

International Spiritualist Federation

Fraternal Week Satra Brunn Sweden

Saturday 25th July Saturday 1st August 2009



Skogsgarden Hotel Satra Brunn

The International Spiritualist (ISF) held its Fraternal Week from 25th July to 1st August 2009 at Satra Brunn in Sweden.

Attendance for Fraternal Week, being made up of 78 attendees plus an average of over 30 day visitors.

Graham Connolly wrote the training programme for the Fraternal Week.

The training programme, being designed to allow the attendees the maximum time to practice their chosen skills, while also providing opportunities and time, explore other avenues of understanding.

Skills on offer for attendees at the Fraternal Week included

Mental Mediumship Beginners, Intermediate, plus Advanced levels

Physical Mediumship, Beginners, and Intermediate levels

Trance Beginners & Intermediate Levels.

Spiritual Healing

Shamanic Journeying

Spiritual Art & Drawing,

For Afternoon sessions there were Workshops in the following

Tarot, Tibetan Bowls, A guide to Stars, Working with energies, Natural Law and the Law of Attraction, Reading Tea Leaves, Forming a Lyceum, Working with Hartmann Energy Lines, Angels among Us,

On entering Satra Brunn, one of the things which is most noticeable is the air of peace and tranquillity which pervades the whole site. The some buildings at Satra Brunn are of the log cabin type having a similarity to those in Finland, with the site being surrounded by wooded areas, while others are similar in construction to those seen when the ISF visited to Lily dale USA in 2007.

A building called the Societetshuset, provided the venue for all demonstrations during the week, it also doubled as a classroom for two classes, while in ISF use, it also became known as Pats Palace & Matthias's Mansion

Registration began at 2pm on Saturday, for many ISF members this is an emotional time, as friendships are renewed. Warm embraces and handshakes; helping to reinforce the sense of strength and unity, as once more the ISF attendees draw closer to each other , to unite as a close knit family.



Pat Palace & Matthias's Mansion



The Well House Fill your Bottle?

At 4-30 pm attendees assembled for the start of the Fraternal Week. The President of the ISF Ann Luck opened The Fraternal Week with a welcome in Swedish to the assembled attendees, followed by a prayer.



Ann Luck Opens the ISF Fraternal Week



Caroline Drabe Greets the ISF Attendees

Caroline Drabe the manager of Satra Brunn, being invited to address the assembled attendees. For the occasion Caroline had dressed in the traditional costume on an 18th Century housewife, bidding a very warm welcome the ISF attendees. Caroline then went on to give the attendees a brief history Satra Brunn

Samuel Skragge was a local doctor in the county of Vastmanland Sweden, hearing of the healing properties of the waters at Satra Brunn; he therefore decided to visit the spa for himself. The spa made a great Impression on him, as a result of his first visit; he started his first Spa Season in 1701. Since that time over 300 years ago there have regular visits from people who wish to take advantage of the healing waters.

Over a period of time Satra Brunn has evolved into more than just a Spa, it now boasts not only health spa treatments but also Conference facilities, when Caroline had finished her talk, ISF President Ann Luck, thanked Caroline for her talk on behalf of the ISF attendees

Prior to the start of the flag Ceremony, it was time to introduce Committee Members, Tutors Healing Leaders, Stewards, Raffle Ticket Sellers, and Publicity Officers to the assembled attendees.

It was then time to move onto the flag ceremony.

This year there were changes to the ceremony, prior to the opening of the Fraternal Week representatives from the countries attending the Fraternal Week, , Austria, Australia, Belgium, Finland, Iceland ,Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales USA , UK, New Zealand, were given a paper flag to symbolise their national flags. When their name was called they were asked to step forward placing the paper flag on the table in front of the Committee. Next select a candle and light it, before placing the candle in the area provided, the representatives were asked to give a greeting to the assembled attendees, which either represented their country or themselves.

Once the flag ceremony had been completed .It was the turn of the ISFs youngest members Nadia Willison aged 8 & Adara Ryder aged 7, accompanied by Coral Ryder to approach the table. On reaching the table Nadia , Adara and Coral each picked up a candle and lit it, moving over to the box where the candles were placed, as the candles were placed Nadia gave a blessing for all the world from the UK," Blessings and peace through love light and truth".

The ISF Divine Service commenced at 8.00pm. The Chairperson for the Divine Service, Graham Connolly, invited the President of the ISF Ann Luck to open the service in Prayer. Later on in the Service Ann Luck gave a very thought provoking address based on the theme "We Are All One ".

For two of the ISF attendees, the divine service was to be a special event, Attendees Friedrich Czerny and Renate Napetschnig had requested a blessing on their partnership.

Friedrich and Renate were asked by Ann Luck to come forward to allow the blessing to be given. Once the blessing had been given they were asked to move closer to the table, on the table stood a three branch candle. Renate and Friedrich were asked by Ann Luck to light one branch of the candle each, to symbolize the light they were giving to each other. The third branch of the candle being lit by Ann Luck, this candle symbolized the light which the blessing had given to their relationship. The atmosphere and emotion created during the blessing ceremony caused a few of the attendees to suffer from watery eyes.



Ann Luck with Renate & Friedrich



A Very Happy Couple

Following on after the blessing a demonstration Mediumship had been arranged. The Demonstrator being the ISF Vice President John Goldingham

For the early birds among the attendees there were things to do before breakfast, on offer were Tai Chi with Ann Luck, Walking with John Goldingham, or Meditation with Genevieve Bailey.

Healing, being available prior to the classes in the morning, also after the evening meal, but before the evening's events.

On Sunday morning, there seemed to be a sense of anticipation in the air, this being the first time the Teaching Groups had come together with their respective Tutors. For some of the attendees coffee break came as a welcome break.

After lunch a Mediumship demonstration was held for those attendees who were prepared to give private sittings.

The demonstration being chaired by Graham Connolly, the demonstrators were, Genevieve Bailey, Dianne Parker Harriet Piekkola, and Hannu Piekkola.



At 8-00pm attendees were invited to attend a talk by Tekla Drakfrande entitled Celebrating Nature and the Spirits of Nature. Tekla gave a brief outline of how we all take nature for granted, indicating nature is a very important part of life, we should learn to respect it, and learn to live in harmony with it, Tekla then took attendees on a walk in the grounds of Satra Brunn indicating where nature spirits could be found. Explaining how it is possible to get a lot closer to nature, if we are prepared to make time to do so.



Nature Walk with Tekla



I can't get much closer than this



Can you feel the energy? I think we're grounded



Stories by the fire?

Attendees were also asked to place their hands on some of the trees to enable them to feel the energy. In close proximity to where the walk ended was a tepee complete with fire, Attendees were encouraged to enter and listen to stories by the fire, the experience being similar to when houses had coal fires, and families would gather round the fire and talk.

By the time Monday arrived attendees were starting to get into the swing of things. After lunch on Monday if they were so inclined, attendees have the choice of attending one of three Workshops, Tarot with Sandra McFadden, Tibetan Bowls with Mandy DeJong, or a Guide to the Stars with Hannu Piekkola. After which there was just enough time for a coffee break, before it was time to return for the day's final session of group work.

In the evening at 8-00pm there was a Tutors Night of Mediumship. The Chairperson for the Tutors night, John Goldingham. Demonstrators for the evening were Left to Right Graham Connolly, Robin Hodson, Anita Garrod, Pat Campbell and Matthias Guldenstien.

