



Nordic News

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CNS 2012 Dates to Remember

Speakers' Series
Wednesday March 14, 2012
Polar Exploration Ship "Maud"

Luncheon Dates
Monday April 2, 2011

Special Events

Note, the Speakers' Event previously announced for March 28, 2012 has been postponed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Canadian Nordic Society has two major Speakers' Series Events coming up. Both will be held at the Infantry Room of the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset St. W. (off Elgin), Ottawa.

Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Jan Wanggaard will be speaking on Norway's plans to repatriate Roald Amundsen's old ship, the Maud, back to Norway where it will be refurbished and put on display. Please note, this presentation takes place one day before Dr. Wanggaard makes an in camera presentation on this matter at an appeal hearing before the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board. This will be the only public presentation this Norwegian company will be making in Canada.

This evening's presentation at CNS is being jointly co-sponsored with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ottawa. There is a greater description of this Speakers' Event elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Speakers' Event announced for Wednesday March 28, 2012 has been re-scheduled for April 25, 2012.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:30 PM

CNS is pleased to welcome Petri Kruuti, Minister Counsellor for the Embassy of Finland, once again. Mr. Kruuti will be giving a presentation on political events in Finland with respect to the presidential election and the recent inauguration of Sauli Niinistö as Finland's twelfth President since Independence. We will be providing a greater description of this event and background on our speaker in our next Newsletter.

Earlier Speakers' Series Events

CNS held a film evening January 18, 2012. The feature film was the Finnish film, *The Interrogation*, directed by Jörn Donner. Some thirty people attended. There was a short film on Astrid Lindgren that was provided by the Swedish Embassy.

CNS was especially pleased to have a presentation on community life in Greenland by the well-known Canadian historian and museum curator, Dr. David Richeson. It is always a pleasure when CNS can feature a presentation on some of the more remote areas of the Scandinavian countries and we were fortunate to have such an informative presentation for our Speakers' Series. CNS would like to thank Larry Wade for suggesting this speaker.

CNS EVENTS

CNS LUNCHEONS

The monthly luncheons will be held at the Army Officers' Mess on Mondays: April 2, May 7, and June 4. Reservations are no longer necessary --- just show up. However, if you would like information, confirmation or reassurance, you may contact Lennart Nylund at 613-829-8602 or lnylund@sympatico.ca.

Lennart Nylund

SPEAKERS' SERIES EVENTS

Wednesday March 14, 2012

Polar Exploration Ship "Maud"



The Maud was a ship built for exploration in the icy conditions of the far north to serve Roald Amundsen's second expedition to explore the Arctic. It sank at Cambridge Bay, Victoria



Island in Canada's north in 1926 and has rested on the sea bed for over 80 years.

"Maud Returns Home" is a project initiative to repatriate the remains of Maud back to Norway. Maud was built in Norway in 1917 with the intention to drift across the North Pole, fixed in the arctic ice-cap. Maud and her crew spent 7 years in the arctic but never achieved their goal to reach the North Pole. However the Maud expedition collected an impressive volume of scientific research material and there is a large collection of film and photographic material saved from this expedition.

Despite being stripped for valuables and wood over the years, Maud still has a lot of its hull intact and represents a valuable historic resource for Norway. The Maud Returns Home initiative has gained great attention both in Norway and Canada and project manager Jan Wanggaard will give a lecture on the Maud history and the Project plans - supported by old and new film cuts and photographic material. Project staff Runhild Olsen will take care of the visual part of the presentation.

Norwegian Jan Wanggaard has a long history of maritime connection starting in the 1980's, being a windsurfing World Champion moving gradually into an artistic expression. In 2007 his documentary film *Panta Rei* won the Award for Creativity at the FIFA International Art Film Festival in Montreal.

The lecture is approximately one hour and is co-sponsored by the Norwegian Embassy.

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 147 Somerset St. W. (off Elgin), Ottawa, ON
Bar and Coffee afterwards

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OTHER NORDIC EVENTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Finnish Church Committee:

On March 25, 2012 there will be a Finnish Church Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
3 PM (Doors close at 3:30 PM)
Pastor Matti Terho
Coffee and social to follow.

From the Canadian Friends of Finland:

The Canadian Friends of Finland Ottawa invites you to an amazing afternoon of classical music. World-class musicians Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto and Canadian cellist Denise Djokic will perform a programme which will include the music of J.S. Bach, Ravel, and Schulhoff.

Please join us at MacKay United Church on Sunday afternoon April 1, 2012 at 2 PM. The performance will be followed by a reception hosted by the Embassy of Finland. The concert is held with the support of both the Embassy of Finland and the Finland Society. Tickets \$40.00.

Please see announcement at the end of this newsletter.

St. Urho Celebration

The Canadian Friends of Finland invite you to join them for music, good company and good food as they celebrate St. Urho's liberation of Finland from the devastating grasshoppers! Bring your singing voice and be prepared for fun.

Date: Friday, 16 March 2012

Time: 6 PM

Location: Mooney's Bay Bistro 231 Ridgewood Ave (off Riverside) Ottawa, ON
(Please see attached notice)

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.

NORDIC FACTOIDS

Women in Parliaments around the World

The Inter-Parliamentary Union has published a study *Women in Parliament 2011* and reports that the number of women represented in parliaments is “worryingly low.” The average across the world is only 19.5%. Here is the information for our countries of interest.

	# seats	# women	%	Voting system*
Denmark	179	70	39.1%	Proportional
Finland	200	85	42.5%	Proportional
Iceland	63	25	39.7%	Proportional
Norway	169	67	39.6%	Proportional
Sweden	349	156	44.7%	Proportional
Canada	308	76	24.8%	Majority

Rwanda and Andorra had more than 50% women in their parliaments, while Belize, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Solomon Islands had none.

Sources:

The Ottawa Citizen (I didn't save the date)

Inter-parliamentary Union web site at <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/world.htm>
(NB, their entry for Canada is a little suspect.)

* Please see individual country entries on the web site for more details on Voting Systems.

MEMBERSHIP

The CNS membership year is from September 1 to August 31 which means that it is once again necessary to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 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. Please fill in the form, enclose a cheque and mail it to our mail box indicated in our letterhead.

It is the membership dues that enable us to have our Speakers' Events 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.



Canadian Nordic Society

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

email: _____ Fax : _____

To reduce costs, the newsletter will be 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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If you have any questions about your membership, please contact one of the Board Members. Membership dues can be given to any Board member or you can mail your payment to:

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The Canadian Friends of Finland Ottawa

Kuusisto and Djokic in Concert



Where:

MacKay United Church
39 Dufferin Rd (at MacKay St)
Ottawa, ON K1M 2H3



[Driving Directions](#)

When:

Sunday April 1, 2012 from
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM EDT

Dear Friend of Finland,

The Canadian Friends of Finland Ottawa invites you to an amazing afternoon of classical music. World-class musicians Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto and Canadian cellist Denise Djokic will perform a programme which will include the music of J.S. Bach, Ravel, and Schulhoff.

Please join us at MacKay United church on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM, April 1, 2012. The performance which will be followed by a reception hosted by the Embassy of Finland. The concert is held with the support of both the Embassy of Finland and the Finland Society.

[Add to my calendar](#)

Please support the Canadian Friends of Finland Ottawa by registering for this important musical event. Click on the links below for more information and/or to register for the event. Tickets may be purchased online or at selected retail outlets throughout Ottawa.

Spread the word! Please forward this invitation to your family, friends, and colleagues who enjoy good music.

[Get more information](#)

[**Register Now!**](#)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

If you have any questions about this concert, please contact me at the telephone number provided below.

Thank you for your response, and I look forward to seeing you at our concert.

Sincerely,

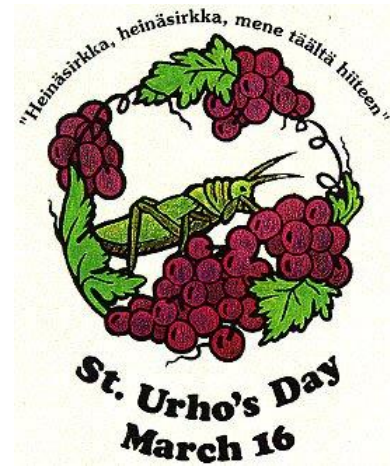
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Music & "Buy Your Own" Dinner
[click here for menu](#)

RSVP: phone Eric at 613-746-1765
or email Connie Whitmore ([click here](#))

P.S. If you have not renewed your membership as yet, Eric will have forms and his receipt book ready!

