

2022 Norwegian Explorers Christmas Annual and Sigerson Awards

The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota publishes a Christmas Annual which has gained international recognition within the Sherlockian community. This publication is distributed each year to attendees of our organization's annual dinner in December as well as to those attending the Baker Street Irregulars Annual Dinner and the Gaslight Gala during the Sherlock Holmes Birthday weekend in New York City. The Sigerson Awards, our light-hearted recognition for contributors, will also be presented at the Norwegian Explorers' annual dinner. Every year our members are challenged to submit original works based on a topic we hope will inspire their creativity.

"The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes" is coming to Saint Paul in the Fall of 2022. In honor of this exciting exhibit, the theme of the 2022 *Norwegian Explorers Christmas Annual* will be:

INTERNATIONAL HOLMES

Sherlock Holmes has achieved international fame and is known throughout the world. In the sixty Canonical tales, Holmes traveled to such locations as Chicago in the west and as far as Tibet in the east. His travels are even more widespread in pastiches, including several visits to Minnesota. There are Sherlockian groups and scion societies located worldwide: in Australia, Japan, India, throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States. We are looking for contributions that address the many international aspects of Sherlock Holmes. This could be an expansion or analysis of travel conducted in the Canon or in one of the "unwritten tales," a new pastiche, or consideration of how Holmes's travel may have affected world history. Truly, the world is open to your speculation.

We expect that there is much that could fit our theme, but we will also consider submissions that fall outside of the topic. We look forward to seeing where your creativity takes you....

Suggested Categories for Submissions (2500 word maximum):

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| 1. Article or essay | 5. Joke |
| 2. Poem | 6. Illustration / Artwork |
| 3. Cartoon | 7. Quiz / Puzzle |
| 4. Sherlockian or Doylean review | 8. Pastiche |

Rules for Submissions:

1. You must be a member of The Norwegian Explorers (local or corresponding). If you are not yet a member, a link to our membership form is located on our website: www.norwegianexplorers.org
2. Entries must be received no later than **Friday, October 7, 2022**.
3. Submit electronic versions of papers (Microsoft Word preferred) by emailing ray@PULPlications.com, with "ATTN: CHRISTMAS ANNUAL" as the subject line.
You should receive a reply e-mail within two days from one of the editors, Ray Riethmeier or Phil Bergem, acknowledging the successful receipt of your submission. Please include the registration information (below) with your submission. Mailing a paper copy of your entry is not required, but if you prefer to do so, use this address: Ray Riethmeier, 12015 Townview Road, Minnetonka, MN 55343.
4. Artwork or illustrations may be submitted by PDF, JPG, or TIFF scan, or by mail (the original or a good copy). The Norwegian Explorers accept no responsibility for the safety of a submitted original illustration or cartoon.
5. All entries must be the original work of the contributor, and must not have had any prior publication.
6. Contributors with submissions published in our Christmas Annual will continue to retain all rights to have their work published elsewhere.
7. Physical entries will be returned only if return postage is provided by the contributor, or if other arrangements are made.
8. Multiple entries may be submitted for each category.
9. Judges for the Sigerson Awards will be selected by the Norwegian Explorers. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Winners of the Sigerson Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting in December. Absentees will be notified by email.



Registration Information

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