

# Canadian Nordic Society

## Summer Update

Hello all

There have been a few things worth passing on at this time. While I started with just a couple of items, this update has just grown.

### Leo Zrudlo

Janis Zrudlow sent CNS a very nice thank you note for the bouquet sent on the passing of her husband, Leo, a former President of the Society. I've copied the message at the end of this update. Thanks to Len S. for passing on the message, and to Lennart for arranging the flowers.

### SummerWorks Festival

For CNS members and friends visiting Toronto in August, you may like to take in the SummerWorks Festival ( August 14-17). The Danish artist Cecilie Ullerup Schmidt is one of the featured artists in a three part performance entitled "Schützen". Her performances are partly sponsored by the Embassy of Denmark in Ottawa.

From the Embassy Web site (<http://canada.um.dk/en/focus-areas/danish-events/eventdisplaypage/?eventid=24f458bb-2953-4943-b360-df6ce8bc3bf5>;) )

"What happens when a body carries weapons? The performance trilogy of SCHÜTZEN, by Cecilie Ullerup Schmidt, combines relaxation yoga, release techniques and tai chi with shooting shows at the Berlin Schützengemeinschaft von 1882 and a training program for drone pilots at the US Nevada Control Station. SCHÜTZEN challenges the notion of healthy and unhealthy interests, good and evil bodies and includes the audience in a study of present-day war bodies."

For information about SummerWorks Festival 2013, please go to their web site <http://summerworks.ca/2013/> (Some emails and web sites link to the 2012 festival). There are around 70 different performances, but the web site did not give me a way to determine the nationality of the group or performers.

Thanks to Magda Koralewska for initially passing on this information. She also provided the following opportunity:

"The Festival is very open to recruit a few teenagers of Scandinavian background to perform in the show also.

They won't be "acting" per se, but instead playing with small helicopters and just naturally interacting with one another onstage.

So the appeal for them (and/or their parents):

- They get to work with an international performance artist
- They get to be in a SummerWorks show - good for a resume
- We can probably hook them up with some tickets to other shows in the festival"

If interested, please contact Magda Koralewska at [magda@summerworks.ca](mailto:magda@summerworks.ca)

## **Exhibition Munch 150**

Norway is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Edvard Munch, a prolific painter best known for his work, "The Scream". There is an in progress exhibition of his work in the National Museum and the Munch Museum in Oslo. The film Exhibition Munch 150 is documentary on the setting up of this exhibition and a presentation on the life, times and art of Edvard Munch. This film has been shown once already in Cineplex theatres in Ottawa. There is another screening Sunday July 21 and Saturday September 21.

My wife and I attended the presentation on June 27 and found it very interesting and enjoyable.

## **Canadian Arctic Expedition 2013**

The **Canadian Arctic Expedition 1913-1918** was a scientific expedition in the Arctic organized and led by Canadian-born Vilhjalmur Stefansson, sponsored by the Canadian government in 1913–1916 to explore the new lands to the north.

The expedition was divided into a Northern and a Southern part. The objective of the Northern Party was to explore for new land north and west of the known lands of the Canadian Arctic. At this time the possible existence of large undiscovered land masses, comparable to the Canadian Arctic islands or even a small continent, was scientifically plausible. The approach of the Northern Party, besides simply going out and looking for land, was a program of through-ice depth soundings to map the edge of the continental shelf. Meteorological, magnetic, and marine biological investigations were also planned.

The objective of the Southern party was scientific documentation of the geography, geology, resources, wildlife, and people of the Mackenzie River delta and adjacent regions of Canada between Cape Parry and the Kent Peninsula, for about 100 mi (160 km) inland, and southern and eastern Victoria Island. Copper deposits and trade routes were of particular interest.

This year a small expedition is going to retrace part of the Expedition route, stopping at 10 known camps, searching, mapping and filming each of them. Because the west coast of Banks Island has been bound in ice until recently, there is a good likelihood that some artifacts remain from the Expedition. Involved with this retracement expedition is David Gray a member of

Ottawa's **Arctic Circle**. Sponsorship includes the Canadian Museum of Nature. A documentary film was created in 2010 utilizing historic footage from the original trip and other material.

Members may be interested to know that five members of the original crew were Norwegian: Bjarne Mamen (died, Karluk); Ole Andreason; Storker Storkersen; Andre Norem (died); and Karl "Charlie" Thomsen (died).

There is some information on the original expedition on Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\\_Arctic\\_Expedition\\_1913%E2%80%9316](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Arctic_Expedition_1913%E2%80%9316) and on the centennial expedition page <http://canadianarcticexpedition.com/>

(Thanks to Lennart for providing the information.)

## **Canadian-Scandinavian Foundation**

Here is a request received recently via from ex-Board member, Kathleen Tipton:

"Greetings,

After holding the reins as Chairperson for several years, I am now seeking someone to fully take over the Canadian-Scandinavian Foundation. It is a considerable task on a volunteer basis and one that would benefit from the help of several people (forming of your own Board of Directors), but very rewarding. Legally and financially, everything is in good standing. The mandate of the CSF is as follows:

"To offer bursaries to Canadian university students or equivalent who wish to travel to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden undertaking some of his or her Nordic themed studies at a Nordic institution or equivalent."

If you or someone you know might be suitable and interested in fully taking over, please contact me.

Best regards,  
Derek Yaple-Schobert"

[derekys@hotmail.com](mailto:derekys@hotmail.com)

## **Gammalsvenskby**

Gammalsvenskby is a small village in the Ukraine populated by descendants of the Swedish inhabitants of Estonia evicted by Catherine the Great of Russia in 1781. The villagers speak a form of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Swedish. For a 2 minute audio explanation narrated by Irena Bell (who provided the link), please visit

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gqowtoQyNw&list=PL8914D5DF7F79B5FB>

(You will have to be patient with an ad at the beginning.)

## **Pottery Exhibition City of Ottawa Archives**

The Ottawa Guild of Potters is holding an Exhibition of Pottery at the City Archives Building (James Bartleman Centre 100 Tallwood Dr. (Corner of Woodroffe, extension of Meadowlands Drive), from July 31 to October 4. You edityor will have a piece on display.

## **The Earth and Moon**

Here is a picture of our planet and its companion taken by the spacecraft Cassini in orbit about Saturn, taken Friday July 19th, the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing on the moon.



## **Email from Janis Zrudlo**

“From: zrudlo@hotmail.com  
To: lennard.sillanpaa@sympatico.ca  
Subject: thank you for Leo  
Date: Fri, 12 Jul 2013 14:10:27 +0000

Dear friends:

I want to thank the Nordic Society of Canada for the beautiful expression of flowers that were sent in memory of my husband, Leo Zrudlo.

As you know, all through his life, Leo was very passionate about the North, and went to great lengths to instil in his architectural students the love of Scandinavian architecture, in that it was so well suited climatically and socially to the Canadian context. Leo was invited numerous times to lecture and speak in universities across Scandinavia, and developed strong ties with these communities. His masters and doctoral thesis, and writings, were mainly focused on the North, and we were happy to find and become part of your Society when he finally retired and moved to the Outaouais region.

I also wanted to thank the members of the Society that attended Leo's celebration of life, and the family's appreciation of your thoughtful tribute of a lovely flower arrangement.

Warm wishes to all,

Janis Zrudlo”