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SWEA International announces Ulrika Hydman Vallien as the posthumous recipient of Swedish Woman of the Year 2018

A Colorful Woman's Creative Powers

Ulrika Hydman Vallien, the multi-talented artist and internationally successful glass designer, has been posthumously named Swedish Woman of the Year 2018 by SWEA International, Inc.

It was with great sorrow that SWEA received the news of Ulrika Hydman Vallien's passing on March 21, 2018. Just a few weeks earlier, she had been named Swedish Woman of the Year 2018 by SWEA International's board, which is also the jury for this award.

Given her amazing successes, which clearly fulfil the award's criteria: "The recipient must be a Swedish woman who represents and showcases Sweden of today to the rest of the world in an outstanding manner", the board has resolved to award the prize posthumously.

The jury's motivation:

Ulrika Hydman Vallien is posthumously awarded the distinction of Swedish Woman of the Year 2018 for her highly successful work as an artist and designer. After completing her studies at University College of Arts, Crafts and Design in Stockholm, where she specialized in ceramics and glass, she has made Sweden famous to a large international audience through her distinctive and unique art. She was a colorful artist who made her work available to all, and her glass work featuring snake and tulip motifs can now be found in homes around the world. Her work will be preserved for posterity.

The distinction, which has been awarded since 1989, will be announced at SWEA International's annual board meeting in San Francisco on April 21, 2018 and will be officially awarded at the annual *Sverigemiddag* (Sweden dinner) gathering on August 3, 2018 in Västerås, Sweden.

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FACTS ABOUT SWEA

SWEA is a GLOBAL NETWORK of 7000 Swedish-speaking women in 70 chapters and 30 countries. **SWEA** is the largest organization promoting Sweden outside of Sweden, with the purpose of promoting the Swedish language and spreading Swedish culture and traditions. **SWEA** makes donations and awards scholarships in the amount of SEK two million (US\$ 225,000) per year. **SWEA** is a non-profit organization that offers a personal network of contacts and strong social support for Swedish industry abroad.

