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*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



As we have previously shared with our readers, our Foundation supports a project making camouflage nets in Estonia. SB Foundation's contact person, Ülo Kalm at Aibolands Museum in Hapsal, tells us that the 100th camouflage net was completed on October 2nd. Something to celebrate with cake and an outing to the island of Dagö.

Among other attractions, Dagö offers several churches and a lighthouse from 1531 that is the third oldest lighthouse in the world still in use. Since at least the 13th century, Swedish speaking farmers have lived in today's coastal region of Estonia and on the largest islands. This population was largest and most widely dispersed during the 15th and 16th centuries. Dagö was a Swedish territory from 1563 to 1721 and the island was long an important hub for Swedes in Estonia. At the end of the 18th century approximately 2000 Swedes lived there. Among these, approximately half was deported to Ukraine by the czarist Catharina II in 1781. Those who survived the long journey by foot to Ukraine via Moscow founded the village of Gammelsvenskby [in Ukraine's Kherson-Oblast region]. To this day a few people on Dagö still identify as Swedes.

We send our thanks and congratulations to all who made the camouflage nets and wish them a pleasant outing to Dagö, Estonia's second largest island. The largest island is Ösel.

Greetings from SB Foundation and all of us on the Board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger*

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