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Newsletter of Norwegian House Society



President's Message

Dear members,

It is a pleasure to write to you as the new President of Norwegian House Society.

I have some very large shoes to fill as David Moulton has been the President of NHS for so many years. My thanks to David for his continued stewardship and leadership of Norwegian House Society and for the time he has taken in teaching me all of the aspects of NHS so I could begin my role as President.

By way of background, my family hails from Tyllidalen and Tynset. I proudly wear the Marie Aaen bunad from the Oosterdalen region of Norge.

I grew up in Camrose, Alberta with many Norsk traditions and I was involved with the Sons of Norway and Trollhaugen Culture Camp in Alberta before I moved to British Columbia. I competed in biathlon (skiskyting) for many years. I had the privilege of attending school in Norway for my grade 12 year. I attended Bryne Videregaaende Skole on the west coast of Norway completing the mandatory exams.

I am thankful that the COVID restrictions are lessened so that I will have the opportunity to meet the members of NHS and the Sons of Norway lodges in the area that I have not had the privilege of meeting as of yet. I look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming NHS events - please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to me. As well, please feel free to reach out to me via email or telephone. I look forward to connecting with each of you.

I am very proud of all of the contributions made by the NHS volunteers to the many events we have held and have been part of and will be part of in 2023. This organization is the success that it is because of all our members and their volunteer efforts. My thanks to each of you for your contribution to NHS.

Best regards,
Greta Reiten

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**17TH MAI
CELEBRATION**

MIDSUMMER WEEKEND

LANGUAGE CLASSES



SCANDINAVIAN
FAMILY
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2023

2 - 5 P M

6540 Thomas St, Burnaby

\$15 FOR 12-YEARS AND UP
KIDS 11 AND UNDER FREE

Scan here to purchase tickets in advance:



SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

TURKEY DINNER



Friday, December 8th, 2023
12:00 noon Cost \$25.00

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available at Nov. 10th 2023 Srs. Luncheon

Reply by Dec. 4th, 2023

No tickets at the door

17th Mai Constitution Celebration Dinner

Norwegian House Society held its annual Constitution Day celebration dinner at the Scandinavian Centre. There were over 100 people in attendance and a vigorous and thought-provoking Speech of the Day was delivered by Norwegian Vice Consul Elizabeth Lokke Owre. The NHS bursary winners were also announced:

- Olaf Hall Leiren Memorial Bursary was awarded to Taylor Legge
- Marian Snowball Memorial Bursary was awarded to Lelia Houle
- Egil Lorntzen Memorial Bursary was awarded to Matthias Moberg Parker
- Egil Lyngen Memorial Bursary was awarded to Morgan Schramek
- Chester and Patricia Hansen Memorial Bursary was awarded to Kristine Conway
- Erik Unheim Memorial Bursary was awarded to Kendra Tofjusson
- Sjur, Martine and Reidun Seim Bursary was awarded to Joanne Wood.

Unfortunately, we could not award two bursaries because we lacked student candidates.

Midsummer Festival Weekend

Many members of Norwegian House Society volunteered on June 24 & 25 for the Midsummer Festival at the Scandinavian Centre. The festival theme was language and some of our members worked to recruit language class students.

In addition, members cooked waffles, manned the entrance gate, barbecued salmon, cooked the Sunday morning pancake breakfast, promoted the Viking ship Munin and promoted both NHS and the Sons of Norway in our tent. The wife carrying competition continued to be a popular event. The festival had more than 3000 attendees and it was a financial success in large part because the weather gods cooperated with us.



Seterskveld

Norwegian House Society, in partnership with Sons of Norway Sleipner Lodge, hosted a Seterskveld dinner on October 20th at the Scandinavian Centre. We are pleased to report that nearly 100 people attended and, by all accounts, enjoyed a delicious dinner and the company of many friends.

The meal included rommegrot, roast pork with potatoes with gravy and vegetables plus fruit and ice cream for dessert. The rommegrot was a crowd favourite and a big thank you to Ingeborg Bekken for sharing her recipe and expertise with us. The 50/50 draw was sold by Kimberley Eriksson and Alexandra Moulton and the winner won close to \$250.

Many thanks to all the volunteers from both organizations who assisted in making this event a success. We look forward to an even bigger dinner next year.



Language Classes

Adult (age 15 and over) Norwegian language classes for Beginner II, Intermediate II, Advanced I, and Advanced II levels all begin the week of January 8. The classes take place once evening per week from 7-9 pm.

Classes focus on speaking, listening, reading, and writing, along with discussion of Norwegian life, culture, and history. The aim is to move students from complete beginner to fluency.

Taking language classes gives students a year's membership in the Norwegian House Society and is a gateway to the many cultural offerings at the Centre. For additional information or to register, please contact: norwegianclassesscc@gmail.com

A note that we won't have an absolute beginner class again until September 2024.

In January we'll be running 12 classes and continuing the program that began in September with the second levels:

- Beginner II
- Intermediate II
- Advanced I
- Advanced II

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Membership Renewal

Memberships can be securely renewed online at www.scancentre.org/norway or by scanning this code with your smartphone:



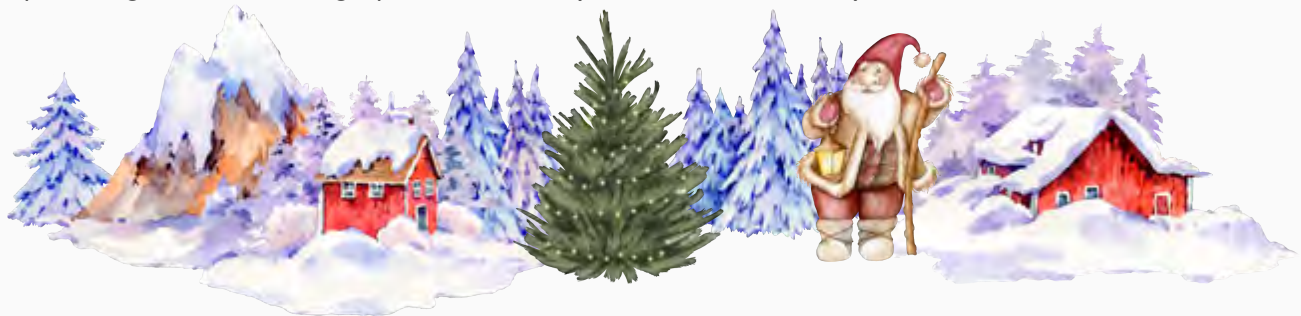
If you prefer to send a cheque, send mail to: Norwegian House Society
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We're on Instagram

Did you know that Norwegian House Society is on Instagram? Follow us at **@NorwegianHouseSociety** to stay updated on upcoming events and for content and news about Norway.



Merry Christmas and God Jul from Norwegian House Society! Wishing you a festive holiday season filled with warmth and good company. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events leading up to the holidays and into the new year.



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