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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Feb. 13, we held our AGM at the Scandinavian Centre. 18 members attended and were all treated to Semlor made by Sandra Benholm.

Roland Strong and Lana Lofgren will not continue on the Board; we thank them for their ideas and collaboration! We welcome Maria Olsen and Natalie Bristol as new members on the Board! For a complete list of board members please visit [swedishculturalsociety.com=>aboutus](http://swedishculturalsociety.com=>aboutus).

Linnea O'Sullivan will not be continuing as our Social Media Coordinator. We thank her for her efforts in increasing our community reach! Linnea will continue to assist until the Board has found a new volunteer for this position.

We thank the 2023 Board for its commitment and efforts, and we're excited for our 2024 Board to continue doing great things!

### Nordic Baking Classes

Feb. 26, 2024 class demonstrates how to make the "Semla". Please register with Sandra by emailing [scanbake@gmail.com](mailto:scanbake@gmail.com). More information at [scancentre.org](http://scancentre.org)



### Sweden House Society NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Scandinavian Community Centre Society will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on April 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the Directors
- 2) Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st of December 2023
- 3) Resolutions
- 4) Elect Directors for the coming year
- 5) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

AGM Agenda will be posted at the Scandinavian Centre 30 days before the Meeting.

*\*SCCS notice of AGM dated Feb.8, 2024*

### Membership for 2024

Time to renew your membership! Membership fees are \$30 for family and \$25 for single membership. Please e-transfer payment to [scstreasury@gmail.com](mailto:scstreasury@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Calendar of Events

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

#### February

- Feb .27: South Book Club at Astrid Switzer's

#### March

- March 4: North Book Club at Yvonne Spence's
- March 19: Sweden House AGM. All are welcome!

#### April

- April 4: Scandinavian Community Centre AGM
- April 28: Walpurgis get together

### Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS):

- The Centre needs fundraising support! Please contact [Carina @majoshspencer@gmail.com](mailto:Carina@majoshspencer@gmail.com) with your ideas.

### Sweden House Society (SHS):

- SHS needs new board members for next year. Please contact Carina [majoshspencer@gmail.com](mailto:majoshspencer@gmail.com).

### Midsummer Festival Planning

The committee will meet on Feb. 29 at the Scandinavian Centre. This year's theme is "Folk Art and Costumes". All members welcome to join the discussion.

For more information & events, please visit [swedishculturalsociety.com](http://swedishculturalsociety.com) and [Scancentre.org](http://Scancentre.org)

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Jan. 28, 2024 Volunteer Luncheon Recap

Our annual Volunteer Lunch was held at the Scandinavian Centre on Jan. 28. This was to show the appreciation for all the work our volunteers did put in during 2023.

Thank you Karmen Blackwood for sharing your photos from the event!





## Swedish Traditions: February – Flowers, Skiing and Fat Tuesday

Ah, February, the month of love. Where better to celebrate Valentine's than in Stockholm with its beauty and romance? If this is making you queasy, ignore the 14th and find a better reason to feel nauseous: overindulgence in semlor. Those sweet buns stuffed with cream are the way that Swedes celebrate 'Fettisdagen' or Fat Day as it is not so euphemistically called. But before you dig out those waist-expanding jeans, use Sportlov (Spring Break) the way locals do and get some healthy winter sports in. Something for everyone this short month!

**Feb. 12: Fettisdagen (Fat Tuesday)**

**Feb.14: Alla hjärtans dag (Valentine's Day)**

**Feb. 25 to March 1 (Stockholm): Sportlov (Spring Break)**

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## 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,  
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**Secretary:** Monica Severinson,  
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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)  
[swedishculturalsociety.com](https://swedishculturalsociety.com) and [scancentre.org](https://scancentre.org)

## 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, [swedishculturalsociety.com](https://swedishculturalsociety.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!