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New Board for 2013-14

At our Midsummer party in June, we held our Annual Elections for the fiscal year 2013-14 Board Members. Our President, **Eva Slawson**, was easily reelected for another year, as was our Vice President, **Lois Hakala Staber**, and our Treasurer, **Kristen Johnson**. We have a new Secretary, **Katherine Thompson**, joining us this year. Katherine has been a member of our club for a few years now, and is of Swedish descent. Our new Members at Large are **Judy Jokinen Nickoloff**, **Ruth Altneder**, and **Jan Wahl**. And **Eric Slawson** continues as Newsletter Editor. The Club thanks you all for volunteering to serve!

Member News

Club member **Dr. Jan Wahl** resumes his duties this fall, presenting **classic movies at the Gish Theater** at BGSU: "Battling Butler" with Buster Keaton on Sept. 22; "The Forgotten Clown: Harry Langdon" on Sept. 29; and "Miss Susie Slagel's" with Lillian Gish on Oct. 6. All shows begin at 3pm with an insightful introduction by Dr. Wahl. Admission is free. Visit www.bgsu.edu/gish for more information.



ABOVE: Glass-top igloos where you can sleep under the northern lights. There are 20 of them for rent at **Hotel Kakslauttanen**, north of the Arctic Circle in northern **Finland**, not far from Urho Kekkonen National Park. Thanks to member **Judy Jokinen Nickoloff** for this beautiful picture.

—more at www.kakslauttanen.fi



Saarinen House is Eliel Saarinen's Art Deco masterwork and the jewel of Cranbrook's architectural treasures. Designed in the late 1920s and located at the heart of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Saarinen House served as the home and studio of the Finnish-American designer Eliel Saarinen (Cranbrook's first resident architect and the Academy's first president and head of the Architecture Department) and Loja Saarinen (the Academy's first head of the Weaving Department) from 1930 through 1950. The extraordinary interior, now impeccably restored, features the Saarinens' original furnishings, including Eliel's delicately-veneered furniture and Loja's sumptuous textiles, as well as early furniture designs by their son **Eero Saarinen**.

This season, Danish ceramist **Anders Ruhwald** presents a series of site-sensitive installations in Saarinen House, the ideal backdrop for his continued investigations into the nature of Modernism. The setting will serve to heighten the dialogue that his work promotes within the overlapping fields of art, craft, and design. Ruhwald serves as an Artist-in-Residence and Head of the Ceramics Department at Cranbrook Academy of Art. For more information about Anders Ruhwald at Saarinen House: The Anatomy of a Home, check on-line at cranbrookart.edu/museum/CAMec3. The exhibition is sponsored by Jeanne and Ralph Graham and Danish Crafts.

Our **Scandinavian Club of Toledo** is planning a trip to Cranbrook to tour the house on **Saturday, October 12th**. See the President's Corner on the front page for details on how to join us.

The St. Olaf Choir of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, has marked its centenary with a concert at Nidaros Cathedral in **Trondheim, Norway**. The last time the choir visited Norway was in 2005, during the country's Centennial celebrating 100 years of independence from Sweden. The 75 member St. Olaf Choir joined the St. Olaf Orchestra and the St. Olaf Band for a three-week tour of Norway, during which, the ensembles performed jointly in Oslo, Bergen, Molde, Stiklestad and Trondheim and presented additional concerts throughout the country. To date, the choir has completed 15 international tours and performed for capacity audiences in the major concert halls of Norway, France, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, and the Twin Cities.