



SWISS HERALD

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Quilt made by Leslie Forbes: "The Glass Fantasie"
Inspired by Dale Chihuly's glass flowers on the ceiling in Hotel Bellagio, Las Vegas.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS....

It is time to prepare for the 2024 Swiss National Day Celebration that will be held at the SCMRA Chalet on Saturday July 27th.

SCMRA will once again be running the event in cooperation with the Swiss Society.

This large celebration needs your help to have a successful event for the greater Swiss community.

Please sign up as a volunteer for the Swiss National Day Celebration!

We need you... and we would love to have you join our list of volunteers for this year's event!

July 26th, 2024 (Friday) Setting up the Place

We need volunteers to go to the Mountain Range on July 26th, between 10:00 am to 6 pm to help with setting up for the following day. Things to be done is set-up of all tables and benches, barbecue set-up, putting up of decorations, etc.

Any help is welcome. You can come just for 2 hrs. or the whole day. Volunteers don't have to be a member. Please register with

Peter Schalle at 604-435-6159 globuscontract@gmail.com

July 27th, 2024 National Day Celebration

There are all kinds of opportunities to volunteer at this wonderful yearly event, and it is a great way to meet people who you may not otherwise meet during the course of the celebration.

A shift is two hours long and can be carried out in various capacities throughout the event such as: the entrance gate; assisting with parking; selling of food-and beverage tickets; grilling sausages and preparing plates; handing out coffee and pastries; children's games and the lampion parade.

Thank you in advance for signing up and/or get volunteers to come forward for the 27th.

Persons on the official Volunteer List do not pay the entrance fee! 😊

Please call **Peter Schalle** at **604-435-6159** globuscontract@gmail.com

or Elisabeth Rechsteiner at **604-375-9802** (leave a message if phone is not answered) or send an e-mail to elisabethrechsteiner54@gmail.com

Please indicate your preference of work area and the time you can volunteer and we will do our best to accommodate you! Shifts start at 1:00 PM at the Gate and Parking and at 3:45 PM for the other stations.

We look forward to hearing from you!





SWISS NATIONAL DAY 2024

July 27th

Hosted by the SCMRA in cooperation with the Swiss Society of Vancouver,

**Venue: Chalet of the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association
4141 Quarry Road, Coquitlam, B.C.**

2 km on the gravel road and then a left turn into our paved driveway

There is a road closure in effect on Victoria Drive – detour via Cedar drive

See map on page 2

You can use Google maps to navigate to the event. The detour is marked.



ENTRANCE FEE: \$10.00 (16 and under are FREE)

1:00 PM	Gates Open
4:00 PM	Bar and Grill Open
5:30-7:00 PM	Entertainment by the S Bahn
7:00-8:00 PM	Dorfmusik and Vancouver Swiss Choir
8:00-8:30 PM	National Anthems and Official Ceremony
8:30-10:00 PM	Entertainment by the S Bahn
9:30 PM	Lampion Parade
11:00 PM	Event Bar Closed

****No open flames/ No Candles**

**** FREE OVERNIGHT CAMPING/RV PARKING****
(reduced tenting area from previous years)

NOTE: Due to our liquor license: all alcohol on the property needs to be purchased from our bar

*****CASH and Debit/Credit now accepted*****

IN MEMORY OF:

Johann Alwin Schupp

November 12, 1937 – June 9, 2024



Johann Alwin Schupp, known as Hans, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on June 9, 2024, surrounded by his family after a battle with cancer.

Born on November 12, 1937, in Kirchheim-Teck, Germany, Hans was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He immigrated to Canada in 1958, living in Montreal and then settling in BC.

Hans was married to Cora for 18 years and previously to Wanda Schupp for 29 years, with whom he had three children: John, Christl, and Carmen. He was also a stepfather and grandfather to many children. The family mourned the loss of his daughter Christl last year.

He worked in air conditioning and refrigeration, with significant time spent in Malaysia. Hans was passionate about dance and music, leading dance troupes and playing in various musical groups.

A celebration of Hans's life was held on July 6, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the BC Cancer Society in Hans's memory. The family thanks the caregivers and medical professionals for their support during his illness.



REVIEW OF A SPECIAL COMBINED CONCERT



Written by Theresa Weltzin

The Vancouver Swiss Choir and the Vancouver Dorfmusik organized a joined Concert with the Lower Mainland Mandolin Society as Guests.

The concert was well attended and treated to a variety of songs. The Vancouver Swiss Choir began the concert with several well known songs under experienced guidance of Dubravko Pajalic.

The "Valley Girls" performed three jodelling duets and then the Choir also combined with the Lower Mainland Mandolin Society for three songs. The Mandolins played several beautiful songs covering gospel, marches and waltzes. The Vancouver Dorfmusik completed the concert with their incredible brass instruments play, punctuated by Alphorn music.

We had lots of fun with the gift baskets (thank you to all the contributors from the choir and the Dorfmusik) distributing them to the winners and all enjoyed the food and socializing.



The Dorfmusik played Marches, Polkas and Waltzes.



Alphorn Players Alice Palmer and David Gsponer



Here are two members of the choir:
Karin Kapp, former president of the Swiss Society Vancouver and still in the executive board, and
Theresa Weltzin, our brand new secretary!

Welcome to the Swiss Society Board!

Photos from Karin Kapp, Denise Gsponer and Dubravko Pajalic



CHOIR NEWS



The Board members were shocked to hear that Andrea Flukiger and Dorli Meier, long-term members of the Choir, gave their resignation. Many times they entertained lots of Swiss Society Members and their friends with their beautiful Yodeling. They also baked the Zoepfe and Bread and did so much more for the choir behind the scenes.

They travelled from Agassiz and Abbotsford in every weather, snow or rain, hot or cold, day-or night time to go to their rehearsals and concerts.

We will miss their presence a lot and it's very hard to find replacement for two dedicated members as they were!

We hope we'll see you at events of the SSV and wish you and your families good health, good luck and less driving!

Christina Lips

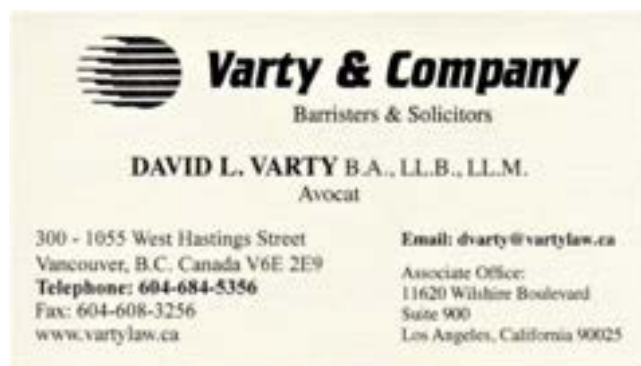
As you all know, the choir is always looking for new/returning members.

Rehearsals are at the All Saints Anglican Church, 7405 Royal Oak Street, Burnaby, Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm.

Please spread the word.

Contact : vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com

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VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK

At the Scandinavian Midsommer Festival June 22, 2024



Our experienced and very well liked Conductor Gordon Koch, who has been in the Dorfmusik for more than 30 years; the first few years as a drummer and then as the Conductor.



This time the Alphorn Players were David Gsponer and Ken Gehrs.





EUROFEST
at
Country Fest





- ✓ **FREE ADMISSION**
- ✓ **INTERNATIONAL FOOD TRUCKS**
- ✓ **WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES**
- ✓ **ROVING ENTERTAINERS**
- ✓ **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
- ✓ **MINI EUROPEAN MARKET VILLAGE**
- ✓ **EUROPEAN FLAG PARADE (SATURDAY AT 1PM)**
- ✓ **MULTICULTURAL PERFORMANCES***

*(EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES SUNDAY 4-6PM)

JULY 27-28, 2024
10 AM - 10 PM SAT 10 AM - 6 PM SUN
ALBION FAIREGROUNDS, MAPLE RIDGE

23448 JIM ROBSON WAY - MAPLE RIDGE, BC, V2W 1G3 (PARKING BY DONATION)
WWW.EUROPEANFESTIVAL.CA
WWW.MRPMCOUNTRYFEST.COM




This event is two days long, so you can go there and still attend the Swiss National Day Celebration 😊

FEES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SWISS HERALD

Fees for design:

To have minor adjustments made: Free

To have major changes made to an ad: \$ 40

To have a new ad made: \$ 100

Deadlines for sending in ads or articles:

28th of December, February, April, June, August and October.

Fees for advertisement:

Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
One full page	\$ 150	\$ 825
½ Page	\$ 90	\$ 495
1/3 Page	\$ 60	\$ 330
¼ Page	\$ 40	\$ 220
Business Card (5 Lines)	\$ 20	\$ 110

For Sale



Original Schwyzer Handoergeli (Riederer)

From 1963, diatonic. It was revised this Spring and it's in good shape.

Can.\$ 1500

Eichhorn Schwyz Accordion
Chromatic, 156 buttons. Excellent shape
Can. \$ 2000. Both together: \$ 3000



More Info: Christina Lips 604-928-9097

DID YOU KNOW.....

The 2024 edition of the Zurich Spring Festival of Sechseläuten faced an unexpected twist this year, as the April winds decided to gatecrash the event causing havoc in their wake. The strong winds forced the cancellation of the culmination of the event —the burning of the Böögg, in Sechseläutenplatz. The snowman effigy which symbolizes the end of winter was already perched on its pyre on Monday, 15th April at Sechseläutenplatz, but at 6pm the winds were deemed too dangerous for the traditional lighting of the Böögg to go ahead.

The winds in Zurich were gusting at speeds of 60 to 80 kilometres per hour, so Victor Rosser, the head of communications for Zurich Sechseläuten, made the tough decision to cancel the event.

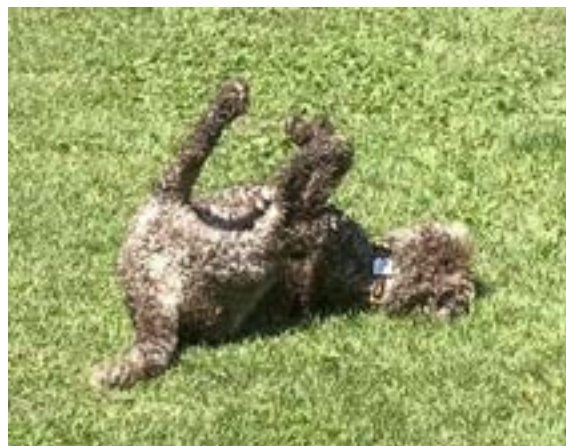


The guest canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden, which was participating for the first time, felt the sting of disappointment particularly sharply. The Landamman of Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Yves Noël Balmer, voiced his sentiments to the NZZ, saying “It’s certainly a tough pill to swallow. I was looking forward to the honour of witnessing our first Böögg burn. Yet, we must put safety first.” Balmer also announced that the Böögg will now get its fiery farewell back in Appenzell Ausserrhoden.

After the ban of burning it at the Sechseläute in Zürich, the Böögg could be set on fire June 22nd in Heiden AR. It took 31 Min und 41 Sec until the head exploded.

If you log in to www.youtube.com/watch?v=8URxkrYbMPO you can watch it.

DOG DAYS





Can you see the dog? Photos Ch. Lips

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