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Newsletter of the American Scandinavian Society of New York, Inc.



Left to right: Julie Hessellund-Jensen, Mari-Louise Forsgren-Hedlund, Dorothy Viklund, S. Lassila. (Photo by Ib Alvin)



Left to right: Eva Thorén, Bjarne and Else Grindem, Alice Lagerström, Elfi von Kantzow Alvin. (Photo by Alvalene P. Karlsson).

### Arts Committee Exhibits Are A Big Success

Chaired by Elfi von Kantzow Alvin, the Arts Committee has been busy this past year with a total of nine exhibits at Privatbanken Gallery. The season closed with a very interesting display of Danish posters. The works were highly acclaimed in their day, and this was the first exhibition of Danish posters from the first half of the 20th century to be held in the United States. The posters revealed the lively activities of Copenhagen between the wars.

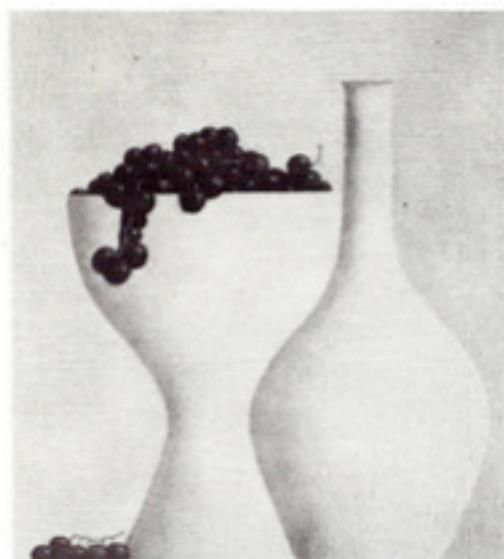
On September 9 through October 29 the Norwegian artist Kåre Tveter's paintings is on exhibit at Privatbanken Gallery at 20 West 55th Street. The paintings exhibited evoke the hidden soul of winter in minimalist paintings of extraordinary beauty. He paints light reflected through a mist of cold, evoking diffused forms that hover between the abstract and the concrete. Some of the paintings and water colors were inspired on a trip to Svalbard. Mr. Tveter's themes are subtle; nature reduced to a stroke of light, the reflection of winter sun on glacier-covered arctic mountains.

Kåre Tveter has exhibited in Europe as well as in China and Japan.

On November 4th through December 30th the renowned Swedish artist Philip von Schantz will exhibit his works at Privatbanken Gallery. His work of oil paintings and lithographs documents the undeniable existence of an object.

Von Schantz' talent has been recognized internationally. His work is represented in private and

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Work by Philip von Schantz.

museum collections throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, and U.S.A.

For more information on any of the exhibits contact Elfi von Kantzow Alvin at (212) 348-0133.

### **Arne Thorén** New Swedish Consul General in New York

The Society welcomes Arne Thoren to his new post in New York. Most recently he was the ambassador to Iraq. His background is in journalism, and he started as a reporter with the Stockholm newspaper Expressen. Later he was the Managing Editor and Assistant Publisher of Göteborg-Posten. Mr. Thorén began his diplomatic career when he became the Swedish consul general in Chicago.

### **Hans Christian Andersen on Video**

Twenty-seven Andersen songs and ballads have been recorded in English. The video features actor Christian Steffensen accompanied by seventeen young Danish musicians. The tape can be acquired through:

O.H. Musik  
Jersie Strandvej 5  
2680 Solrød Strand  
Denmark  
Telephone: 03-146644

### **DON'T FORGET**

This year our Christmas Ball will have a Santa Lucia theme. After a 36-year absence, the Society is pleased to return to the elegant Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where many Scandinavian events are celebrated. Our ball will be on Saturday December 10th in the Starlight Room. This is the fourth year we are able to keep the price at \$135.00 per person.

We hope to see you *there* 



### *Art Expo Danmark*

*Invites Society members to a special reception to view*

*Graphics and Paintings*  
*by eight prominent Danish artists,*

*Tom Kvor, Ulla Diederichsen, Karl Age Riget*  
*Per Arnoldi, Kjeld Ullrich, Rich Mortensen*  
*Frithioff Johansen and Jes Nordby.*  
*Bulgar Time is also part of the exhibit.*

*International Design Center, Long Island City*  
*Thursday, October 6th, 5:00-7:00 P.M.*

Complimentary bus service leaves from and return to 3rd Avenue and 56th Street, Manhattan every 10 to 15 minutes. Marked IDCNY.

**Art Expo Danmark** are exclusive art publishers in Odense, Denmark. The International Design Center is the world premier design center for the Interior Furnishing Industry and selected showrooms will be open until 7:00 P.M.

For further information contact Elfi von Kantzow Alvin  
(212)348-0133 or Margit Lorenze (212) 980-9382.

## Meet the New Board of Directors

On September 14th the following were elected to the Board of Directors :

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Elfi von Kantzow Alvin continues as Chairperson for the Arts Committee.

Harriet Nilsen is the new Chairperson for the Program Committee.

The election took place at the beautiful Explorers Club. Following the presentation of the new Board, the Program Committee arranged for a reception. As usual the food was delicious.



### Patricia McFate leaves ASF

Ms. McFate has left her post as president of the American Scandinavian Foundation to marry Dr. Sidney Greybeal and live in Washington, D.C.

The ASF board of trustees has appointed a committee to select a replacement for Ms. McFate.



**Sep. 29-Oct. 11**  
**M-F, 9:00 A.M.-4:45 P.M.**  
*Missale Aboense.*

Finland's first printed book, from 1488, exhibition at Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, Butler Library, 6th Fl. West 116th St. & Broadway, NY. (212)280-2231.

**Oct. 9 - 3:00 P.M.**  
*Cantores Minores Boys' Choir of the Helsinki Cathedral.*  
Conductor: *Christian Hauschild*;  
Organist: *Tapio Tiitu*.  
St. Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue at 50th Street, NY. A \$5.00 contribution will be requested at the door.

**Oct. 21,25 and Nov. 2,5-6:00 P.M.**  
*Matti Salminen, Bass*  
in Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* at the Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, NY. (212)362-6000

**Nov. 9**  
Cellist *Arto Noras* at Merking Concert Hall, 129 West 67th St. (212) 362-8719.

**Nov. 22 - Dec. 3 - 2:30 P.M.**  
Cellist *Anssi Karttunen* and pianist *Tuija Hakkila* in a tribute to Sibelius at the Sibelius Society, 20 West 53rd St. (212) 621-0618.



### Anna Lee Ballinger

Mrs. Ballinger died on July 10th. A Dane, she was one of the founding members of the Art Committee and was actively involved in 33 of the Society's exhibits. Mrs. Ballinger helped organize many Scandinavian functions in the New York area.



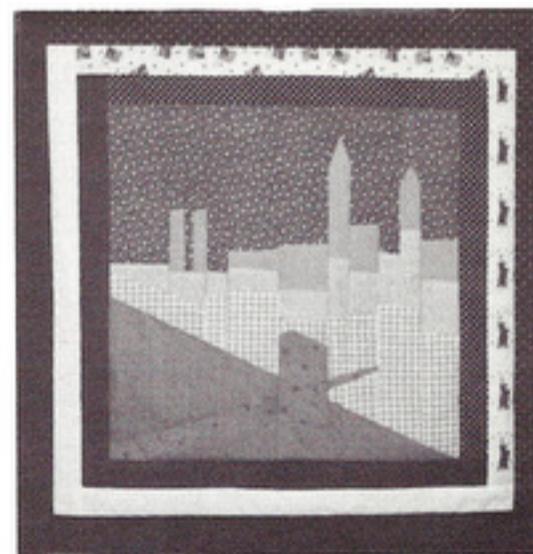
**Thursdays through Oct. 27th.**  
**7-8 P.M.**

*Friskis & Sveltis* (Healthy and Sweaty). It's fun, informal, easy to learn and free on the Great Lawn in Central Park. Move to jazz, rock and classical music.

**Through Oct. 27**  
Swedish designer *Erika Lagerbielke* at Orrefors Crystal Gallery, 58 E 57th St. (212)753-3442

**Nov. 4th - Dec. 30th**  
*Philip von Schantz* exhibit at Privatbanken Gallery, 20 West 55th St. NY.  
Mon-Sat 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 A.M.

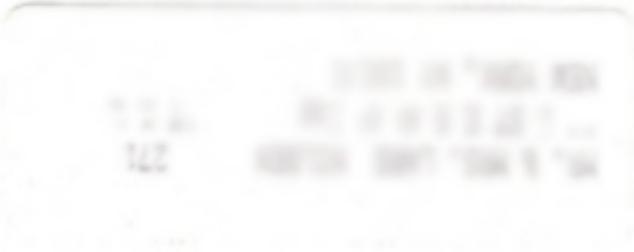
**Nov. 11 - Dec. 1**  
Swedish artist *Eva Englund* exhibit at Orrefors Crystal Gallery, 58 E. 57th Street. (212) 753-3442



### Elfi von Kantzow Alvin presents quilt to Swedish Royal Couple.

When Queen Silvia and King Carl Gustav of Sweden visited the U.S. some months ago they were presented with a quilt commemorating their visit by Mrs. Alvin. She also designed the New York Square shown above.

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**Oct. 9 - 5:30 P.M.**

Danish Violinist Kim Bak Dinitzen at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, 154 W 57th, NY (212)247-7800

**Oct. 23 - 4:00 P.M.**

The Vinland Duo, Virginia Brewer, Oboe; Mary Ann Brown, piano. Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 73rd Street and Madison Avenue. Music by Buxtehude, Roman, Barthe, Stenhammar, Carl Nielsen. Admission by Donation at the Door.

**Oct. 24**

A reading of 18th century Ludvig Holberg's works at the Promenade Theater, 2162 Broadway. (212) 580-1313

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1**

The Queen Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep. Queen Margrethe of Denmark helped design this exhibit for Danish Television. American Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd Street. Mon-Fri. 10-5; Sat. 12-5.

**Nov. 5 - Dec. 5**

Danish conductor Dorrit Matson will lead the New York Chamber Players at Merkin Concert Hall, 129 W 67th St. NY. (212) 362-8719.

**Nov. 5 - Dec. 10**

Norwegian artist Odd Nerdrum exhibit at Edward thorp Gallery, 103 Prince St., 2nd Fl. (212) 744-8976.

**Nov. 15 - Jan. 6**

Opening reception 6-8 PM on Nov. 15 for Norwegian painter Kjell Pahr-Iversen. American Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd Street. Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat. 12-5.

**Nov. 19 - 5:00 P.M.**

Danish Seaman's Church annual bazaar. 102 Willow Street, Brooklyn. (718) 875-0042.

**Nov. 19**

The Norway Nationals face off against Columbia University Basketball Team at Levien Gymnasium, Columbia University, 119th St. at Broadway. (212) 280-2546.

*Remember these dates...*

**Sep. 9 - Oct. 29, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Kåre Tveter exhibit at Privatbanken Gallery, 20 W. 55th St. NY

**Oct. 7 - Oct. 16**

Hanne H7L Lauridsen exhibit on People and Animals in Movement at Ismael Gallery, 506 Broadway & Prince St., Suite 503. (212) 226-3025 or 360-1827.