



The SCS celebrates 70 years!

In the fall, the Swedish Cultural Society celebrates 70 years, and we have begun to prepare the celebration. So far, it isn't easy to know exactly how it will be implemented, but we hope we can keep a suitable distanced event.

Help us remember!

Now we are looking for stories and memories from different occasions in the Swedish Cultural Society's history. What do you remember that would be fun to share? Please send us your story along with any pictures; we can put together documentation of the best memories from the Swedish Cultural Society's first 70 years.

Send your contribution to SwedishCulturalSociety.ca@gmail.com. We will come back with more information about when and how we'll celebrate. But we will, for sure celebrate!



CALENDAR

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

May

- 3 Baking class Princess cake, p. 1
- 10 Baking class Princess cake, p. 2
- 17 Baking class Kransekage

Learn to bake Scandinavian Favorites

Our baking expert, Sandra Benholm, continues to inspire new baking classes in May. Learn to bake a princess cake for two lessons (3 and 10 May) and a classic Norwegian / Danish kransekage (May 17 of course!) The baking classes happens on Zoom. Read more at [the center's calendar](#). For further information and notification, please contact Sandra at scanbake@gmail.com.



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 meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC.

For more information about our society, activities and events, please visit our website at scandinaviancentre.org



Reports from SCCS and SHS

Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS)

Sad News

We are all saddened by the passing of the SCCS treasurer Marian Snowball on February 25th, 2021. She did tremendous work for the Board and for the Centre for many years.

A President's Award for meritorious service has been initiated and Marian is the first recipient of this Award. More information about this award will be posted on the Scandinavian Community Centre's website later this Spring.

Covid-19

SCCS Covid-19 committee reports that the directives set in November 2020 are still in effect and remain compliant to current Covid-19 rules and restrictions.

Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement To-Do:s 2021

- Leak above Danish room, need to replace the deck, the membrane and the doors (high priority project)
- Ramp on west side (high priority project)
- Contingency fund to start replacing windows and sidings around the building
- The double door fridge in the kitchen needs to be replaced.

- Need an oven better suited for baking in the kitchen
- West Gate Project

Rentals

The parking lot has been rented from January 8th to June 30th by the television show "The Scriptures". The rental might be extended to include July as well.

Midsummer Festivals 2021 and 2022

- No Midsummer Festival this year 2021.
- Midsummer Festival 2022 to be held on June 25-26, 2022. ("Midsommarafton" in Sweden year 2022 is celebrated on June 24).

Scandinavian Community Centre Society hosted its AGM on April 8th.

Meet the board on next page.

Sweden House Society (SHS)

Sweden House Society hosted its AGM on March 19th.

Meet the board on next page.

Covid-19 Impact on Financials

- Year 2020 hit the Scandinavian Community Centre's capital reserves replacement fund hard.
- For year 2020, additional contributions from all Houses

towards the capital reserves replacement fund was required to cover the financial losses for the Centre due to Covid-19.

Apply for SHS Scholarships

Sweden House Society is still going ahead with the two annual scholarships offered to post-secondary studies, the Karl Ståhl scholarship (\$2,000) and the Laila Axén scholarship (\$2,000). Application deadline is extended to June 30, 2021. Apply here: https://scancentre.org/sweden/shs_scholarships/

Renovation of Swedish/Finnish Kitchen

- The renovation of the Swedish-Finnish kitchen area upstairs is going ahead.
- Cupboards from IKEA are ordered, on backorder, estimated delivery in 4-8 weeks.
- Dishwasher also ordered – will arrive in June.
- Doug Spencer has refinished all the tabletops in the Swedish room. Thank you, Doug!!

Active Fundraising

The logical conclusion to the financial information stated above; Sweden House Society will start doing fundraising. Get in touch if you would like to get involved in SHS fundraising!

Do you know who is on our boards?

Many passionate souls are required to keep the Scandinavian family going. In addition to the Swedish Cultural Society, it is Sweden House Society and Scandinavian Community Center Society. Here you see who you can turn to with your questions and ideas.

Sweden House Society

Paul Andreassen; Scandinavian Business Club/alternate Solvi Stockholm
Dianne Kilback; Runeberg Chorus
Annabelle Kergan; Runeberg Social Club
Maria Lakes; Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA)
Dorothy Carlson; Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association (SCRHA)
Jan Nordin; Wallenberg Sugihara Civil Courage Society (WSCCS)
AnnaKarin Tornqvist; Swedish Cultural Society President
Carole Walkinshaw; Swedish Cultural Society Treasurer
Carina Spencer; Swedish Cultural Society Vice President
Rebecca Keckman; Swedish Cultural Society
Brandon Bung; Swedish Cultural Society Secretary
Austin Doyle; Swedish Cultural Society
Karmen Blackwood; Swedish Cultural Society
Magnus Ericson; Honorary Director

Scandinavian Community Centre Society

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY:
Ed Kuhlman DHS President/SCCS President
Else Rollke
Peter Praegel

FINLAND HOUSE SOCIETY:

Don Staley
Tony Rautava SCCS Treasurer
Paul Juoksu FHS President

ICELANDIC HOUSE SOCIETY:

Kristjana Helgason IHS President
Lee Lipton
Paul Bjarnason

NORWEGIAN HOUSE SOCIETY:

Warren Wulff
Greta Reiten
David Moulton NHS President

SWEDEN HOUSE SOCIETY:

AnnaKarin Tornqvist SHS President/
 SCCS Vice-President
Carina Spencer
Rebecca Keckman SCCS Secretary



Happy birthday Gun!

We congratulate Gun Pennink that just turned 80. Gun was the chairman of the Swedish Cultural Society in the late 60s. She, among other things, started the first book club, which today became Södra and Norra book club.

Tips on Scandinavian Food Stores

Some stores in the Vancouver area sell Scandinavian and Swedish products and are worth checking out. The more we support them, the better they can serve us. Do you have more tips, please send them to us.

Hansel Deli, Surrey

[5804 176th Street, Surrey, V3S 4E2](#)

Black Forest Delicatessen, West Vancouver

[Park Royal South, 716 Main Street, West Vancouver, V7T 0A5](#)