

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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**Come in from the cold and warm up with Pea Soup
at the American Swedish Historical Museum
Saturday, January 29 starting at 5:30 pm**



The perfect way to escape from the chilliness of late January is with a steamy bowl of Swedish pea soup, as ASHM continues our tradition of the annual *Ärtsoppa och Punsch*: Pea Soup and Punsch Supper. *Ärtsoppa* is the traditional Thursday night supper in Sweden during the winter that dates back to medieval times. During that time, Sweden was a Catholic country and Fridays meant fasting. A hearty and wholesome meal was necessary the preceding night. *Punsch* is a strong, sweet, arrack-based drink. The meal includes soup, bread, *Prästost* (cheese) and dessert.

The Men's Pea Soup Committee of the **American Swedish Historical Museum** will host the annual *Ärtsoppa* (Pea Soup) and *Punsch* Supper on **Saturday, January 29, 2011**. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm, supper is served at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20 for Members of the Museum and \$25 for non-Members. Reservations are necessary as seating is limited. To make a reservation, call the Museum at 215-389-1776 or get your tickets on-line at www.americanswedish.org/calendar.htm.

The Pea Soup and Punsch Supper is part of the ongoing mission of the American Swedish Historical Museum to promote understanding of the contributions of Sweden and the other Scandinavian nations to the American experience. The ASHM also features 12 permanent galleries which promote Swedish and Swedish-American art, culture and history. For more information about the museum visit www.americanswedish.org

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Free parking is available. ASHM is accessible from Interstates 95 or 76, Broad Street Subway or bus #17.

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