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# The Viking Bulletin

Steve Lund, Scandinavian Collectors Club, Chapter 14, 383 Grand Ave #5, St. Paul, MN 55102

## Events

January 11, 2024, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Danish American Center  
3030 West River Pkwy S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

January 20, 10am-4pm  
Snowpex (Saturday)  
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

February 8, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Danish American Center

February 11, 10am-4pm  
Second Sunday Show  
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

March 10, 10am-4pm  
Second Sunday Show  
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

March 14, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Danish American Center

April 11, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Danish American Center

April 14, 10am-4pm  
Second Sunday Show  
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

May 9, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Spring Auction  
Danish American Center

May 11, 10am-4pm  
Springpex (Saturday)  
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

June 13, 7pm  
Chapter 14 meeting  
Danish American Center

July 19-21  
Minnesota Stamp Expo  
Crystal Community Center

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**\$25/year for sponsorship**  
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**St. Paul, MN 55116**

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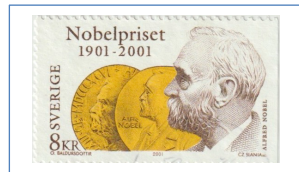
## Triple Header

The Scandinavian Collectors Club will present not one, not two, but three programs at its meeting on **January 11, 7pm, at Danish American Center.**



**Seija-Riitta Laakso** will present Finnish meter marks. Pictured above is a parcel address card dated Helsinki, September 12, 1927. The parcel was franked with 5 merkki in a red meter mark by a postal franking machine licensed to the firm Karl Fazer, manufacturer of milk chocolates.

**Judy Harder** will present "Nobel Prize Winners on Swedish Stamps". Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel (1830-1896) invented dynamite and bequeathed his fortune to establish the Nobel Prize. He is depicted below on the 2001 issue commemorating the Centenary of the Nobel Prizes (F2249). German theologian, humanitarian, philosopher, and physician Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953 and shown below on a 1991 issue (F1709).



The 2023 Norway issues will be presented by **Steve Opheim** including the above issues (NK2101/2102) from May 14 depicting the Crown Prince Haakan Magnus and Crown Princess Mette-Merit both celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthdays in 2023. Another highlight is the October 7 prestige booklet depicting four inland ferries that along with others transport 20 million cars and 40 million passengers each year.

**February 8 program:** The History of Chapter 14 including items from the collections of Whitey Johnson, Robert Frigstad, Roy Spiller, Ross Olson, David Anderson and Tom Reiersgard

The following news item appeared in *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, 7/2023. It is here translated by Steve Lund.

## 180,000 Came to Stamp Exhibition

Reports about the attendance at stamp exhibitions around the world are in part frightening reading. Fewer and fewer attend and it is sparse at the fairs. That the largest annual exhibition in the USA is very pleased with 2500 visiting is set in a special light now that we have received the numbers from the international stamp exhibition in Taipei, Taiwan. In the span of five days in August the organizers report an unbelievable attendance of 180,000! Another publication stretches this and reports 330,000!!! The second total we take with a pinch of reality, but nearly two hundred thousand people at a stamp exhibition is not bad. And it was also emphasized that it was full of children! Shall we believe that philately's future lies in Asia? If we divide up the attendance numbers across 5 days, we come up with 36,000 visitors per day. We tip our hats!

The following sources found on the internet support NFT Editor Øyvind Refsnes' article.

## TAIPEI 2023 – 39TH ASIAN INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

Unprecedented media coverage and large crowds were reported in [TAIPEI 2023 – 39th Asian International Stamp Exhibition](#) (11-15 August). Tony Shields (Shields Stamps, Melbourne, Australia) posted on his Facebook page that “The final attendance at the stamp exhibition was 330,000 people. Total cost of the show was nearly A\$2,000,000 which was mostly paid by Taiwan Post Office, and their sales were A\$5,000,000 at the exhibition. What a stunning set of figures.”

The exhibition was announced in 2018, originally scheduled for 2020. It was postponed to 2021, again to 2022, and finally to 2023, all because of Covid-19. Naturally, it was eagerly anticipated by the local philatelic community.

Palmares booklet: <https://fepanews.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Taipei2023.pdf>  
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CANADIAN STAMP NEWS

## Taipei international show draws 180,000

3 MONTHS AGO

Taipei 2023, the 39th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, closed on Aug. 15 after drawing more than 180,000 show-goers over five days.

According to Chunghwa Post, one of the show organizers, this year's exhibition marked the largest international event since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a footnote to all of the above, the editors of *AFA Skandinavien Frimærkekatalogen 2024* state that catalog values reflect the current market with stagnating numbers of collectors from Scandinavian and European countries but growing number of collectors from other parts of the world.

Steve Lund