



Swedish Cultural Society's Newsletter | October 2021



## What a 70th anniversary party!

On September 19, the Swedish Cultural Association celebrated 70 years. It was the first significant activity in a long time at the center, and you could tell. Many showed up to celebrate. The theme was the 50s, and many had taken the opportunity

to dress stylishly.

The chairman of the Swedish Cultural Society, Niklas Kviselius, inaugurated the party, and there was both a real Swedish fika and we sang together. There was an exhibition from the association's first 70 years,

## **CALENDAR**

Unless otherwise noted, all activities and events will take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby.

### October

18 Baking Apple/Cinnamon cake21 Planning Midsummar23 Fall Clean up25 Baking Tosca cake29 SCC 30 years anniversary mingle

## November

20-21 Christmas fair

## December

19 Swedish service, Danish church

and we also joined a Swedish quiz.

On the last pages of the newsletter, there is a collage of pictures from the party, where you will indeed find some famous faces.

## DEC 20-21

## Finally – the Swedish Christmas Fair is back!



Now it has been decided that there will be a Christmas fair. Last year's Christmas market was cancelled due to Covid-19. Now we hope that this year's Christmas market will be a real

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party if we do not suffer from new restrictions,

We spoke with AnnaKarin Törnqvist, who is in charge.

- Yes, there is a lot of interest from the exhibitors, and most of them seem eager to come back, says AnnaKarin. For many, these opportunities are a chance to meet customers.

#### Covid-19 affects the Christmas fika

 There are still restrictions on how many people can be inside simultaneously, and there are requirements that there is movement in the premises, AnnaKarin continues. We can, for instance, not sit down and have coffee, but we hope to be able to solve it in a good way. Maybe we can drink our coffee outside.

Another thing discussed is to have given times that you pick up your goods from the bread sales. In this way, we hope to limit the onrush when we open and get a good spread of visitors over the day.

It will be so much fun with the Christmas market; I have looked forward to it so much. Even if it does not turn out exactly as in previous years, I think it will be very nice! Make sure to book November 20-21, AnnaKarin concludes.

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Chair: Niklas Kviselius, niklas.kviselius@gmail.com Secretary: Monica Severinson, secretary@swedishculturalsociety.com All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC.

For more information about our society, activities and events, please visit our website at scandinaviancentre.org





## New fresh update of the website

During the summer, Linda and Jörgen Olofsson worked hard to upgrade the Swedish Cultural Association's website.

- We wanted the website to better reflect the business with lots of programs and information, so we decided to make a real update, says Linda. Hopefully, it can contribute to more members feeling involved.

Emmalena Fredriksson, who works with Swedish teaching for adults, has been involved in developing the website. What needs do those who lead the daily activities see? How does the website better reflect what is happening?

 A lot of time has been spent on the aesthetic to get new fresh pictures in place - but we have also tried to simplify to the visitor so that it will be easier to



Linda Olofsson



Jörgen Olofsson



register for different activities. I hope the members appreciate <u>our new</u> <u>website</u> !, Linda Olofsson concludes.

## The Scandinavian Center is slowly going back to normal

Now the Scandinavian Community Centre is reopening, in line with the new B.C. Covid-19 guidelines.

- We have worked hard to live up to what is required of us as an association, says AnnaKarin Törnqvist, who managed the work with the new guidelines. The most important thing now is that we all make an effort, so that a visit to the center will be as low risk as possible.

#### Vaccination and facemask

There are some restrictions on how many people can be on the premises. Right now it

is a 50% capacity at a maximum.

 There is also a requirement that all visitors show their vaccine passport when arriving, and everyone over the age of 12 must wear a facemask indoors, says AnnaKarin.

 Everyone I met has been very respectful and understood the importance of following the guidelines. It's for everyone's best! So now I hope that as many as possible dare to come here again.

AnnaKarin Törnqvist





# Baking on Zoom

If you like to bake, join Sandra Benholm's popular Nordic baking classes.

October the 18th we bake a Apple/Cinnamon cake and the 25th we bake a classic Tosca cake.

More information and registration at <u>the Scandinavian Community</u> <u>Centres website.</u>





## **OCT 29**

# Swedish House Society celebrates 30 years - with a dash of Halloween

The Swedish Cultural Society is also part of the Swedish House Society, and now the organization is celebrating 30 years.

On Friday, October 29th at 7 pm, we celebrate, and you as a member of the Swedish Cultural Society are welcome.

We hoped for a huge party, but it may occur sometime in the future. Now it will be a quiet mingling where we get a chance to reconnect with each other.

There will be Swedish sandwiches and a bar. Attire: Casual or preferably a Halloween costume! Best costume wins a prize

The number of participants is limited to 100 people, so first come, first served. You register <u>here at Eventbrite</u>. Welcome!



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## Fall Clean-up at the Centre

Now is the time to clean our center. A great way to get to know each other and the Scandinavian Community Center - from the inside out.

On Saturday 23 October, you are welcome to help. We start at 8.30 and continue until 15.

The Finnish war veterans serve breakfast at 8.30. Be sure to be on time; after 9 am, no breakfast will be served. Lunch is served at 12.30 by the Icelandic club.

Register in advance on tel 604-294-2777 or info@scancentre.org, so we know if you want breakfast and/or lunch.

Bring rakes, leaf blowers, buckets & rags and vacuum cleaners. We will work regardless of the weather. Many thanks in advance!

#### DEC 9

# Swedish service in the Danish church

Pastor Maria Thorsson works as a traveling Swedish pastor for the Church of Sweden in North America. On Sunday December 19th at 5 pm, she will lead a Swedish service in the Danish church.

A warm welcome to celebrate worship!





## PICTURE CAVALCADE FROM THE SCS 70 YEARS CELEBRATION



























