



Nordic News

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Lucia Pagent

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(The President's computer is in the computer hospital; his messages will continue after recovery or replacement.)

CNS EVENTS

CNS LUNCHEONS

These have become increasingly popular and have been on our event schedule for a number of years now. All of our monthly luncheons are held on a Monday at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street W. (off Elgin Street), Ottawa, Ontario. Those wishing to attend must make a reservation by Friday at noon before the Monday luncheon, indicating whether they want a cold or hot luncheon. Please call Lori Tapp at the Mess, 613-236-0188 extension 222 to reserve.

The date of the next luncheon is: Monday November 7.

Other Monday luncheon dates will be:

2011: December 12 (Christmas luncheon, special price);

2012: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.

Board member Kathleen Tipton has organized our luncheon program.

SPEAKER'S EVENTS

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset St. W. beginning at 7:30 pm. *Canada's Northwest Passage and the Amundsen Centennial.*

2011 is the centennial of the first European sailing through Canada's formidable Northwest Passage by the great Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen. Our Speaker for this evening will be Doreen Riedel, who earlier this year gave a presentation on this topic in Vancouver.



Connections- Roald Amundsen and Henry Larsen

After 400 years of searching for a short route to the riches of China, the explorations of the 19th century finally showed that more than one possible Northwest Passage existed, but still none had been completely navigated from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was two skilled and daring Norwegian-born sea captains, not sailing in huge ships with hundreds of men, but with small wooden vessels and few men, and adopting Inuit survival expertise, who achieved what those before them had failed. Roald Amundsen was the first, navigating his herring vessel Gjøa through the southerly Northwest Passage from Atlantic to Pacific in 1903-06 .

Almost 40 years passed before the voyage was achieved again. Henry Larsen captained another wooden ship, the St Roch, through much the same passage, but from Pacific to Atlantic. Then in 1944, Larsen took the St Roch through an previously uncompleted more northerly deep water route. Amundsen and Larsen both acknowledged to Franklin the earliest discovery of the southern Northwest Passage, although many men deserve their share of glory

There are a number of interesting connections between Amundsen and Larsen in addition their historic Northwest Passage achievement.. Doreen Riedel, Henry Larsen's daughter, will tell you about them.

Wednesday, November 23, 2011



Presentation by H.E. Teppo Tauriainen, Sweden's Ambassador to Canada on a topic to be finalized.

Ambassador Tauriainen introduced himself to the Canadian Nordic Society in his letter in the November 2010 Newsletter, available on the CNS website, <http://www.canadiannordicsociety.com/>

OTHER NORDIC EVENTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lucia Pageant

CNS is again organizing its annual Lucia pageant which features Christmas carols in both Swedish and English. This year we anticipate holding this event on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (new location).

We will be providing more details as plans become finalized. Our Vice-President, Len Nylund, is the head of our Lucia committee.

Notice from the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation

CNS has been contacted by Beth Dimsdale of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation that they are organizing a Nordic Walk for Cancer Survivorship on Sunday October 30, 2011. She asked if some members of CNS might be interested in participating, maybe entering a CNS Team.

The Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation is launching a new event this fall: The Scotiabank-TELUS Nordic Walk for Cancer Survivorship. It is a 3km or 7km Nordic Walk. Registration includes a free set of poles and a free "learn to Nordic Walk" session with a certified instructor.

Beth can be contacted at bdimsdale@ottawacancer.ca and she can provide more details about the event as set out above. Information is also available on the website: <http://ottawacancer.akaraisin.com/NordicWalk2011>

Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner **Montreal Norwegian Club Christmas Sale**

You know when the leaves start changing colours, it is time to start thinking of lutefisk!

For the 10th year in a row, I am selling frozen lutefisk. My break-even price this year is \$18.00 for a 1.75 pound package.

I am also taking reservations for the 4th Annual Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner, booked for Saturday November 12, 6:00-9:00 pm at the New Edinburgh Field House, 193 Stanley Ave. I supply a dinner of lutefisk, boiled potatoes and peas, as well as coffee and tea. My break-even price this year will be \$14.00/person, \$3/person for those not eating lutefisk (the "Others" in the title) to cover hall rental. Each year, people bring lovely desserts for everyone to enjoy. I hope that happens again this year! Last year, we were very close to full seating capacity at 40 people, so don't delay in

booking, first come, first serve!

Email me at per.talgoy@nrc.ca or call me at home in the evening - 613-260-9066.

If you know of people who are interested but do not have email, please give them my phone number.

The Montreal Norwegian Club Christmas Sale is on as follows:

Friday November 11 - Christmas sale – 4.30 – 8.30 pm

Saturday November 12 - Christmas sale – 11 am – 3.30 pm

As I did last year, I have asked for their price list, which I will send out when I receive it. I will take orders which I will pick up in Montreal for those that cannot travel and [will bring back to Ottawa](#). Last year, I picked up \$600 worth of orders, so let's see if we can give them even more business this year!

Per Talgoy

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have taken over as newsletter editor from Christine, and I find she has left me with big shoes to fill. I'd like to thank her for all the work she has done in producing newsletters for the society and for her assistance in passing the pen to me.

I welcome any suggestions and contributions that you may have for the newsletter, including events that may be of interest to the Nordic community, news that might not otherwise reach our members, and brief personal stories that might interest readers. Pictures would be welcome; an example of a personal story follows:



Amongst the highlights of my trip to Finland in 2010 was a tour of the Heikki Peuranen wood fired steam tug used for about a century pulling log booms across Lake Saimaa. It is now a privately owned historic vessel. The barge alongside the tug stores the wood to fire the boiler and the traditional Finnish essential, a sauna.

The tug was built in 1897 in Viipuri, and still has the original engine though the boiler has been replaced.

The tug has is a triple expansion engine with high, intermediate and low pressure cylinders. A condenser recycles the water back to the boiler. My first reaction was that the engine came straight out of the movie Titanic (though a smaller scale). All bearings are journal type, with little copper pipes and brass oil containers for lubrication.

My connection to the Nordic community is through my wife, Orvokki, who is Finnish born. While I have visited Finland several times, one summer we took our family on a 4 week tour of Europe, with stops in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Unfortunately I've never been to Iceland.

Please send me your contributions and thoughts.

Peter Macnaughton
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NORDIC FACTOID

Iceland tops for women

Iceland ... is the best place in the world to be a woman, while Canada ranks third, according to rankings compiled by US web site Newsweek/The Daily Beast. Sweden placed second on the list. ... The African country of Chad was deemed the worst country to be a woman, with Afghanistan second-worst. (Citizen Wed. Sept. 21, 2011)

MEMBERSHIP

The CNS membership year is from September 1 to August 31 which means that it is once again necessary to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 year. Our membership dues remain the same as it has been for a number of years: \$20.00 for an individual membership; \$30.00 for a family membership. Please fill in the form, enclose a cheque and mail it to our mail box indicated in our letterhead.

It is the membership dues that enable us to have our Speakers' series which has been one of the distinguishing aspects of the Canadian Nordic Society program since we were established in 1963. While we work in close co-operation with the five Nordic embassies situated in Ottawa, CNS does not receive any financial support from any embassy or other organization.

We depend on our membership to enable us to continue carrying out a program of activities that promote a better understanding of the societies and cultures of the Nordic countries.



Canadian Nordic Society

If you are already a member, please pass this on to a friend!

Name: _____	Date: _____
Mailing Address: _____ _____	
Phone (home): _____	Phone (work): _____
e-mail: _____	Fax: _____
To reduce costs, the newsletter is sent electronically to those with email addresses unless <u>otherwise advised</u> .	

Family Membership - \$30, Individual Membership - \$20. Student Membership - \$15.
As a Member you:

- will receive the Society's Newsletter
- are invited to participate in all CNS events
- are encouraged to become actively involved in the life of the Society
- receive discounts on tickets to CNS events

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