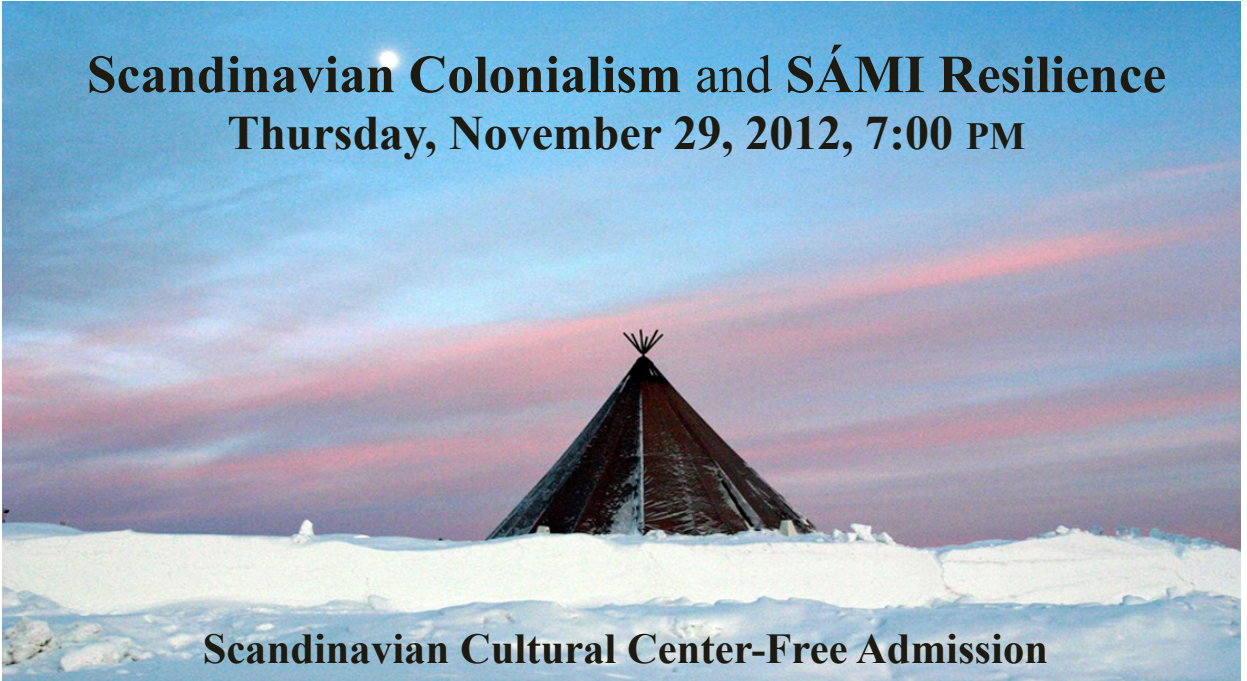


Scandinavian Colonialism and SÁMI Resilience

Thursday, November 29, 2012, 7:00 PM



Scandinavian Cultural Center-Free Admission



Pacific Lutheran University's Professor Troy Storfjell presents a stirring lecture that's not to be missed. For five centuries the Scandinavian and Russian states have colonized the Indigenous Sámi people, taking their land, suppressing their religion, and attempting to destroy their language, identity and way of life. As part of that project the colonizers have invested enormous effort into defining the Sámi as an inferior race and creating an understanding of this arctic people as subordinate and doomed to extinction. Yet, despite this onslaught, Sámi language, culture and identity continue to thrive. Even in the face of increasing racism, hostility and violence today, Sámi cultural workers, scholars and politicians continue to build on the gains of past decades in the struggle for language preservation, self-determination and cultural autonomy. Because despite the pervasiveness of the colonizing cultures, Sámi ways of doing things have tremendous staying power, and Sámi culture tremendous resilience.



Kim Kittilsby
SCC Council President

From the SCC President ~

As Thanksgiving Day draws near, I would like to give thanks to our volunteers, docents, council and executive board members, student workers, director Susan Young, and all SCC members. It's because of all of you that the SCC thrives and is a hub of activity. This is a time for reflection, a time for gratitude, and a time to give thanks for our abundant blessings.

Yes, the days are getting shorter and darker, but Scandinavians are adept at finding ways to have fun and create a sense of well-being. A fundamental aspect of Scandinavian culture is a healthy appreciation for the simple pleasures of life—a deep sense of personal well being, peace, contentment, and that special feeling of “coziness.” The Danish concept of *hygge* and the Norwegian concept of *kos* could be described as the enjoyable experience of feeling “cozy.” The Swedish term *fika* is used in reference to a “cozy” coffee drinking experience.

You are invited to share in some Scandinavian “coziness” by making a visit to the SCC, especially during the festive months of November and December. Our annual *Christmas in Scandinavia Exhibit* will be on display mid-November through the first week of January. Why not enjoy a “cozy” and pleasant day with us on November 17? Bring a friend and join us for our annual *Nordic Sweater/Treasures Sale and Exchange* and enjoy the Christmas exhibit at the same time. Afterwards you can make your way two blocks down on Garfield Street to do some shopping at the PLU Scandinavian Shop at Garfield Book Company. The Scandinavian Shop and the bookstore have been decorated for the season and you will find plenty of Scandinavian holiday gift ideas and inspiration there. Be sure to look for the largest Norwegian *kransekake* you may ever see. It is near the inside entry to the Scandinavian Shop. Here’s a hint: it’s made of burlap fabric and was created as a store display by an SCC member. Adjacent to the bookstore is PLU's Garfield 208 coffee shop where you can sip on a “cozy” cup of coffee and something delicious to go with it. Be sure to pick up some *lefse* to take home with you for the holidays.

Our annual *Sankta Lucia Festival of Light* is also coming soon on December 2. Lucia (whose name means light) is part of a beloved Swedish tradition that celebrates light overcoming the darkness. She represents the eternal qualities of mercy, purity, dedication, hope and faith. Plan now to join us and share in the delight of this beautiful and uplifting evening celebration. We have a fun party afterwards which includes live music, tasty refreshments, and the Scandinavian tradition of dancing around the Christmas tree. You won’t want to miss this special night! I have been attending the Lucia celebrations on the PLU campus since I was a child and it’s always a highlight of the Christmas season for me.

Another very special holiday event you won’t want to miss is our annual *Nordic Christmas Fest* on December 15. I know from experience, you will enjoy a festive, “cozy,” and joy-filled evening. Who knows, maybe this year is your year to find the almond in the rice pudding! You know what that means – good luck for the coming year plus a marzipan pig. I sure hope to see you there!

Beste Hilsen fra Kim



Susan Young, SCC Director

From the SCC Director...

I'm always filled with eager anticipation when the holidays draw near. I remember with great fondness the many traditions shared among my large extended family. It is great fun looking at family photo albums of years past and remembering the times we shared together. Unfortunately, continuing family traditions is one of the great casualties of modern times. As families become more fragmented and disconnected, there is less time and opportunity to enjoy the simple traditions that were once a natural part of family life. Modern households often have a TV and/or computer in every room, so even a small ritual like all sitting down to share a meal together may just not happen any more. If this is true in your life, I encourage you to join the Scandinavian Cultural Center family. Our holiday celebrations are filled with the richness of Nordic culture, bringing friends and family together to celebrate cherished traditions and create new ones. It is my belief that tradition is the glue that helps mold a family, strengthen it, and keep it together.

In 2007, Council member Betty Larson came up with the idea to host a Nordic Sweater Exchange/Sale. The Council thought it was a great idea. We assumed it would be a one-time event, but much to our delight, it turned out to be so successful that we decided to hold the event the following year. We are now in our sixth year. The original concept of a sweater exchange has expanded to include all items that are authentically Scandinavian. For information or to reserve a vendor table call 253.535.7349 or email <youngse@plu.edu>

Sixth Annual Nordic Sweaters & Treasures Sales & Exchange Saturday, November 17, 2012 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM—FREE ADMISSION

This is your chance to find some great deals on new and gently-used authentic Nordic sweaters and other treasures. If you don't have items to sell or trade, just come and do some shopping. It's great fun and there are treasures everywhere! See you there.

Danish Sisterhood Holiday Bazaar Saturday, December 1, 2012

The Danish Sisterhood Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held in the Scandinavian Cultural Center on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Doors open at 9:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM. Admission is free. The bazaar features authentic Danish items and refreshments, and you will enjoy shopping for many other unique products. You are guaranteed to find gift ideas for everyone on your holiday list. A sampling of what you will find includes whimsical aprons by Jan Wainright, pendant jewelry by Paula Wheeler, fused glass décor and jewelry by Arline Gean, signed books by local authors by Gig Harbor Press, kaleidoscope candles by Jim Higgins, handwoven scarves by Betty Casquez, colorful soap stocking stuffers by Talia Soaps, cloth books and travel games by Soft Toys, Danish baked goods and much, much more. Bring your friends and multiply the fun. For questions, contact Carol Olsen (caolsen@harboret.com or call 253.858.8891)

Festive Events Bring Scandinavian



Christmas is just around the corner and plans are underway for our annual Nordic events. For many years, the *Christmas in Scandinavia Exhibit* has served as the first sign of the holiday season at PLU, and we will continue that tradition again this year. The exhibit features a festival of trees, each decorated with traditional Scandinavian ornaments made of wood, paper, or straw. Each year a theme is selected that influences the decorations behind and below the trees. This year's theme is Children's Christmas Books. In the center of Taft Great Hall, a floor-to-ceiling evergreen is decorated with ornaments from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. It is the perfect centerpiece for numerous holiday celebrations that take place in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. *Christmas in Scandinavia* will be on display from November 18, 2012 through January 11, 2013. Public hours are on Sundays, 1:00-4:00 PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 AM –3:00 PM. Admission is free.

The *Sankta Lucia Fest* is a time-honored tradition in Sweden and an annual event at Pacific Lutheran University since 1950 when the Rev. E. Arthur Larson introduced it as part of his Swedish language class. This year's festival will take place on **Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 PM**, in Lagerquist Hall. Admission: \$7 (General); \$5 (SCC Members/Seniors). Admission is free for PLU students and Children under 10. Reservations are highly recommended: Call 253.535.7411. All major credit cards accepted. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. A reception follows in the SCC complete with refreshments, dancing around the Christmas tree, and a special visit from *Jultomten* (the Swedish Santa Claus) who will bring his bag filled with candy treats for all the "good little children."

Members of the Lucia Planning Committee have already begun working with the dedicated PLU students who will take part in the program—Kiersten Bowers, Madeleine Brekke, Laila Caspersen-Andresen, Katelyn Chrisman, Meg Dolde, Jen Dyer, Kindra Galán, Kristin McCarthy, Denae McGaha, Bonnie Melton, Anna Rasmussen, Khadijah Tividad, and Reland Tuomi. At weekly rehearsals, the students are learning the words to several Swedish Christmas songs and practicing the lyrics in Swedish. They will also participate in a night of crafts to learn how to make traditional Swedish decorations. After a one-on-one interview with each student, the planning committee will face the difficult task of selecting just one student to be Lucia who will receive a \$500 scholarship. Lucia's identity is kept secret until just moments before the program



Lucia 2010 Photo

Holiday Traditions to PLU Campus

On Saturday, December 1, Sankta Lucia and her attendants will travel to the IKEA store in Renton where they will perform at 9:30 AM in the restaurant area. Before returning to PLU, the students will visit two local Senior Retirement Centers to sing for the residents living there.

The Scandinavian Cultural Center Council is grateful to IKEA for co-sponsoring this magnificent and memorable two-day event.



Lucia and her attendants perform for audience at the IKEA store in Renton. (Lucia 2011 Photo)



The tables are set, the trees lights are glowing, and the candles are gleaming—just waiting for guests to arrive. (2011 Photo)

Plan now to attend this unforgettable evening of fun, food, and fellowship, and make it a part of your annual holiday celebrations. Admission: \$40 (General) and \$35 (SCC members). Reservations are required. Invitations will be in the mail soon.

The list of holiday events would be incomplete without the annual ***Nordic Christmas Fest***. This year's fest will take place on Saturday, December 15. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The ***Nordic Christmas Fest*** is a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season with friends and family. A mouth-watering holiday buffet dinner will feature traditional holiday dishes such as pickled herring, *gravlax* (salmon) with dill sauce, *lever postej* (liver paté), *medisterpølse* (Norwegian sausage) with red cabbage, *frikadeller* (Danish meatballs), *lanttulaatikko* (Finnish rutabaga casserole), *köttbullar* (Swedish meatballs), and much, much more! *Riscrem* (rice cream pudding) will be served as dessert and the one who finds the hidden almond will receive the traditional Marzipan Pig! Following the meal, our guests will enjoy outstanding musical entertainment.

SCC Docents

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is open three days a week for Public Hours. When visitors come to the Center they are greeted by a member of the Docent Committee. These dedicated volunteer docents are there to tell our guests about the Center and to point out the areas of interest. Docents normally serve one or two days a month and are always willing to substitute for one another if the need arises.

As a token of appreciation for their tireless efforts, the SCC Council hosts the annual Docent Luncheon. This year's luncheon took place on Tuesday, November 6 "during public hours." On behalf of the Cultural Council, Vice President Melody Stepp offered these laudatory comments: "In any body of work such as the endeavors of the SCC, there is a head, someone helping to guide it and giving it direction. We have that in our director Susan Young. Then, there are those who provide the form or structure of the body, like bones do. That is our SCC Council. But you, the docents, are the heart of the body. You help circulate the information about our programs, interact with our community, and maintain the pulse of our effort. You are so very important and I am here today on behalf of the entire Council to say thank you. Thank you for all your work and your generosity of volunteer hours and the unfailing cheerful nature in which you perform your duties."



After the delicious luncheon meal, SCC Director Susan Young (below) conducted the business portion of the meeting. Following the meeting, Linda Caspersen-Andresen (above) shared her expertise in the art of weaving. Linda serves as Textile Curator on the SCC Council. She announced that her plan is to give life to the floor loom that is on display just outside the Stuen Room. Once Linda has the loom ready for weaving, she will teach each docent how to use it during their shifts and together they will create something beautiful.

*There is no "I" in Team
but there is a "U"
in Volunteer!*

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Calendar of Events

- **Danish Sisterhood Meetings. Info: 253.843.2279—Newcomers Welcome**

Wednesdays, November 7, and December 5, 11:00 AM, Free Admission

- **Executive Board and SCC Council Meetings, Wednesday Evenings**

Executive Board: November 14, 5:30-6:15 PM, UC 212 (No meeting in December)

Council: November 14, 6:15-7:15 PM, SCC (No meeting in December)

- **Danish Sangaften—Newcomers Welcome**

Sunday, November 18, 6:00 PM, Free Admission Info: 253.984.6700

- **Nordic Sweaters/Treasures—Sales and Exchange**

Saturday, November 17, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Free Admission. To reserve a vendor table call 253.535.7349 or send email to <youngse@plu.edu>

- **Lecture: “Scandinavian Colonialism and Sámi Resilience” by Dr. Troy Storfjell**

Thursday, November 29, 7:00 PM. Free Admission. (See p. 1 for more details).

- **Danish Sisterhood Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 AM— 4:00 PM. Free Admission. To reserve a vendor table call Lois at 253.301.3333 or email <lm_halley@yahoo.com>

- **Annual Swedish Sankta Lucia Fest**

Sunday, December 2, 7:00 PM (See pp. 4-5 for more details.)

- **Annual Nordic Christmas Fest**

Saturday, December 15, Doors open at 6:00 PM (See pp. 4-5 for more details.)

Info: 253.535.7349. Invitations will be mailed out in early November.

***The Scandinavian Shop at the PLU Garfield Book Company
offers special monthly discounts to SCC Members
with membership card.***

November - 10% off Christmas décor

December - 10% off Danish iron candle holders



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