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**Monthly Musings from the Peas  
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*We will be sending you our literature on a monthly basis and we will be updating our contact list. So, if you want to make any changes, additions or deletions, please contact us at [whirledpeasband@gmail.com](mailto:whirledpeasband@gmail.com).*

**WEEKLY GIG**

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on [www.catherinerooneys.com](http://www.catherinerooneys.com)

**WEBSITE**

We are please to present our new website. [www.whirledpeasband.com](http://www.whirledpeasband.com) Please check it out and let us know what you think. All our up-coming gigs, newsletters, merchandise and more is listed. Our next gig is at Old Swedes Church 7 pm, April 14th. Proceeds from the concert will benefit this very historic site.

**OLD SWEDES CHURCH**

Wilmington, a city rich in history, is home to the nation's oldest church building still standing as originally built - and - has been in continual use.



**Hendrickson House & Burial Grounds**

Old Swedes Church, aka Holy Trinity Church, and the Hendrickson House are located on the Fort Christina's burial

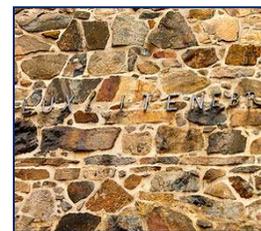
grounds which dates to 1638. The exact address is 606 Church Street. In 1638 the Kalmar Nyckel brought colonists to America from Sweden. They created the first permanent settlement at Fort Christina. A log church was built to accommodate these settlers in 1667. Thirty years later the minister, Ericus Biorck, recommended a more permanent structure. Between 1698-1699, the Swedish colonists erected a church adjacent to the grounds where purportedly 15,000 are buried. They used the local blue granite and Swedish bricks that had been used as a ship's ballast.



An exact model of the Kalmar Nyckel resides in the church. It's a symbolic reference to that vessel and of the church's philosophy: "a baptismal people called to work together, weather the seas of life, and finally come to a common port-of-call." In 1791 the last minister was recalled to Sweden and the church came under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese. The church was dedicated on July 4, 1699 and was "inducted" as a National Historic Landmark in 1961. In 2001 a labyrinth was built. It is a replica of France's Chartres Cathedral labyrinth.

Walking a labyrinth is a meditative complete act that helps free mind.

Iron letters on the east wall of the church dating from 1698, spelling in Latin "LUX-L.I. TENEBR ORIENS- EX ALTO" which translates to "Light from on high shines in the darkness"



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**PEAS PONDERING**

*Perhaps the greatest contribution of New Sweden to the development of the New World is one that is not even thought of as Swedish. The colonists brought with them the log cabin, which became such an icon of the American frontier that it is thought of as an American structure.*