



Midnight Sun

Quarterly Magazine for the Scandinavian Club of Regina



**40th Anniversary Celebration
September 17**

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This spring and summer a group of committed volunteers planned the Scandinavian Club of Regina's 40th anniversary dinner, which took place September 17 at St Paul's Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre Street in their beautiful new "Cloister" addition.

The master of ceremonies for this celebration was founding member Kim Thorson. Mister Thorson was one of the draftspersons of the original club constitution.

Attendees were welcomed with a complimentary glass of champagne, or bubbly. Some of us had our first taste of Aquavit.

The dinner (delectable salmon, with the egg sauce my children are still raving about, followed by apple and blueberry crisp) was provided by Ed MacNeil. Many members will be familiar with Ed's cooking. Ed used to be the caterer for Luther College (University) and catered to a number of club events several years ago.

The assortment of Scandinavian desserts (kransekake, lefse, sandbakelse, to name a few) provided by various club members made a festive coffee table.

There were speeches, yes, of congratulations, but also memories. A reoccurring theme was the glory days of SCOR at Mosaic. Although the pickled herring was not recalled with fondness, this Finn felt her mouth watering at every mention. A pictorial history of the club led us back through fond memories of the last 40 years

The singing was beautiful, even for those of us who don't speak Norwegian. Kjersten Horden has the voice of an angel. Gordon and Jeff Grant presented traditional tunes from Mosaic days. Vivian Norbraten composed and performed an ode to the Club's 40 years. Thelma Grant accompanied all on the keyboard.

For those of us new to the celebration of Scandinavian culture, this was a great open door to the Club and its history. Congratulations and thank you to the volunteer committee for a perfectly delightful evening. I truly hope the dancers celebrated well into the wee hours.

Kiitos.



Members' Matters

almonds; mix in icing sugar and egg whites; warm the dough in the oven.

Tuesday morning: a) roll out the dough, b) bake the rings and c) freeze them until mid September.

The trouble began at a)! For the life of us, Lylah and Kari could not roll the dough "snakes" properly. Linda did well. The two unlucky ones despaired.

Preparing for SCoR 40th Anniversary Celebration or: What Went Wrong???

Making a Norwegian Almond Cake Tower (kransekake) is a two days' project at best, but it could take longer. Lylah Gess, Linda Wacker and Kari Mitchell met on a Monday morning to make the dough: Grind

Above, Linda grinding almonds



Kari testing dough

Rolling, rolling....

Linda did it!



Kransekakebakers

President's Corner

Bike tour of Denmark

This one week trip is open to members, their families and non-members. Denmark is flat like Saskatchewan. So there are no mountains to climb up.

Also, unless everyone wants something else, it will be an assisted trip. We will rent bikes from a tour company in Denmark, which will book our accommodations and move our luggage every day. For this type of trip we cycle about 50 kilometres per day. Though it seems like a lot, the average cyclist (not a racer) can do this in about 3 hours. We always take about 8 hours because there is lots to see, and we need to stop for morning and afternoon coffee (or alternative beverage) breaks and of course, for lunch.

Date, route and tour company have yet to be selected.

Any one interested in the trip should contact Greg Swanson and we will meet as a group and make the decisions. It is hoped that there will be enough interest to do cycle tours in the other Nordic countries, with a trip to a different country either annually or bi-annually. So we will eventually build up to cycling up and down mountains.

Greg Swanson

From the Editor

On my first effort as your newsletter editor the focus is books. Oh, and the 40th anniversary!

I'm a newcomer to the club, after only a couple of years of 'lurking'. Thank you Kari and the board for entrusting me with the task of communicator and perhaps animator. If you have things you want to say, this is a good place to say it. If you think I need to include something, you'd better tell me!

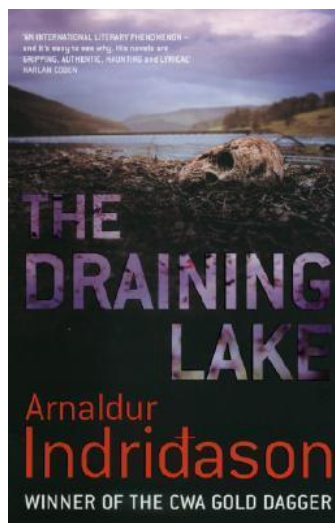
I've lost Kari's format in the transition, but I'm learning new software and will

slowly make the 'look' my own. I like what she's done, so I don't want to lose it totally.

I am a writer (therefore the books made an easy way in) and my day job is working with book publishers. I am from a Finnish community but as a 2nd generation, I don't speak the language. The nearby community was almost entirely Norwegian, so I know a bit about the habits of those folks as well. I have a lot to learn, which is why I happily volunteer. I look forward to getting to know many of you better, and welcome your input. Please email me at bniskalal@sasktel.net, with "Midnight Sun" in the subject line.

For those of you missing Kari, she is not far – check out the [SCoR website!](http://www.scor.ca)

Book Club!!



The book club will meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Greg and Diane's, 73 Procter Place at 7:30 pm. The first book will be by Icelandic author Arnaldur Indridason. The title is "The Draining Lake". It can be ordered from Chapters (none currently in stock in Regina) (and likely other book stores). There are 6 copies of the book in the public library system. The library also has audio or e-books of this as well. It is the 4th in a series of books about police detective Erlendur Sveinnson. Mr. Indridason is an excellent mystery writer. Greg owns 4 of his books and has read at least 8 of his books.

On Book Clubs – an interview

Barbara Kahan has been part of a book club for almost twenty years. She is also the publisher at Regina-based Wild Sage Press.

Is Barbara you're not Scandinavian. What draws you to writers from that part of the world?

I enjoy reading books from around the globe, and that includes books set in Scandinavia. I have read mostly Scandinavian mysteries, which I often find I connect to quite strongly. It is hard to pinpoint exactly why, but I think it's a combination of a few things. One: I have visited Scandinavia (Sweden and Finland) so there is the personal connection. Two: There are so many places in Scandinavia I haven't visited and would love to, so reading books set in Scandinavia gives me at least a glimpse of wonderful places I may never see through my own eyes. Third, and perhaps most important, so many of the Scandinavian books I have read, in addition to excellent writing, have incredible depth which draws me in and keeps me reading and thinking and feeling. I am referring to depth in terms of character, setting, theme, topic. They feel real and convey a sense of a broader truth that applies not just to Scandinavians but to people living in Canada and other places as well. And it certainly doesn't hurt that the plots are so gripping!

If you were part of a Scandinavian book club what books would you recommend to the members?

I have read many excellent Scandinavian mysteries, in addition to the famous ones almost everyone has heard of (e.g. Steig Larsson and Henning Mankell). Some other authors I have particularly enjoyed follow. (The main characters of the series are in brackets)

Iceland:

- Arnaldur Indridason (Detective Erlunder)
- Yrsa Sigurdardottir (Thóra Gudmundsdóttir)
- Quentin Bates (Gunnhilder) (note: Bates is British; he has lived in Iceland, though, and this series is set there)

Sweden:

- Camilla Lackberg (writer Erica Falck and detective Patrik Hedström)
- Asa Larsson (Rebecka Martinsson)
- Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö (Martin Beck) (these may or may not be dated now; I certainly enjoyed them at the time!)
- Kjell Eriksson (Ann Lindell)
- Kristina Ohlsson (Fredrika Bergman) (a recent discovery of mine, I am just about to start the third in the series)

Denmark:

- Peter Hoeg (specifically *Smilla's Sense of Snow* which I really loved)
- S. J. Gazan (Deputy Chief Supt. Søren Marhaug) (another recent discovery, very intriguing)

Norway:

- Jo Nesbo (detective Harry Hole)

Finland:

Uh oh! It appears I haven't read any Finnish mysteries, a major oversight, especially as I had such a great time in Helsinki a number of years ago. So I have just requested from the library the first book in Leena Lehtolainen's series featuring police officer Maria Kallio, and Kati Hiekkapelto's first book which features police investigator Anna Fekete. I'm very much looking forward to them.

Are there books of other genres from Scandinavian writers that you would recommend?

Among my favourite novels ever are three set in Norway: *Alberta & Jacob*, *Alberta and Freedom*, and *Alberta Alone*. Cora Sandel's Alberta trilogy has made a profound impression on me. I think it's time to read them again!



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



Nordic Knitters

September 27, October 11
and 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

When: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 PM
Where: 2600 Arens Road (Push top buzzer for the "Activity room")
Parking: Regarding parking, when attending the knitting class: If the parking lot at 2600 is full, you may park in the fire hall parking lot providing at least one person goes to the fire hall and lets them know that you will be there for the evening. You have to knock on the door as it will be locked.

You are welcome to bring whatever project you wish to work on. Please note that there will not be an instructor but there will usually be someone there who can provide some assistance to new knitters.

First Book Club Meeting October 4 7:30

73 Proctor Place

First Book: The Draining Lake
By Arnaldur Indridason

Remember Fishy Fridays!

Info on our website or
Facebook pages!

Usually the first Friday
of each month from
4:30 at Rick's All Day
Grill, 777 Albert Street.

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