



SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Newsletter - 2012

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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, February 27th, 2012
at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the directors.
- 2) Consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st 2011.
- 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 21st January 2012.
By order of the Board of Directors for the Scandinavian Cultural Society.



Deanna Fogstrom

Nordic Art & Photography - Show & Sale



Saturday, February 25th
Sunday, February 26th, 2012
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scandinavian Community Centre
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

Featured Artist:
Deanna Fogstrom, *painter*

Meet her and over 30 other outstanding artists, photographers and designers of Nordic heritage or theme. Shop and enjoy refreshments, and listen to our own Vancouver Spelmanslag folk orchestra at the **Opening Reception**,
Saturday, February 25th, 11:30 a.m.

For information or Reception RSVP: 604-294-2777
OR: info@scandinaviancentre.org





President's Message:

by
Poul Erik Rasmussen

The Scandinavian Cultural Society is a multi-community. The SCS has received a lot of attention in recent years and continues to gain visibility. We recognise that the multicultural nature of our community energizes the production of successful programs.

Indeed, the integral bond reflects a 'fresh look' and is a key component in confirming our position as one of the best programs in BC. As we look forward, we must continue to recognise and credit our community this way. We regard each active member or visiting participant as a meaningful future building block, and it is our hope that one day they may step forward to volunteer in either administration or other equally worthy positions in our society. It is this approach that brings unity and growth.

In a united community effort, the Nordic Spirit Heritage Images series has been the voice for early settlement histories since 2007. The exhibits now travel to museums and galleries around the province and I want to thank each and every person for supporting these projects. Also, special mention should be made of the Danish Community Center and our B.C. Provincial Government funding.

With gratitude, I bring these points forward in order to clarify a realistic picture of the challenges and work that must be done to achieve our goals. True multi-community effort requires all current and future members to lead, direct, and participate in our ongoing cultural programming.

We are encouraged by the growth that has taken place and we hope that it will continue into the future when more members step forward to work together.

Thanks to everyone who supplied photos for this issue of the newsletter.

Marie Johansen remembered

Marie Johansen was a Past President of the Scandinavian Cultural Society, and she passed away in February, 2011. She was a big part of our society for many years and served in various executive positions. Marie was also a big part of other Danish organizations and was the first president of the Vancouver (Dogwood) Lodge of the Danish sisterhood.

- Susan Jensen



Her Excellency Else Berit Eikeland

Ambassador's Speech

Scandinavian Community Centre
June 3rd, Time: TBA

Canada and Norway have much in common, from our northern identity and the wealth of our national resources to our firm commitment to the values of active democracy. Canada and Norway enjoy an exceptionally good and close relationship, and the numerous bonds between individuals and the history we share strengthen this relationship.

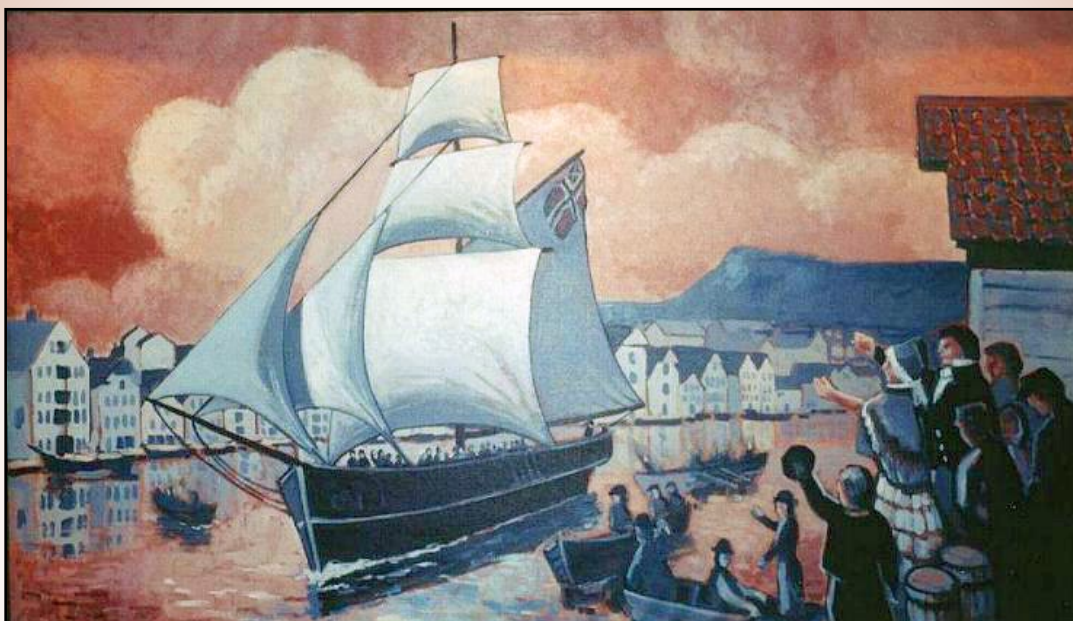


The perfect place for your wedding, conference, workshop or private party!

604-294-2777



The Scandinavian Cultural Society is pleased to present



Nordic Spirit Festival - 2012

The Lives They Left Behind

A family-friendly retrospective of images, artifacts and hands-on activities illustrating life in the homelands of our emigrant ancestors.

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 10 am to 9 pm

Sunday, April 1, 2012, 10 am to 5 pm

Scandinavian Community Centre

6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC

Opening reception and folk music, Saturday 11:30 am
Folk concert by Vancouver Spelmanslag, Saturday, 7:00 pm

With financial support from:
BC Gaming Commission
Festivals Burnaby
The Danish Canadian Community Association

A review of our 2011 cultural programs:



NORDIC SPIRIT: Norwegians in B.C.

Organizer - Sonja Busch; Graphics - Monica Lindzen

HOLLYBURN HERITAGE:

January 23rd – Donald Grant presented a film about the early history of ski racing and ski jumping on the north Shore mountains. Vintage photos and film during the past decade were featured. It was a fun and interesting evening, and fitting as we had the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

SHOW & SALE:

February 26th & 27th – Among the 35 fine artists and photographers who showed works, there were two local featured artists. Aaslaug Boulier creates scenes, portraits, and rosemaling in oil. Photographer Roberta Holden presented her series *Studies in Sea Ice*, aerial photos of the Greenland coast. The opening included a folk concert by Vancouver Spelmanslag. Reik Felag provided a Saturday evening presentation on Viking creative arts.

SIMON NYBERG & ELISE BOEUR - CONCERT & DANCE:

March 23rd – An evening of music and folkdancing featuring Swedish guitarist Simon Nyberg and local fiddler Elise Boeur. The pair collaborated with exceptional success to develop fresh, energetic arrangements of Swedish songs and dance tunes, old and new.

NORDIC SPIRIT 2011

Early Norwegian Immigrants in BC:

March 26th & 27th – This exhibition completes our five-year cycle of shows revealing the lives of Scandinavian immigrants in B.C. The research and production committee included Sonja Busch, Judith Anderson, Eva Lindzen, Monica Lindzen Weston, and Carolyn Thauberger. Months were spent assembling the unique collection of images of Norwegian immigrants at home, at work, and at play. Special appreciation goes to Sonja, who headed up the committee while researching and editing the display texts to ensure that every photo told an interesting story, and to Monica, whose beautiful rosemaling design and skilful production of the image frames made the exhibit a visual treat. Additional support for Nordic Spirit 2011 was provided by Norwegian House Society, The Danish Canadian Community Centre, and BC Gaming Commission.

KAREN BLIXEN:

March 26th – Mads Bunch, lecturer in Danish and Scandinavian Studies at UBC presented an evening devoted to his particularly specialty, the works and life of Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen). Blixen was an unconventional Danish author who spent many years

in Africa and is best known for her book *Out of Africa*. Mads presented a film about her life, *Karen Blixen – Out of this World*, which was followed by a wonderful in-depth discussion.

TRIO GEITUNGEN:

September 20th – The trio Geitungen (“kid” as in young goat) presented traditional Norwegian dance tunes from the hinterland of Rogaland county in southern Norway. It was delightful music – uniquely piquant in style owing to the isolation of the valleys in which it developed. The Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver, with sponsorship from the Scandinavian Cultural Society and Norwegian House Society, hosted Geitungen on September 20 and 21. They were enthusiastically received, and the busy dance floor testified to the impossibility of sitting still once the dancing began.

THE TWAIN SHALL MEET:

October 6th – East definitively met West when the SCS presented an evening of poetry reading and discussion by the award-winning Pakistani-Norwegian poet Jamshed Masroor with translator Elisabeth Sandberg. As they read selected poems, the co-authors explained the classical form of Urdu poetry that Masroor employs (the ghazal) and also discussed the more contemporary Norwegian poems and Masroor’s experience as a successful South Asian immigrant in Norway. Woodbury University, of Burbank CA, provided a generous donation.

DANCE WORKSHOP:

October 29th – The Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 29, 2011, by hosting a workshop with guest instructor Laine Ruus. She brought vitality and contagious enthusiasm for the dances. Gammel Dansk provided the irresistible music. The workshop received generous support from the SCS and the Danish-Canadian Community Centre Association.

art, history, film, music, dance & literature

Norwegian Folk Trio - Geitungen



Traditional tunes from Rogaland. Concert & Dance.



The Scandinavian Cultural Society is pleased to present
Nordic Spirit 2011



Early Norwegian Immigrants in B.C.

"The Twain Shall Meet"

An East-meets-West multicultural evening,



Elisabeth Sandberg,

Judith Anderson,

Jamshet Masroor

featuring a presentation by the award-winning Pakistani-Norwegian poet **Jamshet Masroor** with English recreations by **Elisabeth Sandberg**

"Heroes of the Harnessed Hickory"

January 23, 2011 at the Scandinavian Centre
6540 Thomas Street Burnaby, B. C.
Time: 2:00 pm
Admission by Donation



(Photo taken in 1945)

This 50 minute film created by HHS archivist/Historian Donald Grant, presents the early history of ski racing and ski jumping on the North Shore mountains (1927-1967) from the perspective of Hollyburn's ski pioneers.

The Work and Life of Karen Blixen

A Lecture & Video presented by Mads Bunch



Art & Photography - Show & Sale



Our Midsummer Troll Garden is very popular with the young at heart.



Our young-at-heart Troll Mother - Vivian Blackwell



Weeze ashamed. We gets inna de lingonberry juices anna getz mad at loosink de skittle game to da gnomes. Tings get outta handz. We tips over a few sheeps. Troll justish is swifth...nonna dis stuff wit de loy years. Straight to jails. Missa alla da party. Weeze sorree. Not do dat again.

To da one dat stole us from our frenz, pleese return us next Midsummer sose dat we can partee too. Tanks. No keshions axed, anna dat hairy throat ting will disappear.

Membership 2012 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 look forward to our up-coming events and we hope you enjoyed these ones in 2011:

- a) "Heroes of Harnessed Hickory" A film by Donald Grant presenting the early history of ski racing and ski jumping on Hollyburn Mountain. January 23 2011.
- b) Nordic Art and Photography Show and Sale. Featuring works by: Aaslaug Boulier, Roberta Holden, and over 30 other artists of Nordic heritage or theme. February 26th and 27th 2011.
- c) An evening program featuring the Reik Felag Viking Group. February 26th 2011
- d) Nordic Spirit Heritage Images Show. This Festival featured the Norwegian Immigrants in British Columbia. Over 100 panels with rare historical photographs.
- e) The evening program "The Twain Shall Meet" with award winning Pakistani-Norwegian poet Jamshed Masroor with English translations by Elisabeth Sandberg.
- f) The monthly Genealogy sessions will continue in 2012. Experts will be there to help.

Look for other talks, workshops, and performances which we will be supporting together with our partners.

Our events occasionally may be rescheduled, so please check the Scandinavian Centre flyer and these web sites: www.scandinavianculturalsociety.org and www.scandinaviancentre.org Please come to our fine events, they are for you and your family and friends. We appreciate the support of our sponsors and the BC 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



Scandinavian Cultural Society

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Membership - 2012

Annual Dues: \$15.00

Can you help us by
volunteering as:

Board Member

Event Organizer

Event Worker

Genealogy Group:

Interested in learning about your family origin? Research and guiding associated in finding the loved ones abroad and in North America is offered every third Saturday of the month in the Scandinavian Center. The concepts that help you discover ancestry mapping is taught by experienced members of BCGS who are pleased to help you in each step of the research process. They also offer their expertise in accessing records and archives.

The year 2011 has brought enjoyment to members as these records are updated frequently and are available up to the 1960s. The technique allows you to gain sometimes surprising discoveries and insight with the support of friends, peer discussions and guidance, and of course, the detailed and well-designed programs increase confidence in your own search.

We will continue the sessions and workshops in early 2012, and everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact:

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The BCGS had tables filled with books and other genealogical information at both the European and Midsummer Festivals.

SCS Events Calendar - 2012

21st January 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

30th January 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

18th February 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

24th February 2012,
Set up for the Art Show

25th and 26th February 2012
**Art & Photography
– Show & Sale**

27th February 2012, 19:00
**Annual General Meeting
+ Monthly SCS meeting**

17th March 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

26th March 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

30th March 2012,
**Set up for the
Nordic Spirit Heritage Festival**

31st March and 1st April 2012,
Nordic Spirit Heritage Festival

21st April 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

30th April 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

19th May 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

26th May 2012,
**European Festival:
Genealogy Booth**

28th May 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

3rd June 2012, time: TBA
**A speech by the
Norwegian Ambassador.**

23rd and 24th June 2012,
**Midsummer Festival:
Troll Garden &
Genealogy Booth**

15th September 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

24th September 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

20th October 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

29th October 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting

24th November 2012, 13:00
Genealogy Session

26th November 2012, 19:00
Monthly SCS Meeting