



Nordic News

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*Welcome back to an
exciting year of events!*

CNS 2010-2011 Dates to Remember **Speakers' Series / Club Events**

Thursday, October 28, 2010 - Eric Enno Tamm
Thursday, November 25, 2010 - H.E. Else Berit Eikeland
Saturday, December 11, 2010 - Lucia
January, 2011 - Students on Ice
February, 2011- Scandinavian Architecture
Saturday, May 29, 2011 - Boat cruise
Saturday, June 11, 2011- Midsummer concert

Luncheon Dates

November 8, 2010
December 6, 2010 Christmas Lunch
January 10, 2011
February 7, 2011
March 7, 2011
April 4, 2011
May 2, 2011
June 13, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow CNS Members:

The Canadian Nordic Society (established in 1963) is starting its 2010-11 year of activities.

Last May, a new Board was elected, all but two are carryovers. We welcome two new Board members: Ida Capern and Martti Lahtinen. Our plan is to carry on with the activities we have been doing for years, especially building on the successes we have had.

Membership

Yearly membership in the Canadian Nordic Society is \$20.00 for individuals, \$30.00 for family and \$15.00 for students. Members receive updates on CNS activities such as our Speakers' Series and our monthly Luncheons. It also allows for a reduced price for tickets to Lucia or having their children participate in the Lucia ceremony. Also membership fees pay for the cost of the rental of the Army Officers' Mess for our Speakers' series and other events.

Since its inception in 1962, the Canadian Nordic has been an independent organization solely dependent on the support of its members. Unlike other organizations promoting one of Canada's many ethnic cultures, the Canadian Nordic Society receives no outside funding.

You will find a membership application / renewal form on the last page of this Newsletter.

The membership year for a CNS member is from September 1 to August 31.

Speakers' Series

From October to April, we plan on having a monthly speaker explain various aspects of Nordic culture and current events. When the Society first started, our Speakers would often illuminate cultural matters few in Canada were aware of. Today, with so many diplomatic and business relationships between Canada and the five Nordic countries, many of our presentations are virtually from today's headlines. Our first Speakers' event will be on Thursday, October 28 when **Eric Enno Tamm** will give a presentation on his book: *The Horse that Leaps through Clouds. A Tale of Espionage, the Silk Road and the Rise of Modern China*. More information on this event is available elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Luncheons

A popular event that kicked off earlier this month is our monthly luncheons that are held at the Army Officers Mess. These luncheons have proven popular afternoon functions for a number of our members and their friends and are a welcome part of the CNS social calendar. We are pleased that **Tuula Bigras** (telephone: 613-424-4539) is again organizing this program. Luncheon dates are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Lucia Christmas Celebration

Our annual Lucia celebration will take place on **Saturday, December 11 at Christ Church Cathedral**. CNS has been hosting this event for more than forty years and it is by far our most popular event with hundreds attending and scores of young children participating. Attendees of last year's Lucia will be pleased to know that **Annika Ericsson Kidd** and **Mats Lindeberg** will again be directing the Lucia procession. **Len Nylund**, our Vice President, is head of the Lucia organizing

committee (telephone: 613-829-8602). The event requires extensive planning and work so hopefully many of you should already be considering as to how you might help.

Midsummer Concert

Last June, the Canadian Nordic Society held its inaugural Midsummer Concert which featured representative classical music from each of the five Nordic countries as performed by The Chamber Players of Canada. Despite this being a kind of “one-off event” in that our CNS concert was not part of any series or on the formal Ottawa entertainment calendar, our Midsummer Concert was well attended. Moreover, it had the support of each of the five Nordic embassies.

Based on the overall success of our inaugural concert, CNS will again partner with The Chamber Players of Canada and its Artistic Director, Julian Armour, for a second Midsummer Concert. **This will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m., once again in the air-conditioned comfort of Dominion-Chalmers United Church.**

While we have a date and site, there is much work to be done as CNS will be working with The Chamber Players of Canada and other potential partners to select the music and other details. However, this year our Midsummer Concert will be part of the Ottawa entertainment calendar for 2010-2011. Please mark this date in your social calendars!

Co-operation with Nordic Embassies

Finally, the Canadian Nordic Society, from the beginning, has always stressed good ties with each of the five Nordic embassies located here in Canada’s capital. Indeed, each of the Nordic ambassadors, by tradition, is an honorary member of our Society. We will continue to work with each of the embassies to feature their activities into our cultural program.

One of our traditions is to have each Ambassador assigned to Ottawa, each of our honorary members that is, give a presentation to the Society on political and social events taking place in the country they are representing. For that reason, honouring this long tradition, on Thursday, November 25, Her Excellency **Else Berit Eikeland**, Norway’s Ambassador to Canada, will be giving a presentation to CNS members as part of our Speakers’ Series. Further information about this event is available elsewhere in this Newsletter. Additional background material will be provided in the Newsletter leading up to our November event.

This is **your** Canadian Nordic Society. While we, as a Board, can organize a social program and a Speakers’ series, we also need your input as to how things are going and any suggestions as to what new initiatives we could undertake (for example, a suggestion for a Speaker or a different way a social event could be organized). Please feel free to contact any one of us. We are always open for suggestions.

Let’s have an enjoyable year!

Len Sillanpää
President
Canadian Nordic Society

CNS LUNCHEONS

CNS luncheons are 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 will be a choice of a light lunch or two hot dishes. 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 for this season are:

November 8, 2010

January 10, 2011

March 7, 2011

May 2, 2011

December 6, 2010 Christmas Lunch

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June 13, 2011

CNS SPEAKERS' SERIES

Retracing Gustaf Mannerheim's Secret Mission to China

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010

Time: Arriving at 7:00 for a 7:30 start

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

Eric Enno Tamm will give a presentation on his new book, *The Horse that Leaps Through Clouds. A Tale of Espionage, the Silk Road and the Rise of Modern China*, which was published in Canada this year by Douglas & McIntyre. This book describes Tamm's efforts to follow the expedition undertaken by C.G.E. Mannerheim from 1906 to 1908 through Central Asia and China on a secret mission for the Tsar of Russia.



The book reveals a different dimension of the same Mannerheim who would later conduct Finland's defences during World War II and who, in 2004, was elected by the Finnish public as the *Greatest Finn of All Time*. Tamm's book shows a Mannerheim of great insight as to the social conditions of many obscure and mysterious ethnic groups along the Silk Road. Mannerheim's insights on China's modernization at the time are useful for evaluating today's China.

Eric Enno Tamm is an author, journalist and analyst with more than fifteen years of experience in the media and non-profit sector. Born in Tofino, B.C. of Estonian heritage, Eric has worked as an executive director of the B.C. Coastal Community Network, Communications Director of Ecotrust Canada, and as a correspondent for the on-line Wallpaper, and various papers such as The Globe and Mail, Los Angeles Times Magazine, Canadian Geographic, San Francisco Chronicle and Toronto Star. He has a Master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and a Master's degree in European Affairs from Lund University in Sweden. He currently lives in Ottawa.

CNS is organizing this Speaker's event jointly with our colleagues at the Canadian Friends of Finland.

CNS SPEAKERS' SERIES - continued

Norway's High North Policy and Co-operation with Canada

Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010

Time: Arriving at 7:00 for a 7:30 p.m. start

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

H.E. Else Berit Eikeland, Norway's Ambassador to Canada, will give a presentation to CNS members on Norway's current policies in the High Arctic and developing increased co-operation with Canada.

Lucia

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2010

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hall of Christ Church Cathedral, on Sparks Street, Ottawa

The Canadian Nordic Society will be holding its annual Lucia Concert. Included in the event are refreshments, singing, Glögg and dancing around the Christmas tree. The Lucia Procession starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Donations of baked goods are always welcome. Anyone wishing to help should contact Len Nylund at 613-829-8602.

Lucia Procession Practices

Teens and children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Lucia Procession. The practice dates and times to learn the songs are as follows:

Sunday, November 14 - Carleton Heights Community Centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave. - 3 to 5 pm

Sunday, November 21 - Carleton Heights Community Centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave. - 3 to 5 pm

Sunday, November 28 - Carleton Heights Community Centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave. - 3 to 5 pm

Saturday, December 4 - Christ Church Cathedral Hall, Sparks Street - 1:00 to 3:00 pm

If you know of anyone who would like to participate please contact:

Mats Lindeberg 613-730-7611 Cell: 613-261-6681 or Annika Ericsson Kidd 613-523-8860

Students on Ice

Date: January 2011

International Student Exchange Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic. More information about this event will be provided at a later date.

Presentation on Scandinavian Architecture by Donald Westwood

Date: February 2011

More Information about this event will be provided at a later date.

OTHER NORDIC ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner

Per Talgoy is taking reservations for the 3rd Annual Lutefisk Lovers and Others Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the New Edinburgh Field House, 193 Stanley Ave. Per supplies the lutefisk, boiled potatoes and peas, as well as coffee and tea. The price this year will be \$14.00/person. If you don't eat lutefisk you can bring your own dish or even potluck with others. There is a \$3.00 charge per person for those not eating lutefisk to cover hall rental. Each year people bring lovely desserts for everyone to enjoy, and Per hopes that happens

again this year! Last year, they were very close to full seating capacity at 40 people, so don't delay in booking as it is first come, first serve! Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, October 20 by contacting Per at either per.talgoy@nrc.ca or call 613-260-9066.

Lutefisk for Sale

For the 9th year in a row, Per Talgoy is selling frozen lutefisk. His break-even price this year is \$18.00 for a 1.75 pound package (shipping costs are higher this year). Please let him know by Wednesday, October 20 if you would like to purchase any packages. Email: per.talgoy@nrc.ca or call him at: 613-260-9066.

Norwegian Church Christmas Sale

Dates of event: Friday, November 12, 4 pm to 8 pm or Saturday, November 13, 11 am to 4 pm

Location: 5065 Sherbrooke Street, Lachine, QC H8T 1H9

At the Norwegian Church Christmas sale you are able to buy a wide variety of Norwegian food items, Norwegian handicraft, pewter, jewellery.

<http://www.norskeklubben.ca/ncaeng.html>

Danish Club of Ottawa Bazaar

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2011

Time: Doors open at 11.00 a.m.

Location: Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, 102 Greenview Avenue, Ottawa

<http://www.danishclubottawa.com/events.htm>

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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): _____

e-mail: _____ Fax: _____

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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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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