

WINTER Christmas 2025

*The Scandinavian Centre wishes you
A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
God Jul och Gott Nytt År!
Hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta!
God Jul og Godt nytt år!
Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår!
Gleðileg jól og farsælt komandi ár*

**Scandinavian Centre 50/50 raffle draw on Friday
December 19th (Gaming Licence #162708) was won by Sandi
McConnach \$9,315**

Dec 22 –Jan 5

Centre Christmas Hours

Monday and Tuesday December 22nd and 23rd Noon to 5pm
Wednesday to Sunday December 24th to 28th CLOSED
Monday December 29th and Tuesday December 30th Noon to 3pm
Wednesday December 31st and Thursday January 1st CLOSED
Friday January 2nd Noon to 3pm
Saturday and Sunday January 3rd and 4th CLOSED
Regular hours return January 5th

Dec 26 (Fri)

Boxing Day Skate

Time: 10:45 am to 11:50 am
Location: Canlan Scotia Barn (8 Rinks) Burnaby – RINK #4
Cost: Skating free for members and friends of the Scandinavian Centre. Merry Christmas from Vancouver Finlandia Club! Skate and helmet rentals will be available!
Half the ice will be for hockey, and half for family skating.
Contact: Karina VFclubmembers@gmail.com or call 604-728-6572 for more info.

Jan 5 (Mon)

Knordic Knitters 1pm

Join us! Bring your own needles and yarn. In the Finnish room at the Scandinavian Centre.
All levels welcome. Contact: Riitta riittahu@gmail.com 604-941-0760. Next meetings February 2 and March 2

Jan 5 (Mon)

SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Cardamom Bread/Pulla 7pm

Traditional sweet bread in all the Scandinavian countries. A light soft bread flavoured with ground cardamom. Participants take home one loaf of bread. This class is taught by Sandra \$50/person (taxes included). \$50/person. To register: fill out the form online <https://forms.gle/um11v3HcUrAZfQP38>
For more information, email Sandra at scanbake@gmail.com
Course includes: 2-hour class, recipe, ingredients, and goodies to take home.
Delivered by Scandinavian Centre. We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia

**Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
(Wed)**

Scandinavian Dancers 7.30 pm

Scandinavian couple dancing. Fun, friendly couple dancing for all ages. Couples and singles welcome. Enjoy the music and folk dances (set dances and couple dances) of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Come join our fun and friendly atmosphere! New members welcome! Wednesday evenings 7:30 to 10pm. Read more at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/scandi> Contact: Judith Anderson (604) 526 4722 judithanderson@shaw.ca

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- Jan 9 (Fri) Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 12 Noon**
There is a fee of \$3 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or cookies to share OR \$8 if you prefer not to bring food. Contact Laura Olufsen 604-294-0749 lauravolufsen2@gmail.com
- Jan 10 (Sat) Genealogy 1pm**
Scandinavian Cultural Society conducts monthly genealogy sessions, where people of Nordic descent can drop-in and get help and advice researching their family tree. The sessions are usually on the second Saturday at 1 pm. Please see www.scandinavianculturalsociety.org for details
- Jan 12 (Mon) SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Puikula 7pm**
This is a sourdough rye bread from Finland. Participants take home 6-8 bread buns.
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- Jan 14 (Wed) SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Norwegian School bread/Buns (skoleboller/skolebrød) 7pm**
A classic Norwegian cardamom bun filled with vanilla custard, coated with shredded coconut.
Participants take home 6-8 school buns. This class is taught by Paulina
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- Jan 19 (Mon) SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Princess Cake 7pm**
A classic Swedish cake! Sponge cake with layers of raspberries and whipped cream, covered in a thin layer of marzipan. Participants take home a 7" cake. This class is taught by Sandra
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- Jan 21 (Wed) SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Apple Cinnamon Bun 7pm**
This is a twist of the classic Scandinavian cinnamon bun. A sweet cardamom bun with a sweet buttery filling of apples and cinnamon. Participants take home 6-8 buns.
This class is taught by Paulina. \$55/person (taxes included)
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- Jan 23 (Fri) Norwegian Meatball Dinner Doors open 6pm Dinner 7pm**
A fundraiser in support of Varden Lodge and the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada
The menu includes Norwegian Meatballs, Potatoes, Salad Bar, & Dessert.
There will also be entertainment by Danny Balen, a Silent Auction, Lefse sales and more.
Tickets: adults \$35.00 per person, & children (ages 6-16) \$15.00 each.
To purchase tickets and/or reserve your table, contact
Bruce or Susan Strang sstrang49@gmail.com 604-291-1664/604-363-7696
- Jan 26 (Mon) Nordic Baking – Apple Pastry Tart 7pm**
A butter-pastry shell filled with a apple cinnamon mix topped with an almond paste
Class taught by Sandra. Cost: \$55/person (includes taxes)
Course includes: 2 hour class, recipe and baked goods to take home.
Contact: Sandra at scanbake@gmail.com
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- Jan 28 (Wed) SOLD out Nordic Baking – Norwegian Chocolate Buns (Sjokoladeboller) 7pm**
This is a twist of a Norwegian chocolate bun. A flavourful cardamom bun with a smooth chocolate cream in the centre. Brushed with butter and dipped in sugar. Participants get 6-8 buns to bring home.
Class taught by Paulina
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- Jan 29 (Thu)** **Torskeklubben Doors open: 6pm, Dinner 7 pm.**
For information or tickets: Helge Myhrstad helge@westportbc.com 604-209-4223
or Kevin Mittet 778-968-5048
- Feb 2 (Mon)** **Nordic Baking – Seafood Sandwich Cake 7pm**
A Scandinavian classic, a multi-layered sandwich! It has three layers of bread and three layers of filling. This one will have shrimp and salmon. Participants take home a 4x5" cake.
Class taught by Sandra. Cost: \$65/person (includes taxes)
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Contact: Sandra at scanbake@gmail.com
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- Feb 5 (Thu)** **2026 Midsummer Planning Meeting 6:30pm**
In-person meeting only. Come and join the planning meeting for Scandinavian Midsummer Festival June 20 & 21. www.scandinavianmidsummerfestival.org
- Feb 6 (Fri)** **Kroaften 6pm**
Danish House Society's Club Night BY RESERVATION ONLY. Capacity is 150.
To reserve: danishhousesociety@gmail.com Meet 6'ish to get your meal tickets and table number and enjoy a drink. Smørrebrød is served at 7 pm. You MUST BOOK and order your open faced sandwiches by the Monday 6pm of the same week. This popular event books up quickly so call early! Enjoy a fine selection of open faced sandwiches, dessert, coffee and tea. Wash down with Snaps and Carlsberg
- Feb 9 ((Mon)** **Nordic Baking – Cardamom Bread - Pulla 7pm**
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- Feb 11 (Wed)** **SOLD OUT Nordic Baking Semlor 7pm**
A seasonal favourite! Cardamom buns filled with an almond paste and whipped cream. Participants get 2 buns with the filling to bring home plus 6 plain cardamom buns (without filling).
This class is taught by Paulina. \$55/person (taxes included)
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- March 1 (Sun)** **NORDIC CULTURAL SUNDAY**
Save the Date. Registration will be available in the new year.
Expand your horizons and learn a new Nordic craft or recipe Something for all ages
Norwegian Rosemaling – Cost \$60 pp. 10 am to 3pm. In the Lounge. Cards will be provided for painting.
Max 10 people. Instructor: Aaslaug Boulier. Paint, brushes and patterns provided.
Danish delicacies Instructor: Tina Taylor. Max 12 people
Scandinavian Dancing – Cost \$15 pp. 1 pm to 3 pm. In the Hall. Come and learn traditional Nordic Dances.
Instructor: Riitta Huttunen
Nordic Baking – Morning and afternoon classes 10 am to Noon and 1 pm to 3pm. In the main kitchen. These 2 hour classes include recipe and goodies to take home.
Instructors: Sandra Benholm-Cheung and Paulina Lennartson

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Contact for Nordic Baking Classes: Sandra Benholm-Cheung at scanbake@gmail.com
Classes sponsored and delivered by the Scandinavian Community Centre.
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**April 18 & 19
(Sat & Sun)**

**Nordic Art and Photography Show & Sale “Nordic Mythology, Nature or what inspires you!”
11am to 4pm**

Call for ARTISTS with a Nordic connection, Artworks that represent a Nordic Style

Presented by the Scandinavian Cultural Society. Admission: Free

Visual Art, Photography, and Sculpture with Nordic flavour!

Our exhibitors share their own past, present, and future – stories of inspiration by family, travel, cultural experiences, or the twists and turns of a dream or saga.

Contact – Sussanne Hoiberg at nordicartshow@gmail.com

**June 20, 21
(Sat, Sun)**

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival 2026

Viking Village, Cultural Displays, Shopping Kiosks, Dancing, Bonfire, Beer Garden, Music, Midsummer Pole, Traditional Scandinavian Foods, Kids' activities. The fun and crazy wife-carrying contest always draws a lot of attention along with continuous entertainment all weekend.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is now looking for crafters who can offer us something special and exciting, be it traditional crafts with an innovative twist of something culturally relevant.

At our festival, we offer for TWO DAYS:

Craft tables \$180; Commercial tables \$400; Service Organizations \$150 (include all applicable taxes).

Applications can be found on our websites.

DEADLINE April 30th. We will contact successful applicants by Friday May 15th.

Nordic Baking: scanbake@gmail.com

Nordic Bake Sales: nordicbakesale@gmail.com

Runeberg Choir: Dianne Kilback tel: 604 294 3715

Language Classes: Danish Classes danishhousesociety@gmail.com

Finnish Language – adults: contact Anna Turunen annamturunen@gmail.com or finnfun@gmail.com

Finnish Children's Classes: contact Tanja by email: info.finnfun@gmail.com or by phone 604 312 2670

Icelandic Language Lessons: Contact Gunnar Hansson gunnarhans@gmail.com phone: 604-875-0537

Norwegian Language Classes: NorwegianClassesSCC@gmail.com

Swedish Adult Classes: swedishclassesvancouver@gmail.com

Children's Classes: contact svenskaskolanvancouver@gmail.com

Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver: www.vcn.bc.ca/scandi/ Contact Judith Anderson judithanderson@shaw.ca 604 526 4722

Viking Boat Munin: For information contact Marian Toft mtoft@telus.net 778-773-8349.