

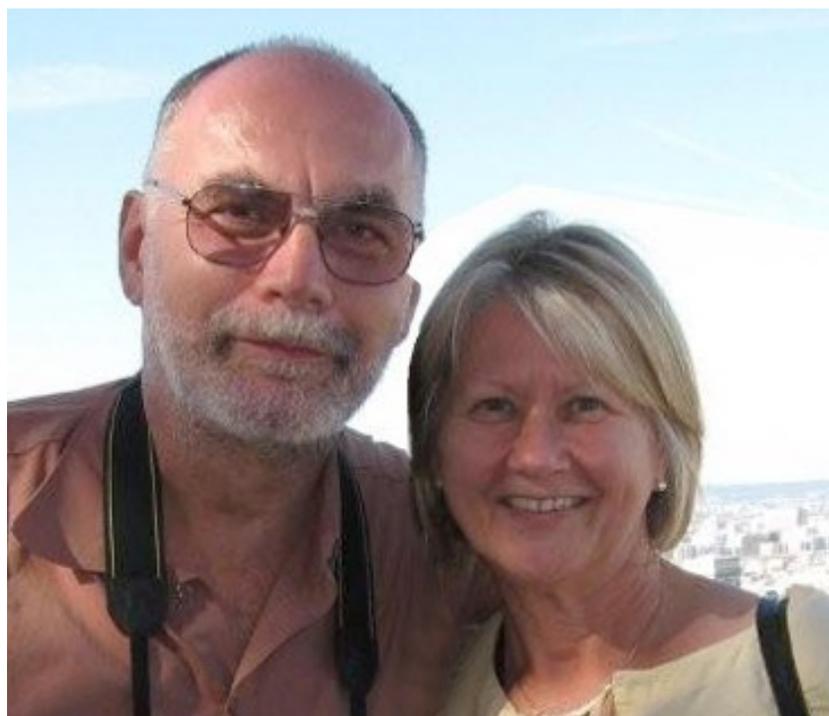
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“Your Story” - A practical step by step guide to discovering the story of your ancestors by Eric Bawden and Leta Pedersen



Who could resist a talk by this charming couple? Leta and Eric will be featured at our Distinguished Speakers Evening on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 PM at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West. They have both traced the history of their families. Knowing only the sketchiest details of their immediate family, they were able to trace their roots back to the 17th century in Denmark, Sweden and Finland. They will share the steps they took, including many creative methods, to find the hidden information and secrets their family had long since forgotten. Come and learn how to find your own ancestors! Handouts will be provided, and Leta and Eric suggest you bring a pen and paper.

A Journey through the Arctic with Ian Tamblyn

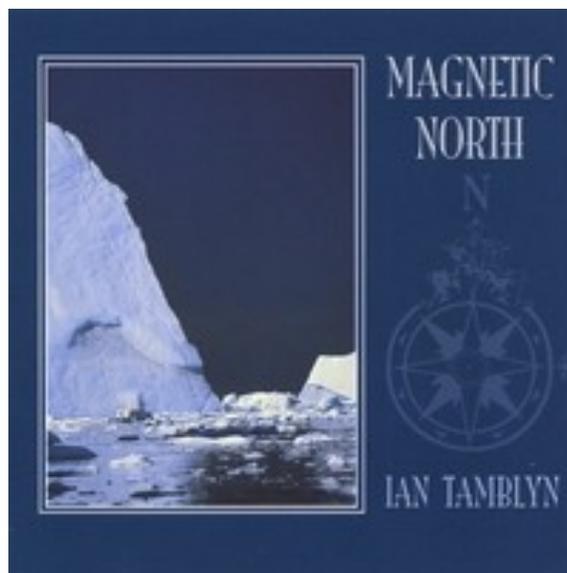
by Hilde Huus

I think all who were privileged to be in attendance at Ian Tamblyn's presentation to the CNS on February 21 would agree it was much more than a talk. To borrow an expression from the 1960's, I can only describe it as a "happening."

Ian spoke from the heart and completely without notes for the first half of the evening - relating how he first came to be in the Arctic - what it was like at that time - and very significantly, how it has changed. We felt his passion for the beauty of the landscape, glaciers and animals, and for the uniqueness of the people of the Arctic - but we also felt his rage over the world's seeming indifference to what is being lost.

Ian is an artist and does not compartmentalize. His thoughts, impressions, and emotions flowed from anecdote to image to scientific fact. Starting in the Western Arctic, he took us gradually across the North to Greenland. And he took us back and forth in time also, because, he said, when you are in the Arctic you are always in two levels of time - geological time and temporal time. Geological time is evident in traces of billion-year old creatures, in the trees on Axel Heiberg Island that were fossilized millions of years ago, and in ancient human artifacts such as a 2,500-year old polar bear amulet. The amulet emerged recently on a beach and, as Ian put it so well, it forms a tangible link between geological and temporal time. And now there is even a third level, he added, this current time of drastic change in the Arctic.

He showed us slides with stunning photos of giant icebergs which are now gone and the like of which will never be seen again. The glacier fields from which they came have shrunk and only small, fractured icebergs are now "calving" from them. Over and over again, he told us stories of the animals that were so plentiful when he first went up to the Arctic, and have since declined so drastically in numbers, many to the point of endangerment.



An iceberg image on the cover of Tamblyn's 1990 disc "Magnetic North"

Ian talked about communities that are losing homes to land erosion and told us stories and showed us photos of the people he had met in the Arctic, and we felt that we had met them too.

By the end of the first half of the evening, he had managed to make us feel that somehow we had been with him in the Arctic and understood something of its mystic beauty. We shared his anger over what is being lost.

For the second half of the evening, Ian performed a few of his own songs about the Arctic, and really, what could be better than that? The songs added to the northern spell he had cast over us. My favourite was one he called “You Are This Place.” Ian had shown us a slide of an Inuit hoop drummer. “This is the heartbeat of the land” he told us. The Peruvians have their pan flutes - the heartbeat of the Andes, and the Scots have their bagpipes - the heartbeat of the Highlands. Even New York City has its hip-hop - the heartbeat of that city. In Ian’s “You Are this Place”, we could hear that the hoop drummer really was the heartbeat of the Arctic.



“Shaman Drummer” by Billy Gauthier, Inuit artist

Annual General Meeting on May 23

The annual meeting of members of the Canadian Nordic Society will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in the Infantry Room (downstairs) at the Army Officers' Mess at 7:30 PM. At this meeting the election of Council for 2018-2019 will take place.

A Nominating Committee was formed on March 27, consisting of members Gunilla Wade, Kari Rogstad and Astrid Ahlgren (CNS Secretary, serving as Chair). This Committee's responsibility is to receive nominations for each of the seven (7) positions on Council and to present the slate of candidates to members in advance of the meeting. Nomination forms, which must be

signed by the candidate and three CNS members in good standing, are to be submitted to the Nominating Committee by May 9, 2018. Make plans to attend the annual meeting of members or to name a proxy if you are unable to attend. Stay tuned for the nomination and proxy forms and other additional information.

Other Items of Interest

- **Printemps Nordique** is on at [Place des Arts](#) in Montreal (175 Ste Catherine-St) from Wednesday, **April 4** to Sunday, **April 29**. It is billed as “a major artistic and cultural event designed to help you discover the great creative vitality of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) and to highlight their values of cooperation, humanism and environmental awareness.” Featured is an opera, in Danish with English and French subtitles, called “**NeoArctic**” by Kirsten Delholm, which plays on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 PM. For more information on the opera and to order tickets, please go to <https://placedesarts.com/en/event/neoarctic-kirsten-dehlholm>. For information on the conferences, exhibits, and other activities that form part of Printemps Nordique, please go to <https://placedesarts.com/en/theme/printemps-nordique>.
- The Ottawa Public Library will be screening Ingmar Bergman’s “**Persona**” at the Main Branch auditorium ([120 Metcalfe](#)) on Monday, **April 9** at **6:30 PM**. Film is 240 minutes. Brief introduction before the film and panel discussion following it.
- **Fru Skagerrak** is giving a concert at Rosemount Hall, 41 Rosemount Avenue, on Sunday, **April 15**, at 8:00 PM. “Fru Skagerrak - "Lady Skagerrak" - are three master musicians - one from each Scandinavian country: Maja Kjaer Jacobsen from Denmark, Elise Wessel Hildrum from Norway and Anna Lindblad from Sweden... “Through a repertoire of traditional tunes, new compositions, and songs in their respective languages, (the three fiddlers) express their kinship and love of their shared heritage.” Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. To order, go to: <http://www.ottawacontra.ca/view/?concert>



- The Norwegian crime series “**Borderliner**” is now available on Netflix. Originally shown in Norway under the title “Grenseland”, it is an eight-part series that deals with police corruption and cover ups and “gives the viewers the feeling of the dark Nordic thriller and nature of Norway.”

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