

Bethlehem resident Ann Oswald was featured in Sweden's largest newspaper as they announced the 2017 cast of 'Everything for Sweden,' a highly popular reality TV show.

## Everything for Sweden: Ann Oswald

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| d all her neighbors |
| pretty darn wonderful. |
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| Ann was a part of a TV show there that won |
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| 017 Kristallen Award for |
| 'Docusoap' of the Year. A Swedish reality show, |
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| Sweden.' It is marketed in the United States |
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| Adventure.' The series is about Swedish-Americans |
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| Each participant is given snippets of information |
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| show, thus not learning all the show's genealogists |
| have uncovered abouttheir family. |
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| Layne: How long have lived in Bethlehem? Ann: Since 2006. I was |
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| Minnesota with all the other Swedes up there! |
| (Laughter). But when I was still a baby we moved |
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| , I grew up there. Then |
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| in Delaware fo |
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| the way to Florida.' So, we |
| chose North Carolina and settled here. The weather is perfect! |
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Ann with her fellow cast members and the show's host.


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And so, I talked to my husband about it and he said, 'We're going to I want you to start connecting with these cousins that the DNA test is giving you. Let's find the family.' And then my husband unexpectedly
died. He died August 28th, died. He died August 28 dh, thing. Blood clots. It just blew me out of the water.
And I'm still trying to And I'm still trying to recover. My neighbors are
taking care of me so well. And December comes, and they post on the group that they're taking applications for the show. I thought, 'I can't do that. time. But it nagged at me so badly. I couldn't sleep at night. I would wake up at night and think 'Ann, you have to apply for this
television show!'
I finally gave up and sent an application in on the computer on a Sunday night. Monday morning
there were emails! 'We were were emails! 'We
want videos.' Tuesday morning the phone was ringing, 'Hello, this is
Morica from Sweden and I want to talk to you!' I want to talk to you!
And then it was a Aoller-coaster! They flew me up to New York for an audition. They didn't take
me in 2015. They called
d me back in 2016, but didn't called me back this year and they said, 'Okay Ann, you were in the first time
you came up, but you you came up, but you
weren't the right flower for the flower pot at the
time. We get 10 different personalities, five guys,
five women. But this year, you know what, we're
going to put Ann as the first flower and arrange all the other flowers around her.' So, I was in! Layne: What was the your experience? Ann: It's going to be
spoiler, but I'm going to go ahead and say it anyway. My husband and I
were bonded, high school sweethearts, but the other
person in my life was my father. I go to Sweden
and at the beginning of and at the beginning of
episode two, that morning,


And so, my grandmother had never seen her
sister. Never knew what
happened to her happened to her. And when I had my 'Special
Day' on the show and Day' on the show and
learned things. The firs picture that they showed
 she visited as a participant in the reality TV show 'Everything for Sweden'

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