



Nordic News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Canadian Nordic Society welcomes members for its Fiftieth year of activities. We have had a soft opening to our program with our first luncheons being held on Monday, September 10 and Monday, October 1. Our next one is scheduled for Monday November 5. The full luncheon schedule is posted elsewhere in this Newsletter. The luncheon schedule for this year has been co-ordinated by Board member Kathleen Upton.

Once again we ask you to either renew your membership or consider joining the Canadian Nordic Society. The dues are \$20.00 for an individual membership and \$30.00 for family. Our membership dues have remained constant for more than ten years. It is your dues that pays for the rental arrangements for our Speakers' Series, a CNS tradition since the inception of the Society almost fifty years ago. It also enables us to continue sponsoring our Lucia Pageant for children. If you have not already, please fill in the membership application found elsewhere in this Newsletter and mail it, with a cheque, to the Canadian Nordic Society address indicated. Or bring along a cheque and membership form to our next event.

Lennard Sillanpää, President

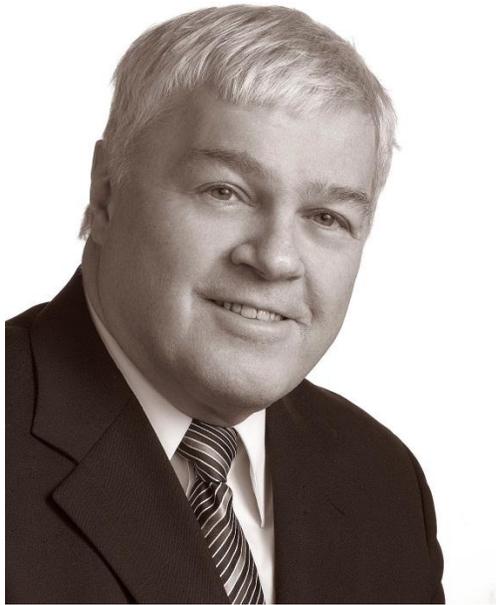
CNS EVENTS

CNS LUNCHEONS

The monthly luncheons will be held at the Army Officer's Mess 149 Somerset Street W. on Mondays: November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, and June 3. Reservations are no longer necessary---just show up (except for December 3 when reservations will be required). If you would like information, confirmation or reassurance, you may contact Lennart Nylund at 613-829-8602 or lnylund@sympatico.ca.

Thanks to Capt. Kathleen Tipton (CNS Councillor) for booking these luncheons for us.
Lennart Nylund Vice President

SPEAKER'S EVENT



THE CANADIAN DOLLAR: A FUTURE IN ICELAND?

H.E. Thordur Aegir Óskarsson

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 pm.
Location: Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street
W. (off Elgin), Ottawa.

H.E. Thordur Aegir Óskarsson arrived in Ottawa last May as Iceland's Ambassador to Canada. Mr. Óskarsson, born in Akranes, Iceland, completed studies for his undergraduate degree at the University of Iceland before undertaking graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, where he completed an MA in International Affairs. He worked as a planning officer with the Association of Municipalities in Iceland and as a newspaper correspondent before entering the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Iceland in 1988. He has served on a number of delegations for Iceland on NATO and other security matters related to Defence. Mr. Óskarsson was promoted to Ambassador in 1999 and has served as a Permanent Representative of Iceland on various defence organizations, most notably with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He has served as Iceland's ambassador to Austria (2000-2004), Japan (2004-2008), as a Special Representative to the Palestinian Authority (2008-2010). Prior to his appointment to Canada, he was Director for International and Political Affairs, Office of the NATO Special Representative for Afghanistan. Thordur Óskarsson is married with two adult children.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Here are two photos from the Annual General Meeting held May 23, 2012.



Dr. Ed Napke receiving the CNS plaque for Excellence in Canada-Scandinavian Co-operation from Len Sillanpää.



Birgitta von Dulong with her bouquet of flowers, with the President of the Canadian Nordic Society.

Photos courtesy Susana Chheng.

OTHER NORDIC EVENTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Finland

Dates for the Finnish Church services:

Oct. 14th, 2012	Thanksgiving service
Nov. 25th, 2012	Christmas carols, sing-along
Dec. 9th, 2012	Christmas church service

Excerpt from an email from Anni Ståhle, Head of Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Finland:

Now here is a chance for you to do something truly Finnish while raising money for a great cause. On October 21, 2012, poles will once again be hitting the pavement for Canada's second annual **Scotiabank-TELUS Nordic Walk for Cancer Survivorship™**. With each step taken and every dollar raised, participants will be ensuring that thousands of local cancer patients and their families have access to the innovative and inspirational Cancer Survivorship Care programming offered free of charge at the Cancer Survivorship Centre.

The Cancer Survivorship Centre is uniquely focused on helping cancer patients, empowering them with the resources and knowledge they need throughout their cancer journey.

Please, register for the walk today or volunteer in support of the **Scotiabank-TELUS Nordic Walk**. <http://ottawacancer.akaraisin.com/NordicWalk2012>.

Together we can transform cancer care in our community.

Questions or to volunteer at the Nordic Village email Tara Beechey tbeechey@ottawacancer.ca or call 613-247-3527 ext 243.

Iceland

The Icelandic academic and author, Viðar Hreinsson will discuss his recent award winning book WAKEFUL NIGHTS, a biography of poet Stephan G. Stepansson (1853 - 1927) who lived near Markerville, Alberta for more than half his life.

The event will be held at the Icelandic Ambassador's Residence
390 Cloverdale Road,
Rockcliffe Park
Ottawa, Ontario
Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 7:30pm.
All are welcome.

For more information contact: Frida Kalbfleisch
tel.613.226.2038 email: kal@magma.ca
(My apologies if the newsletter doesn't reach you before the event).

Allan Millar writes that the Embassy of Iceland has a presence on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/IcelandInCanada>

Faroe Islands

CNS received an email message from Ernst Sumberg Olsen, Adviser, Fisheries, Trade and Regional Policy, The Faroe Islands:

Your homepage bears witness to a good society with many interesting events on the programme. Your links page is impressive, too, and probably very helpful for those who wish to find even more information.

You will probably appreciate that – from where I am sitting - I was unable to find any link or mention of my country, the Faroe Islands. We are small but still a member of the Nordic family. Our fishermen are very familiar with the shores of Newfoundland and the fishing there.

Anyway, I just thought I would send you a couple of lines to draw your attention to the existence of the Faroe Islands, which in turn may attract some interest that may be reflected in your activities.

For information on the Faroes, visit www.mfa.fo

Along with The Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland are associated territories in the Nordic community. Åland Islands (Swedish: Åland) form an archipelago in the Baltic Sea. They are situated at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia and form an autonomous, demilitarised, monolingually Swedish-speaking region of Finland. (From Wikipedia).

Norway

The Royal Norwegian Embassy, in co-operation with the Canadian Museum of Nature, Students on Ice, and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, has arranged a presentation by Thorleif Thorleifsson entitled “A Modern Explorer and his Voyage around the North Pole and the Realities of Climate Change”, to be held Friday October 19, 2012 at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Please see the announcement attached at the end of this newsletter and send your RSVP to the email address noted.

Lutefisk sales, Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner

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

For the 11th year in a row, I am selling frozen lutefisk. My break-even price this year is the same as the last 2 years- \$18.00 for a 1.75 pound package.

I am also taking reservations for the 5th Annual Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner, booked for Saturday Nov. 17, 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.

For those that want to enjoy the evening, but do not eat lutefisk(the “Others” in the title), you are welcome to bring your own dinner, I charge \$3/person to cover hall rental. I supply plates and forks.

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 16

Christmas sale – 4.30 – 8.30 pm

Saturday November 17

Christmas sale – 11 am – 3.30 pm

Per Talgoy

Update on Maud Returns Home Project



In March Jan Wanggaard told us about the project to return the remains of the Polarship Maud to her birthplace in Asker, Norway. Jan was over in Ottawa to make an appeal to the Canadian Cultural Export Review Board for a permit to export the remains of the Maud from where they lie at Cambridge Bay, Nunuvit.

Happily the appeal was successful and the permit has been issued.

Jan and others are in Cambridge Bay as this update is being prepared (mid August). On the second day of diving the team was successful in locating the anchor of the old ship, an anchor which was with the Fram on its voyage to the Antarctic. The team is conducting more detailed inspections and determining the best way to raise the wreck when they come over for it in 2013.

The team is accompanied by a crew from Skofteland Film, Norway, which is producing a documentary film on the Maud Returns Home Project. The documentary is something to look forward to seeing when the project is complete.

Progress can be followed on the project web site, <http://www.maudreturnshome.no/>

Peter Macnaughton, CNS Newsletter Editor

Craters on Mercury Named after Nordic Artists Musicians, Painters, and Authors

Recently I received an email announcing that the International Astronomical Union had approved proposed names for some craters on the planet Mercury, including one named Tryggvadóttir, for Nina Tryggvadóttir, an Icelandic artist. After some mining on the Internet I found that a number of features on the innermost planet have been named after Nordic artists, musicians, painters and authors.

Crater	Artist	Nationality	Information	Link
Bjornson	Bjornstjerne Bjornson	Norwegian	Poet and dramatist (1832-1910).	Nobel Prize Literature
Grieg	Edvard Grieg	Norwegian	Composer (1843-1907).	Grieg Home Page
Grotell	Majlis Grotell	Finnish and American	Ceramist (1899-1973).	Bio on Wikipedia
Holberg	Ludvig Holberg	Norwegian-Danish	Writer (1684-1754).	Bio on Wikipedia
Ibsen	Heinrich J. Ibsen	Norwegian	Poet and dramatist (1828-1906).	Bio on Wikipedia
Lismer	Arthur Lismer	Canadian	Painter (1885-1969).	McMichael Collection
Munch	Edvard Munch	Norwegian	Painter, printmaker, and draftsman (1863-1944).	Dance of Life
Pasch	Ulrica Fredrica Pasch	Swedish	Painter (1735-1796).	Bio on Wikipedia
Sibelius	Jean Sibelius	Finnish	Composer (1865-1957).	Sibelius Web site
Snorri	Sturluson Snorri	Icelandic	Saga writer and poet (1179-1241).	Snorrastofra Web Site
Strindberg	August Strinberg	Swedish	Playwright, novelist, and short-story writer (1849-1912).	Strindberg Web site
Sveinsdóttir	JúlíanaSveinsdóttir	Icelandic	Painter and textile artist (1889-1966).	Bio on Wikipedia
Tryggvadóttir	Nína (Jónína) Tryggvadóttir	Icelandic	Artist (1913-1968).	Bio on Wikipedia

Wergeland	Henrik Arnold Wergeland	Norwegian	Poet (1808-1845).	Bio on Wikipedia
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The International Astronomic Union has established criteria for naming features on planets and satellites. For Mercury, craters are named for “Deceased artists, musicians, painters, and authors who have made outstanding or fundamental contributions to their field and have been recognized as art historically significant figures for more than 50 years”.

(<http://planetarynames.wr.usgs.gov/Page/Categories>)

By clicking on the highlighted crater name, you can see the crater on an image of Mercury, and can navigate around the planet and zoom in and out and get technical information you probably will never need.

In the right hand column, I have added a link to get a little more information on the artist. I tried to find a national web site for the artist with useful information and succeeded in a few cases, but mostly found that Wikipedia was the best source. Wikipedia has information on all the artists so you could try that site if the other site doesn't help.

To be continued.

Peter Macnaughton, CNS Newsletter Editor

Tourist finds herself missing

“A tourist in Iceland generously volunteered her time to search for a missing woman, only to find out she was, in fact, the missing woman,” says Newservice.com. “The debacle began when the woman got off a tour bus at a volcano, then changed her clothes before reboarding. Because the driver didn't recognize her she was reported as missing, and the police spent the weekend looking for her, reports the Reykjavik Grapevine. After taking part in the search for herself, it dawned on the woman what was going on, and she informed police.”

Globe and Mail, some Friday around Labour Day, 2012.

NORDIC RESOURCES

Just a reminder that there is a list of Nordic Resources located on our website

<http://www.canadiannordicsociety.com/resources.html>

including the Nordic Embassies, the Ottawa based social organizations, and links to newspapers and museums in Nordic Countries. The list is on the Nordic Resources tab on the general web site, or use the link above.

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 2012-2013 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): _____

email: _____ Fax : _____

To reduce costs, the newsletter will be sent electronically to those with email addresses unless otherwise advised.

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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If you have any questions about your membership, please contact one of the Board Members. Membership dues can be given to any Board member or you can mail your payment to:

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The Royal Norwegian Embassy

In cooperation with the

**Canadian Museum of Nature,
Students on Ice, and the
Royal Canadian Geographical Society**

invite you to a presentation by

**THORLEIF THORLEIFSSON - A MODERN EXPLORER
ON HIS VOYAGE AROUND THE NORTH POLE AND
THE REALITIES OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Friday, October 19, 2012
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Canadian Museum of Nature
240 McLeod Street, Ottawa

One Night Only - Limited seating available

RSVP by October 12:
reservations@mus-nature.ca or 613-566-4791

Reception to follow
Lecture will be given in English.

L'Ambassade Royale de Norvège

en coopération avec

**le Musée canadien de la nature,
Students on Ice et
la Société géographique royale du Canada**

vous invite à une conférence par

**THORLEIF THORLEIFSSON – UN EXPLORER MODERNE
EN VOYAGE AUTOUR DU PÔLE NORD ET
LES RÉALITÉS DU CHANGEMENT CLIMATIQUE**

**Le vendredi 19 octobre 2012
19h00 à 21h00**

Musée canadien de la nature
240, rue McLeod, Ottawa

Un soir seulement – les places sont limitées

RSVP avant le 12 octobre:
reservations@mus-nature.ca ou 613-566-4791

Suivi par une réception
La conférence sera en anglais.



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