



**Newsletter 12  
Nordic Bookbinding Society  
September 2024**

*Dear Fellow Bookbinders,*

NBS held its first members' meeting online 16<sup>th</sup> of September. 19 members were present, and the experience was all in all very positive! We feel like this is a wonderful way to connect with each other and get inspired by colleagues' presentations. We will continue the meetings. If you have a subject you would like to talk about, send an email to [info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com](mailto:info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com). We will host the meeting and guide and help as much as needed!

If you are not a member yet, welcome to join in and take part in the next members' online meeting!

A REMINDER:

**INVITATION TO THE NORDIC BOOKBINDING EXHIBITION  
NORDIC NATURE 2025!**

There is a long tradition of Nordic Bookbinding exhibitions, which we hold in great honor and now wish to continue in a way suitable for the present day.

The idea of this exhibition is to celebrate Nordic bookbinding and book arts: to encourage Nordic makers to present their work and to gain wide exposure to the art and craft of hand bound books in the Nordic countries.

The exhibition is organized by Nordic Bookbinding Society in collaboration with the Icelandic National and University Library.

**Participation is open to all Nordic binders and book artists, and members of NBS.**

You are all warmly welcome! You don't have to be a member if you consider yourself "Nordic", but the participation fee is cheaper for members.

Participants from other countries are also welcome, if they register as a member of the Nordic Bookbinding Society.

**The name of the exhibition is "Nordic Nature".**

**The book or piece you select to exhibit is optional.**

This means you can choose both the title and the author of the book freely or make the content yourself. We feel "Nordic Nature" is a wonderful subject to give us inspiration and it can be interpreted in many interesting ways. But, if you prefer you can participate with a binding that does not relate to nature.

We would love to see new bindings made for this exhibition, but this is not mandatory.

We ask that your bookbindings should not exceed 32,5 x 32,5 x 10 cm and not weigh more than 4 kg.

**The exhibition will be held in the National and University Library of Iceland Reykjavik.**

**The exhibition will open 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2025 and will be displayed throughout the summer 2025.**

This time the exhibition doesn't travel around the Nordic countries and a paper catalogue is not printed.

Instead, we will share the exhibition at our website <https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com> and in our social media accounts in Facebook and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/nordicbookbindingsociety/>.

This will allow us to reach as wide an audience as possible and we will also be able to use paid social media marketing.

In addition to this, there may even be a digital exhibition with 3D scans of the bindings. This depends on the availability of this new technique at the library. Modern times!

The organizers of the exhibition reserve the right to take photographs of the exhibits and publish the photos on the web page of the exhibition and in the Press with the intention of informing the public and introducing the exhibition.

**Exhibition, not competition**

We want to encourage everyone to participate without the pressure of competing. But, as stated in our articles of association, one of the participants will be awarded the PA prize (150 €). The selection is made by the NBS exhibition committee, and they wish to give the award for outstanding craftsmanship.

**Participation fee**

Participation fee for members is **1000 SEK** and student members **500 SEK**.  
For non-members **1200 SEK** and for student non-member **600 SEK**.

The fee covers the cost of returning postal costs, online exhibitions at the website and social media, marketing the exhibition and part of the organizing costs.

**REGISTRATION and PAYMENT**

*The latest date for entry has been postponed to 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2024.*

Registration can be done at our website <https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/nordic-nature/>

1. Please fill in the registration form, you will find the link at the webpage.
2. Go to "Participation fees" and select the payment that applies to you and make your payment in Swedish kronor (SEK).

If you do not want to pay through our website: use the following bank account and then email to [info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com](mailto:info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com). Write your name, email and what you have paid for.

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If needed other bank details can be found at the website <https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/about-us/>

*If you have any problems with making the payment please email us so that we can help. THANK YOU!*

**The deadline for sending exhibits is 31 January 2025 at the following address:**

*Bookbinding Exhibition 2025  
National and University Library of Iceland,  
Arngrimgata 3,  
107 Reykjavik,  
Iceland*

Please do not value books too high as it will affect the postal costs. After the exhibition the books will be returned to the participants at the end of summer 2025. We hope to reuse shipment packaging.

Participants will later receive a form to fill in concerning your contribution to the exhibition.

### **Opening festivities in Reykjavik**

The exhibition will open in the Icelandic National and University Library 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2025. We are planning to organize festivities and events in Reykjavik 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and the following two days. These hopefully will include visits, a lecture, a workshop and a show and tell. The speakers and program are to be confirmed.

You are warmly welcome to join in the happenings whether you participate in the exhibition or not!

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/nordic-nature/>

WELCOME TO JOIN NBS AS A MEMBER!

Here is the link to signing up to be a member:

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/plans/different-memberships/>

This society and its activities are aimed at all levels of bookbinders and book artists, whether professional, retired, students or amateurs. We also warmly welcome organisations and companies as well as supporting members and all kinds of book enthusiasts. To be a member you don't have to live in a Nordic country.

You are all very welcome to join and help build this bookish community together!

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/nordicbookbindingsociety/>

All Nordic binders and members of NBS! You can send pictures of your works and a short text in English to Lars Hedegaard [wedderkop@hotmail.com](mailto:wedderkop@hotmail.com).

*Wishing you a great start for the autumn!*

*Johanna, Anna-Karin, Kristine, Vibeke, Thomas, Einar, Claudia, Pii and Tarja*

*The board of The Nordic Bookbinding Society*

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*Biggest thank you for support!*

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