



**Newsletter 17  
Nordic Bookbinding Society  
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*Dear Fellow Bookbinders,*

*NBS is very happy to announce exciting plans for the summer 2026!*

**LEKSAND CONGRESS 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2026**

**The Congress will be held in Leksand Folkhögskola, Sweden.**

We are sure everybody will love to return to this bookbinding paradise, offering the only full-time bookbinding education in the Nordic countries and great summer courses! The facilities of the college will enable many kinds of activities as well as affordable accommodation in a beautiful location. Our warmest thanks to Folkhögskola and our contact persons Linda and Fia for the warm welcome and great co-operation! <https://leksand.fhsk.se/>

**During the five days we will have the Joint Nordic Congress along with the General Annual Meeting, a festive dinner, technical demonstrations, group activities, shopping and a bookbinding course. Check out the amazing program below! A wonderful opportunity for networking with colleagues and making new friendships :)**

*Please check now that your membership is active or join as a member to receive the registration information in a couple of days! Some parts of the program may be available to non-members too, but members will have the first opportunity to book a place.*

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THE PROGRAM 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2026

*Arrival on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August Tuesday evening to be ready for the Wednesday morning activities.  
Departure on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August after lunch.*

### **The Joint Nordic Congress and The General Annual Meeting**

*Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2026 starting at 13.00 o'clock.*  
Official meeting followed by a festive dinner.  
Please find more detailed information below.

#### **A bookbinding course**

***Experimental binding using the Tomorrow's Past Concept  
with Kathy Abbott and Tracey Rowledge***

*Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August (finishes at lunch).*  
Kathy and Tracey will introduce the Tomorrow's Past Concept and teach two modern conservation binding structures designed by them.

#### **Evening activities**

*Tuesday:*

Arrival and free socializing.

*Wednesday:*

Short demonstrations by the board members and anyone who would like to show a technique.

*Thursday:*

Small group discussions about the future of NBS, gathering wishes and concrete ideas for activities. Also, last-minute preparations for the congress topics and for selection of the board members for the next three years!

*Friday:*

Barbeque dinner together.

*Saturday:*

Free socializing and a board meeting for the old and new board.

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### **THE JOINT NORDIC CONGRESS AND THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2026 starting at 13.00 o'clock.**

The Joint Nordic Congress is held every three years, and it is the highest decision-making body of the Nordic Bookbinding Society. We will combine it with the Annual General Meeting and the normal yearly formalities. You should be a member to attend.

We will have many important issues to discuss and decide. These include changes in the articles of the association and choosing the next board. Where will the next Nordic Bookbinding Exhibition take place? The agenda will be sent to all members.

#### **New board members**

New board members are warmly welcome and very much needed from all Nordic countries to carry on and develop the activities of NBS. Would you like to be part of this international team, or could

you encourage a friend to take on this exciting opportunity? Who would like to take the challenge of being the next chairman, secretary or cashier? Let us know!

### **Festive dinner**

After the official meeting we will have a lovely festive dinner together at Leksand Folkhögskola, hopefully with this wonderful lake view...

**It is possible to attend only this official meeting and the dinner.**

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### REGISTRATIONS

**Registration for this event will open soon. It will be offered to members first.**

If you will only attend the Joint Nordic Congress and the General Annual Meeting and the dinner after it, there will be a fee of 500 SEK which covers the expense of the dinner.

Participating in the whole event as a member will cost 2500 SEK. This fee includes the course fee and the barbeque dinner on Friday evening. The course fee for members is supported by Ida Petron's fund.

The amount of places for the course part of this event is limited, and the places will be allocated in the order of registration with a waiting list if needed.

If there are still places left, registration will also be open to non-members. The participation fee for a non-member is 9000 SEK, so it's worth joining NBS!

The fees do not include accommodation and other meals. Room reservations and other meal bookings will be made directly with the Folkhögskola. We have been given a special offer and will provide a link to booking at their website.

Details and the registration information will be sent to members soon in the next members' mail.

**Make sure your membership is active to receive the next members' mail!**

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### 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/>

*First log in to your account with your log in details.*

To check when your membership expires, choose "Membership" on the main menu, click "Your membership page" under it. On the "Subscriptions" you can see all the purchases made with the 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. Once you have completed the

payment, the Link system will send you an email link asking you to confirm your email address. You will also receive a receipt of your purchase by email.

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

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

*Wishing everyone sunny spring days!*

*Anna-Karin, Kristine, Vibeke, Einar, Stephen, Pii and Tarja  
The board of The Nordic Bookbinding Society*

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