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The Future Library



Every year for the next 99 years, authors will write books that won't be read until 2114. Katie Paterson, Scottish conceptual artist, came up with the idea of the "Future Library", a library containing books that none of us will ever read. The project was launched in 2014, and another futuristic feature is that the books will be printed on paper made from trees that were planted last year in the forest outside of Oslo, Norway. By that time, no text had been written, but Margaret Atwood had agreed to being the first writer to contribute to The Future Library.

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Kjersten Hordern – ScoR Scholarship 1993-94



Folkehøgskoler (Folk high schools) are one-year boarding schools based on the idea of learning for life, not for specific occupations or degrees. Students are offered an opportunity to focus on subjects that interest them and to grow as persons, and learn tools for lifelong learning, without exams and grades. SCoR member, language teacher and choir conductor Kjersten Hordern spent one year at the folkehøgskole in Voss, Norway.



I had done some knitting before, but took classes at Voss and learned how to knit Norwegian-style. This is one of our teachers' babies.

Tell us about the circumstances that led to you ending up in this particular part of the world.

When I graduated from Campbell Collegiate, I wanted to do something interesting between high school and university. With my Norwegian background (mother's family), I didn't want to see the world – I wanted to get to know Norway.

And you had heard about the Folk high schools?

Honorary Consul for Norway at the time, John Nilson, was very enthusiastic about the concept of Folkehøgskole. His sister had attended one just outside of Bergen. I applied to four different schools and was accepted at all of

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Online: <http://scandinavianclubregina.com/Newletter.htm>

AGM '15

Pearl Baumgartner had suggested an amendment to the ARTICLES OF THE CORPORATION & ARTICLE 5.01 OF THE BYLAWS.

Moved by G. Carlson, seconded by Lylah Gess. The motion was carried, and the article now reads: There shall be a board of eight to ten elected members and the immediate Past President.

Elections:

SCoR Board 2015-16: See Club information on [page 8](#).



Steak Night

120 tickets was sold to this year's Steak Night. A whopping All Time High!

Members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the celebration of Norway, Denmark, Sweden & Iceland's National Days at [Nicky's Cafe](#), and the 50/50 draw netted \$100.00 to the SCoR Scholarship Fund.

Raffle: Gift basket and a \$50 [Pacific Fresh Fish](#) gift certificate from the Norwegian and Danish consulates respectively, netted us an additional \$174.

Members' Matters

AGM '15



Board members 2015-16 Susan Bjorndalen (Treasurer); Connie Grasdahl (Secretary); Robin Woodward; Greg Swanson (President); Pearl Baumgartner (Past President); Kate Keyes (Vice President). *Not present in photo:* Andrea Ashton, Mavis de Bruin, Blair Hudyma, Kelly Nelson, Jamie Struthers.

Steak Night



Lucky raffle winners: Joanne and John Edwardson



Fierce couple? The Nelsons



Midsummer Fest



Unfortunately, Midnight Sun had to be sent to the printer's before this year's Midsummer event took place. Make sure you check out for fresh pictures on the Scandinavian Club of Regina [Facebook page](#)!





President's Corner

As I assume the roll of President, I am worried that I will not be able to fill the shoes of my predecessor, Pearl

Baumgartner. During Pearl's term she was instrumental in the club hosting: a billiards night, a monthly card night, a semi-monthly knitting class, a monthly Fishy Friday dinner and three steak nights. The club also held a cross country ski/toboggan event, a Christmas baking class and a lefse making class. This is in addition to all of our regular annual events. Though the billiards, the card nights and ski/toboggan event were not hugely successful the other events were. The knitting classes had been 10 and 20 knitters attend each evening. The baking and lefse classes were full. And

Fishy Friday now regularly attracts about 20 attendees the first Friday of each month. The steak nights (the most recent one was attended by about 120 people) have raised over \$2,000 for our scholarship fund. In addition to shepherding all of these events, Pearl began looking at our by-laws, constitution and policies to ensure that they were current. And if all of this was not enough, she was constantly on the lookout for new members. And as part of this search she dropped off information about the club at various meeting spots in downtown Regina. She was one very busy president. I believe that our club is in a better position today because of all of Pearl's hard work. On behalf of all of the members of our club "Thank you Pearl for your excellent work as our president." Hopefully Pearl will have some advice for me on how I can be as successful a president as she was.

Greg

Editorial



Summer... No matter where we are or what kind of summer pastime we enjoy, summer is a time of charging the batteries by relaxing, going to the lake, traveling in Canada or abroad, doing something different.

Saskatchewanians have a lot to catch up on, after our long winter season and sometimes very chilly springtime.

Still, we don't all choose to go somewhere really warm for our

vacations. Some of us opt for the somewhat risky business of traveling to the Old Countries.

Are you planning a visit to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden? Or have you already been on a trip to that part of the world? Do you have relatives there? No matter when, or the circumstances of your visit — we would like you to share your experience with us in

the next issue of *Midnight Sun*. Please let us know **by September 1st!**



In Memory of Elsie May Quick



We would like to offer our sincere sympathy to Bill Quick and his family on the death of Elsie May Quick on April 1st, 2015.

Elsie May was a Charter Member of the Scandinavian Club of Regina and was a great supporter of the Club and many other Community Organizations. Over the years, many pupils took Hardanger classes from Elsie May. During the Club's years in Mosaic, she always was involved in the Craft Display and Sales area of the Scandinavian Club pavilion.

We are sure that many SCoR members have lots of good memories of the help and work that Elsie May did for Club functions over the years. I know that we will certainly miss her help and advice.

Larry and Chris Bristol

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Do You Have Photos?

Our webmaster is looking for photos to do an update of our [website photo gallery](#). If you have taken pictures at SCoR events over the last 3-4 years that you might want to share with others, please contact [Kim Rathwell](#).

Write!



Midnight Sun wants your input! Even though we are appearing only four times a year, letters to the editor are most welcome.

[Write to us!](#)

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them. Soon after, I saw some beautiful photos of Voss in a book at the Nilsons', and my decision was made! I then had about 6 months to prepare for my stay in Norway.

How did you know about the SCoR scholarships?

My family had been off-and-on members of the Club. In 1993, I was Junior Ambassador at [Mosaic](#), and lots of people contacted me with their stories of Norway. I got to know about the Scholarship programme through a club member, and I was granted a very generous scholarship of \$1,000. It covered most of the cost of my return ticket – which was a great help, since I needed that to obtain the student visa.

What about your other expenses?

Folkehøgskole tuition is almost free, except for some small fees for extras (like a course on board the tall ship [Statsraad Lehmkuhl](#)), and I had to pay



Students gathering in the "peisestova"

for my room and board, of course. My parents helped me pay for my year in Norway.

Tell us about the school

Voss folkehøgskule had 85 students – almost all from Norway. The international student group consisted of two from Scotland, one from Denmark, and me from Canada. The students lived in one big dorm house and some rooms in one of the other houses. I shared a room with Mette from Asker, who specifically wished to share with an English speaking student. My

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The "storkor" (Grand Choir) with singers from all classes.

.. Scholarship (Continued from page 4)

roommate was very helpful with learning the language: For the first part of the school year we spoke English between us, and then switched to Norwegian. Attending a folkehøgskole is an easy way for young people to go Norway. I was not on an exchange program, but every step of the way I had help. Since there are no exams involved, you can concentrate on the subjects in a different way. I focused on music – something I had done before.

What was your best experience?

I knew very little about Norway beforehand, and there were so many things I would never have done without going there. Like the sailing excursion with Statsraad Lemkuhl (fondly called "Statsraaden") from Bergen to Orkanger, south of Trondheim. We returned to Voss by bus, staying at

several different schools on the way.

I made friends from all over the country, and after the school year I was able to travel around for six weeks, visiting some of them. I was also able to spend time with relatives in the Trondheim area. The house where my grandmother was born is still there – it has been in the family for seven or eight generations. It is a small house, now used as "hytte" (holiday home) by family members. I was also able to travel to Denmark to visit friends from school as well as relatives.

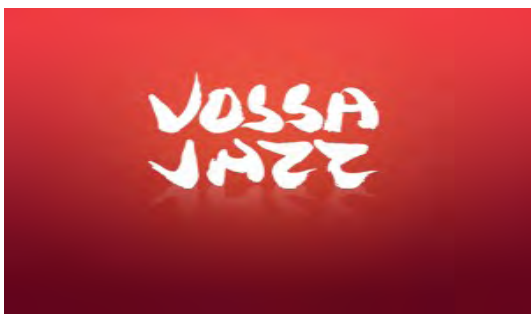
It was such a good experience, and I am grateful for the support of the Club. I want to give back to the Club by teaching Norwegian classes. I have also performed (Norwegian songs) at Mosaic and Folkfest.

And we might add: – established the SCoR's Kjersten Hordern Singers!



One of the classroom buildings, and the gym further down the hill. It's a very beautiful school, established in the farm Seim. Some of the buildings belonged to the original farm, and some were built when Voss FHS bought the property nearly 100 years ago.

Voss is a town in Hordaland county in Western Norway. A famous winter sports resort, it has fostered World champions. Voss is home to many cultural traditions well known all over the country. One of these is Voss International Jazz Festival, Vossajazz, established in 1973.



Are YOU our new editor?



Midnight Sun is a quarterly magazine for the Scandinavian Club of Regina. Our editor wants to step down after AGM 2016, and we are looking for her successor.

Are you interested in Scandinavian culture in our area?

Do you like to write?

Do you know – or would you like to learn – the use of the Windows Publisher software?

Contact Kari Mitchell (kar-mit@hotmail.com) or Greg Swanson (306-586-9737) for details.

Sole searching?

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In Denmark, male immigrants tend to outnumber Danish men in jobs traditionally performed by women. A recent report shows that 14 percent of the employees in the elderly care and health care sectors are men of non-Danish descent, while only 8 percent are ethnic Danish men.

Vibeke Jakobsen, a senior researcher at the National Centre for Social Research, suggests that one possible explanation may be that care sectors have made an effort to attract ethnic minorities.

"There may also be a difference in what people regard as male and female work. In some countries, nursing is perceived as a male profession to a much greater extent than it is in Denmark".

Similarly, men of non-Danish descent outnumber male ethnic Danes three to two in the education sector and in administration. "They may have special skills, e.g. bilingualism, which are sought by some schools and institutions."

Source: cphpost.dk



"Speechless"



Lee Buchheit, a lawyer given the label 'Crusader for Financially Stricken Countries' by the Financial Times, is well-known in Iceland.

Buchheit has helped the Icelandic government in several ways, including as an adviser on how to go about removing capital controls.

He says that the so-called 'stability tax' of 39 percent that the government plans to impose on investors in the bankrupt banks wishing to take funds out of Iceland will bring in enough revenue to reduce Iceland's sovereign debt by a third.

In a newspaper interview he says that the reduction in debt will, in turn, serve to save the country ISK 30-40 billion (more than EUR 201.5 million) in interest payments per year.

"One is really just speechless over it all," Buchheit said in Fréttablaðið. He believes it is unlikely the claimants on the old banks will try to sue over the new tax and that it won't necessarily serve their interests to repatriate their funds from the Icelandic capital controls.

Buchheit says the end result will be massively improved state finances and a resultant boost in ratings for Iceland by the big credit ratings agencies, DV reported.

"I suspect that ten years from now Harvard Business School might have a research department on Iceland."

Iceland Online Review



Pedal On!

The bicycle is by far the most effective means of transport for distances shorter than five km. in Helsinki. Public transport, in turn, will get you to destinations further than five km. from you faster than your feet or bicycle. While driving is often a fast way to zip through the streets of Helsinki, walking and cycling are faster alternatives for short journeys.

These conclusions can be drawn from a travel time matrix developed at the Department of Geosciences and Geography of the University of Helsinki. The data illustrate both the distance and time required to travel from one place to another in the capital region by feet, public transport or private car.



Travel times have been measured by utilising the "door-to-door approach": the time it takes you to walk to your car, and find parking etc. Travel times for cyclists have been calculated by multiplying pedestrian walking speeds by four because the data do not include cycling. "Cycling is sort of brisk walking in the model, the assumption being that you can cycle wherever you can walk," says Professor Tuuli Toivonen.

Another study found that up to 600,000 residents of the capital region can get to their local shop faster by feet or bus than by private car. Services in downtown Helsinki are accessible both by car and public transport. Overall, the availability of services in the capital region depends considerably on whether you are travelling by car, feet or public transport. "Accessibility guides our choices about what services to use, where to go and whether or not to leave the house in the first place," Toivonen explains.

Source: Helsinki Times





The Future Library



On a rainy morning in May, world-renowned, Canadian author *Margaret Atwood* visited a Norwegian forest to give away a manuscript. The text will be included in the "Future Library", a book not to be published until 2114.

– I'm sure some of you will stick around, chuckled the famous writer before handing over the sealed package with the secret manuscript of "*Scribbler Moon*" to *Katie Paterson*, the artist who initiated this very special project.

However, none of the audience present in Nordmarka north of Oslo on this May morning, in all likelihood will ever get to read Margaret Atwood's story. The book, scheduled for printing on paper made from the 1000 tiny trees in this forest, planted for the Future Library only last year, will remain unpublished for 99 years. By that time, the trees will have grown into a tall forest of spruces.

- I am so happy to be part of this project. I was lucky to grow up close to the forest, said the environmentally

enthusiastic author.

– It is a great honour!

– We are standing in an ordinary forest, and at the same time a very special forest, said a visibly touched Katie Paterson.



City Councillor for Culture, *Hallstein Bjercke*, received the manuscript on behalf of Oslo City.

– I truly believe that books will still be written on paper in a hundred years, he said.

He will make sure the story will be securely stored in the vaults of the city archives. When the new Public Library building opens in 2019, the manuscripts will be collected into a dedicated "Quiet Room", open to the public.



"Scribbler Moon" is the first of a hundred stories to be collected between now and 2114.

- The title may give room for many speculations, said Margaret Atwood, who has sworn never to reveal what the story is about.

The directors of the "Future Library" are in the process of selecting the next author to be included in the anthology.

[Video of the ceremony](#)

Be a phoner!



Some members prefer to be notified by phone when major events are coming up. SCoR phoners are doing an important job to extend this information to everybody. A couple of the phoners have quit after many years of service - we need you to replace them! Contact Mavis de Bruin by email or ph.

Upcoming Events

For all events, check our [website](#) or 

Fishy Friday at Ricky's



First Friday of the month!
The back room at Ricky's Grill,
777 Albert Street, at 4:30 p.m
No need to sign up - just turn up!
Children are welcome.
Upcoming dates: 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct.

SCoR Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 19th
at Green Acres, Pilot Butte.
More information from
phoners and on [website](#) and
[Facebook](#).



Corn Roast

Sunday, August 23rd
Candy Cane Park, 2 to 5PM.



More information from phoners and on
[website](#) and [Facebook](#).

Nordic Knitters knit again!



Learn to knit, Nordic style
Every 2nd Tuesday of the
month, **beginning Sep. 8th,
2015, 7-8:30 PM**

Where: 2600 Arens Road. Push top
buzzer for the "Activity room".

Fall Event



This year's Fall Event
will take place in
October and will be
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Sun no. 4 as well as
on our [website](#) and
[Facebook page](#).

Buy the SCoR cookbook!

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[email](#) or phone 306-584-0063, or buy
the book at any SCoR function.

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