



***Friendship Aikido Seminar
2014
from 4 of July – 6 of July***

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Lars-Göran “Lasse” Andersson, Sensei started training in the middle of sixties for Jan Beime and Ichimura in Stockholm, he moved to Gothenburg in 1969 where he started helping Karl Hanson with aikido training in Gothenburg Judoklubb (from there later developed Gothenburg Aikido club).

Lasse traveled along with Tomita-sensei to the birthplace of Aikido, Iwama, Japan in 1972, and then he went back there again next year (1973) he stayed as a live-in/direct student (uchi-deshi) for six month at the Founder’s Dojo under Master Morihiro Saito. Lasse moved to Torsby in 1979 and started Torsby Aikido Club, many years later, his dream come true when he could build his own dojo and start Svenneby Aikido Club.

In 1994 Lasse recived the degree of 5th dan from Master Morihiro Saito and 2006, he received 6 dan from the World Aikido Federation (Aikikai) Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan.

Today, Lasse has Uchidechi weeks at his own Dojo, and Lasse continues to teach Aikido at seminars both nationally and internationally, he has many appreciated training camps around the world. He visit and practicing Aikido at many sites around Sweden and Worldwide.

Mark Larson Sensei began Aikido in 1990. Mark Sensei’s Aikido studies took him to Japan in 1992 where he was introduced to Master Morihiro Saito at the birthplace of Aikido, Iwama, Japan, in 1993, and he learned and trained as a live-in/direct student (uchideshi) under Master Morihiro Saito at the Founder's Dojo until Saito Shihan's passing in 2002.

Mark Sensei received 5th Dan and the highest weapons (Aiki-ken, Aiki-jo) certification (menkyokaiden) from Morihiro Saito Shihan in 2001, and he received 6th Dan from the World Aikido Federation (Aikikai) Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan, in 2013.

Mark Sensei traveled extensively with Morihiro Saito Shihan serving as his main uke, otomo (personal attendant), and translator from 1997-2002.

Today, Mark Sensei continues to teach Aikido seminars both nationally and internationally. He is the founder and Chief Instructor of Minnesota Aiki Shuren Dojo, Nowthen, MN, USA (est. 2002), and Chief Technical Advisor for various Aikido Dojos both in the USA and Japan.

Three great Aikido Instructors from three countries!

We are proud to invite you to next year's one-of-a-kind Aikido Seminar in Torsby, Sweden, with an amazing lineup of instructors that includes three prominent direct students of the late great Morihiro Saito Shihan of Iwama, Japan:

*Kenichi Shibata Shihan,
7 Dan- Japan*

*Lasse Andersson Sensei,
6 Dan- Sweden*

*Mark Larson Sensei,
6 Dan- USA*

Date: July 4 to July 6
Schedule: coming soon
Price: 900SEK or 300SEK/Day
Accommodation: Dojo, Gymnastic Hall,
Hotels, Hostels, Homestays.

All accommodation should be booked of the participants themselves.

<http://www.valbergsangen.se/>
<http://www.torsbycamping.se/>
<http://www.sahlstromsgarden.se/>
<http://skitunnel.comers.se/comers/pages/>

Sleeping on the tatami is possible at Holmesskolans sporthall for 20SEK/night

Please note!

In connection with this seminar is the opportunity of a Sotodeshi week before with Lasse Sensei (29/6-3/7) Price: 900SEK and Sotodeshi week after the seminar with Lasse Sensei and Mark Sensei (8/7-12/7) Price: 900SEK.

Registration: You can register at lasseandersson@telia.com
Bring sport shoes for indoor or outdoor training, and jo and bokken.

All participants must be fully insured.

More details coming soon

Do not miss this!!

There is a high possibility that mat space will be limited, so register as soon as possible.



Kenichi Shibata Shihan lives and teaches in Shiogama City, Miyagi Prefecture, located in the Northeast region of Japan. He began Aikido training as a high school student where 40 years have already passed. During that time, he commuted to Iwama to learn from Master Morihiro Saito at the Founder's Dojo- Ibaraki Aiki Shuren Dojo.

Shibata Sensei had over 25 years of instruction from Morihiro Saito Shihan and he was his main uke in the Aiki-ken and Aiki-jo videos. He was also the main uke in the Takemusu Aikido book series and traveled extensively with Morihiro Saito Shihan during the late 1980's to mid 1990's.

Shibata Sensei received the highest weapons (Aiki-ken, Aiki-jo) certification (menkyokaiden) and teaching license from Morihiro Saito Shihan and currently holds a 7th Dan Aikikai and received Shihan title from the World Aikido Federation (Aikikai) Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan. Shibata Shihan is Chief Instructor of Shiogama Aiki Shuren Dojo, Miyagi, Japan.