



**Newsletter 14**  
**Nordic Bookbinding Society**  
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*Dear Fellow Bookbinders,*

*You are most welcome to explore the Nordic Bookbinding Exhibition*

**NORDIC NATURE**

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

*We would like to thank all bookbinders and book artists who took part in the exhibition!*

There were 59 entries altogether from all the Nordic countries and even beyond. So many wonderful different ways to approach the theme of the exhibition. Congratulations everyone for your great work! We hope that this exhibition will be an inspiration for us all and also to new binders.

**PA prize**

This was not a competition but as stated in our articles of association, one of the participants was to be awarded the PA prize (150 €). The selection was to be made by the NBS exhibition committee, and they wished to give the award for outstanding craftsmanship. The committee chose to give the award to Thea Stenkamp, who is a student in Leksand Folkhögskola.

*Congratulations Thea for your beautiful binding!*



## VISIT THE EXHIBITION

### **There are many ways to explore the exhibition:**

You can visit the Nordic Nature physical exhibition at the National and University Library of Iceland in Reykjavik. It opened 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and will be open until 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Please note that the library will be closed for two weeks' summer holiday beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of July and will reopen again Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of August. What a wonderful excuse to travel to Iceland if you ever needed one! <https://landsbokasafn.is/>

You can see the exhibition online: <https://www.nordicnature.online/>. Alongside the details and the descriptions of the bindings there are several photos of each binding. Click them open to enjoy the full view of them.

At the exhibition website you will also find links to 3D images of the bindings. The images open in Sketchfab, which is hosting the big 3D files. If you like, you can sign in and start to follow the account StevieBoy9395!

<https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/thea-stenkamp-ea320746a4d94b50952c08f7b7cd718b>

The images of the bindings are also being posted one per day on the Nordic Bookbinding Society's

Instagram account

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

Facebook account

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550820665496>

### **Welcome to enjoy the exhibition!**

## A BIG THANK YOU

### **To all our partners and sponsors and all the people who have given their time and expertise to make the NORDIC NATURE exhibition a great success:**

Graffia (Graphics Union - Iceland) and Nordisk Kulturfond for financial support.

National and University Library of Iceland for hosting the exhibition, providing facilities for the photography and the 3D scanning and organising and co-funding the catering for the opening.

Tækniskóli (Technical College Reykjavik) for printing the 4-page booklets and the posters.

Sólrún Svana Pétursdóttir for creating the exhibition leaflet and poster with blueberries.

Helgi Bragason for photographing the books and Stefán Jón Sigurðson for help.

Stephen Hannah for scanning and processing the 3D images of the exhibits.

Ólafur Jóhann Engilbertsson for setting up the exhibition at the library.

Einar Sveinn Ragnarsson for creating the exhibition website.

Kristine Novika Svensson and Johanna Svenonius for the Instagram and Facebook exhibitions.

Stephen Hannah and Kristine Novika Svensson for communicating with the participants of the exhibition and keeping NBS informed about the plans in Iceland.

*Most of all NBS wants to thank the **Icelandic bookbinders' JAM group** for being the driving force behind this exhibition and organising all the wonderful activities held in connection with the opening!*

## BLOG ARTICLES

### **...about NORDIC NATURE gathering in Reykjavik!**

Especially the participants of the exhibition were invited to travel to Reykjavik to take part in the opening of the exhibition and the happenings during the three days. A total of 10 participants of the exhibition + 4 persons from the other Nordic countries were able to travel and meet with the Icelandic binders. JAM group had planned an interesting program with visits, festivities and learning.

You are very welcome to visit our website blog area where you can now read three stories with photos about the happenings in Reykjavik:

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/blog/>

## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

### **NBS is happy to organize online members' meetings to bring our widespread community closer, for inspiration and to spread knowledge and tricks of trade :)**

In May we had the privilege to have Kathy Abbott talk about her impressive career and her elegant fine bindings — many thanks Kathy! Kathy is a well-known teacher guru and a founder member of *Tomorrow's Past*, an international bookbinding collective. She is also the author of a bookbinding manual *Bookbinding: A step-by-step guide*, published in 2010. If you missed Kathy's talk, you could check out her work on her website: [www.kathyabbott.biz](http://www.kathyabbott.biz)

### **The next members meeting will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2025:**

#### ***An online presentation by Glenn Malkin***

#### ***An Easier Way to Sew End bands, and the Three-Quarter Hollow.***

Glenn Malkin is a multi-award winning bookbinder from Yorkshire in the UK and is a Fellow of Designer Bookbinders. [www.glennmalkin.com](http://www.glennmalkin.com)

We are very much looking forward to this meeting with Glenn!

The invite and a link to the meeting with Glenn will be sent in the next members' mail.

**Make sure your membership is active not to miss this great opportunity!**

PS. We already have some wonderful ideas for meetings next autumn both live and online, hope to see you there!

## MEMBERSHIP 2025!

Membership, which is paid through the website MemberPress system, is valid for one year from the time of purchase.

### **Please check if your membership is still active:**

<https://nordicbookbindingsociety.com/login/>

To check when your membership expires, choose "Membership" on the main menu, click "*Your membership page*" under it and fill in your log in details. On the subscriptions page you can see all the purchases made with that account. To renew your membership, click "Renew" or "*Subscribe*". The system will automatically add one year to your membership beginning when the previous one expires.

If you have lost the log in information, please ask for help:

[johanna@nordicbookbindingsociety.com](mailto:johanna@nordicbookbindingsociety.com).

**If you are not a member yet, you are very welcome to join!**

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

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

If you prefer to pay the membership fee to the NBS bank account, please find the information on this same webpage. After paying, please email to [info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com](mailto:info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com) so we can make sure you receive the next members' mail.

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.

As a member you can take part in our online meetings and lectures, for free or with reduced price. You will get to know colleagues in Nordic countries. What kind of activities would you like to have? You are very welcome to join and help build this bookish community together!

*Wishing you all sunny and inspiring summer days!*

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

*The board of The Nordic Bookbinding Society*

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