



**Newsletter 16
Nordic Bookbinding Society
December 2025**

Dear Fellow Bookbinders,

Nordic Bookbinding Society will organise a joint Nordic Congress the 8th of August 2026. The Congress will be held in Leksand Folkhögskola, Sweden. We are also planning to organise a workshop 6th– 7th of August 2026. More information will come later :)

AN EXHIBITION INVITATION FROM SWEDEN

Det är bara en bok — It's Only a Book — Exhibition 2026

We, the students of the bookbinding program at Leksand Folk High School, would like to invite binders from all the Nordic countries to our bookbinding exhibition in the spring of 2026!

In the spring of 2024, our school organized an exhibition in memory of Roger Johansson. The theme of the exhibition was the phrase “It’s only a book,” focusing on creativity and the joy of making—capturing the wide range of what bookbinding can be and look like, and bringing together bookbinders from different places. It became a very rewarding exhibition for both of us at the school and the guest exhibitors, and we wish to continue holding exhibitions in this spirit every other year.

We have chosen not to set a specific theme for the exhibition beyond the overarching “It’s Only a Book.” What we want to highlight is the joy and creativity of bookbinding, and to keep the

exhibition as open and accessible as possible for bookbinders of all levels, we feel that a more specific theme is not needed at this point. We want an exhibition where every book—regardless of material or technique—feels naturally at home.

We also see this exhibition as an important opportunity to strengthen the connection between us at the Leksand Folk High School bookbinding program and the wider Swedish bookbinding community.

Registration for the exhibition:

The deadline for registration is **14 December 2025**.

This applies both if you wish to participate in the exhibition and if you want to visit the bookbinding workshop and attend the opening. Register your interest by filling out and sending in the form included with this invitation. Once you have registered, we will send out additional information and further questions at a later date.

Books must arrive at the Folk High School no later than **28 February 2026**.

Shipping to the school is paid for by the exhibitors; return shipping will be covered by the school.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at baraenbok@leksandsfolkhogskola.se.

Books should be sent to:

Leksands Folkhögskola
“Bokutställning”
Box 281
793 26 Leksand
Sweden

The exhibition:

The opening (vernissage) will take place on **20 March** in Wallénhallen in Leksand. Before the opening, there will be an opportunity to have lunch in the school cafeteria. On the same day, we also invite you to visit our workshop for mingling and coffee. After the opening, the exhibition will be open to the public from **Saturday 21 March to Sunday 22 March**.

We will send out exact times and more detailed information at a later date.

Registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQH_vVg3B-PSHJxBAv1dBXQkFTxPFaY2-BLgoTjoIEdAFWCA/viewform?usp=header

We look forward to meeting you and creating this exhibition together.

Kind regards,

The Bookbinding Students at Leksand Folk High School

If you have information about exhibitions and would like to share it via this NBS newsletter, please send information to [info \(at\) nordicbookbindingsociety.com](mailto:info@nordicbookbindingsociety.com)!

NBS 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.

So far this year 2025 we have had four online meetings for members with the attendance of around 20 participants each. Lively discussions have followed the presentations and aided by our common interest one can really feel the connection forming even online.

The latest meeting was held on the 6th of November 2025. YouTube guru Darryn Schneider from DAS bookbinding, Australia gave us a presentation on covering box corners. Darryn has created a YouTube video with the same subject:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Viq_tu5BpBM

Next members' meeting will be held 15th of December 2025:

*An online presentation by Rene Haljasmäe and Tulvi Turo:
Exhibition Scripta Manent VII*

The Estonian Association of Designer Bookbinders organises an international bookbinding art exhibition Scripta Manent every five years. Year 2025 was the seventh time. The exhibition was open in Tallinn from September 11th to November 16th, 2025, at Great Guild Hall of Estonian History Museum. There were 148 participants from 19 countries. This time the exhibition was celebrating the 90th birthday of the world-famous Estonian composer Arvo Pärt and the 500th anniversary of the first book published in Estonian.

<https://www.scriptamanent.ee/indexE.html>

The invitations and Teams links to the meetings will be sent in the members' mail. Make sure your membership is active not to miss them!

MEMBERSHIP!

NBS 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 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 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 and further. What kind of activities would you like to have? You are very welcome to join and help build this bookish community together!

Wishing all a wonderful Christmas time!

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