New Sweden Heritage Monument

Dedicated June 6th, 2004 by Jan Eliasson, Ambassador of Sweden to the USA





Ground breaking
Ceremony
Mayor Carol
Wooten
of Pennsville, N. J.

Aleasa Hogate and
Ken Peterson
representing the
Early settlers of
The Delaware Valley







100 Limited edition medallion created for the New Sweden Heritage Monument dedicated June 6, 2004 Pennsville, NJ







INSTALLATION DELAYED UNTIL SPRING











VOLUNTEERS, ALEASA HOGATE, DESIGNER AND HUSBAND JOE HOGATE SUPERVISED ALL PHASES OF THE MONUMENT PROJECT, REJOICING.



IT IS FINALLY A REALITY!

THE MONUMENT "IS" MOUNTED 36 HOURS BEFORE THE DEDICATION PRAISE GOD!







David Lewis, dedicated Volunteer, host of New Sweden Heritage Day, in the role of Governor

Johan Printz.

This was one of the last times he played the part of the Swedish monarch known as "Big Belly"

David's heart was as big as the character he played, but gave out on him in August of 2004.

He is truly missed by all who knew him, and shall be remembered for his passion to teach children about New Sweden history.

17th Century Militia, Mike Tartaglio and the Strathegies Regimane, Art Malestein of the New Sweden Centre Fort Christina Garrison re-enactors, fired colonial muskets during opening and closing ceremonies and demonstrated throughout the day.





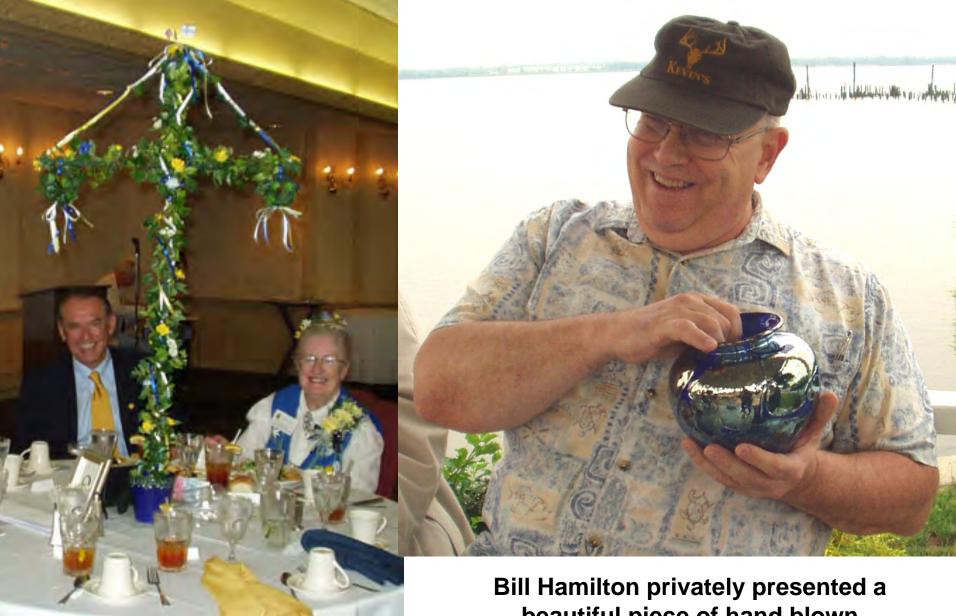
Midsummer Pole provided by SWEA











Ambassador Jan Eliasson Aleasa Hogate

beautiful piece of hand blown

South Jersey glass to Ambassador Eliasson



held by Ambassador Eliasson







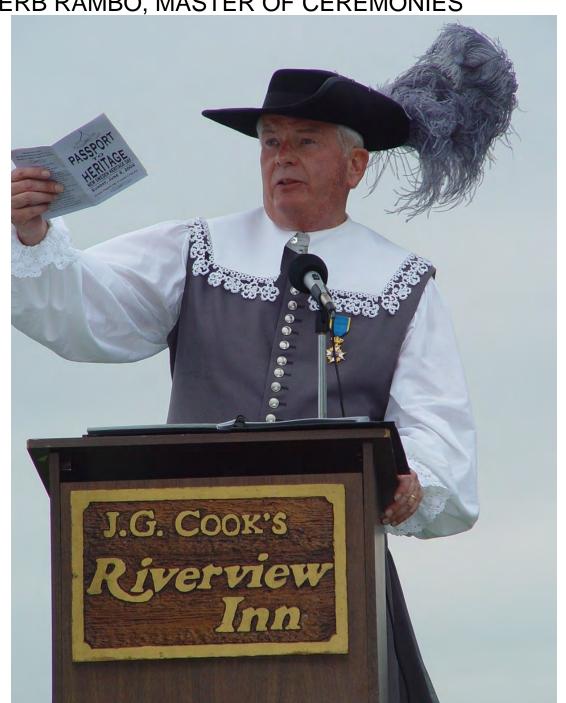


Unveiling drape made by Karen Taniguchi Crowns hand sewn on by Lena Victor



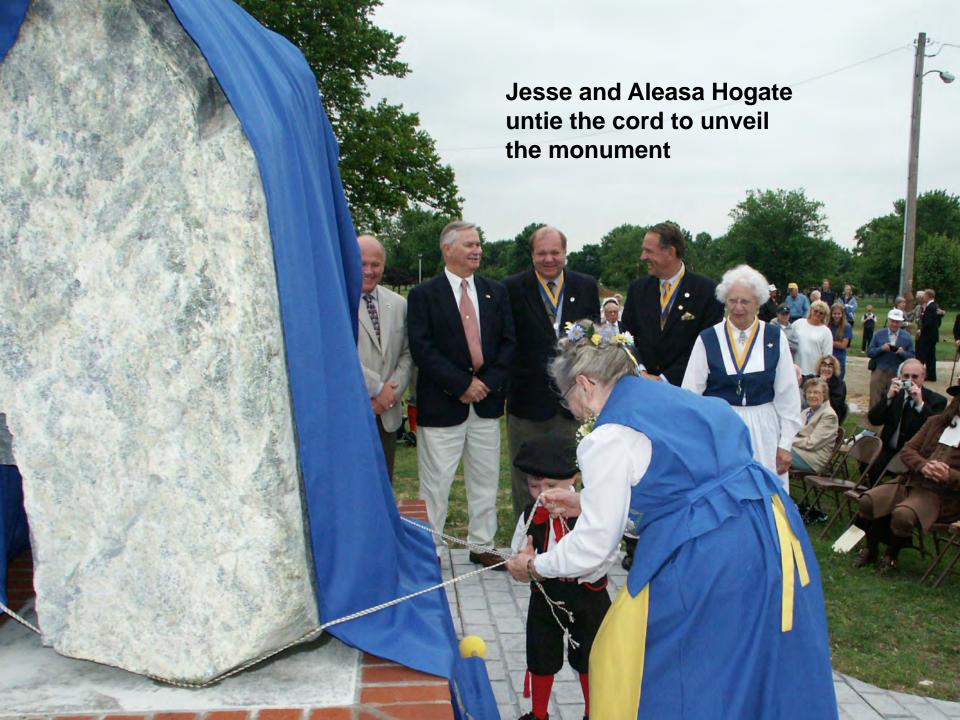


HERB RAMBO, MASTER OF CEREMONIES













Consulate Leino, Ambassador Eliasson, Lewis Pierce, Aleasa Hogate, Jesse Hogate, Mayor of Pennsville Richard Barnhart, and Freeholder Director Chuck Sullivan

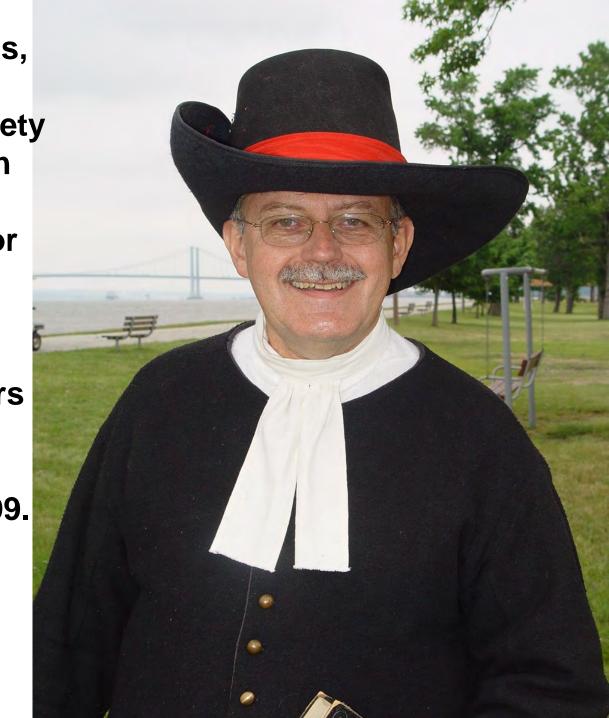








Rev. Kim Eric Williams, **Archivist for the Swedish Colonial Society** gave the benediction In the persona of Rev. Eric Bjork, pastor **Holy Trinity Church** congregation **Consisting of Members** on both sides of the Delaware River in 1699.

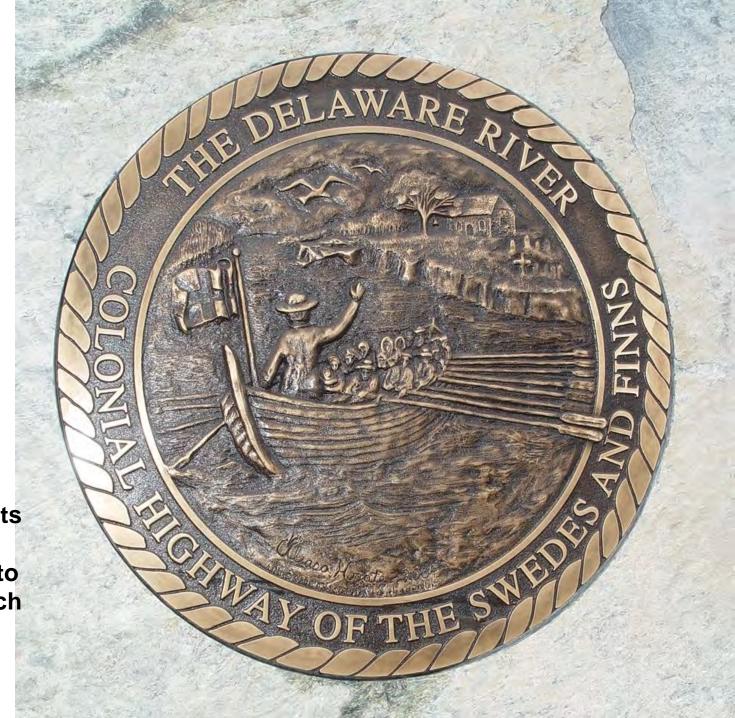


2 miles south of the Delaware Memorial Bridge (first exit entering NJ/ Rt 49 or Heading west on 40/NJPike take last exit before bridge toll RT 49 Turn right on Pittsfield street, just past Riverview Beach Park Entrance. continue toward the river to parking lot on right



On the side seen with river in the background, is a tribute to the Swedes, Finns and the Delaware River, used as their highway.

The Bronze depicts the 1699 church ferry, on the way to Holy Trinity Church on the Christina River.





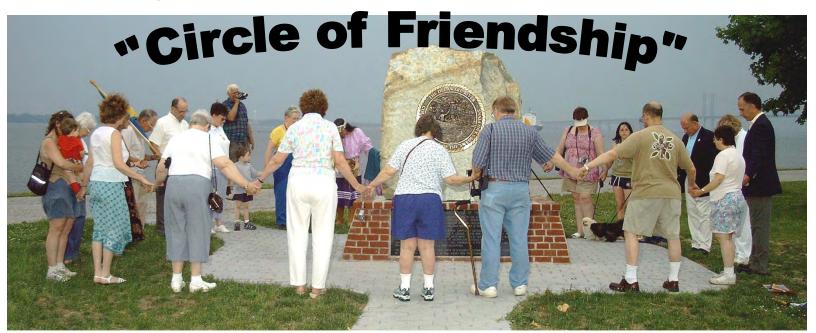




This monument and these events were only possible because of the help and cooperation of volunteers, "unsung heroes" too numerous to name, who gave of their time, talent and resources in the American Spirit of generosity.

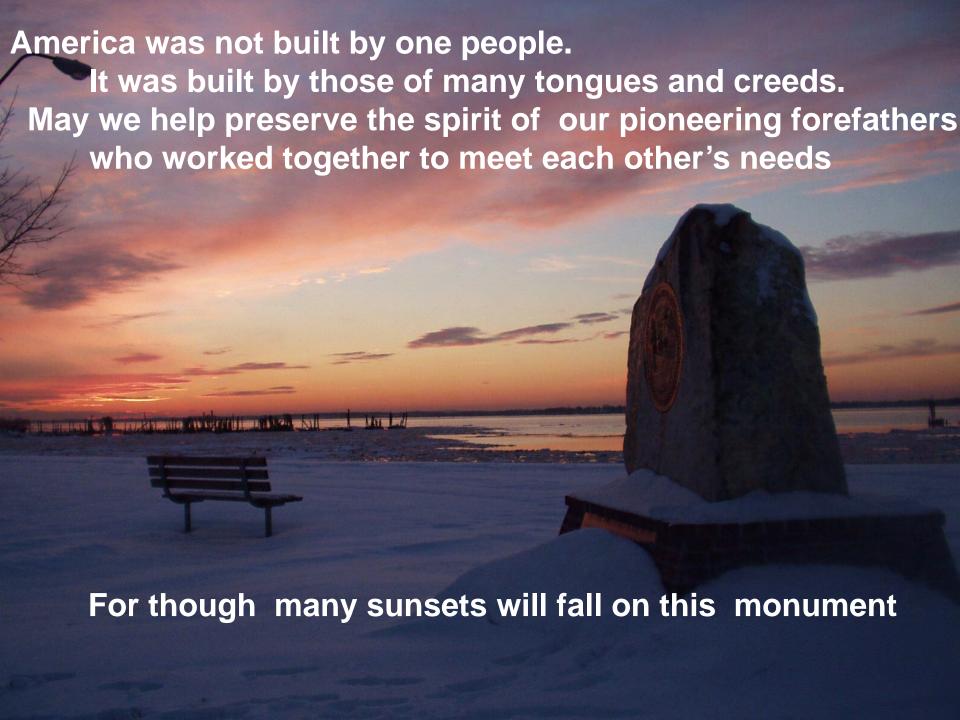


May this spirit of cooperation become a perpetual



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Joining hands Photo: Esko Townell Neg No ETD2k50606-27





Aleasa Hogate, descendant of Anders Larsson Dalbo of Dalsland, Sweden

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