



# Nordic News

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## **CNS 2013 Dates to Remember**

### **Speakers' Events**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2013**

### **Luncheon Dates**

**Monday, November 4, 2013**

### **Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner**

**Saturday, November 16, 2013**

## **SPEAKERS' EVENTS**

### **October Meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2013**

A Canadian Nordic Society Film Evening featuring **Spring of Joy (Glädjekällan)**

A Swedish Film directed by internationally renowned Swedish film director, Richard Hobert (with subtitles).

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 Time 7:30 pm.

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 147 Somerset Street W. (off Elgin), Ottawa.

CNS members and guests will have a chance to view the debut success of Swedish director Richard Hobert, whose film, Spring of Joy, was the first film in a cycle of seven, called The Seven Deadly Sins. This series of films focussed on the same Swedish family and ranged from comedy to drama and even a thriller. Hobert wrote, directed and co-produced all of the films in this seven-part series which went on to win numerous awards both in Sweden and abroad. However, Spring of Joy established the setting for the entire undertaking.

CNS members who attended last year's Swedish entry at Ottawa's EU Film Festival will have seen one of Richard Hobert's most recent films, the delightful low-key Swedish family comedy, A One-Way to Antibes.

Britt Bengtsson, Information Officer at the Swedish Embassy, will be on hand to introduce the film and to answer questions afterwards.

Coffee will be available

## **CNS LUNCHEONS**

The following are the dates for the CNS luncheons (all are Mondays):

2013: November 4, December 2

2014: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

As usual, reservations are not normally required except for the December luncheon.

The luncheons will be held at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street W. (off Elgin), Ottawa, at noon.

Thanks to Bruce Miller and Lennart Nylund for arranging these luncheons for us. Please mark your calendars with these dates.

## **OTHER CNS INFORMATION**

### **Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner**

The Canadian Nordic Society is fifty years old this November! Come help us celebrate this occasion with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. (for 6:30 p.m.) on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Restaurant International on the main campus of Algonquin College. We have arranged an authentic Scandinavian menu:

#### **APPETIZER**

Duo of flatbreads:

Smørrebrød leverpostej (chicken pate / spiced beet / dark rye)  
and  
Salmon gravlax / fried Capers / pickled red onion / stone ground mustard

#### **SOUP**

Svampsoppa (Forest mushroom soup)

#### **ENTRÉE**

Traditional Roast Pork / Apples & Plums / Horseradish Brown Butter Mash / Caraway  
Red Cabbage

#### **DESSERTS**

Cloudberry Täytekakku with Cardamom Scented Ice Cream

The cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person which includes four courses, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. The only extra cost will be for drinks. If given advance notice, the restaurant accommodates people with dietary restrictions or special needs.

Algonquin College is on Woodroffe Avenue south of Baseline, and the Restaurant International is on the ground floor of Building H, the Philip Killeen Building of the School of Hospitality and

Tourism. Driving south from Baseline, take the first light left, drive east for about 300 metres to the first traffic light. Veer slightly right and park in the lot immediately to the right in front of the school. There is an arm at the entrance which is raised with a button but the parking is free.

The Google Maps reference for Restaurant International is:

<https://www.google.ca/maps?ll=45.349154,-75.756177&spn=0.013723,0.027874&t=m&z=16>

To reserve your seat(s) at the dinner, please clip the order form below and return it to the Society with a cheque in time for the Treasurer to receive it no later than Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Because of the time limit (and while we are working out more convenient methods of electronic payment) we will, as an exceptional measure, accept Interac e-mail transfers to pay for dinner tickets. If you wish to pay by this route, please call Lennart Nylund (613-829-8602) or Bruce Miller (613) 745-1151 for instructions.

For those unfamiliar with the Restaurant International, it is the showpiece of the hospitality and culinary programmes of Algonquin College. In terms of food and service, it ranks among Ottawa's best. This review is now six years old, but portrays the restaurant well:

[http://www.justottawa.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=92&Itemid=44](http://www.justottawa.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=92&Itemid=44)

Clip and return to:

The Canadian Nordic Society 50th Anniversary Dinner  
240 Sparks Street, PO Box 55023  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions or special needs:

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Tickets will be held for pick-up at the door. For your convenience, a copy of the dinner application has been squeezed on the Membership Renewal form at the end of this newsletter.

## OTHER NORDIC EVENTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Santa Lucia Celebration

The Swedish Club in Ottawa (Svenska Klubben i Ottawa) will host the Annual Santa Lucia Celebration on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 4 pm at the Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa.

If you have children or grandchildren interested in performing in the choir, please contact: Hedvig Lunderquist at 613-878-6700 or [hedviglu@hotmail.com](mailto:hedviglu@hotmail.com). The children must have some familiarity with the Swedish language and songs. Approximately 80% of rehearsal instruction is done in Swedish. There will be four rehearsals, on November 10, 17, 24 and 30, between 3 pm and 5 pm.

Lennart Nylund

Note that the location and sponsorship of this event has changed this year.

### Canadian Friends of Finland

CFF will be holding a fund raising event – **An afternoon of coffee and conversation** – Sunday, October 27, 2013  
Location: 1555 Balena Ave., OTTAWA



Join us for an afternoon in Alta Vista. Savour typical delicacies of the Finnish Coffee Table with your option of coffee or tea. Enjoy friendly conversation with those who love music and things Finnish. Admire and purchase items from a collection of gently used jewelry, including quality silver pieces. Enjoy the company of friends while contributing to fundraising in support of an important CFF concert to be held in October, 2014. This concert will feature Finland's internationally acclaimed tenor Topi Lehtipuu. It will be hard to wait to hear his wonderful voice.....

Suggested donation for the event is \$20.

Jewelry is for purchase and priced separately.

RSVP to Tuulikki Bence-Brückler at 613-523-8780 or by email [benceb@hotmail.com](mailto:benceb@hotmail.com)

## **From the Norwegian Embassy**

### **Ottawa International Writers Festival**

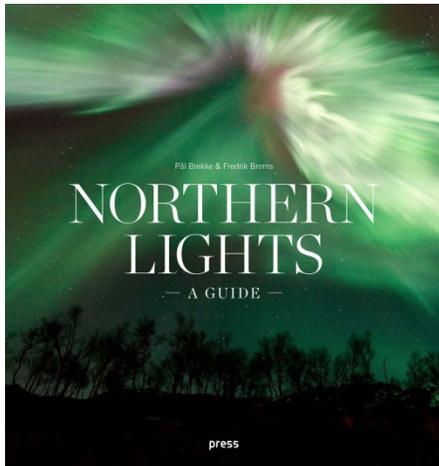
Ottawa, October 30:

Crime writers Thomas Enger and Jørn Lier Horst participate in panel together with Marica Clark and Peter Robinson. The event is part of the Ottawa International Writers Festival and is hosted by CBC's Sandra Abma.

Time and place: 8:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church,  
120 Lisgar Street.

More information about the event, and how to buy tickets visit  
<http://www.writersfestival.org/events/fall-2013/scene-of-the-crime>

### **Northern Lights- Ancient Myth to Modern Science (advance notice)**



Thursday, November 14th:

The Norwegian Embassy together with the Museum of Science and Technology will host a Multi Media presentation and talk by Norwegian Astrophysicist Pal Brekke: Northern Lights- Ancient Myth to Modern Science.

He is the co-author of the popular book Northern Lights – a guide, together with award winning photographer Fred Broms (book cover attached).

Details will be provided later.

### **Montreal Christmas Sale**

Also, there will be a Christmas Sale Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16, sponsored by the Norwegian Church in Montreal (5065 Sherbrooke Street) featuring an excellent selection of Norwegian imported canned food and cheeses, Norwegian chocolate, sweaters, pewter ware and jewelry and many other goodies. Some of the profit is donated to charities.

Please see <http://www.norskeklubben.ca/events/christmas-sale-2013-11-16-2/> for directions.

## **From the Danish Embassy**

The Danish Embassy is co-sponsoring an event on November 14th at the Mayfair Theatre in Ottawa. It will be the screening of the Human Scale, a documentary about urban-architecture starring world-renowned architect Jan Gehl. You can read more about it in the Danish Embassy Newsletter which is to be published this week.

## **European Union Film Festival**

This popular event runs from Thursday, November 14 to Sunday December 1, 2013. Films from Denmark, Finland and Sweden are included. The dates of individual films are not available yet as the Canadian Film Institute is running some sort of competition to guess the names of the films. There is a chance to win free passes.

## **Maud Returns Home Update**

The return of the polar ship Maud from her watery grave at Cambridge Bay, Nunavat, has been postponed until 2014. The main reason for the delay was the need to have the newly purchased tug boat, Tandberg Polar, inspected by the Norwegian shipping authorities.

In 2015 the ship is expected to reach Vollen, Norway, where it was first launched after an over-winter stay in Greenland and a protective, ultra-modern building will be constructed around it, turning the whole polar ship into a museum.

For more information visit NUNATSIAQ ONLINE:

[http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674tug\\_inspection\\_keeps\\_amundsens\\_maud\\_in\\_nunavut\\_for\\_another\\_year/](http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674tug_inspection_keeps_amundsens_maud_in_nunavut_for_another_year/)

from which the above was extracted.

## **Frozen Lutefisk**

For the 12th year in a row, Per Talgoy is selling frozen lutefisk. His break-even price this year is \$18.00 for a 1.75 pound package (same price since 2010)..

He is also taking reservations for the 6th Annual Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner, booked for Saturday, November 23, 2013, 6:00-9:00 pm at the New Edinburgh Field House, 193 Stanley Ave.. The dinner includes lutefisk, boiled potatoes and peas, as well as coffee and tea. His break-even price this year will be \$14.00/person.

He also invites people who may not like lutefisk, but want to socialize with the group, for which he charges \$3/person, to cover hall rental. They are welcome to bring their own food.

Each year, people bring lovely desserts for everyone to enjoy, He hope that happens again this year!

Call Per at 613-260-9066 or email [per.talgoy@nrc.ca](mailto:per.talgoy@nrc.ca)

### **Book Notice**

The following book may be of interest:

The Heedless Norseman, by Kaare Askildt.

The tales of the Heedless Norseman span from Kaare's childhood in Oslo to his present day life in rural Saskatchewan and are interspersed with lots of Saskatchewan style Norwegian recipes. If interested please see <http://theheedlessnorseman.com/order-form/>

## **EDITOR'S SECTION**

### **Mercury Features**

CNS readers may recall an article describing features on the planet Mercury named after famous Nordic explorers and ships of discovery. Recently a scarp or long cliff-like escarpment on Mercury has been named after RV Belgica, originally designed as a whaling ship.

The Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen served as first mate on this ship when it over-wintered in Antarctica 1897-1899.

Also a crater has been named Laxness, for Halldór Kiljan Laxness (1902-1998), a twentieth-century Icelandic writer of novels, poetry, newspaper articles, plays, travelogues and short stories. Laxness received the 1955 Nobel Prize in Literature and is the only Icelandic Nobel laureate.

More information about the names of features on Mercury and the other objects in the Solar System can be found at the U.S. Geological Survey's Planetary Nomenclature Web site: <http://planetarynames.wr.usgs.gov/index.html>.

### **Iceland's National Day**

Iceland's National Day was celebrated by a reception at the Ambassador's residence in Rockcliffe. The Ambassador H.E. Thordur Oskarsson and his wife Mrs. Sigurborg greeted guests including Ambassadors from other nations in their spacious front hall. Light refreshments were served.

Icelandic National Day is an annual holiday in Iceland which commemorates the foundation of The Republic of Iceland on 17 June 1944 and its independence from Danish rule. The date was chosen to coincide with the birthday of Jón Sigurðsson, a major figure of Icelandic culture and the leader of the 19th century Icelandic independence movement.

I was surprised that the National Day dated from 1944, a somewhat trying period in modern world history. So the following brief synopsis is my effort to encapsulate the background to the independence of Iceland, extracted from Wikipedia, for anyone not familiar with Iceland's history.

While Iceland had a parliament Alþingi (Althing) formed in 930 to regulate the Icelandic Commonwealth, Iceland fell first under Norwegian, then Danish rule from the 13th century on. In the 19th century Iceland started to take back its own governance, resulting in a formal Act of Union with Denmark signed the first of December 1918. This act recognized Iceland as a fully sovereign state, the Kingdom of Iceland, joined in personal union with the King of Denmark. The treaty provided for a review in 25 years (December 31, 1943), right in the middle of World War II. In May 1944 Icelanders voted overwhelmingly to end the personal union and approve a

new constitution establishing the current Republic of Iceland. On June 17, 1944, King Christian X of Denmark sent a letter on 17 June 1944 congratulating Icelanders on forming a Republic.

Happily the National Day was not celebrated by volcanic eruptions, ash clouds, nor earthquakes.



The Ambassador and his wife greeting guests; Seal of the Embassy of Iceland (SENDIRÁÐ ÍSLANDS - Embassy of Iceland); a guest in a national dress, with silver embroidery and an heirloom silver belt composed of segments up to 3 cm in depth. Exquisite.

## Tall Ships 2013 Report

A sunny Saturday brought out huge crowds to see the Tall Ships moored at the waterfront in Brockville. Twelve vessels were in port, and 2 of them sailed out during the afternoon with visitors on board for a quick tour of the St. Lawrence River under sail power. A boarding passport was required to tour the remaining ships.

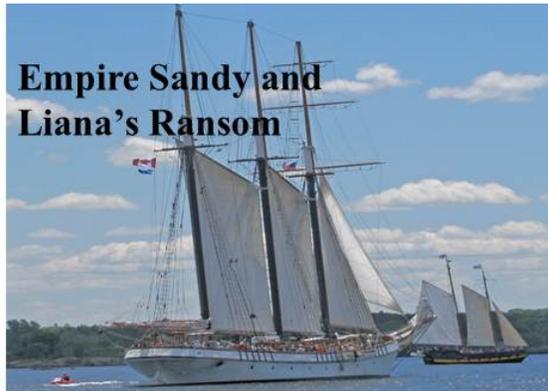
The longest ship was the Norwegian Sørlandet at 64.15 m (about 210') and the shortest was the La Revenante at 50' (about 15 m).



Sørlandet was built of steel in 1927 at Høivolds Mek. Verksted in Kristiansand, to be used as a school ship for the Norwegian Merchant Marine. She is a three-masted full-rigged ship carrying royals over single topgallant sails. Originally built without power, an engine and propeller were installed in 1958. She is now the oldest and best kept full-rigged ship in operation.

Full-rigged: a sailing vessel with three or more masts, all of them square-rigged. A description of the masts and sails of a full-rigged ship can be found on Wikipedia at

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Full\\_rigged\\_ship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Full_rigged_ship)



**Empire Sandy and  
Liana's Ransom**



**Mist of Avalon**

**Tall Ships 2013 Brockville Ontario**



**Fair Jeanne**



**Peacemaker**

## 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 April 1 to March 31 which means that it is once again time to renew your membership for the 2013-2014 year. Our membership dues remain the same as they have been for a number of years: \$20.00 for an individual membership; \$30.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for a student membership. Please fill in the form on the page below, enclose a cheque and mail it to our mail box indicated in our letterhead or give it to one of the Board Members listed below. Unfortunately, the form cannot be completed or submitted electronically.

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.

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## Membership Application/Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$30, Individual Membership \$20, Student \$15

### RECEIPT FROM CANADIAN NORDIC SOCIETY

Received From: \_\_\_\_\_

The amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For the year: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner Application form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions or special needs:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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