Do you have a streak of yellow and blue?





FROM THE SCS BOARD

The Board continues to meet the SHS SCCS 2nd Tuesday of every month. The Sweden house is responsible for following is a summary of what transpired during our March meeting.

Board Members: Niklas Kviselius. Karmen Blackwood, Kristin Josephson, Riitta Huttunen, Pia Hilton, Carina Spencer, Monica Olofsson, Linda Olofsson, Monica Severinson, Mari-Louise Olsson, Natalie Bristow

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Swedish School

Registration for 2024/2025 is ongoing.

The school is looking for an administrator to start in August 2024 to replace Hanna Edenvik. Please email

vancouverswedishschool@gmail.com for more information

We welcome Maya Mackenzie to our teaching team. Maya is a former SSV student who will volunteer and assist teacher Paulina in the Saturday preschool class every other week.

Adult Education

There are a few weeks left of the winter session with 47 students. We will continue with Spring sessions for all classes! Email

swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com for more information.

the lunch on cleanup day May 11th. Contact Carina Spencer majoshspencer@gmail.com if you can help.

"Traditional Folk Costumes" is the theme for this year's Midsummer **Festivities.** Please dust off your costumes, and come and volunteer!

Our fundraising committee is considering several actions to raise <u>Guest:</u> Christel Lindgren (Swedish funds to keep and maintain our wonderful center. We need your help & support!

Club Night April 19

The Adult education team is organizing a club night on Friday April 19th; everyone welcome! Save the date - more information is Society (SCCS): coming soon on our website.

Seeking Social Media Coordinator!

SCS is looking for someone to create engaging social media content that aligns with our digital media strategy. Great opportunity to get creative and volunteer with a non-profit!

Please contact

swedishculturalsociety.ca@gmail.com.



GLAD PÅSK!

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all activities and events will take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby.

March

• March 26: South Book Club meets

April

- · April 4: Scandinavian Community Centre AGM
- April 8: North Book Club, we meet at Cantina Norte!
- April 19: Club Night, Swedish Language Night.
- April 21: Swedish Heritage Museum, Open House for all SCS members.
- April 28: Nordic Cultural Sunday at the Centre
- April 28: Walpurgis get together

Scandinavian Community Centre

• The Centre needs fundraising support! Please contact Carina: majoshspencer@gmail.com with your ideas.



Midsummer Festival Planning

The committee will meet in late April at the Scandinavian Centre. This year's theme is "Traditional Folk Costumes". Welcome to join in the planning committee.

For more information & events, please visit swedishculturalsociety.com and Scancentre.org





Glad Påsk! Happy Easter!

No *Påsk* – or Easter – celebration would be complete in Sweden without eggs, witches and pickled herring!

Just like many other Swedish holidays, traditional Swedish fare is brought out, featuring the familiar crisp-bread, pickled fish (sill) and spirits (snaps). However, during Easter it is a Swedish custom to have lamb for supper and also to consume a lot of hardboiled – and painted – eggs, traditionally eaten on the evening before Easter Sunday.

Another popular dish that will find its place on most tables is known as "Janssons Frestelse" (which translates to 'Jansson's Temptation') a creamy potato, onion and anchovy casserole.

*we serve this annually at Lucia Christmas Dinner - it's always a big hit! $_{\mbox{From}}$

https://www.yourlivingcity.com/community/eastertraditions-sweden/

April 21 Swedish Heritage Museum "Open House"

When: April 21, 2024, 1 - 3 PM

Where: Swedish Heritage Museum @ 1812 Duthie Ave,

Burnaby, BC, V5A 3R3.

Entrance at the back of the building.

Join for Swedish Fika and a tour of the museum!

Please RSVP to Gun Pennink by April 17th. (phone 604-921-9903)



May 11 Spring Work Party

Calling Volunteers!!
Date: Saturday May 11
Time: 9am to 2pm

Join us & help to keep your Centre beautiful! Bring pails and rags, work inside or outside (rain or shine).

Breakfast: by the Finnish War Veterans at 8:30am sharp (No breakfast is served after 9am)
Lunch: By the Sweden House Society at 12.00pm
Contact: Please let the office know if you are coming, and if you are joining us for breakfast and/or lunch @ info@scancentre.org
This is always a great way to meet the other volunteers, and to get to know the Centre from top to bottom!

A message from one of our happy volunteers: "The clean up experience was very positive and went very well. Thanks again to those who prepared the wonderful breakfast and lunch!"



May 25-26 Canadian Youth congress

Are you a future Diplomat?

Voice for Rights International is looking for Swedish youth 16-35 years old to participate in the Canadian Youth Congress here in Vancouver on May 25-26,2024.

If you have any interest in Human Rights and Diplomacy visit https://www.vfri.ca/canada-youth-congress/ or contact Carina Spencer at majoshspencer@gmail.com





April 19 Club night at the Centre, "Mingel kväll"

Everybody Welcome.

Time 7-9 PM.

The theme is "Swedish Language get-together" meaning that we try to speak as much Swedish as possible. Bar is open. Bring an appetizer to share (optional).

RSVP to swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com

April 28 Walpurgis Night

@ Amble side Beach, West Vancouver at 6PM. Enjoy the bonfire, bring & roast your own hot dogs and smores. Fun for all ages!

Christer and Niklas are planning this event and we expect many people to join us for this celebration of Spring. For more information see our website swedishculturalsociety.com

*Please bring your own hotdogs, smores, drinks, BBQ sticks, etc. Fire wood appreciated!



Nordic Baking Classes 2024

Nordic Baking classes are offered by the Scandinavian Centre. In-person classes are held at the Scandinavian Community Centre at 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby. Classes are open to everyone; no membership needed. Previous baking experience is not required. There are 8-10 spots per class. We have both in-person classes and zoom classes.

Contact Sandra at scanbake@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

SCS Board Contact Information

Chair: Niklas Kviselius, niklas.kviselius@gmail.com

Secretary: Monica Severinson, secretary@swedishculturalsociety.com

All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby (option to attend virtually).

For more information see our website(s) <u>swedishculturalsociety.com</u> and <u>scancentre.org</u>

2024 SHS Board Members Needed!

If you are interested in getting involved in the Sweden House Society, please contact Carina Spencer, majoshspencer@gmail.com.

A great way to connect with the Swedish Cultural Society organization is to volunteer at one of our many events or join our work party! Please check out our website for events and more: https://swedishculturalsociety.com

Our Swedish Library

We have recorded 1,500 books and 150 DVDs on our website, swedishculturalsociey.com. All members can search for book titles there. To borrow books or DVDs please visit the Swedish room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Please do NOT leave books to donate, at the centre, without first contacting Pia Hilton.

Pia Hilton is our Librarian. She can be contacted at piachilton@gmail.com. Thank you!

The most current information is available at <u>swedishculturalsociety.com</u>