



NORDIC
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SCANDINAVIAN OF THE YEAR

Scandinavian of the Year is one of the most prestigious awards given annually by Nordic Northwest to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to his/her organization and to the wider Nordic community in Oregon. The plaque is given in recognition of outstanding achievement and public service during 2024-2025.

We invite your organization to nominate a person who has made such a contribution. In addition, we encourage the person you nominate to be present on Saturday, December 13, 2025 for the awards ceremony at **ScanFair** – Nordic Northwest's Nordic Christmas Market in the Convention Center and to remain at the festival as long as possible.

In fact, we encourage all of your members to attend and to take part in this Nordic Christmas Market for the entire community. Enjoy live entertainment, food & Nordic vendors, games, crafts, kids area and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 14.

Please return your application by **November 1, 2025**

Email your application to sassac@nordicnorthwest.org with Scandinavian of the Year in the subject line.

Or mail it to:

Nordic Northwest
Attn. Scandinavian of the Year
8800 SW Oleson Road
Portland, OR 97223

If you have questions call or email Sassa at Nordic Northwest at 971-254-2391 (direct line) or sassac@nordicnorthwest.org.

My very best,

Ross Fogelquist
Former Scandinavian of the Year and Emeritus Board Member
Nordic Northwest



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2024-2025 SCANDINAVIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Organization Submitting Nomination: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Please consider the following name in nomination for Scandinavian of the Year:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

The Scandinavian of the Year selection committee will consider the following criteria for the year 2024-2025:

1. Involvement in Nordic activities within your organization and willingness to collaborate with other Nordic organizations.
2. Involvement in non-Nordic civic and other ethnic organizations.
3. Chair or leader in major Nordic events. Leadership abilities.
4. Willingness to volunteer and accept responsibilities within your organization.
5. Involvement in Nordic cultural events.
6. Number of years of involvement in the Nordic community.
7. Has your nominee been nominated before? How many times? When?

Please use these criteria in your answers and provide your responses to the following:

Reasons for nominating this person for Scandinavian of the Year

Nominee's Personal Background (Heritage, Family, Other Organizations, etc.)

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PAST SCANDINAVIANS OF THE YEAR

1956 Bob Anderson	1983 Glen Nordby	2007 Carl & Marian Thompson
1960 Marcus Peter Pihl	1984 Rolv Schillios	2008 Ann Grangaard
1961 Carl M. Saltveit	1985 Gerda Farestrand	2009 Denver James/Kristi Johnson-James
1962 Malcolm Frykman	1986 Martha Stenberg	2010 Andy & Margot Toth
1963 Erv Lind	1987 Mel Iverson	2011 Larry West
1964 John Virtanen	1988 Herb Matta	2012 Clinton Maurice
1965 Bardi Skulason	1989 Cathy Bjork	2013 Pauline Coleman
1966 Boris Sirpo	1990 Ellen Jacobson & Maj Persson	2014 Judy Gervais Perkiomaki
1967 Lorentz Bruun	1991 Johanna B. Fedde	2015 Sandra Nelson Miller
1968 E. Dean Anderson	1992 Saara Slossar	2016 Dave Alford
1969 Werner Sahlin	1993 Judy Rust	2017 Jeff Klein
1970 Erik Hauke	1994 Lillian Johnson	2018 Christine, Dirk & Pirjo Schulbach
1971 Ernest Harold	1995 Robert M. Lee	2019 Kirsty Dickinson
1972 Christian Elster	1996 Carol De Sau	2020 Sara Winter
1973 Oscar Nastrom	1997 Kaja Voldbaek	2022 Janet Lien Bowler
1974 Harold Berentson	1998 Rosi Hill	2023 David Champion
1975 Melvin Pihl	1999 Elisabeth Mendenhall	2024 Teresa Svilich
1976 G. Bernhard Fedde	2000 Doris & Harry Heiberg	
1977 Lloyd E. Anderson	2001 Steinar Fuglestad & Elsie Nordby	
1978 Magnus Esrom	2002 Toni Linne & John Nielsen	
1979 Faye Frykman	2003 Christie Stilson	
1980 Ross Fogelquist	2004 Aase Maja Besson	
1981 Alpo Tokola	2005 Doug & Ulla Hanson	
1982 Mary Nastrom	2006 Eila Chisholm	