebecca Thorsen	4
Danielle Sommer	6
Anders Heinstedt	10
Kerstin Thorse	11
Margo Lockmann	11
Monty Lien	13
Lena Osman	17
Stefan Lundberg	17
Ryan Guerra	21
Kayla Santana	21
Lacey Dodd Cardenas	22
Carolyn Manley	23
Roy Olson	24
Taz Luna	24
Ernie Jurgens	27
Berit Stenhoj	31
Norma Halvorson	31
Ian Cardenas	31

JUNE (6)

Linda Trowbridge	2
Dylan Olson	3
Daniel Buck	5
Thomas Anderson	6
Hanna Olson	9
Christina Poe	12
Daniel Wendt	13
Lindsey Wendt	17
Sean-Evan Rogers	17
Nathan Coddington	18
Gary Andonian	20
Cynthia Hallstrom	21
Jessica Osman	29



2025 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Jason Trowbridge
 Vice Chair: Cecilia Brady
 Past Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
 Recording Secretary: Cecilia Danhi
 Assistant Secretary: Dorothy Burns
 Membership Secretary: Danielle Sommer
 Financial Secretary: Ann-Kristin Karling
 Treasurer: Bingitta Clark
 Chaplain: Beth Bunnell
 Master of Ceremonies: Stig Eneberg
 Assistant MoC: Anneli Brady
 Cultural: Laurie Taylor
 Trustee Chairman 1 yr: Kerstin Wendt
 Trustee 2 yr: Bertil Winther
 Trustee 3 yr: Delphine Trowbridge
 Auditor chairman 1 yr: Linda Trowbridge
 Auditor 2 yr: Britt Potter
 Auditor 3 yr: Wenche Eklund
 Events Co-Chair: Maggie Connelly
 & Delphine Trowbridge
 Scholarships: Hubert Pitters, Beth Bunnell
 Financial: Hubert Pitters
 Historian & Vasa Star: Laurie Taylor
 Vasa Park: Richard Heinstedt,
 Linnea Heinstedt, Dorothy Burns
 Alternate Ann-Sofi Holst
 Bar: Valerie & Dylan Olson
 Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
 Youth Group: Cecilia Trowbridge

Culture Corner - Stockholm



There are 10 places in the world named Stockholm!
Stockholm can be found in 3 countries throughout the world.

In some countries the place can be found more than once. For example America, Sweden and Finland.

America has the highest number of places called Stockholm, spread across 5 regions.

The majority of the cities named Stockholm can be found above the equator. The northernmost place is in the region Western Finland in Finland. The southernmost place is in the region New Jersey in America.

Five Cities named Stockholm in America

Stockholm - Wisconsin
Stockholm - South Dakota
Stockholm - New Jersey
Stockholm - Minnesota
Stockholm - Maine

Three Cities named Stockholm in Sweden

Stockholm - Stockholms Lan
Stockholm - Skane Lan
Stockholm - Jamtlands Lan

Two Cities named Stockholm in Finland

Stockholm - Western Finland
Stockholm - Aaland

Stockholm

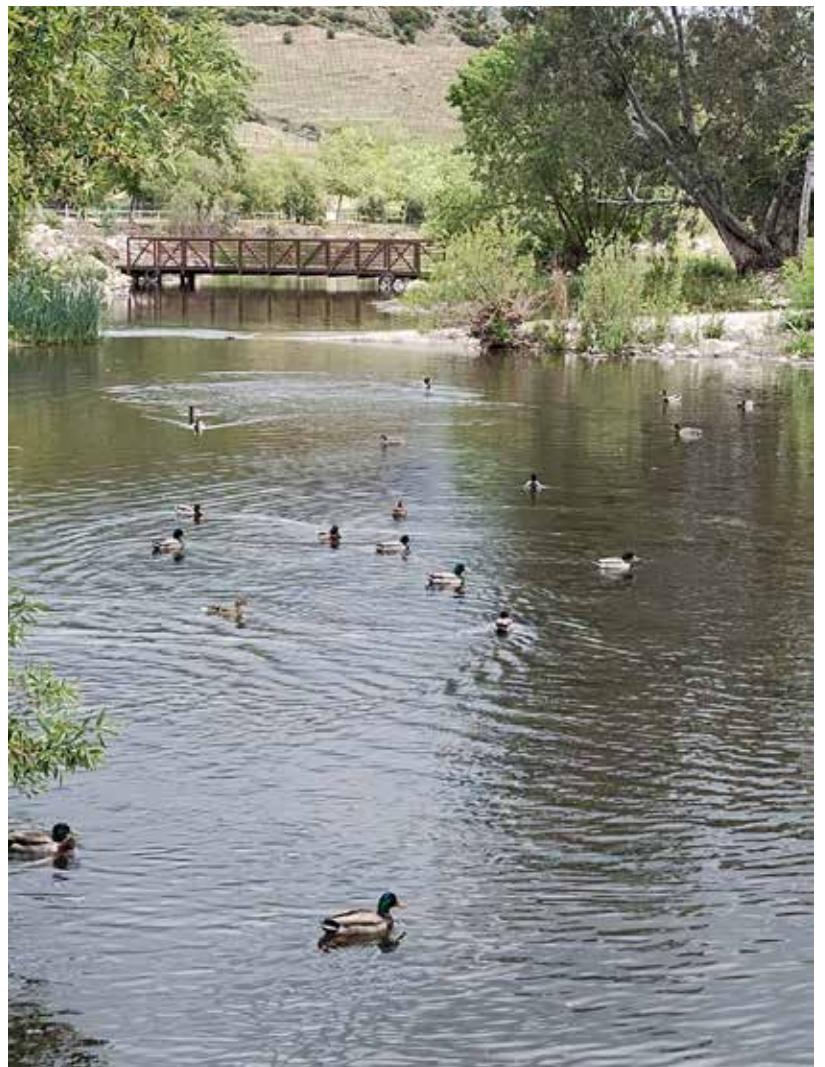
The history of the Swedish capital's name is a question that has never truly been settled. We know that the holm in Stockholm means islet, which makes a lot of sense since the capital today is made up of 14 islands. Originally, it probably referred specifically to Stadsholmen, the island where the city was founded (and where most of the current Gamla Stan or old town district is found).

As for the 'Stock', this is believed to come from the older word Stokker, meaning 'log'.

It's possible that Stockholmers used upright logs to mark important spots such as markets, or that they were used to block shipping routes in order to collect tolls or prevent unwanted visitors from entering, as a form of defense.

Vasa Spring Picnic 2025

Photos (mostly) by Maggie Connelly



Mors Dag

Mother's Day in Sweden ("Mors Dag" in Swedish) is celebrated on the last Sunday in May, which is Sunday, 28 May in 2023. It's a day to honor and appreciate mothers and mother figures for their love and care.

The tradition of celebrating Mother's Day in Sweden can be traced back to the early 20th century. That is, in the early 1900s, a woman named Cecilia Bååth-Holmberg started campaigning for a national Mother's Day to be celebrated in Sweden.

She argued that mothers deserve recognition for their hard work and sacrifice, and that a national holiday would be a way to show appreciation for them.

The campaign was successful and in 1919, Mother's Day was officially recognized in Sweden, although it's not a national holiday.

While Mother's Day in Sweden was first celebrated on the second Sunday of May, it was later moved to the last Sunday in May. It's thought that this was due to there being more flowers available at the end of May in Sweden as the weather got warmer.

In the United States, Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis, who organized a memorial for her mother.

The holiday quickly gained popularity and was officially recognized as a national holiday in 1914. The date for Mother's Day in the US is always the second Sunday of May.

In contrast, Sweden's Mother's Day was officially recognized in 1919 after having gotten to Norway the previous year. While it was initially on the same day as it's celebrated in the US, it was later shifted back by two weeks.

Despite the different dates though, the two are celebrated pretty similarly!

Mother's Day in Sweden and the states is a day to appreciate and celebrate the love, care, and sacrifice of mothers and mother figures. It's a time for families to come together and show their appreciation, no matter how they choose to do so, as well as an opportunity to support mothers in the community.



Anna Maria Jarvis (May 1, 1864 – November 24, 1948) was the founder of Mother's Day in the United States. Her mother had frequently expressed a desire to establish such a holiday, and after her mother's death, Jarvis led the movement for the commemoration. However, as the years passed, Jarvis grew disenchanted with the growing commercialization of the observation and even attempted to have Mother's Day rescinded. By the early 1940s, she had become infirm, and was placed in a sanatorium by friends and associates where she died on November 24, 1948. A legend exists that a portion of her medical bills were paid for by florists.



Cecilia Ulrika Laura Lovisa Bååth-Holmberg (1 March 1857 – 30 July 1920) was a Swedish writer, translator, educator, and activist. At her suggestion, Mother's Day was celebrated for the first time in Sweden in 1919. In her proposal she wrote: "More than ever do we need to gather around something that warms and shines for us all. A worthiness of life that, in spite of the changes of all other things, still stands firm and unchanged without being threadbare or diminished in power or beauty: Our mother's care and love."

April Meeting Pictures



Our dinner hosts



Initiations



Easter Centerpiece raffles