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### FROM THE SCS BOARD

The Board continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The following is a summary of what transpired during our March meeting.

**Board Members:** Niklas Kviselius, Karmen Blackwood, Kristin Josephson, Riitta Huttunen, Pia Hilton, Carina Spencer, Monica Olofsson, Linda Olofsson, Monica Severinson, Mari-Louise Olsson, Natalie Bristow

**Guest:** Erica Jonsson (Swedish School)

#### Swedish School

The school is now full, and a few people are on the waiting list.

Swedish School of Vancouver is seeking a **part time Administrator** with start date August 1st. If you are organized, have skills in Excel and basic bookkeeping, you or someone you know may be who we are looking for!

Swedish language is an asset *but not essential* for this 3 day/week *primarily remote position*. Further details and CV submissions can be made to Board Chair, Jenny Hippel at [svenskaskolanvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:svenskaskolanvancouver@gmail.com) by May 15th.

#### Adult Education

The Spring classes start this week and will be in session for 10 weeks. We have five groups running from Monday to Thursday. Email [swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com) for more information.

#### SHS SCCS

Sweden house is responsible for the lunch on cleanup day May 11th. Contact Carina Spencer [majoshspencer@gmail.com](mailto:majoshspencer@gmail.com) if you can help.

“Folk Art and Costumes” is the theme for this year’s **Midsummer Festivities**. Please dust off your art and costumes, and come and volunteer!

SHS had their AGM last month. Anna Karin will stay as chair. SCCS had their AGM as well and Iceland has the honour of having the president post this year. Edda Langworth is the chair and vice chair is Ron Stubbing representing FHS

#### Club Night April 19

The theme is “*Swedish Language get-together*” meaning that we try to speak as much Swedish as possible. Bar is open. Bring an appetizer to share (optional). Please RSVP to [swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com)



Club Night April 19, lets get-together!

### Calendar of Events

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

#### April

- April 19: Club Night, Swedish Language Get-together.
- April 21: Swedish Heritage Museum, Open House for all SCS members.
- April 23: South Book club meets at Kerstin Bjarbo.
- April 28: Nordic Cultural Sunday at the Centre
- April 28: Walpurgis (Valborg) get together at Ambleside beach.

#### May

- May 6: North Book club meets at Irene Henriksson.
- May 11: Spring Cleaning Day at the Centre.

#### Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS):

- The Centre needs fundraising support! Please contact Carina: [majoshspencer@gmail.com](mailto:majoshspencer@gmail.com) with your ideas.



#### Midsummer Festival Planning

The committee will meet in late April at the Scandinavian Centre. This year’s theme is “Traditional Folk Costumes”. Welcome to join in the planning committee.

For more information & events, please visit [swedishculturalsociety.com](http://swedishculturalsociety.com) and [Scancentre.org](http://Scancentre.org)



April 19 Club night at the Centre  
“Mingel kväll”

Join us on April 19 @ 7-9 PM. Everyone welcome!

The theme is “Swedish Language get-together” meaning that we try to speak as much Swedish as possible. The bar will be open at the event. Bring an appetizer to share if you wish (optional).

RSVP to [swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com)

April 21 Swedish Heritage Museum  
“Open House”

When: April 21, 2024, 1 - 3 PM

Where: Swedish Heritage Museum @ 1812 Duthie Ave, Burnaby, BC, V5A 3R3 (entrance at back of building).

Join for Swedish Fika and a tour of the museum!

Please RSVP to Gun Pennink by April 17th.  
(phone 604-921-9903)



April 28 Walpurgis Night (Valborg)

**There is nothing that says Spring in Sweden better than a good old bonfire and a choir! Don't miss the annual gathering at Valborgsmässoafton (Walpurgis night)!**

Every year on the 30th of April Sweden is set ablaze in revelry of the emerging spring. The celebration known as Valborg causes communities throughout Sweden to unite in spirit and gather around massive bonfires, singing songs to welcome spring to these northern shores. It's a celebration for people of all ages and the best part is – it's free. Just show up and get ready to interact more with Swedes than you have through the entire winter.



**Join us at this year's Valborg/Walpurgis event!**

April 28 @ Amble side Beach, West Vancouver at 6PM.

Enjoy the bonfire, bring & roast your own hot dogs and smores. Fun for all ages!

Christer and Niklas are planning this event and we expect many people to join us for this celebration of Spring. For more information see our website [swedishculturalsociety.com](http://swedishculturalsociety.com)

\*Please bring your own hotdogs, smores, drinks, BBQ sticks, etc. Fire wood appreciated!

## May 11 Spring Cleaning Day

Calling Volunteers!!

Date: Saturday May 11 @ 9am-2pm

**Join us & help to keep your Centre beautiful!**

Bring pails and rags, work inside or outside (rain or shine).

Breakfast: by the Finnish War Veterans at 8:30am sharp (No breakfast is served after 9am)

Lunch: By the Sweden House Society at 12.00pm

Contact: Please let the office know if you are coming, and if you are joining us for breakfast and/or lunch @ [info@scancentre.org](mailto:info@scancentre.org)

This is always a great way to meet the other volunteers, and to get to know the Centre from top to bottom!

A message from one of our happy volunteers:  
*"The clean up experience was very positive and went very well. Thanks again to those who prepared the wonderful breakfast and lunch!"*

## May 25-26 Canadian Youth congress

**Are you a future Diplomat?**

Voice for Rights International is looking for Swedish youth 16-35 years old to participate in the Canadian Youth Congress here in Vancouver on May 25-26, 2024.

If you have any interest in Human Rights and Diplomacy visit <https://www.vfri.ca/canada-youth-congress/> or contact Carina Spencer at [majoshspencer@gmail.com](mailto:majoshspencer@gmail.com)

## Nordic Baking Classes 2024

Nordic Baking classes are offered by the Scandinavian Centre. In-person classes are held at the Scandinavian Community Centre at 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby. Classes are open to everyone; no membership needed. Previous baking experience is not required. There are 8-10 spots per class. We have both in-person classes and zoom classes.

Contact Sandra at [scanbake@gmail.com](mailto:scanbake@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

## SCS Board Contact Information

**Chair:** Niklas Kviselius,  
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**Secretary:** Monica Severinson,  
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All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby (option to attend virtually).

For more information visit our website [swedishculturalsociety.com](http://swedishculturalsociety.com) and [scancentre.org](http://scancentre.org)

**Bor du utomlands och vill rösta i EU-valet?** Är du svensk medborgare, har fyllt eller fyller 18 år senast på valdagen den 9 juni, är bosatt i utlandet, och någon gång har varit folkbokförd i Sverige har du rösträtt i valet till Europaparlamentet, EU-valet.

**Rösträtt som utlandssvensk**

Som utlandssvensk behöver du anmäla dig till röstlängden vart tionde år för att finnas kvar i den, samt för att få röstkort och material för brevröstning skickat till dig. Röstlängden upprättas inför varje val och grundar sig på de uppgifter som finns i Skatteverkets folkbokföringsregister. Click link below for more information.

[informationsblad-till-utlandssvenskar-om-anmalan-till-rostlangden-euval-2024.pdf](https://www.informationsblad-till-utlandssvenskar-om-anmalan-till-rostlangden-euval-2024.pdf)

## Our Swedish Library

We have recorded 1,500 books and 150 DVDs on our website, [swedishculturalsociety.com](http://swedishculturalsociety.com). All members can search for book titles there. To borrow books or DVDs please visit the Swedish room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Please do NOT leave books to donate, at the centre, without first contacting Pia Hilton.

Pia Hilton is our Librarian. She can be contacted at [piachilton@gmail.com](mailto:piachilton@gmail.com). Thank you!