



Nordic News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We expect to finalize plans for a *Midsummer Concert* for Saturday, June 11, 2011. Members of the Board have met with the cultural attaches of the five Nordic embassies to discuss how we can work in co-operation as we did last year. When we know the results of these discussions we will inform the membership of the Canadian Nordic Society immediately.

We will also be letting CNS members know the date of the *Annual General Meeting* in the very near future.

Lucia

In my recent report on the Lucia volunteers, I forgot to mention the excellent contributions to the success of the concert by Bruce Enstone and Maria-Liisa Hansen. Please accept my apology. It was perhaps the most successful Lucia ever and many people contributed to its success.

Bows for Butterfly Benefit

Raija Hilska, who teaches at the Finnish School of Ottawa, informs us of the *Bows for Butterflies Benefit* that will take place on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at Centrepointe Theatre, Ottawa, with a concert performed by the Ottawa Youth Orchestra beginning at 2:00 p.m. This is a fund-raiser for the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre's Early Identification and Intervention Program for Youth.

CNS SPEAKERS' SERIES

A Different Trend:

Canadian Children's Literature in Sweden and Finland

Speaker: Roy MacGregor

Date & Time: Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West (off Elgin), Ottawa.

Roy MacGregor is the author of some 40 books, 23 of them in the internationally successful **Screech Owls** mystery series for young readers. What is fascinating is that the **Screech Owl** books have been translated into Swedish and Finnish and are selling in ever increasing numbers to readers in Sweden and Finland. How is it possible that a Canadian author on hockey themes has been attracting an ever greater readership in the lands of Pippi Longstocking and the Moomis?



Come and find out. Coffee will be served. Cash bar.

Roy MacGregor was born in the small Upper Ottawa Valley village of Whitney. He has been a journalist for 35 years and has worked for a number of major Canadian publications, including *MacLean's*, the *Toronto Star*, *Ottawa Citizen* and, since 2002, the *Globe and Mail*.

Mr. MacGregor has won every major journalism award in the country. His novel **Canoe Lake** was a national bestseller. His book on fathers and sons and hockey, **Home Team**, was nominated for the Governor-General's Award. His memoir about his father, **A Life in the Bush**, won numerous national awards and the prestigious U.S. Rutstrum Award, which is awarded every five years to the best book on the wilderness. One of his most important works is **Canadians: A Portrait of the Country and Its People**, a study of the country he has written about and traveled throughout for

more nearly four decades.

In 2005, he was named an Officer in the Order of Canada. He is described in the citation as one of Canada's "most-gifted storytellers." Roy and Ellen live in Kanata and are the parents of four grown children.



Canada-US Continentalism & the Circumpolar Arctic

Speaker: David Dymant

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:30 pm (*please note day*)

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West (off Elgin), Ottawa.

David Dymant has examined Canada-US continentalism under a number of themes including how our two countries co-operate in the Arctic region. This evolving relationship brings these two countries into contact with a number of other countries in the circumpolar region, including the five Nordic countries. Dymant's presentation will touch on these matters.

Dr. **David Dymant** is a Canadian researcher and lecturer. He studies the international activities of sub national governments, and the Canada-US relationship. He was previously on the faculty of Carleton University in the Political Science Department. He has taught politics in French at the University of Ottawa where he is currently a research affiliate. He was Director of the Parliamentary Internship Programme of the Canadian Political Science Association. Dymant has been a commentator for CBC Newsworld, CTV Newsnet, Global TV, CBC Radio, Radio Canada, BBC World and Radio Canada International. He has also been interviewed for stories in a number of newspapers.

Dr. Dymant (born 1959) has worked in the federal government as a senior advisor in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and at Government House on the staff of the Governor General of Canada. His work has been published in Policy Options, Canadian Foreign Policy, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Études internationales, Regional and Federal Studies, Embassy, and the Toronto Star amongst other publications. He teaches courses on international relations, Canadian politics, and Canadian foreign policy. Dymant has held several fellowships and scholarships and received his Ph.D. in political science from the Université de Montréal.

CNS LUNCHEONS

CNS luncheons are usually held once a month on a Monday at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West. Please arrive by 11:45 am for 12:00 pm luncheon. Lunch is a choice of a light lunch or hot dish. Parking is not available at the Mess during daytime hours. Dress code requires jacket and tie, no jeans or jogging suits. RSVP: Please contact Tuula Bigras at 613-424-4539, no later than the Thursday before each luncheon to confirm. Dates to remember are:

April 4, 2011

May 2, 2011

June 13, 2011

OTHER NORDIC EVENTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Calendar of Events for 2011 at the Finnish Church

These events take place at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks Street at 3 p.m. Paster Matti Terho officiates, excluding favourite carols. Coffee reception to follow. Please note: entry only from the side door, which will be locked at 3:30 pm to accommodate late-comers, and will be opened as soon as services are over.

April 17 - Palm Sunday service. After the service RYIJY (a hand knotted wall hanging) will be raffled off during the coffee reception.

October 2 - Thanksgiving service

November 27 - Favourite Christmas Carols (in English and Finnish, some Swedish thrown in)

December 11 - Christmas service

Stellae Boreales to Perform in Iceland

Stellae Boreales, an Ottawa-based violin choir, is traveling to Iceland on a performance tour this July, which will involve performances at a number of venues in Iceland as well as master classes and events involving young Icelandic musicians. On April 23rd, at 4:00 p.m., senior members of the ensemble will be presenting a chamber music concert at the home of John Royle, with proceeds going to support the Iceland trip. The music will feature students who have distinguished themselves at the Kiwanis Music Festival (including multiple trophy winners and Provincial Kiwanis Festival prize winners); some have been invited to perform at the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival's Rising Stars Concert, or at concerts presented by the Young String Performer's Foundation. The concert will include works such as Saint-Saens' Introduction and Rondo capriccio, Wieniawski's Polonaise de concert, a sonata by Frank, and Bartok's Roumanian dances, and the concert will be followed by coffee (an important Nordic tradition!) and cakes.

It is hoped that Ottawa's Nordic community will make a special effort to support this event. If you wish to attend, please contact John.Royle@sympatico.ca Admission is by donation, but it is asked that those attending the event make a \$20+ donation to this worthwhile cause. For more information about Stellae Boreales, please visit their website: www.stellaeboreales.ca Any Nordic society members who can help the ensemble obtain additional corporate sponsorship are also invited to contact Vicky Barham (vbarham@uottawa.ca).

Notice from Friends of Iceland

The Friends of Iceland (Ottawa) of the Icelandic National League of North America is an "umbrella" organization which covers the Icelandic clubs across Canada and the USA. The INLNA runs an email list which will keep you up-to-date with their activities. You can also find links to other Icelandic organizations. For anyone who is interested in more information they can go to The Icelandic National League of North America web site at: <http://inlofna.org/> or contact the Ottawa Chapter via Allan Miller, Membership Coordinator, Friends of Iceland (Ottawa), 735 Highland Avenue, Ottawa, ON K2A 2K6 or email inquiries to: foiottawa@gmail.com.



Canadian Nordic Society

If you are already a member, please pass this on to a friend!

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Mailing Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____

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To reduce costs, the newsletter is 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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