



NCC Newsletter

What you missed at our last meeting and what's coming up!

Notes from our October 22nd, 2020 meeting



Our October speaker was

Leslie Anderson

From the National Nordic Museum

Minutes of the Norwegian Commercial Club

October 22th, 2020.

Submitted by Daniel Nye, Co-Secretary

President Debbi Larson convened the Second Virtual Meeting of the 2020-2021 Season, on line, live from the Norwegian Commercial Club "Studio" at Leif Erikson Lodge in Ballard.

Debbi began the meeting by calling for our traditional honoring of recently deceased members through a moment of silence and ringing of the ship's bell, this time in memory of Mr. John M. Frodesen. Rest in Peace, John.

Debbi then welcomed all members present on line and thanking all the many members that have been able to view the First Virtual Meeting, after the fact. Our September meeting met with technical difficulties that prevented contemporary viewing, but this lively meeting is now, and ever after, available for viewing on line! Debbi reminded Members that the September meeting, tonight's meeting, and all future virtual meetings in this time of Covid 19, are available for YouTube viewing any time. Any member can access these archived meeting through the Norwegian Commercial Club website, www.norwegiancommercialclub.org. Check it out! Drinks are on you! No limit! And cook whatever you like! Swedish Meatballs even, if you're of fish (as if).

While you're online, Debbi said, be sure to notice the new and improved NCC Website, which has been updated and expanded through the kindness and expertise of Deane Motis and Tim Hunter. Who knew that Deane Motis, in addition to many other talents, is also a smart web designer? Now you know! Thanks, gents!

Debbi next introduced Treasurer Cory Nelson, who thanked all members who have already renewed their annual memberships. He also urged those who have not already renewed to do so. He also had the great news that it is now also possible to pay one's dues on line at the updated website, by credit card, and that doing so is very simple and does not require having a PayPal account, just a credit card. For more details, and to try your hand at all the new features of the updated and enhanced NCC Website, see the email in your inbox from Deane dated October 19th, showing you how to access and try out the new website and how to give Deane and Tim your feedback.

Cory also shared that during our Virtual Period, we will continue to hold drawings for the Membership Pot each meeting. The drawing will occur at the end of each Meeting, you must be on line to win, and the format will be like this: Debbi and Cory will draw three names from the Membership Barrel, and announce the names. Of those names drawn, the first Member amongst them who phones this number: 425 802 0679, gets the Pot. At the September Meeting, the Pot was won by won by the fast fingers of Kristi Lunde. And the Pot for this week is \$20, increasing by \$10 each Meeting at which no one wins.

Having concluded the business portion of the Meeting, Debbi then introduced Vice President Erik Pihl, who introduced our speaker for the evening, Leslie Anderson of the National Nordic Museum. Leslie gave an engaging and beautifully illustrated introduction and overview of the current exhibit about world famous Norwegian painter Edvard Munch's lesser known work photography titled "EXPERIMENT OF SELF." Anderson described in delightful detail Munch's beginning to explore artistic expression through this relatively new medium very actively from 1902 and until 1910, and then again from 1927 and into the late 1930's. The exhibit includes a large number of Munch's photographs including many self portraits, and scenes from his atelier in

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Aasgaardstrand and overseas travels to Berlin, Copenhagen and the Baltic Coast. The photos also depict a number of his contemporary artists and friends and Munch's continuing fascination with the play of light and of human forms that the photographic medium permits. Finally, the exhibit also includes several of the early cameras that Munch used over the years, including even an early Kodak camera described as "accurate as a watch, and simple to use. The Munch Exhibit is on display now through January 31, 2021 at the Museum, along with an exhibit regarding Danish colonization of St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands and Leslie encourages us all to support the Museum with our attendance.

After concluding her talk, Erik virtually presented Leslie with the traditional Tusen Takk Troll, assuring her that he will send the real one to her by good old United States Snail Mail promptly.

Debbi then ended the meeting by announcing that the next Virtual NCC Meeting will be November 12th, 6:00 p.m. when University of Washington Professor Lotte Gavel Adams will give what will surely be a cozy and seasonal chat about Trolls!

The meeting concluded as promised with Debbi and Cory drawing three names out of the Membership Barrel: Jess Webster, Bernie Johnson, and Captain Ernie Svasand, and urged them to be the first to call 425 892 0679 to claim their prize.

Meeting adjourned, but always available to view at www.norwegiancommercialclub.org.



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Don't miss our next virtual meeting November 12th, 2021!

See you next month!

Debbi Larson ◇ President

Erik Pihl ◇ Vice-President

