

SPECIAL EVENTS

The ASF held a number of events celebrating special occasions with distinguished guests at Scandinavia House.

Dedication of the Halldór Laxness Library, January 18, 2001
 H.E. Sív Fríðleifsdóttir, Iceland's Minister for the Environment and Nordic Cooperation, was guest of honor at the dedication of the Halldór Laxness Library. The occasion began with a lecture, "Halldór Laxness: The Author and His Works" by Halldór Guðmundsson, Director of Edda Media. The evening concluded with a dinner to benefit dinner the Icelandic Cultural Fund, which supports the Library and Icelandic programs at Scandinavia House. At the dinner, Mr. Ólafur Ragnarsson, Chairman of Edda Media, a close friend and collaborator of the author who was also his publisher, spoke on "My Impressions of Laxness." Funding for the Halldór Laxness Library came from a consortium of Icelandic businesses and individuals.

Dedication of Seat in Victor Borge Hall, March 2, 2001
 H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden visited Scandinavia House in March 2001 for the dedication of a seat in Victor Borge hall named in her honor by an anonymous donor. Mr. Borge's grandson, Anders, aged 13, performed a Chopin piece in her honor and a reception followed. Her Royal Highness also had a chance to see the "Young Nordic Designers: The Generation X" exhibition in the galleries at Scandinavia House.



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H.E. Sív Fríðleifsdóttir, Iceland's Minister for the Environment and Nordic Cooperation at the dedication of the Halldór Laxness Library with ASF Chairman of the Board of Trustees Kristján T. Ragnarsson (left) and Trustee Ólafur Ólafsson



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At the dedication of a seat in Victor Borge Hall named in honor of H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden are (l-r): Trustee Richard Oldenburg; H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria; Trustees Tomas Ericson; Linda Nordberg; and Amb. Wilhelm Wachmeister.

Spring Luncheons, May 23, 2000 and June 4, 2001
 The ASF hosted two spring luncheons, attended by Trustees, donors, and friends. The May 2000 was held at Restaurant Aquavit, prior to the opening of Scandinavia House. The June 2001 luncheon, held in Volvo Hall at Scandinavia House, began with a reception on Wallenius Terrace. Both luncheons raised funds for the ASF's programs of educational and cultural exchange.

(l-r) Mrs. Frank E. Taplin, Jr., Trustees Frank E. Taplin, Jr. and Ruth Perkins; and President Gallagher at the Spring Luncheon on June 4, 2001

Designer Event at the Shop @ Scandinavia House, May 18, 2001

The first special event in the Shop @ Scandinavia House featured the work of Icelandic designer Ólafur Thordarsson. The Shop, which opened in for the 2000 holiday season, has a selection of books, music, and jewelry, as well as designer items and gifts from the Nordic countries.

Café Opening Celebration, June 21, 2001

The opening of Scandinavia House's AQ Café was celebrated with a press opening/midsummer event, co-hosted by the ASF and Restaurant Aquavit. It was attended by several hundred friends, donors, Trustees, and press representatives.



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