

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Saturday Night's Alright for Pea Soup at the American Swedish Historical Museum Saturday, January 31 starting at 5:30 pm

South Philadelphia 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 31, 2009**. 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.**

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 Pea Soup 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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