

The Scandinavian Scoop

Scandinavian Society of



Sunday, June 21



Midsummer Festival

Municipal Park Shelter, 500 Walnut Street, Boise (look for Scandinavian flags)

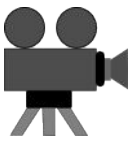
Activities will begin at 3:00 with decorating the midsummer pole and socializing. Please bring your greenery and flowers at this time and help us decorate.

The Potluck Smörgåsbord Picnic will begin at 4:00. Bring your favorite Scandinavian dish and a salad or dessert, and table service. Club furnishes coffee and lemonade. Family and Friends are Welcome to Join Us.

Festivities include singing and dancing with music by our ScandiBand. Play our Trivia game, mug in the life-size cut-outs, laugh at jokes, play games and more. Refresh friendships and make new ones. Wear Scandinavian-inspired clothing if you can.



If you are receiving this Newsletter electronically, feel free to call Kirk and ask which year you are paid through. Your small dues pay for rents and incidentals needed to support the Scandinavian Society and to help it grow!!



Movie Nights

No July or August movie

Friday September 4, 7 pm.

These are at Kirk's home, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise (halfway between Cole Road and Mt. View, on Ustick Road turn south onto Redway, then turn right onto Pomona, house on the corner). Snacks and conversation following movie. For Info call Kirk 208-841-2622



Ya Sure Ya Betcha Lunch Bunch

July 9, Thurs 1pm, TIPSYPY CHEF CAFÉ, 979 S. Progress Ave., Meridian.

August 13, Thurs 1pm, TUPELO HONEY SOUTHERN KITCHEN & BAR, 150 N 8th St 200, Boise.

Sept. 10, Thurs 1pm, THE STAGECOACH INN, 3132 W. Chinden Blvd./Hwy 26, Boise. For Information, call Brian/Jill Stockham 208-965-2877

Welcome New Members !!

Sunshine Person - Know someone who needs a get-well card, sympathy card, or "just thinking of you"? Call Connie Bruijn @ 208-250-3361

Got an Idea for our Society? Step up and lead it!

Need to pay your dues? Mail your check, payable to Scandinavian Society, to Treasurer Kirk Higginson, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise, ID 83704. Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00 **If you would rather have an e-newsletter, let us know.**

Donations are always welcome to our non-profit Society.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Interests: _____



Scandinavian (and German) Folk Dancing - We need a Teacher. We have

diagrams, music and training videos. For Information, call Alan at 208-939-4763.

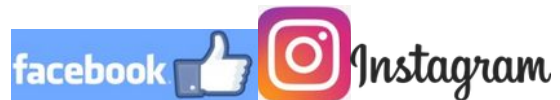


Family Night Bonfire (Tentative)

Bring your own picnic basket, perhaps something to share. Bring your instruments and Scandinavian stories, both personal and general. Sat, **August 22**, 6:30pm @ Ralph Mellin's Farm between Maple Grove and Five Mile on Franklin Road, Boise (10100 W Franklin).

Mark Your Calendar !!

Sept 20, Sunday 3pm Nordic Fall Picnic
December, Christmas/ St.Lucia Festival



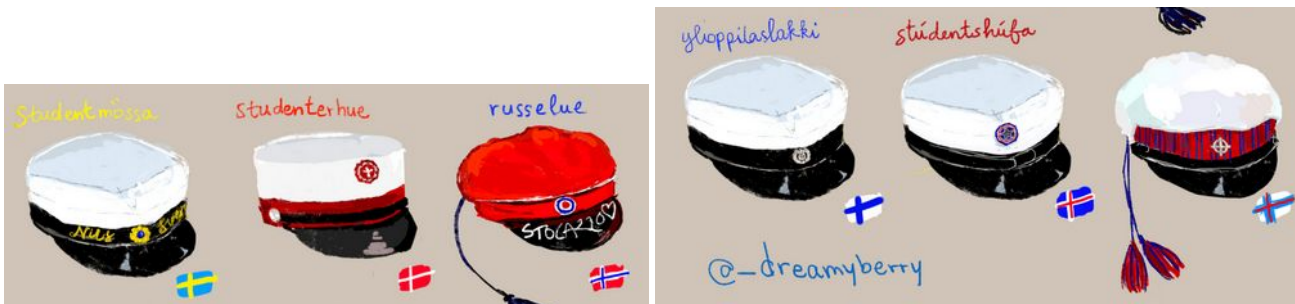
Scandinavian Society of Southwestern Idaho –
Check these out for some great submissions!! Kudos to those members who offer these delights.

Bring your talents to our Society. We would love to show you off!!

Website at <https://yasureubetcha.com>

Been in the Society for awhile? Please submit brief Bio (no more than a page) (and picture?) for our Archives. We would love to remember you. Through the years we have missed many members....

Scandinavian graduation traditions - the symbol of High school graduation is a hat resembling a ship's captain cap, a tradition inspired by German students, spreading it to Nordic countries in the 19th century.



Another common thing in Scandinavian is that graduates celebrate around town on rented buses or trucks (sometimes saving up years just to rent one), generally playing loud music, drinking and just partying!

Denmark- It's the norm to wear the graduation cap for at least 2 weeks, It is courtesy that people they meet on the street congratulate them, even if they don't know each other. The ribbon on Danish caps was originally only either blue (Mathematics students) or red (Arts students), it now comes in many different colors. Your grade has to be written in the center of the hat, and friends and family can leave autographs and short notes in it.

Sweden - there's one big day, Studenten, but the celebration starts around the end of April, where students organize games which will give points deciding who will be the first student running out of the school on the graduation day; it can be anything from chill to embarrassing things to do, though maybe not as wild as what you'll read for Norway. In May, there's one day called Mösspåtagning, on which students dress up nicely with their hat Studentmössa on. The clothing for this day is quite formal, with boys wearing suits, girls usually a white dress. each student has their name and surname embroidered on the hat, which costs around 100 euros. After staying with their families for some time, students get on flatbed buses driving through the city as the Danes do, dancing, drinking and partying.

Norway - graduation celebrations, Russ (short for russefeiring) is a big deal in Norway, with youngsters in overalls roaming cities for almost a month, from the end of April to the Norwegian Constitution Day, (May 17th). On that day, the students are awarded their caps and join the parade in their overalls. The personalized overalls, russebukse, are usually red, or blue in case of financial and business studies, and personalized with patches. On the caps, Russeluer, Students write the Russ names they've been given, but the important part is a long cord, which gets knots (knuter) added for given dares completed before graduation: russeknuter. The tradition was introduced in the 40s, with different lists of around 100 dares for every school. Norwegians also rent or buy buses –completely decked out with colors, graphics, retrofitted and customized to become mobile partying units! The average Russbuss is used by 15 to 25 students and costs around \$116,000!!

Finland - Truck parties are a thing in Finland too, but in February, when students begin preparing for their final exams. A typical thing they do is dressing up in various costumes visiting the town's school and throwing candy!



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**“We say cheers to our Friends, and
those that we know, and those that
we don’t know, we say cheers to
them as well.” -Danish Toast**

