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Escape winter's chill
at the American Swedish Historical Museum's
Pea Soup and Punsch Supper
Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at 6pm



The perfect way to shake off the cold of late January is with a steamy bowl of Swedish pea soup, as ASHM continues our tradition of the annual **Pea Soup and Punsch Supper: Ärtsoppa och Punsch**. The Men's Pea Soup Committee of the American Swedish Historical Museum will host this event on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 6pm.

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. Dinner is served with sharp Swedish cheese, bread, dessert and coffee and a cash bar. You do not want to miss out on this delightful meal which happened to be the favorite of the known Swedish author August Strindberg, who used to call it "*food for the gods*".

Admission 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. Sign up by January 28, 2015.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's AT&T/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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