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1957 L'atelier (Les pigeons) III Nizza

Who created this picture? More images are included in a quiz on page 9 & 10



Wer die Wahl hat, hat die Qual Who has the choice, has the agony

Very busy weekend at the end of May:

Saturday, May 24 th , 2-4 pm:	Choir Concert in Burnaby
Sunday, May 25 th , 11-6 pm:	European Festival in Burnaby
Sunday, May 25 th , 1:30-4:30:	Filmnachmittag, 505 East 46 th Ave, Vancouver
Sunday, May 25 th , 5-7 pm:	Vancouver Dorfmusik Concert, 4015 Fraser St, Vancouver

You snooze, you loose!

The location of the Filmnachmittag and the Dorfmusik concert are only a few blocks away. You can go to both events, and you will even get a light dinner at the latter!

Vancouver Swiss Choir + Metro Vancouver Mandolin Orchestra

Come and enjoy an afternoon of traditional Swiss songs and music!



SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025 | 2:00PM

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
7405 ROYAL OAK AVENUE, BURNABY**

SWISS
SOCIETY
MEMBERS:

\$20

ADULTS:

\$25

12 &
UNDER

FREE

VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK

Swiss Style Village Band

presents

“Alpenglühén”

*An Evening of Music and Dance
Light Meal and Refreshments*

with special guests



**ANEMOS GREEK
DANCE GROUP**

Sunday May 25, 2025

5:00 - 7:00 pm | Doors open at 4:30 pm

Join Us at the

Polish Friendship "Zgoda" Society Hall

4015 Fraser St. Vancouver, BC

Tickets \$25 Under 12 free
Light Meal Included



- Cash Bar
- Reserved table seating available
- Tickets: order by phone - 604 928 9097
or email - dorfmusik@swiss-society.org
or - available in person at the Hall



SENIORS' CORNER



The next **Filmnachmittag** will take place on

May 25th, 2025

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Film: Heidi, Teil 2

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 m



Hi everyone, Your Board of Directors is trying to organize events for our Seniors. We recently tried a day trip to Harrison for lunch and to see the Tulip Farm, but we did not have enough people interested. Who is interested in a day trip to Bowen Island, or a few days on Denman Island? How about a lunch at a golf course in June or September? We could go to Newlands Golf Course in Langley, or to one of the golf courses in Burnaby. What location do you prefer? We would really like some feedback from you as to what events you would like us to organize. Please call either Lotti Frowein at (778) 867-1403 or Elisabeth Rechsteiner at (604) 375-9802 with your feedback. We would love to hear from you!



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:

20th 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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THEN – AND - NOW Edelweiss Village in Golden

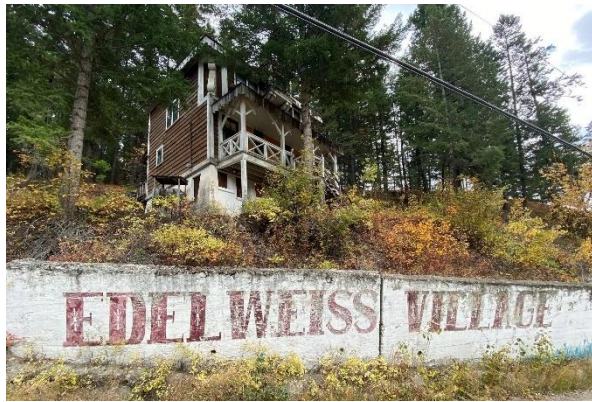
By Christina Lips

In the Swiss Herald from May/June 2021 I posted an article about the famous Swiss Mountain guides who immigrated to Canada and guided lots of people on top of the highest peaks of the Rocky Mountains.

Some of them brought their families and a few houses were built for them near Golden. They called it the Edelweiss Village.

It was eventually abandoned and stayed empty for quite a few years. Then it was for sale.

From the Macleans Magazine, June 2022 by Aaron Hutchins



For \$2.3 million you can buy an entire village of Swiss chalets, nestled in the Rockies

The historic Golden, B.C., property offers mountain vistas at every turn and has been sitting on the market for 600 days and counting. No one currently lives in Edelweiss Village in Golden, B.C., but don't call it abandoned. The property's owners—descendants of the Swiss mountain guides who first lived in the community—still tend to the plants almost every day, despite this unique property being up

for sale for nearly two years now.

The original six historic homes on the 50-acre plot were built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in the early 1910s, and a seventh was added in 1978. Now, the entire village, nestled between the Selkirk, Purcell and Rocky mountains, is up for sale.

"A lot of people are looking and saying they can make some pretty awesome Airbnbs," says realtor Eddie Leigan. "Others are saying each member of their family can have their own house."

- **Initial Concerns and Preservation Efforts:**

Edelweiss Village, a historic village of Swiss-style chalets built for mountain guides, was facing potential demolition and a lack of heritage protection. The village, located north of Golden in a rural area without heritage laws, was up for sale for \$2.3 million. A group called the Swiss Edelweiss Village Foundation was formed to raise awareness and explore ways to save the village, with hopes of buying it.

- **Montayne's Purchase and Transformation:**

In July 2023, Montayne, a real estate consulting firm, purchased the site. Montayne, along with the Swiss Edelweiss Village Foundation, began renovating the chalets and implementing plans to preserve the historical significance of the village.

- **Future Plans and Opening:**

The first phase of the project, including the opening of the renovated chalets for accommodation, is starting soon. Further phases plan to add a spa, thermal pools, eco pods, and the Swiss Guides Great Hall, a multi-purpose space for cultural exhibits, community gatherings, and events. The resort aims to be a living museum, celebrating the legacy of the Swiss mountain guides and their contributions to Canadian mountaineering.

- **Collaboration and Community Involvement:**

Montayne is working closely with the Swiss Edelweiss Village Foundation and the local community to ensure the village's historical significance is preserved and celebrated. Montayne also recognizes the importance of the village for the local community and the Swiss living abroad in Canada, [according to swissinfo.ch](http://swissinfo.ch).

And now: The Swiss Society Vancouver received an email with the following message:

Spring Adventures Await at Edelweiss Village + Resort!

Discover the newly renovated Edelweiss Village + Resort, nestled in the breathtaking landscapes of Golden, BC, where Swiss heritage meets Canadian Rockies charm. Take advantage of our exclusive spring promotion:

15% off for stays of 4 nights or more

25% off for stays of 5 nights or more

Immerse yourself in the heart of a legendary alpine legacy, exploring historic chalets, stunning trails, and breathtaking scenery.

You can book your spring escape now and create memories that will last a

lifetime: <https://www.edelweissvillage.ca/>

Edelweiss Village + Resort

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370 Ottoson RD
Golden, BC
VOA 1H1, Canada



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS....

...to assist at the Swiss National Day Celebration on July 26, 2025!



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:



This can be a nice social affair and a chance to meet new people

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, 2025 First of August 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 doing whatever you can to get volunteers to come forward for the 26th.

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

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

or

Peter Schalle at **604-435-6159** globuscontract@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 3:30 PM for the other stations.

We look forward to hearing from you!

ART QUIZ

Christina Lips, Editor of this Newsletter, recently spent 2 weeks in Northern Spain and she took photos of some famous art-objects. Can you guess who was the creator of them and where they can be found? Solution on page 11



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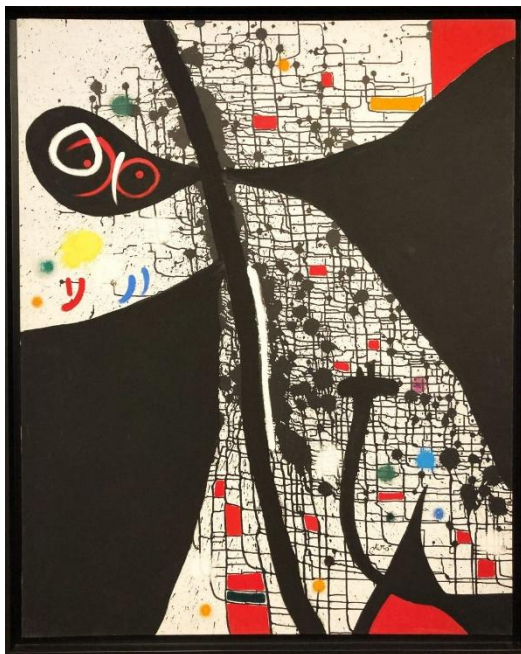
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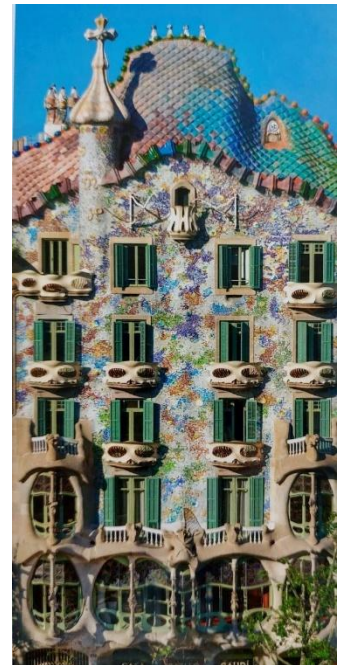
Date	What kind of event	Where
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May 25, 2025	European Festival	
May 25, 2025	Filmmachmittag	Martin Luther Church, Vancouver
May 25, 2025	Vancouver Dorfmusik Concert; 5-7 pm	Polish Cultural Centre, Vancouver
June 21, 2025	Scandinavian Midsummer Festival; Dorfmusik will play from 11-12 noon	Scandinavian Community Centre 6540 Thomas St, Burnaby
Sun, July 6, 2025	Dorfmusik plays at the Showboat	7:15 – 8:00 pm Showboat Kitsilano
Sat, July 26, 2025	Swiss National Day Celebration	Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Assoc.

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1. Pablo Picasso: the Pigeons in Nizza; Thyssen Museum in Madrid
2. Cathedral Sagrada Familia in Barcelona; still under construction since 175 years
3. Pablo Picasso: Fish Plate; Picasso Museum in Barcelona
4. Peix (Fish) in Barcelona. 56 x 35 Meter Frank Gehry, Canadian/American Architect
5. Catedral de Santa Maria de Burgos
6. Antoni Gaudi: The Salamander; Park Guell, Barcelona
7. Joan Miro: Sobreteixim with eight Umbrellas Barcelona
8. Pablo Picasso: Clarinet Player; Thyssen M. in Madrid
9. "Maman" L.B. Bourgeois, Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao
10. Edgar Degas: Swaying Dancer Thyssen Museum in Madrid
11. Joan Miro: Birds of the Cave II



**Real Madrid's Bernabeu
Stadium (soccer)**



Gaudi House in Barcelona

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