



# SWISS HERALD

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**“Broom Shrub” or Ginster:** Can be invasive and annoying, but they have beautiful flowers, providing a boon for a range of pollinating insects. They are poisonous to humans, but who would eat them anyway! Photo Christina Lips



## AGM (Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society Vancouver)

Will be held Sunday, March 30, 2025 **from 3:30 -7 pm** at the Edmonds Community Center in Burnaby, 7433 Edmonds Street. Door will open at 3:00 pm.

We hope that this afternoon meeting will encourage all of you members to come and help making important decisions!

# BOARD MEMBERS' FAMILY DINNER

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Taverna Greka in New Westminster





The Board-Members and partners had a pleasant evening at the Greek Restaurant. Luckily it was open again after a flood had happened two days before. The food was delicious!

The next day Peter left for Switzerland to enjoy the Luzerner Fastnacht. No doubt he must have had a great time there!



**Start at 5 in the morning!  
It went on for days. We haven't heard from  
Peter since.....**

# SENIORS' CORNER



The next **Filmnachmittag** will take place on

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025; April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

## Film: Wenn der Kuckuck ruft

Location: **Martin Luther Church**  
 Address: **505 East 46th Ave, Vancouver**

Please register by calling  
**Elisabeth Schupbach 604-584-3742** by the Monday before.

If you want to donate some baking, please let **Susanne Wilson** know at **778- 908-5906**.

**Everyone is welcome who understands some Swiss German or German and likes to socialize with other Fans of Movie-Watching! Age does not matter.**

# FEES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SWISS HERALD

### Fees for design:

To make minor adjustments: **Free**  
 To make major changes to an ad: \$ 25  
 To create a new ad: \$ 50 – 100

**Deadlines for sending in ads or articles:**  
 20<sup>th</sup> of August, October, December,  
 February, April and June.

### 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

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## MUSIC IN THE AIR Please mark your calendar:



### VANCOUVER SWISS CHOIR SPRING-CONCERT

**Saturday, May 24, 2025 2-4 pm or longer 😊**

At All Saints Anglican Church; 7405 Royal Oak Avenue,  
Burnaby



### VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK ANNUAL CONCERT

**Sunday, May 25, 2025 5-7 pm**

At the Polish Friendship “Zgoda” Society;  
4015 Fraser Street, Vancouver

**More Information in the May Swiss Herald!**

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	What kind of event	Where
Sun, March 16, 2025	Film-Nachmittag 2:30 – 5:30 pm	Martin Luther Church
Sun, March 30, 2025	SSV AGM; 3:30 -7 pm	Edmonds Community Centre
Mon, April 7, 2025	Board-Meeting	Via Zoom
May 24, 2025	Choir Concert; 2-4 pm	All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby
May 25, 2025	Vancouver Dorfmusik Concert; 5-7 pm	Polish Cultural Centre, Vancouver
June 21, 2025	Scandinavian Midsummer Festival; Dorfmusik will play from 11-12 noon	Scandinavian Community Centre 6540 Thomas St, Burnaby
Sat, July 26, 2025	Swiss National Day Celebration	Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Assoc.

# COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD



**Dear Members of the Swiss Society of Vancouver,**

My name is Thomas Arn, and I have represented you on the Council of the Swiss Abroad since 2020. I am now seeking your support for a second term to continue this important work.

## **Key areas of my focus:**

- **Increase Visibility:** The Swiss community abroad needs a representative who actively brings your issues to light.
- **Create Opportunities:** Ensure that Families, Entrepreneurs, Students, and Professionals receive the support needed.
- **Business, Science, and Cultural Exchange:** Strengthening Swiss-Canadian ties will create more opportunities for Swiss companies and scientific and cultural initiatives in Canada.
- **Supporting Future Generations:** Engaging younger Swiss citizens in Canada, fostering a sense of identity and connection to their heritage.

## **My Commitment:**

As someone who has lived abroad for over 25 years, I deeply understand the joys and challenges of being part of the Swiss diaspora. Representing you is both a responsibility and an honor, and I am dedicated to ensuring your voices are heard and your interests are protected. I ask for your trust and support for another term. Together, we can continue building a vibrant and connected Swiss community abroad. Please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts or questions.

Thank you for your trust and engagement. - Danke, Grazie, Merci, Grazia fich

Best regards,

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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025

**RENEWAL by Mar. 31, 2025**

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2025 renewal. Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2024 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary). If you did not renew in 2024 or would like to join the SSV for the first time please send the membership / liability form with the payment. You can download & print the form from the SSV website or send me an e-mail. If you don't know if your membership form is current please e-mail me at [membership@swiss-society.org](mailto:membership@swiss-society.org)

You are able to pay for SSV with one cheque or make an e-transfer.

Memberships are as follow:

SSV Individual: \$ 40.00

SSV Family: \$ 60.00

Single Senior \$ 25.00

Senior with Spouse \$ 40.00

Choir members do not have to pay an additional fee, but they are required to pay the SSV membership.

Please mail cheque to:

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If you miss sending in the payment by the Mar. 31, 2025 deadline, I would need a new form filled out, because it lapsed and the liability has expired. There is an updated form available on line at the SSV website under "membership", or call me, then I can send one out. Also, if anything changes in your membership status or there is a change of address, a new form is required.

If you receive the Herald by mail and you do have an e-mail account, you might want to consider making a donation of \$ 20.00 or more to cover the printing and mailing cost of the Herald. The SSV would really appreciate this gesture.

Please get in touch with me, if there are any other questions.

Sincerely, Susanne Wilson,- SSV & Choir Membership chair

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### Did you know? From “Coffee News”

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Queen Elizabeth’s love for sweets left her with decaying black teeth. Surprisingly, women of the time copied her, darkening their own teeth because apparently royal style was worth the sacrifice.

Bees can get intoxicated by fermented nectar or sap, which impairs their motor skills and memory. When this happens, they stumble around, bump into things, and forget where they’re going, much like humans would.

