

### *The Læstadius Museum during late 2010*

In September the Pajala parish, together with the museum, arranged a two day seminar and a pilgrimage along the Finnish Læstadius trail. Paavo and Anja Korteniemi from Pello guided the group, and the Sieppijärvi village community served a delicate meal. During the second day the group visited the Læstadius museum.

In October a young group from the Muhos Bible School visited the museum. The group performed songs at the Pajala church, with text of the famous læstadian poet Hannu Rauhala – an unforgettable performance. A group of nature guides from the Lappia Educational Center at Muonio also visited the museum, waiting for the new Norrbotten Flora to be released in the end of November.



In November the whole museum was appointed as a *cultural memorial*. The regional county council of Norrbotten emphasizes such important factors as its high visiting, historical and cultural values.

### *The new Norrbotten Flora has found its home*

In the end of November Irma Davidsson and Kerstin Haraldsson presented their fantastic books to the museum. The flora is dedicated to the memory of Lars Levi Læstadius and his great pioneering contribution to the Northern Sweden botany. A new flower, a hawkweed (*Hieracium larsii-levii* – the Læstadius “fibbla”) – is described. Lars Levi was the first to discover this flower. He sat in the late hours in his dark old vicarage drawing and painting all his wonderful findings, as long as his sight and power were up to the task.



The books are highly recommended for reading and studying. Maybe you will discover some flowers you have seen alive before. Please get in contact with the museum, tel +46 978 12055, or by e-mail [laestadiusmuseet@pajala.se](mailto:laestadiusmuseet@pajala.se)

*With warmest Christmas regards from Anneli Mäkinen*