

# Canadian Nordic Society

## August 2013 Update

### CNS Monthly Lunches

The monthly lunches will resume September 9.

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

2013: September 9, October 7, 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.

### Language Courses

#### Finnish Language courses

OSKU, The Finnish School of Ottawa has language programs for children 4 to 14, and for adults.

The children's classes take place at Hopewell Public School, with registration on Saturday September 14. For more information, visit <http://ottawa.finnish-schools.org/oskuthefinnishsc.html> You may also contact Raija at 613-521-5177.

Finnish classes are offered for adults, aged 18 years and older, through the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) Continuing Education Program. For more information follow the link above or OCDSB Learning for Life at

[http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/continweb/general/Pages/course\\_descriptions.aspx](http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/continweb/general/Pages/course_descriptions.aspx)

Editor's note: OSKU celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and my wife Orvokki was involved in its establishment.

#### Swedish Language courses

Sign up for Swedish credit courses on September 14th, from 9:00 to 12:00 at Glebe Collegiate, Glebe between Bank and Bronson. We have a small group of adults eager to continue and would like to welcome new students and also new beginners.

The classes start Saturday, September 21.

For more information please contact Tuulikki Bence-Bruckler 613-523 8780

## **Viking Course**

The Canadian Friends of Iceland passed on this information:

Hello Friends of Iceland, Ottawa,

A course is being offered at Carleton University, **Who Were the Vikings? A Look into the History and Culture of the Viking Age.**

Registration began on August 7th, although the course itself does not start until the end of October.

It is one of the "Learning in Retirement" series that have been very well received over the past years.

Also, the course is held on Wednesdays, which means free buses for seniors!

For more information:

<http://www1.carleton.ca/cie/learning-in-retirement/>

Telephone (613) 520-2600 x1756

### Lecture Series 8

#### **Who Were the Vikings? A Look into the History and Culture of the Viking Age**

Lecturer: Dr. Teva Vidal

Lecturer biography: A native of Ottawa, Teva Vidal recently completed a PhD in Viking Studies at the University of Nottingham, England, which allowed him to participate in academic and archaeological research throughout the UK, Scandinavia and Iceland – much of the Viking World! A passionate medievalist, Teva has dedicated his research to a multidisciplinary understanding of the Viking Age and its wider European medieval context, focusing especially on domestic history, and the interaction between objects and texts. His previous research and teaching has also allowed him to delve into medieval language and literature, mostly Old English and Old Norse.

Wednesdays, October 30th – December 4th

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 431 Tory Building

Lecture series description: This lecture series will take a broad look at who the “Vikings” were. Though the word “Viking” is charged with meaning in modern popular culture, the true cultural identity of the medieval Scandinavian peoples it refers to is often

misunderstood. These lectures will focus on the art, language, literature and material culture that made this culture distinct, as well as the historical, social and even technological phenomena that led to their dramatic expansion into Europe, and beyond, during the Viking Age (c. 800-1100 AD).

Lectures, discussions, hands-on learning (handling of artifact reproductions)

Fee: \$105.00 + HST

Enrollment capacity: 35 participants

However, I am informed by Lennart Nylund that the course is already full. If you are interested, you might let them know and perhaps they will schedule another session of the course.

## **Church Services**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be busy the first weekend of October:

### **Joint Norwegian-Swedish Church Service**

Saturday, October 5 at 15:00

There will be a joint Norwegian-Swedish church service with Katrine Bråtane and Anna Rune Andersson in St. St. Peter's Lutheran church (400 Sparks St), followed by church coffee and conversation. The service is organized in collaboration with the Norwegian and Swedish Embassies. For more information please contact the Swedish Church in Toronto 416-486 0466. Note the event will be held in Norwegian and Swedish.

Katrine Bråtane from Norway is a priest in the Norwegian Lutheran Free Church and works as a hospital chaplain at Sunnaas rehabilitation outside Oslo. She will visit Canada for two weeks this fall and together with pastor Anna Runesson, Swedish Church in Toronto will be holding services in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa in Norwegian and Swedish.

### **Finnish Church Service**

Sunday, October 6 at 15:00

The Finnish Church Committee will be holding its service on Sunday starting at 3:00 pm, with the usual refreshments and social to follow.

Both events are being held in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks St., Ottawa.

## **Canadian Artic Expedition 2013**

This expedition was mentioned in the update in July. The Icelandic Ambassador provided the following:

Dear Peter,

Kind thanks for your always very informative newsletters.

Just for the sake of good housekeeping, Vilhjalmur Stefansson was as you probably know a first generation Icelandic immigrant, born in Arnes Manitoba.

Very best

Thordur

## **Royal Norwegian Embassy Edvard Munch contest**

You are invited to enter the Embassy's Edvard Munch contest where you can win either double passes to the September 21st screening of the Munch 150 documentary, or a reproduction print of Munch's paintings. All you have to do is answer a simple skill testing question. Visit our website [www.emb-norway.ca](http://www.emb-norway.ca) to find the question, and information on how to enter the contest. It ends September 8th, so hurry!