

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP at The American Swedish Historical Museum Sunday, April 5, 2009, 2-4 pm

Celebrate Easter the Swedish way at the American Swedish Historical Museum's Easter Workshop and Egg Hunt for families on Sunday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6. Call 215-389-1776 to reserve a space. At ASHM's Easter workshop children and adults work together to make crafts that reflect the Swedish celebration of the holiday. One family focus of the workshop is the decoration of a *påskris*, a colorful arrangement of birch twigs and feathers that serves as a welcome sign of spring.

Crafts, such as wooden witches and black cat paper hangings, reveal traditions unique to a Swedish Easter. For instance, in Sweden witches and black cats are commonly associated with Easter, when boys and girls dress up as colorful Easter witches and go from door to door seeking candy from neighbors. The tradition is similar to trick-or-treating in this country. At the ASHM workshop kids will have the opportunity to dress up as Easter witches using aprons, scarves and face paints. Many of the other craft projects, such as fluffy chicks and hens with eggs, are fun variations reminiscent of Easter decorations in the U.S. Following the workshop, there will be an Easter egg hunt for children on the grounds of the Museum, weather permitting.

Call 215-389-1776, email info@americanswedish.org or visit www.americanswedish.org for more information and to reserve a space at the workshop. The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia.



The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. The Museum is easily accessible from Route 95 or 76 and has plenty of free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 bus will bring you right to the Museum.



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Here comes Children's Easter Workshop hopping down to the Swedish Museum, Sunday April 5th