

Scandinavian Cultural Society Newsletter 2018

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The AGM of the Scandinavian Cultural Society will be held at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC, on

Monday February 26th, 2018
at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the directors' reports
- 2) Consider Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2017
- 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 and individual members.

Dues may be paid at or prior to the meeting.

Dated January 19, 2017
By order of the Board of Directors
of the Scandinavian Cultural Society

*Thank you
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The Scandinavian Cultural Society
Presents

Sami Culture and Design 11am to 4pm, Feb 3rd & 4th, 2018



Photos and films
Talks and Displays
Sami dress
Music

Jewelry for sale

Furnished Sami lavvu!

Saturday: 11:30am Opening Reception
5:00pm Sami National Day Dinner

**Scandinavian Community Centre
Burnaby, BC**

Please Help

Share photos, artifacts, or stories of Sami heritage.

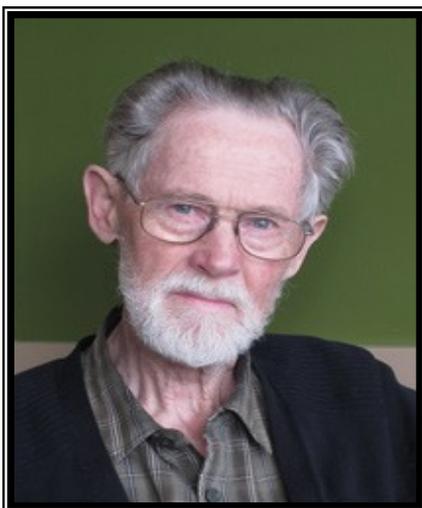
Help organize the show.

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President's Message
by
Poul Erik Rasmussen

Another busy year has passed for the Scandinavian Cultural Society, its events recorded in this newsletter. Looking back it seems almost impossible that we have been able to do so many things. It is fortunate that we have been able to afford it all.

We held events in several areas—art and photography, history, genealogy, literature and thought, music and dance, and our children's Troll Garden. Some events are part of a recurring program. The Art Show and Troll Garden have run almost 20 years. This spring we will present our 12th Nordic Spirit Heritage photo show. We aim for variety.

Each event represents much work. We estimate our volunteers put over 2000 hours a year! Board members design and organize events, gathering the necessary funds. Each board member seems to have particular skills that we can use at almost every show, and they take turns coordinating the events.

And you, the SCS members and friends, come to help and support us at every turn. There is no way we could do all that we have without your support. We are a finely functioning team. Together we make a rich cultural environment for our community.

It takes money too. Our annual expenditure approximately \$14,000. Memberships, donations and event income bring in \$5000.

We are also grateful to receive grants totalling \$9000 from the Province of BC, The Danish Canadian Community Association, and FestivalsBurnaby.

But events cost more than expenses indicate. Partnerships help, but most extra cost is made up by you as volunteers. We estimate \$27,750 as the financial value you add, and that figure is almost certainly low. Thank you.



The Scandinavian Cultural Society presents

Player Piano Concert
1–3 pm, Sunday, February 25, 2018
Scandinavian Community Centre
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby



"Pianist" Jarl Christensen
Photo: R Petermann

Hear our fabulous Player Piano.
Find out its history.
See how it works.
Enjoy our singers.
Sing along!

By donation



Concert
Talks
Singing
Coffee
Enjoy!



Nordic Spirit 2018: Early Fishing in BC

Please offer to help

Nordic Spirit Festival, April 14 and 15, 2018, will feature your heritage photos about early fishing in BC. We want anything related to fishing up to around 1970. This includes catching, canning, boats and boat building, tackle, or any other aspect of private or commercial fishing. Contact John Stuart to lend us materials. Or Carolyn Thauberger.

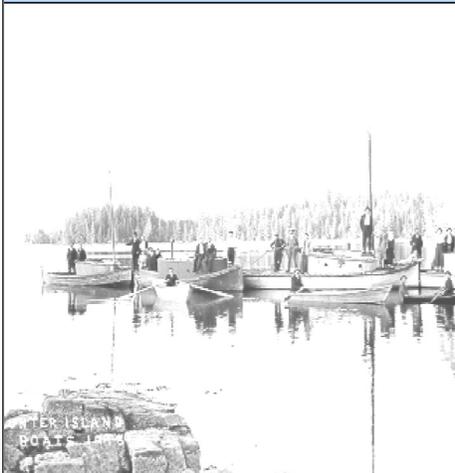
We also want stories—tales of interesting or dangerous times. Most stories will be long, printed beside a photo or two, but we might make an informal story telling show too. If you don't have photos, send a picture of a story participant. Norm Enridge told us of the time he and his little brother were far out ocean fishing and they got into trouble. They called the Coast Guard but it was dark and their boat had capsized before help came. Norm was pulled from the water by spotlight. The Coast Guard were set to leave when one of the men asked, "Do you want us to save your dog too?" Norm did not have a dog. That hairy head still struggling in the dark water was his little brother! Interesting. To bad Norm didn't take a picture.

We may display a few artefacts related to early fishing like gear, models of boats, bills of sale or fishing regulations, or life saving equipment. Etc. We could even hang up a stuffed fish so long as your wife could stand to have it down for a few days. With enough artefacts we could even set up a dock with a stuffed seagull.



The Scandinavian Cultural Society
presents

**Nordic Spirit 2018:
Early Fishing in BC**
11 to 4 pm, Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15, 2018
Scandinavian Community Centre, Burnaby
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby



Call for Photos
Please lend us your pre 1960 photos of Scandinavians in the BC fishing industry for our April Nordic Spirit Show
Supported by BC Gaming

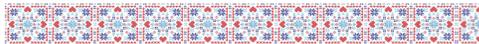
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Danish Canadian National Museum

Last year we supported a funding application for the Danish Canadian National Museum in Alberta. We had worked together before and could see several opportunities for continued collaboration through a virtual museum. We might post our her-

itage photo collections (with your permission) or put our design shows on permanent virtual display. But the application was not successful. The museum will go ahead with their plans but now are asking for your financial support. Donate at:
<https://thedanishcanadianmuseum.com/donations/>



Leif Erikson Day Festival September 30, 2017: Finland

When Leif Erikson sailed west from Iceland eventually reaching the shore of North America he would have been surprised to learn that thousand years from then people on the West Coast of the Continent would celebrate his achievements along with achievements of people from all the Nordic countries.

As 2017 was the 100 year anniversary of Finland's Independence as a nation we focused on Finland's culture, history, cuisine, music and art.

Lucas Aykroyd, award winning journalist, told us what we should know about *Hockey, Heavy Metal, and the Finnish Soul*. While Heavy Metal was a little out of our comfort zone we doubt Leif Erikson would have backed away. Though Finns might have scared him: they were known sorcerers in his day.

Lucas had hung out with Finnish Hockey stars such as Teemu Selanne and Saku Koivu. We heard that Finland Heavy Metal bands like *Lordi* and *Night Wish* are part of the Finnish Psyche along with tales from the Kalevala.

Dr. Zita McRobbie talked about Finno-Ugric languages. It was an exciting talk as Zita had lived with the Skolt Saami

We were especially pleased that the Honorary Consul for Finland in Vancouver and BC, Mr. Tom Nyberg could attend. He talked to us about current issues in Finland.

The festival included photo art and handicraft displays for visitors. Books were displayed on Finnish Culture and fine literature.

Our evening concert featured Hannu Lambert on his accordion and Kyosti Sutela singing Finnish songs accompanied by Hannu. Pohjolan Poijat gave us a fine performance of old Finnish

music. Nordic Bleu sang Canadian numbers to remind us it was also Canada's birthday.

The Festival was presented by the Scandinavian Cultural Society together with Canadian Friends of Finland. Funding came from Festivals Burnaby.

Dianne Kilback

Leif Erikson Day 2018 will focus on Iceland

who had come to Finland after their forced migration from Russia following WWII. The Skolts had been traumatized by previous researchers who gave each Skolt a number and measured their heads. Dr. McRobbie gained their trust (by eating a hamburger!) and told fascinating stories of living with the Skolt people.



Lucas Aykroid and *The Finnish Soul*
Photo by Dianne Kilback



Hannu Lambert entertained at our Opening Reception and evening Finnish concert.

Photo by Dianne Kilback



Zeta McRobbie studied the Skolt Sami.
Photo by Dianne Kilback

SCS Entertainers, 2017



Poulsbo Leikeringen dancers from SON Trollhaugen Lodge, WA, USA, at our Valentine Concert



Kyosti Sutela, shared his lovely bass baritone voice with us at Leif Erikson Festival and Valentine Concerts.



Hannu Lambert livened up the audience at Leif Erikson and Valentine Concerts



John Stuart here with Rikki Ritter, told of the Danish Skagen painters at both the Art Show and Nordic Spirit photo show.



Nordic Blue: Janet Mowatt (director) Kaoru Henry, Yasushi Ishimura, Bruce Norman, Dianne Kilback,



The Skagen school of painters made pictures full of light. This is "Skagen" by Michael Peter Ancher, c.1900



Don Mowatt and Carolyn Finllay

Don Mowatt presented Tales of the Vikings in Canada, a dramatic retelling of the Viking Sagas. The play featured actors Mowatt, Carolyn Finllay Cameron Cathcart and Scandinavian folk orchestra Gammel Dansk. Don regularly writes dramatic readings about prominent historical figures.



Gammel Dansk folk orchestra

We missed a photo of Ed Wahl, singer, and of Pohjolan Poijat, Finnish Old Boys group. Both were great and donated their time. Thanks.

Genealogy

The SCS sponsors a busy genealogy program together with BC Genealogy Society. We meet once a month at the Scandinavian Centre where experts on each Nordic country welcome you and provide free language and technical support while you research. We are grateful for the Iceland room with its access to local records. Together with BCGS we promote both our groups. This year we were together at the European Festival, the Genealogy Room at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, and at the Steveston Gulf of Georgia Cannery Event.

Diane Rogers / Poul Erik Rasmussen



Is Poul Erik helping retired MLA Richard Lee look for his Nordic ancestors? Good luck.

Art, Photography and Craft Festival 2017

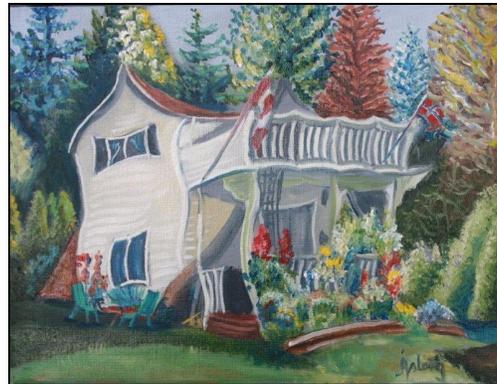
Over 2 dozen artists, photographers, and crafts people exhibited at our February Art Show, and John Stuart talked about the Skagen painters. We featured Norwegian Canadian painter Aaslaug Røsok Boulier. It is not the first time we focused on her work but her style has changed. Lately she has been painting the summer cottages at Hatzic taking liberties with their lines to create a rather “slanted” view of the buildings. Too much wine perhaps? These painting became very popular with the Hatzic crowd and Aaslaug had to paint a number of pictures in this style for various cottage owners. We await her next artistic transformation.



Aaslaug did a lot of rosmalling in the past. This is her Hatzic cottage interior.



Aaslaug Boulier at work. Two of her fantastic Hatzic houses are below.



Reindeer Meat is Healthy

Wikipedia reports reindeer meat is becoming popular across Europe. Researchers have found it to be one of the healthiest meats equal to fish. It is lean, very low in fat, and high in vitamin B-12, omega-3, omega-6, and essential fatty acids. Reindeer meat is also fine-textured, tender and tastes great with the delicious but distinctive taste of game meat. It is something like venison but milder-flavored although still dark in color.



Poronkaristys. Norwegian version on the right, Swedish on the left.

Sami Culture and Design Dinner
 Saturday, February 5:00 pm
 Tickets \$30
 Call Laura 604 630-3540

The Sami Culture and Design show banquet is for everyone. We will celebrate both our show and Sami National Day which is normally held February 6. There are not so many people of Sami descent here so please come to give them support. Also, we have to sell enough tickets to pay for the reindeer we imported from Nunavit!

This is your chance to try food with a Sami flavour from a salt salmon starter through the sauted reindeer steak (Poronkaristys), to the sorrel leaf dessert. Mashed potatoes, baked salmon, vegetables, and pastries

Help start a Sami interest group. cthauber12@gmail.com



will ensure no-one starves. Our folk musicians will play during the social hour at 5 with dinner at 6. After dinner, Lawyer Marja Bulmer will tell of her work with Sami people.

She won a Finnish supreme court water rights case for them and knows a lot about the social, political, economic and environmental issues Sami people face. When we understand, we can help.

Kosti Uusikartano, 1939 - 2017

Kosti Uusikartano, long time SCS board member passed away last January. We miss him. He helped at every event, working hard from start to finish, trying to make the world a nicer place. He did. A perfect description of Kosti is in this verse composed by folkdance friends Judith Anderson and Pia Christensen for Kosti's 70th birthday.

Kosti

For seventy years he did it all,
In sports and crafts and dance,
In bearskin vest and fishing hat
And army-issue pants.

It was never quiet with Kosti near,
There was always a story to tell –
The bear he shot, the moose he got,
The creek into which he fell!

A gift from God to women who dance,
He never was known to rest.
If music played he was on his feet
And dancing with the best.

A handy guy with every tool,
He offered his skills to all.
If ever you needed to blow a leaf
Or finish your sauna wall.

Our Flying Finn, with *sisu* to spare,
And plenty of extra grit,
With wounded foot or broken wrist,
He never ever quit!

He was first across the finish line,
No matter how freezing cold,
A man of action with legs of steel
And a heart of genuine gold!

Midsummer Troll Garden?

Is there going to be one? A midsummer troll garden, that is. Minding trolls is hard work and we don't have anyone who will take over the trolls this year. Would you help? Midsummer volunteers help mind the garden but you have to set up the night before and put away after. Do something if it rains. I'm not sure what.



Kosti, here with son Tomi, had more photos taken of him than anyone else. One summer he was in the Vancouver Sun 4 times and once into the papers in Finland. It was his wonderful smile



Kosti is on the left here with his Scandinavian dancers. He danced with his mom from age six as his dad's leg had been shot in the Winter War. He never stopped. He had wonderful stage presence.



Not that rain bothers trolls. Oh no. They are in fine form in mud, dancing, splashing, standing on their heads. It is just that you have to clean them up after. Catching the trolls is the hardest part. After two nights of partying they will have gotten into stuff—up trees, under leaves, into holes in the ground. And where are their clothes? Good question. You will have to find those too, and maybe get the mud off and put them back onto the trolls. Trolls don't like clothes. They don't like baths either. Your job now.



SCS Website

Check out our Scandinavian cultural Society website: scandinavianculturalsociety.org You can find it directly or through Iceland House on the Scandinavian Community Centre website. We are a member of Iceland House. On our website we put our past activities. Newsletters are posted along with photos of you from our events. That is why you should try to behave yourself at our shows. The website also has information on coming events. We try to keep it updated as we finalize schedules and confirm speakers and performers.

We want to thank our former website coordinator, Erika Ein-egal for setting up our website and for managing it for the past few years. Judith Anderson has taken over the job now and continues to make the site interesting and beautiful. Thank you Judith. Send her your photos, articles, or announcements: **604 526-4722.**

judithanderson@shaw.ca



Koji Laprise and Annika Guy looked after our trolls at Midsummer. Minding trolls seems to be hard on clothes.

photo:

Dianne Kilback



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Membership - 2018

Single Dues: \$15.00

Family: \$20.00

Help us by volunteering as:

Board Member

Event Organizer

Event Worker

We appreciate the cooperation and support of organizations at the Scandinavian Community Centre, and acknowledge the assistance of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Burnaby, the Danish Canadian Community Centre, Burnaby Arts Council, and our members. Thank you.



Another Award of Appreciation for SCS cultural work was presented to all of us by MLA Richard Lee. Here we are. photo: R Petterman

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Scandinavian Cultural Society CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

January 20th, 1:00pm Genealogy Session.

January 29th, 7:00pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

February 3rd and 4th, Nordic Spirit Art and Design Show.

February 17th, 1:00pm Genealogy Session.

February 25th 1:00 pm "Player Piano" Concert.

February 26th, 7:00pm SCS AGM and Meeting.

March 17th, 1:00pm Genealogy Session.

March 26th, 7:00pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

April 14th and 15th, Nordic Spirit Heritage Show.

April 21st, 1:00pm Genealogy Session,

April 30th, 7:00pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

May 19th, 1:00pm Genealogy Session.

May 28th, 7:00pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

June 23rd and 24th Genealogy at Midsummer.

September 15th 1:00 pm Genealogy Session.

September 24th 7:00 pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

October 13th Leif Erickson Festival.

October 20th 1:00 pm Genealogy Session.

October 29th 7:00 pm SCS Monthly Meeting.

November 24th 1:00 pm Genealogy Session.

November 26th 7:00 pm SCS Monthly Meeting

Some dates may change. Confirm: 604 294-2777

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