



**NOV 19-20**



**Welcome to the Christmas market - you are needed!**

The Swedish Cultural Association organizes our annual Christmas market on November 19-20 at the Scandinavian Center in Burnaby. We will have around thirty different vendors selling everything possible - many related to Swedish/Scandinavian/Nordic Christmas and traditions. We serve delicious

Swedish sandwiches, pastries, and rice porridge in our Swedish cafe. We also offer hot dogs and glögg (mulled wine). Free entrance and free parking. Open between 11 am and 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday. We need many volunteers – look for a separate mailing inviting you to participate!

**DEC 10**

**Time for Lucia celebration!**

Now is the time to start thinking about Lucia! All children aged six and up whose parents are members of the Swedish Cultural Society are welcome. The first practice session is on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Danish Church, 6010 Kincade St., Burnaby. We will perform at IKEA in Richmond on Dec. 9 and have two performances at the Scandinavian Center on Dec. 10. For registration and more information, contact Catharina Wimme at [catharinawimme@gmail.com](mailto:catharinawimme@gmail.com). Tickets for the Lucia celebration will soon go on sale on Eventbrite.



This year's Lucia is Elsy Rytter, our second second-generation Lucia. Elsy has been active throughout her life in the Swedish community and is currently studying at King's College University in Halifax, NS.

**CALENDAR**

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

**October**

- 25 Södra bokklubben
- 29 Fall Clean up at the Centre
- 31 Baking class Kladdkaka

**November**

- 7 Norra bokklubben
- 19-20 Christmas market
- 23 Baking class Kransekage
- 27 Advent service, Danish church
- 28 Baking class Lussekatter
- 29 Södra bokklubben

**The library is jammed!**

We have received many books recently - for which we are very grateful. But now the library is full; we can't get another book in! We'll be back when it's time to fill up next time - welcome in and borrow a good book for the dark autumn evenings.



**NOV 27**

**Welcome to the Advent service**

Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., you are welcome to Advent service in the Danish Church. There will be Christmas messages, singing, and music by children and adults, followed by coffee.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Chair: Niklas Kviselius, [niklas.kviselius@gmail.com](mailto:niklas.kviselius@gmail.com)  
 Secretary: Monica Severinson, [secretary@swedishculturalsociety.com](mailto:secretary@swedishculturalsociety.com)

All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC.

For more information about our society, activities and events, please visit our website at [scandinaviancentre.org](http://scandinaviancentre.org)



OKT 29



## Fall Clean-up at the Centre

Now is the time to clean our center. A great way to get to know each other and the Scandinavian Community Center – from the inside and out.

On Saturday Oct 29, you are welcome to help. We start at 8.30 and continue until 15.

The Finnish war veterans serve breakfast at 8.30. Be sure to be on time; after 9 am, no breakfast will be served. Lunch is served at 12.30 by the Danish House Society.

Register in advance on tel 604-294-2777 or [info@scancentre.org](mailto:info@scancentre.org), so we know if you want breakfast and/or lunch.

Bring rakes, leaf blowers, buckets & rags and vacuum cleaners. We will work regardless of the weather. Many thanks in advance!

## Meet Carina Spencer – our new Honorary Consul

Carina Spencer now takes over as the new Honorary Consul for British Columbia and the Yukon. Carina, who most people have probably already met in various roles at the Scandinavian Center - and who also sits on the board of the Swedish Cultural Association, now succeeds Thomas Gradin in the post.

– I feel a strong connection to Sweden, which is why I chose to become Honorary Consul, says Carina. I am passionate about building bridges between business and cultural life in Sweden and Canada, and I hope we can find ways to help Swedish companies succeed here.

– We have a consulate in Vancouver where an administrator currently works. Right now, much of my time is spent familiarizing myself with all the issues and better understanding how we can help Sweden and Swedes in B.C. and the Yukon.

### Extension of the embassy

– We act as a link to the Swedish embassy in Ottawa and are close



when a Swede has urgent problems. It is mostly about people visiting or spending a shorter time here, and then we are there as a contact who can help them solve their urgent situation, says Carina.

– Right now, a new Consulate General is being planned in San Francisco, which I also believe will make a difference for us on the other side of the border, concludes Carina Spencer, our new Honorary Consul. We wish her the best of luck in her important role.

## Baking classes: Kladdkaka, Kransekage and Lucia buns



Now you can learn how to bake a lovely kladdkaka on 31 October, classic Danish kransekage on 23 November, or why not the Christmas favorites – lussebullar/saffron Lucia buns on 28 November. Sign up for our popular baking classes - you find more information and registration at [scancentre.org](http://scancentre.org).

## The Swedish Heritage Museum is open on Sundays

Welcome to the Swedish Heritage Museum, showing what life was like for the first Swedes who came to BC. The museum is open by appointment, the first and third Sunday of the month between 1-3 pm, at 1812 Duthie Avenue, Burnaby. Contact Irene at 604.813.1108 or Gun at 604.833.3951 for reservations.