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**Journey Down the River of History
With the Kalmar Nyckel in “Voyages of Rediscovery”
Lecture with Samuel W. Heed
Saturday, October 8th, 2011 at 11am
At the American Swedish Historical Museum**

Discover the tale of “the Swedish Mayflower”, the Kalmar Nyckel, which sailed across the Atlantic twelve times, bringing residents and supplies to the New Sweden colony in the Delaware Valley in the mid-17th century. Sam Heed, Senior Historian and Education Director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation in Wilmington, will tell the story of the original ship, as well as the present day life of the replica that today sails along the Delaware River.



Photo by Andrew Hanna,
Kalmar Nyckel Foundation

The ship was faithfully reconstructed after Peter Minuit’s original flagship, transporting visitors back to the 17th century, to the history of New Sweden, “the Rocks” landing site and Fort Christina State Park, and to the history of colonial Delaware and the entire Delaware Valley. The ship is also a “living laboratory” for historical research and scholarship, as well as maritime research, with over 300 crew members and educators working on it throughout the year.

The lecture will be followed by a luncheon hosted by the ASHM Auxiliary. Registration is \$15 for ASHM and Kalmar Nyckel Foundation members, \$20 for non-members. Register by phone at (215) 389-1776 or on-line at www.americanswedish.org/calendar.htm.

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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 free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway AT&T station, or SEPTA’s Route 17 bus is within walking distance of the Museum.

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