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Archaeology of Beer

*Our October Meeting will be held at
The Toledo Museum of Art — Green Room
This **Friday, October 7th**, at 7pm.*

Apologies for the late notice!

Menu :: Before the show, we will be gathering in the **Museum's Café for dinner at 5:30 pm.**

Program :: “**The Archaeology of Beer.**” Join us as we learn about the ancient craft of brewing beer from National Archaeological Institute of America lecturer Christine Hastorf, professor of anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. **The lecture begins at 7:00 pm.** You should plan to take your seat well before this time as this program will likely pack the house.

Location :: At the **Toledo Museum of Art**, the program is in the **Green Room**. Park behind the TMA in their partially covered lot, which costs \$5 when you exit unless you are a TMA member. Parking in the church lot next door is allowed if they're not using their lot — and it's free, but it is not monitored by TMA security.

Reservations :: No reservations this month, but if you would like us to keep an eye out for you, contact our treasurer, Kris Johnson, at cjohnson143@woh.rr.com or at 419-836-7637.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems that this time of year always causes me to get behind time for tasks I have to perform, this President's Corner being one of those. Carol and I spent a good deal of last week entertaining family and visiting friends in Baltimore, so we have little contact with things Nordic. However visiting the National Museum of National History in Washington was a very interesting trip. We had a chance to see Old Glory, the flag which flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. The flag was 43 by 38 feet and had seen real use after 204 years. Anyone going to DC should stop even for a short visit. After receiving a reminder note, I hope to see some of you at the Toledo Museum of Art for dinner and the lecture on the Archaeology of Beer.

Tack så mycket, John

In Memoriam



Long time Club member **Maj-Britt Napp** died peacefully on September 2, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was 85. Maj-Britt grew up in Umeå, Sweden, and worked at a police department (planning to go into the police academy), but instead moved to the US in her early 20s, where she first worked as a nanny, and then as a clerk for Libbey Owen Ford. She was married to Charles Napp from 1953 until his

death in 2003. Charles was one of our past Presidents, and both were quite active in our club, as well as Collingwood Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school. She also became a nurse later in life. Surviving are her son, John; daughter, Elisabeth Gilbard, and four grandchildren.

— from the [Toledo Blade](#)

Dues are due for 2016-17

Our fiscal year is under way now, and with that, we ask that you renew your membership to our Scandinavian Club of Toledo. Dues remain the same as last year, at \$15 per adult; children are free. With your membership, comes this newsletter, chock full of news from and about the five Scandinavian countries; as well as social access to a network of scandinavian-minded people with whom you may share cultural distinction, regard, and friendship. We are a non-profit, all volunteer social club, and we concentrate all of our efforts on Scandinavian culture, news, and history. We meet each month, from September through June, and we'd love to see you! Please send your dues to our treasurer today. Details are at the top of the next page.

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Country: _____ @ \$15 per adult = \$_____

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Willard Misfeldt with award

—from B.G. Sentinel-Tribune 9-13-2016

—get the full story at [BG Independent News](#)

Misfeldt Honored for Theater Work

Long-time Club member **Willard Misfeldt** received the honor of being inducted into the Ohio Community Theatre Association's Hall of Fame last month, an honor recognizing his outstanding achievements, contributions, and support in theater. Last spring, his forty years of theater direction and set design work was on display at the [Four Corners](#) Center gallery in downtown Bowling Green. He has been a member of Black Swamp Players in 1975, and was professor of art history at BGSU for 31 years. Congrats Willard!



In **Norway**, Fjords are beautiful. With their steep sides and deep waters, they make for wonderful sight-seeing. But they also complicate travel and make bridge building extremely difficult. For locals, those not there strictly to take in the wonders of nature, routine driving along the coast can require numerous ferry rides to drive up the coast, adding to travel time.

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration has proposed a possible solution: floating underwater tunnels. Tunnels aren't new to Norway; the country already has 1,150 traffic tunnels, 35 of which are located under shallow bodies of water. Fjords, however, can be a mile deep, creating a challenge for conventional tunnels which lie on or are connected to the sea floor.

Floating tunnels, however, would be able to span the mile-deep waters by suspending the tunnels from floating pontoons. Each two-lane tunnel, one for northerly travel and one for southerly travel, would be suspended 100 feet below the surface, allowing boats to still traverse the fjord without worry of hitting or being blocked by bridges.

A 680-mile drive under current conditions in the region requires eight ferry rides, but with the tunnels that 21-hour drive time would be cut in half. But the proposal is expected to cost \$25 billion dollars, and engineers still have to determine how the tunnels would react to wind, waves and currents. If it is given the final approval, it would be finished by 2023.

More at <http://www.ecowatch.com/norway-to-build-worlds-first-underwater-tunnels-1943158210.html> Photo credit: Norwegian Public Roads Administration

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Migrant Update

Tensions have increased between locals in **Sweden** and **Denmark** against refugees from war-torn Middle East countries as their numbers have steadily increased, resulting in attacks on immigrants in Sweden recently and stricter policies in Denmark.

The attacks in **Sweden** are a reaction to locals feeling they are being overrun by foreigners. In Neldon(?), a luxury hotel was converted into a refugee hostel which now houses 900 parentless children.

"House prices go down and people don't feel safe," one Swedish local said about the effects of the recent influx of refugees from Syria.

Twenty percent voted for the right wing party this last election, but a majority think the right wing is good.

Denmark also has hardened its views towards refugees, seizing assets upon arrival, and now requiring a three year wait for refugees to join their families.

Despite the attacks, the refugees are very thankful to Sweden for taking them in.

But the massive influx has put a test to Sweden's and Denmark's historically open standard of social welfare, and cracks are beginning to show.

—BBC News. Sept. 10, 2016.

Burger King Sauna

A Burger King in Helsinki, **Finland**, has opened an in-store spa and 15-person sauna — the latest innovation we never knew we needed.

Guests can drape themselves in Burger King towels or robes, lounge on blue and red benches, and order food and beverages directly to the sauna. There's also a media lounge with TV and gaming, and a locker room where you can shower off any excess burger grease.

With one sauna for every three people in Finland, it's an integral part of the country's culture. The Burger King spa is the work of celebrity Finnish designer Teuvo Loman, and it's just won an award for New Concepts in Food Service by Euromonitor, who called it "a powerful example of localization."

—Scandinavian Press, Fall 2016

Fix Rather Than Replace

The BAT tax rate reduction in **Sweden** encourages people to fix the consumer goods that they already have purchased when they break, rather than rushing out to buy new ones. The Restart program in London is similar.

—BBC news, 9-20-2016