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>>> UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

The Board continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The following is a summary of highlights from our May meeting.

Membership update: We currently have 282 members (83 single and 97 family memberships)

- May 23: Scandinavian Community Centre Fundraiser - Jazz Cafe
- June 7: National Day Celebration
- June 21 + 22: Midsummer Celebration

Financial Update:

The society's financial position remains strong. Recent contributions include \$5,000 to the Scandinavian Community Centre ramp project.

Swedish School: 48 students are registered for the fall, including five new families.

Condolences: Donations of \$100 each will be made in memory of Märta Lundquister and Solveig Karlgren.

Newsletter format: Efforts are underway to find new newsletter software to improve the visual appeal and track readership.

MAY 23RD FUNDRAISER: JA77 CAFÉ FEATURING JA77 VIKINGS

Join us for the 2nd Fundraiser for the Scandinavian Community Centre – a night of unforgettable jazz music, community spirit, and connection!

Concert at 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM for mingling)

Location: Scandinavian Community Centre

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Tickets: \$40 per person - includes live concert, a cheese platter, a small dessert, and coffee or tea. Cash bar available.

Get your tickets on Eventbrite <u>Jazz Café featuring the Jazz Vikings - Everyone Welcome!</u>

Why Come?

- Enjoy live jazz in a relaxed, café-style setting
- Connect with friends and make new ones
- Support the Scandinavian Community Centre every ticket makes a difference!

Don't miss this chance to support your community and enjoy a great night out.



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EASY RHUBARB PIE (FREDRIK'S FIKA) - 6 SERVINGS

Ingredients:

- 4-6 stalks of rhubarb
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Pie Crust:

- 125 g (½ cup) room temperature butter
- 1.5 dl (¾ cup) granulated sugar
- 2 dl (¾ cup) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract



Instructions:

- Preheat Oven: Set the oven to 200°C (400°F).
- **Prepare the Rhubarb**: Rinse and chop the rhubarb into smaller pieces. Toss with the sugar and cornstarch, then spread evenly in a 25 cm (10-inch) pie dish.
- Make the Crust: In a bowl, mix the butter, sugar, flour, baking powder, and vanilla sugar to form a dough. You can use your fingertips or a stand mixer.
- **Assemble the Pie:** Flatten small pieces of the dough with your fingers and cover the entire surface of the pie dish.
- Bake: Place in the center of the oven and bake for about 25 minutes, or until golden
- Serve: Enjoy warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a drizzle of vanilla sauce.

Rhubarb syrup - Perfect as a flavoring for drinks or as a topping for ice cream

Ingredients

- 500 g rhubarb
- 5 dl granulated sugar
- 1 dl water

Instructions

- 1. Slice the rhubarb and add it to a saucepan with the sugar and water.
- 2. Bring to a boil, then let it simmer for about 20 minutes.
- 3. Strain the mixture, pressing the pulp thoroughly to extract as much liquid as possible into a bowl.
- 4. Store in a clean, airtight jar or bottle in the fridge.



Tip: Left over pulp can be used to make ice cream.

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SWEDISH SCHOOL SEEKING SUNDAY TEACHER



Preschool Volunteer Needed: We are also seeking a volunteer to support our Preschool class, which will have 5 new students joining this term.

Contact: vancouverswedishschool@gmail.com

CELEBRATE SWEDEN'S NATIONALDAY

Join us as we come together to celebrate Sweden's National Day at the Scandinavian Community Centre on June 7th!

Event Highlights:

- Swedish School children's year-end celebration and ceremony
- Presentation of educational scholarships
- Traditional Swedish lunch and treats
- Music, dancing, and games for all ages

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community, celebrate Swedish culture, and enjoy a festive day with family and friends.

An Evite will be sent out soon, so keep an eye on your inbox!





Swedish Press

Swedish Heritage in BC is missing some older issues of Swedish Press and is asking if any members who have these older editions could reach out to Laila Axén to help complete their collection.

Swedish Heritage is currently in the process of digitizing these older Swedish Press editions to preserve them for future generations. The first issues were printed in 1929. If you can help, please contact Laila at ilaaxen@gmail.com

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CELEBRATE MIDSUMMER AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE - JUNE 21-22!



Join us for one of the most anticipated events of the year – the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at the Scandinavian Centre in Burnaby! This two-day celebration is a vibrant showcase of Scandinavian culture, traditions, and summer fun.

Midsummer Highlights:

- Viking Village Step back in time and explore Viking life
- Cultural Displays Discover the rich heritage of Scandinavia
- Shopping Kiosks Find unique Nordic crafts and gifts
- Dancing around the Midsummer Pole Join the fun!
- Traditional Scandinavian Foods Taste the flavors of summer
- Beer Garden Raise a glass with friends old and new
- Live Music Enjoy continuous entertainment all weekend
- Kids' Activities Keep the little ones entertained with games and crafts
- Wife-Carrying Contest Don't miss this wild and crowd-pleasing event!

Saturday June 21 (10am to 6pm) & Sunday June 22 (10am to 4pm)

Tickets available at the gate only Saturday \$15; Sunday \$10. Free for under 16

Where: Scandinavian Community Centre, Burnaby Mark your calendars and join us for a weekend of music, dancing, delicious food, and unforgettable memories.

Learn more at: www.scandinavianmidsummerfestival.org

Video: Swedish Midsummer for Dummies: Swedish Midsummer for Dummies