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FROM THE SCS BOARD

The Board continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The following is a summary of what transpired during our May 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

Guest: Erica Jonsson (Swedish School)

Swedish School

The Evans Lake Camp occurs on the last weekend of May. We have 73 participants! Stay tuned for photos from the camp.

Adult Education

Spring classes are ongoing and will be in session for 10 weeks. We have five groups running from Monday to Thursday. Email swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com for more information!

SHS SCCS

We will be fundraising for a new front entrance ramp by selling paving stones at the Scandinavian Centre. Please contact the office at info@scancentre.org to contribute!

“Folk Art and Costumes” is the theme for this year’s **Midsummer Festivities**. Please dust off your art and costumes, and come and volunteer!

For the midsummer pole and wreath making (in the Swedish tent), we need a lot of flowers, birch branches, other greenery and lots of ivy as well. If you can contribute please contact [Carina Spencer](mailto:majoshspencer@gmail.com), majoshspencer@gmail.com, for drop-off instructions. Watch out for the email to sign up to different volunteer positions.

Tuesday Maintenance Group

The Tuesday maintenance group needs more volunteers to prepare the grounds for the midsummer festival and other maintenance chores, if you have the ability to help, please contact [Ron Stubbings](mailto:ron.stubbings@telus.net), norway@telus.net

Ingvar Jonsson



Ingvar Jonsson, one of our Honorary members, passed away March 4th 2024 at Amica Lions Gate, West Vancouver. Ingvar was an entrepreneur who had his own construction company for many years. He was involved in our community helping out wherever it was needed. Sending our thoughts and condolences to Ingvar’s family.

Calendar of Events

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

May

- 28: South book club at Anita Hassan’s place

June

- 3: North book club at Gunnel Eriksson’s
- 8: National Day Celebrations.
- 22-23: Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.
- 25: South book club at Ann Kooy’s.

Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS):

- The Centre needs fundraising support! Please contact Carina: majoshspencer@gmail.com with your ideas.
- The SCCS board is looking for a Treasurer, please submit your interest to Carina



Midsummer Festival Planning

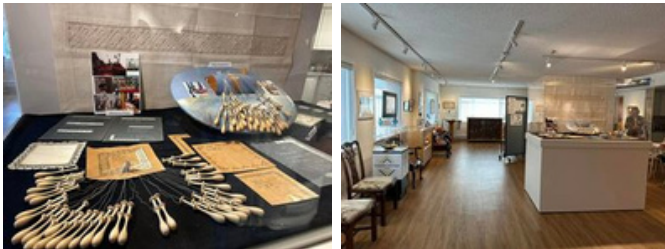
The committee will meet in late May at the Scandinavian Centre. This year’s theme is “Traditional Folk Costumes”. Welcome to join in the planning committee.

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



April 21 Swedish Heritage Museum “Open House”

Monica and Ake Severinson went to this event together with several other members. It was an open house, displaying the museums artifacts. All visitors was treated with great “Fika”. Pictures below:



April 28 Walpurgis Night (Valborg)

We were around 30 people gathered around the bonfire at Ambleside Beach, to celebrate “Valborg”! Monica, Erik and Christer were our song-leaders for the traditional Swedish spring songs. Thanks Niklas for the speech and the delicious hot dogs! There were some new faces around the bonfire and the weather held up.



May 11 Spring Work Party

What a great turn-out at the Spring Work Party at the Scandinavian Community Centre! 45+ volunteers attended.

We had a great turn-out of Swedish volunteers, and it was our turn to provide lunch. *Huge thanks to Carina Spencer for planning and providing such a yummy lunch...we “helpers” only had to do the final preparations to get the buffet ready.*

Also huge thanks to the Finns for the great breakfast that got us all started bright and early this morning! It was wonderful seeing everyone who came out! Many, many thanks to all volunteers!! We couldn't keep things going without you!



April 21 Playground Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

For those who missed it, here are some photos from the playground dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Scandinavian Centre. Many thanks to the generous donors and to the SCCS Playground Committee (dedication presented by Committee Chair, Carina Spencer, who is also Honorary Consul for Sweden) for making the creation of this great Scandinavian community playground space possible!



June 8th, Swedish National Day

Come celebrate Swedish National Day at the Scandinavian Centre!
Event starts at 11AM with welcome greetings. At 11.30 Swedish School will lead us in singing the Swedish National Anthem. Refreshments to follow. Free for members in good standing. An evite has been sent to all members, please RSVP. If you have questions please contact Riitta, riittahu@gmail.com.



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 majoshpencer@gmail.com

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 visit our website swedishculturalsociety.com and scancentre.org

Bor du i BC och vill rösta i EU-valet? Är du svensk medborgare, har fyllt eller fyller 18 år senast på valdagen den 9 juni. Konsulatet i Vancouver har oppt 22 Maj 9-12, 23 Maj 14-18 och 25 Maj 10-13. Ha med din ID handling och ditt person nummer.

Rösträtt som utlandssvensk

Som utlandssvensk behöver du anmäla dig till röstlängden vart tionde år för att finnas kvar i den, samt för att få röstkort och material för brevröstning skickat till dig. Röstlängden upprättas inför varje val och grundar sig på de uppgifter som finns i Skatteverkets folkbokföringsregister. Click link below for more information.

[informationsblad-till-utlandssvenskar-om-anmalan-till-rostlangden-euval-2024.pdf](#)

Our Swedish Library

We have recorded 1,500 books and 150 DVDs on our website, 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!