



SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Newsletter - 2010

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE: The AGM of the Scandinavian Cultural Society will be held at the:

Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC, on:

Monday, March 8th, 2010 at 7:00 pm, (*Please note the change from February 22*) to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the Directors.
- 2) Consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.
- 3) Elect Directors, Group B.
- 4) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Attendance at this Annual General Meeting is open to all group representatives and individual members.

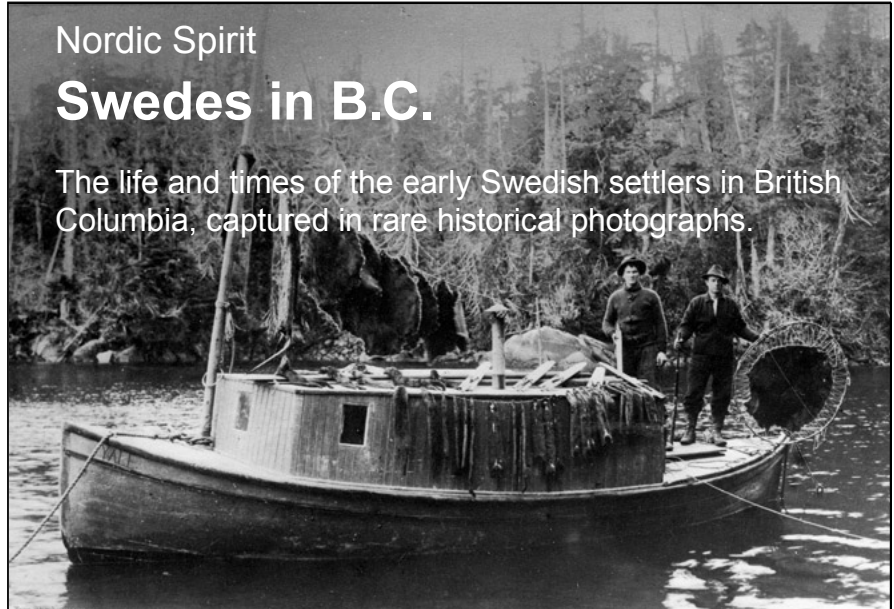
Dues may be paid at or prior to the meeting.

Dated the 18th of January 2010. By order of the Board of Directors for Scandinavian Cultural Society.

Nordic Spirit

Swedes in B.C.

The life and times of the early Swedish settlers in British Columbia, captured in rare historical photographs.



11 am to 4 pm
Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28, 2010

Scandinavian Community Centre

6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, B.C.

Sponsored by

Scandinavian Cultural Society
Swedish Charitable Association
Swedish Cultural Society
Danish Canadian Community Centre

Welcome to the Opening Reception

Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 11:30 am
R.S.V.P. to Laila Axen
604-526-7464 or aaxen@shaw.ca

Evening Program

Bridal Fashion Show

"Other Times and other Places"
By Fashion Historian Karin Edberg-Lee

7 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, March 27, 2010

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Intermission - Refreshments

Entrance by donation, suggested \$10/person





President's Message:

by
Poul Erik Rasmussen

In continuing to preserve our Scandinavian heritage in 2009, the Scandinavian Cultural Society, aided by numerous individuals gave away the best of the Nordic Spirit. The collaboration of the contributions from our co-sponsors, membership fees and the volunteer hours - summed up the final outcome that made it all possible.

It truly has been a pleasure to share the work with giving individuals, no hours counted.

As some of you, and possibly all of you are aware, the many shows and events were truly successful. And the outcome: strong direction and leadership assures the existence in sense of duty and pledge for further success.

But the work is not done. The Scandinavian Cultural Society is growing in membership and so is the future of dedicated individuals. Each of us gain pride in keeping the heritage alive and well for the next generation.

My most sincere thanks to all of you who labored to achieve the outcome assuring success for many years to come. Our society indeed celebrates with all those who worked hard, the members who took part in celebrations, and especially with those who recognize the importance of our Scandinavian Heritage.

-Poul Erik Rasmussen, president

Support the Scandinavian courses at UBC

Mads Bunch, who has been a strong supporter of our cultural events at the Scandinavian Centre, lectures in Danish and Scandinavian Studies (mail@mjbunch.com). Why not take a course? Mads is an insightful and entertaining presenter.

FLAMMEN OG CITRONEN



Flammen og Citronen
- a viewing with English subtitles
- introduction and commentary
by Mads Bunch

“Flammen” and “Citronen” were the code names of two of Denmark’s most renowned resistance fighters in World War II.

Flammen og Citronen (2007) depicts their complex characters and morally ambivalent world in which they carried out their daring exploits.

Mads Bunch (Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies, UBC) will provide context on the film’s historic and artistic importance.

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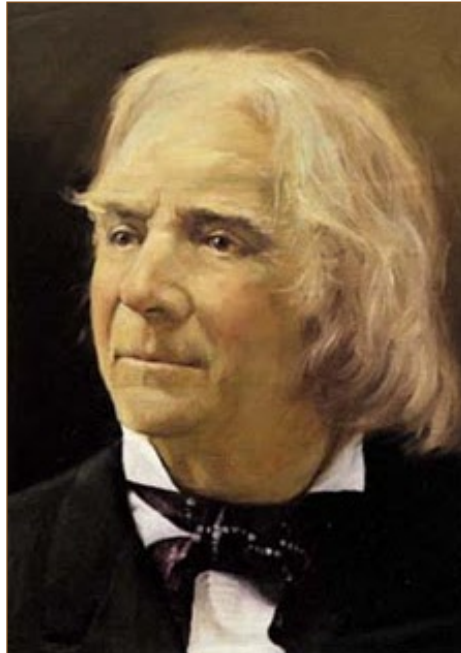
Sunday, March 14, 2010

Join us for coffee and refreshments 12:30 pm
Programme begins promptly at 1:00 pm
Admission by donation (\$10 suggested)

Sponsored by the Scandinavian Cultural Society

Ole Bull

Norwegian violinist
and composer.



Teatime at Trolldhaugen

Join us to celebrate the bicentennial of Ole Bull, the renowned Norwegian violinist and composer. His adventurous life was the inspiration for Peer Gynt!

Edvard and Nina Grieg (played by Don Mowatt and Carolyn Finlay) will introduce their friend Ole, setting the scene for an evening of great Norwegian music.

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Sunday, March 21, 2010, 7:00 pm

Refreshments served
Admission \$15

Sponsored by
Norwegian House Society
Scandinavian Cultural Society
Danish-Canadian Community Centre

2009 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival



Photos by Arne Møller

A review of our 2009 cultural programs

NORDIC SPIRIT: Danes in B.C. - a heritage exhibit



Danish Exhibit coordinator and researcher, Poul Erik Rasmussen, is seen here wearing a special top hat that he was given to open the show.

*by Carolyn Thauberger
& Poul Erik Rasmussen*

Gaming Commission funds enabled us to again offer you events that touched all aspects of Scandinavian culture including visual arts, music, dance, genealogy, literature, history, fashion, and thought. Major events were planned well ahead but with funds available we were also able to snatch serendipitous opportunities. Thank-you for your generous support through event attendance and volunteering work during shows.

NORDIC SPIRIT

Nordic Spirit Heritage Images Show in April 2009, featured the Danes in BC.

The call for old photos and stories went out already in 2008 and we were fortunate that Danish organizations and many individuals answered the call

Many hours were spent traveling around to collect photos and stories from as far away as the northern Vancouver Island where Ruth Botel in Port Hardy loaned us materials from her extensive photo and story collection of the Cape Scott Settlement.

Robert Asgeirsson was left with the immense task of designing, scanning, producing and printing the 117 image and text panels for the exhibition.

Thank you to all the organizations and people for lending us their photos; to Robert for his professional work and to the volunteers for helping out. We are also thankful to the **Danish Canadian Community Centre** and the **BC Gaming Commission** for the economic support.

All the images, in high resolution, are now preserved on a hard drive. The panels are currently in storage and CD's are available for viewing the exhibit by museums and galleries interested in borrowing all or part of the exhibit for display.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

34 superb artists exhibited their work. **Kalivi Sissonen's** career had been in the technical side of photography & printing but he now has time to return to his beloved camera. His BC city and country landscapes were featured in *Photography*.

Also featured was Burnaby's **James Koll** whose astonishing water colours simply sparkle. The styles of both artist and photographer seemed to merge. Amazing work.

Our show did not quite cover its expenses this year as it did last and with a lack of Gaming funds and some difficulty finding helpers we sadly cancelled it for this year. Please volunteer for the show committee for next year.

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

Bird Migration in B.C.

Mads Bunch from Denmark and UBC used local and European images to illustrate how birds navigate. Bird migration routes impact local sites, but global warming has changed the patterns including Boundary Bay stopover. Mads has banded 25,000 birds in Europe around Christiansø in the Baltic Sea, and continues here to support our BC feathered friends and their passing acquaintances.

History of Icelandic Music

Dr Bjarki Sveinbjornson, Broadcaster and Director of Museum of the History of Icelandic Music, came to us from the Beck Trust Lectures in Victoria. In "Their music is our music" he reviewed Icelandic sacred and secular music from the Middle Ages to now using images, sound clips and reproduced instruments.

Gold Dust

The most interesting presentation of "Gold Dust on his Shirt" by author Irene Howard was arranged by Carolyn Thauberger who had also included a nyckelharpa trio that entertained with some soft and pleasant music. From the author's warm description of her Swedish-Norwegian father and mother, it was obvious that the family's survival was due to their strong will and ingenuity.

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

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Troll Garden

Story Teller: David Vanstone.

Troll Mother: Vivian Blackwell.

Genealogy

Lillian Svendsen / Dianne Rogers.

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Finnish Folk Music and Dance

18 February. Judith Anderson.

European Festival,

BCGS / SCS Genealogy Table.

Lillian Svendsen / Dianne Rogers.

art, history, literature, music & dance



Robert Aggestrom



James Kull

**Nordic Art & Photography
2009 Show & Sale**


Saturday, February 28th
Sunday, March 1st, 2009
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring over 150 works of art
by more than 35 Canadian artists
of Nordic heritage or theme.


Reception 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 28th, RSVP
604-294-2777 • info@scandinaviancentre.org

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Nordic Spirit: *Danish Settlement in British Columbia
and the Pacific Northwest*



Early Danish settlers at Cape Scott, the northern tip of Vancouver Island, circa 1898



"Bill" Jorgensen, miner, panning for gold, circa 1960


A gallery presentation of early heritage images
depicting the life and times of the hardy Danish
settlers on the West Coast.

Saturday, April 4th., 11 am - 9 pm
Sunday, April 5th, 11 am - 5 pm

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(off Kensington near the freeway)

Sponsored by:
Scandinavian Cultural Society
The Danish Canadian Community Centre

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Mads has banded 25,000 birds to help discover the secrets of their migration.



The Scandinavian Cultural Society
invites you to enjoy

Bird Migration in B.C. and Denmark
with
Mads Bunch, UBC

Saturday, February 28th, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

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Fine bird images from BC and Denmark. Bird navigation and the impact
of global warming on their migration. New research on the critical role of
Boundary Bay.

Bjarki

The Scandinavian Cultural Society
invites you to enjoy

900 Years of Icelandic Music
a presentation by

Dr. Bjarki Sveinbjörnsson
Director, Museum of the History of Icelandic Music, Iceland

"Their music is our music!"

Friday, March 27th, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

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\$10 (Free coffee and cake)

778-999-6339 or cthaubert@interchange.ubc.ca
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GOLD DUST ON HIS SHIRT



The Shaft House and Mill at Pioneer Mine

L-R: Carolyn Thauberger, Irene & Katherine Howard



Níkelharpa music by Janet Gabites

Midsummer Festival “Troll Garden” delights young & old alike



Professor Klunk has been creating Cautionary Tales since the last century, reading to the delight of children and teachers from rural Manitoba to urban British Columbia.

*Trolls are the same as schmoes
When it comes to not wearing clothes
Their only passion
When it comes to fashion
Is wearing a ring in their nose.*

*There were great volunteers
Some with holes in their ears
Who enchanted the woods
With Norwegian goods
And got bit by those sweet little dears.*

*The kids were all there
Washing bright purple hair
Some dirty, some clean
Some disgusting and mean,
The trolls, not the kids in the chair.*

*David's music and words
And sweet chirping birds
Plus a song from a frog
Who sat still on the log
Set us dancing and laughing in herds*

*So with hair all akimbo,
In clothes like a bimbo
We hope they consent to return
From their antics we learn
To not be a badmanned dimbo.*



Finnish Folk Music

Two of Finland's finest folk musicians visited the Scandinavian Centre on the 18th and 19th of February 2009, sponsored by the Scandinavian Cultural Society and Vancouver Finlandia Club. On the 18th, accordionist **Pekka Pentikäinen**, with fiddler and accordionist **Perttu Paappanen**, played a short concert of both traditional and newly-composed tunes, followed by a lively evening of music for dancing.

The following evening, local musicians were treated to a workshop. Perttu and Pekka's music portrays a quintessentially Finnish mixture of high energy and bittersweet nostalgia. The musicians learned several wonderful tunes and playing techniques that embody their style.



Membership 2010 Campaign

Dear friends,

Your membership needs to be renewed. If you are not a member already, we invite you to join us as we work to celebrate our shared heritage. The Scandinavian Cultural Society organizes events that act as bridges to the best of our collective Nordic heritage. We hope to see you at these coming events:

- a) **“Flammen and Citronen”** Danish movie with English subtitles. Introduction and commentary by Mads Bunch. March 14, 2010.
- b) **“Teatime at Troidhaugen”** a celebration of the bicentennial of Ole Bull in a theatre performance by Don Mowat, Carolyn Finlay and others. March 21, 2010.
- c) **Nordic Spirit Heritage Images Show**, March 27 and 28, 2010. This year featuring the life and times of the early Swedish settlers in BC. Over 100 panels with rare historical photographs.
- d) **Bridal Fashion Show**, and evening program March 27, 2010.
- e) For those who are doing their family research we continue with the monthly **Genealogy Sessions** where expert genealogists: Lillian Svendsen, Diane Rogers, John Herl, Helen Nisgala and others will help you find the records of your Nordic ancestors.
- f) Look for other **talks, workshops, and performances** which we will be supporting together with our partners. Keep an eye out for **Trolls in their Garden** at the Midsummer Festival and maybe even at the European Festival if we can wake them up.

Other cultural events may be rescheduled, so please check the websites: www.scandinaviancentre.org and www.scandinavianculturalsociety.org Please come to our fine events - they are for you, your family and friends. We appreciate the support of the British Columbia Gaming Commission in our work and we are also very grateful for yours. Join our hard-working and culturally productive society.

Thank you!

Poul Erik Rasmussen

President



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Membership - 2010

Annual Dues: \$15.00

Can you help us by volunteering as:

Board Member

Event Organizer

Event Worker

Genealogy Group:

We had seven Genealogy Sessions in 2009 with good attendance at each gathering.

Some people came just for a single session to get help with hard-to-find information, whilst others kept coming back, often giving research advice to others.

We have also been helping people who e-mail us their questions, and we have found "lost" relatives here for people in Denmark, and Danish ancestors for people here and in the USA.

We also provided a limited amount of translations of Scandinavian Records.

Everyone is welcome to our Sessions. A \$2.00 drop-in fee includes coffee.

For further information:
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*We now have a new website!
 Visit our online pages to see the
 latest information about our
 previous and coming events.*

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 with text by various directors of the board.



L-R: Helen Niskala, Shirley Ford, Lillian Svendsen, Maureen Larsen
 The Genealogy Group had tables at the European and Midsummer Festivals

SCS Events Calendar - 2010

Jan. 16th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Jan. 25th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Feb. 20th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Nordic Art and Photography Show and Sale is cancelled for this year but will be back on in the Spring of 2011.
 Mar. 8th, 19:00 Annual General Meeting, followed by Membership Meeting. **(Note the change of date from Feb 22nd)**
 Mar 14th, 1:00 "Flammen og Citronen"
 Mar. 20th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Mar. 21st, "Teatime at Troidhaugen" (cosponsored by SCS)
 March 26th, Set-up for the Heritage Photo Show
 Mar. 27th and 28th
 Nordic Spirit: Swedes in B.C. Heritage Images Show
 Mar. 27th, (evening)
 Swedish Bridal Fashion Show
 Mar. 29th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Apr. 17th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 April 26th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 May 15th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 May 29th, European Festival, Genealogy Table
 May 31st, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Jun. 19th & 20th Midsummer Festival, Genealogy Event and Troll Garden

Sep. 18th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Sep. 27th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Oct. 23rd, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Oct. 25th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Nov. 27th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Nov. 29th, 19:30 Membership Meeting

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Jan. 15th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Jan. 31st, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Feb. 19th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Feb. 25th, Set-up for the Art Show
 Feb. 26th & 27th 2011, Art Show/Sale
 Feb. 28th, 19:30 Membership Meeting
 Mar. 19th, 13:00 Genealogy Session
 Mar. 25th, Set-up for the Norwegian Heritage Photos
 March 26th & 27th 2011 Nordic Spirit Show, featuring Norway
 Mar. 28th, 19:30 Membership Meeting

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 Please note that some dates could be changed and that other events could be re-scheduled.

Check the **Scandinavian Centre** flyer and websites or call 604-294-2777 for confirmation.