



**Newsletter 13  
Nordic Bookbinding Society  
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*Dear Fellow Bookbinders,*

*The cover photo binding is made by Finnish master bookbinder Kaija Pihlajamäki in collaboration with her carpenter husband Pekka Pihlajamäki. This binding is part of a touring bookbinding exhibition organised by Finnish bookbinding association Espoon kirjansitojat ry.*

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

The registration for the exhibition is now officially closed and we are very happy to announce that there are 65 participants, from all the Nordic countries and even further away. Warmest welcome to all of you! We are excited and looking forward to seeing everyone's contributions!

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

The exhibition will be held in the National and University Library of Iceland Reykjavik and it will be on display throughout the summer 2025.

The vernissage of the exhibition will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, and we are planning to have activities also for the next two days 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of April (workshop, show and tell, visits.).

Everyone is welcome, whether you have participated in the exhibition or not and are a member or not. The program with all the details is still in the making, and we will inform you when the plans are finalized. Hopefully we will see many of you in Reykjavik!

The exhibition will also be presented at our website <https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com> and in our social media accounts in Facebook and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/nordicbookbindingsociety/>.

We are also planning other ways to engage also those who are not traveling to Iceland. We will have some nice members' meetings talking about the exhibited books, designs and techniques with some of the binders.

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

## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

This autumn we have had two online meetings for members.

The presentations included:

Vibeke Luther showed us her beautiful work with artist's books <https://www.crowpress.no>;  
Kristine Novika Svensson gave us a presentation of her versatile work as a bookbinder/paper conservator at Värmlandsarkiv;

Pii Topio told us about Finnish bookbinding association Espoon kirjansitojat ry and Tarja Rajakangas presented a traveling exhibition organised by the association.

<https://espoonkirjansitojat.net/kiertava-kirjansidontanayttely/>

Restricted by the long distances, we find this is a great way to connect with each other while hearing about the many sides of bookbinding in Nordic countries. We will be happy to continue the meetings in the coming spring.

If you have a subject you would like to talk or hear about, email your suggestions 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, you are welcome to join in and take part in the next members' online meeting!

## WELCOME TO JOIN NBS AS A MEMBER!

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

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

Membership which is paid through the website MemberPress system will be valid for one year from the time of purchase. The system should send an automatic email reminder to renew the membership when the next payment is due.

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).

We would love to share stories and promote Nordic bookbinding!

*Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy bookish new year!*

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

*The board of The Nordic Bookbinding Society*

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