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FROM THE DIRECTOR



I used to climb trees when I was a child. I loved climbing up but when I got up as far as I could go, I would suddenly realize that I was pretty high up and get scared. I would cling to the trunk, failing to see the world around me from that height because I was too uncomfortable.

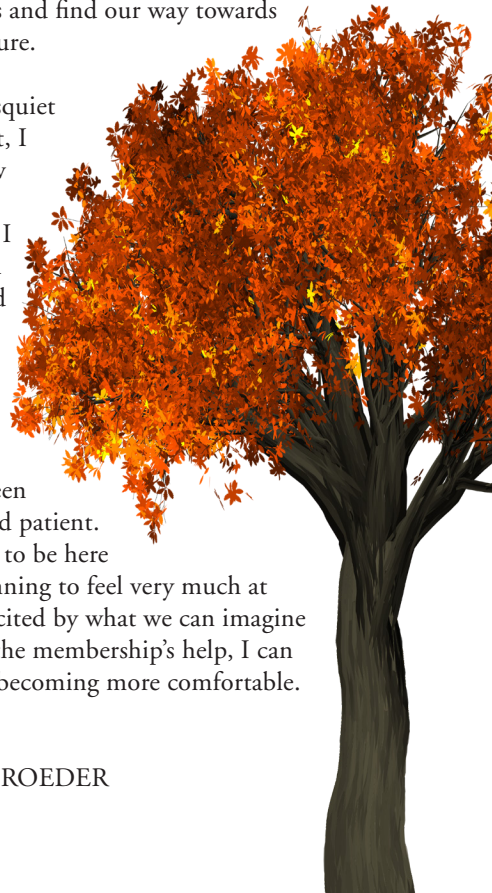
Uncertainty and discomfort are my daily companions right now, which is always the case when moving and starting a new position. Swedish folklorist Barbro Klein's book "Swedish Folk Art" is subtitled "All Tradition Is Change" and I feel that is a fitting way to look at my uncertainty and discomfort. I moved from the Upper Midwest, away from dear friends and colleagues, away from what has become familiar landscapes and culture back to the Pacific Northwest, where old friends have changed or moved away, to landscapes I know but I have half forgotten. The manner of my move was unsettling. I was hit by a car a few weeks before I was to move and I ended up with a broken jaw and other injuries. All my stuff is left behind in storage; I come only with a suitcase of clothing. I am thrust into a busy calendar. What can I do but feel uncertain and uncomfortable? My mentors remind me that allowing discomfort space is a valuable experience leading to new insights and

perspectives. I imagine that many of you have also felt a sense of disquiet and discomfort in the past year. If so, we share that sense of uncertainty but I hope we are taking the time to embrace that discomfort and look around us and find our way towards an exciting future.

Despite the disquiet and discomfort, I must stress how everyone has welcomed me. I feel deeply and warmly received by all of you, particularly at my welcome reception on Oct. 11.

You all have been informative and patient. I am delighted to be here and I am beginning to feel very much at home. I am excited by what we can imagine and do. With the membership's help, I can say I am daily becoming more comfortable. Onward!

—JASON SCHROEDER



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL CENTER

As a member you will have the opportunity to volunteer in areas of specific interest to you. For example, SCC members serve on the Scandinavian Cultural Center Council, teach cooking and language classes, help with exhibit preparation and much more. Another way to volunteer is by serving as a docent during regularly scheduled public hours. To find out more about volunteering, send us an email at scancntr@plu.edu or call 253-535-7349.

CURRENT EXHIBIT

WERGELAND'S LEGACY: JEWISH LIFE AND CULTURE IN NORWAY

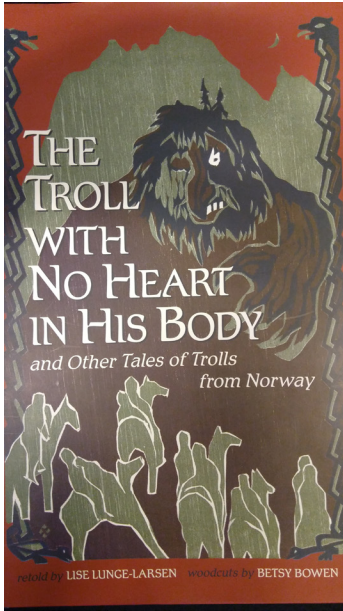
Courtesy of the Jødisk Museum in Oslo, the exhibit shows the lives of Jews in Norway from 1814 to 1945. In addition, the exhibit displays the names of all the Norwegian Jews who were murdered after being deported. The Exhibit will be up until Nov. 5.



UPCOMING EXHIBIT

THE TROLL WITH NO HEART IN HIS BODY

Opening: Friday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.



Trolls are associated with trouble and magic, with those parts of the world we cannot explain. What does the word “troll” mean? Scholars have many guesses as about the origin of the word but nothing definite. The word appears in Old Norse and suggested many things - giants as well as troublesome people and animals. Additionally, Old Norse also had

They may have children; some are old and some are young. Tales tell us that humans best avoid them, but if one

must confront them, be persistent, kind, plucky and willing to heed good advice.

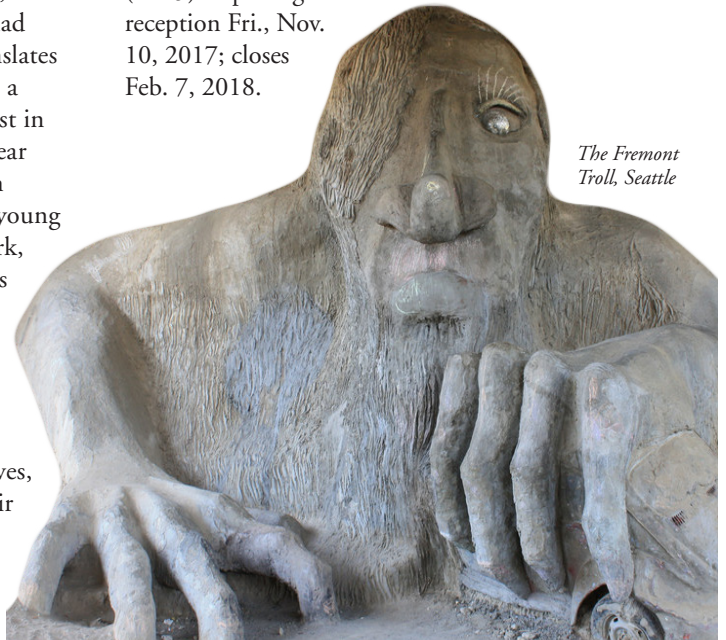


This exhibit features Minnesota’s Betsy Bowen’s original woodblock prints on loan from the University of Minnesota’s Kerlan Collection, complemented by the stories told by the folklorist and author, Lise Lunge-Larsen and featured in the University of Minnesota Press’ reprint, “The Troll with No Heart in His Body” (2013). Opening

reception Fri., Nov. 10, 2017; closes Feb. 7, 2018.

the verb form “trylla,” which John Lindow translates variously as “turn (someone or something) into a troll,” “enchant” and “entroll.” Trolls appear first in Snorri’s Edda. Today, some people still see or hear from trolls: Lindow begins his book “Trolls: An Unnatural History” (2014) with the story of a young exchange student in Oslo seeing a troll on a dark, rainy night in the 1970s. Lindow writes: “Trolls have been around for 1,000 years, and they are not going away.”

Trolls vary in their forms and size: tall as trees, ancient and rugged as the Nordic landscapes they inhabit. They live in the mountains, in caves, under bridges. They carry their head under their arms or hide their hearts in wells. They walk across oceans. They fly over mountains. Trees and shrubs may grow from their heads, and they may have noses long enough to stir soup.



The Fremont Troll, Seattle

UPCOMING EVENTS

HYVÄÄ JOULUA! GOD JUL!

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is known for its holiday traditions around Christmas time. During the dark and cold days, the holidays offer warmth, light and community, reminding us that warmer, brighter days will come again. Tända levande ljus och njut av mys - light candles and enjoy the holiday coziness. In joyful fellowship, the SCC marks the holidays with several cozy events to build and sustain our community.



DANISH SISTERHOOD BAZAAR and SCC NORDIC EXCHANGE

Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dreading going to the mall for your holiday shopping? Me too! On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Scandinavian Cultural Center and our friends the Danish Sisterhood together offer a lovely pre-holiday shopping experience, with handcrafted, unique and lovingly used items. Our Julgran (Christmas Tree) will be up and ableskiver for sale from the Danish Sisterhood vendors in the SCC. In the University

Center's hallway outside the SCC and into the Great Pacific Room (room 133) you will find more tables of wares offered by members of the SCC. Tables are still available for members; if you have things you want to sell or exchange at the Nordic Exchange, let Jason know - scancntr@plu.edu. We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 18 – let the holiday joy and fellowship reign!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANKTA LUCIA FESTIVAL

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$5

Sankta Lucia is a Swedish holiday tradition honoring Lucia, a young woman said to have lived between AD 283 and 304. She was said to have been martyred. She may have been stabbed in the throat with a spear. She may have had her eyes gouged out. Hagiographies about her are fuzzy and vary. Regardless, she is considered a saint in Roman Catholicism; nonetheless, she is celebrated in Protestant Sweden. Historically, the tradition was celebrated mainly in families in the regions around Lake Vänern. In the 1860s, university students from that region introduced it to universities, where young men played her role, as women did not attend university in those days. By the 1890s, Lucia had made its way to Stockholm, when Skansen introduced it as a tradition that was generally Swedish rather than just regional. The celebration did not become a truly national celebration until 1927, when a Stockholm newspaper, Stockholms Dagblad (now defunct) selected an official Lucia. Today, schools and cities select their own Lucia, in addition to the national Lucia. Scandinavian-American churches, colleges, and groups have followed suit. Pacific Lutheran celebrated its first Lucia in 1951, under the guidance of the Rev. E. Arthur Larson, who taught Swedish. PLU's first Lucia was Lola (Murk) Gracey.

The SCC continues this tradition at PLU on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Eastvold Auditorium in Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The program will begin at 2:30 pm. Guests will be entertained by the beautiful voices of the Sankta Lucia candidates and a play wherein they experience St. Lucia as they might in Sweden. There will be a reception afterwards and dancing will take place on the stage. You will learn several fun Swedish dances, which are simple and easy to learn. Much thanks to Jeanette Wiggins, Kim Kittilsby, and Melody Stepp for their diligent work preparing for Lucia this year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE ADVENT SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

Come to the annual Norwegian Language Advent service in the Ness Family Chapel, on the third floor of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The service is a lovely way for Norwegian students at PLU, Norwegian language students, and community members to share in a holiday ritual in the Norwegian language. We are delighted that the Rev. Philip Nesvig has agreed to officiate. For members of the community

who grew up in, have lived in, visited Norway, or are learning Norwegian, the service is a wonderful way experience Advent at PLU and to connect with others. The service is free and will be followed by a reception in Ness Family Lobby, featuring Norwegian holiday baked goods. Please join us for this intimate and cozy moment to celebrate a joyful time of year.

NORDIC JUL BANQUET

Saturday, December 16, 5-9 p.m.

Watch your mailboxes for invitations to the Scandinavian Cultural Center's Christmas Banquet. The Banquet Committee, chaired by Carlin Harris and assisted by Gerda Hunter, have been busy again this year planning the event, which will be Finnish themed, celebrating 100 years of Finnish independence. The event will begin with a social hour at 5 pm. Then we will be invited to partake of a buffet, inspired by Finnish foodways (Catering staff will be on hand to assist folks if needed). We are planning on special surprises and entertainment. We are working hard to make this a beautiful and memorable event for everyone. Hyvää Joulua!



We are seeking volunteers to advise and help us decorate with Finnish themes. Fennophiles, do apply!

IN MEMORIAM



Astrid Karlsen Scott

I am sad to write that Astrid Karlsen Scott (1936-2017) passed away on Sept. 8, 2017. Her funeral was held on Friday, Sept. 15, in South Jordan, UT.

Her obituary notes that she survived WWII, living through Hitler's occupation of Norway and emigrated to the U.S. in 1952. She was self-educated and received her GED before going onto college and becoming an internationally known author. She wrote a best-selling Norwegian cookbook and three books on WWII heroes. She loved both Norway and America. She had a deep abiding love of all her family, friends and her fellow man. Astrid gave a lifetime of service to others and had numerous church callings in the LDS church. Her faith never wavered. Astrid was a guiding light to all who knew her.

Janet Ruud adds that Astrid was an important member of the SCC council in the 1990s and served as president of the council. Janet remembers that Astrid always brought beautiful decorations for the Christmas Banquet and that she was a strong advocate for starting the endowment fund. She did everything with her whole heart.

Her family has asked for donations to the SCC in lieu of flowers as the Scandinavian Cultural Center was a significant part of her legacy. Vi beklagar sorgen. The council and the membership of the Scandinavian Cultural Center expresses our deepest condolences to her family. We deeply mourn her passing and are grateful for her enduring presence in the center's mission.

SCENES FROM PLU'S STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS IN NORWAY



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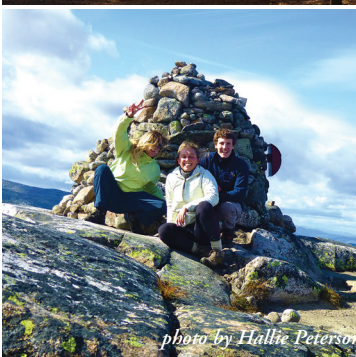


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WINTER CALENDAR

OPEN HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday: 1-4 p.m.

All events take place in the SCC and are free unless otherwise noted.

- Nov. 8 (Wed).....SCC Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
Nov. 10 (Fri).....Exhibit Opening: The Troll with No Heart in His Body, 7 p.m.
Nov. 13 (Mon).....Christmas Tree Set Up 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nov. 15 (Wed)Genealogy Workshop, 1-3 p.m.
Nov. 18 (Sat)..... Danish Sisterhood Bazaar/SCC Sweater Exchange, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Nov. 19 (Sun).....Danish Sangaften, 1-3 p.m.
- Dec. 3 (Sun)St. Lucia Festival, 2:30 p.m., Karen Hille Phillips Center, \$5
Dec. 6 (Wed).....Norwegian Christmas Service 6:30-8 p.m., Ness Family Chapel
Dec. 13 (Wed)SCC Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 (Sat).....SCC Nordic Jul Banquet, 6-9 p.m.
Dec. 17 (Sun).....Danish Sangaften, 1-3 p.m.
- Jan. 3 (Wed).....Danish Sisterhood, 11 a.m.
Jan. 10 (Wed).....SCC Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jan. 17 (Wed).....Genealogy Workshop, 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 6 (Tue)Sámi National Day
Feb. 7 (Wed).....Danish Sisterhood, 11 a.m.
Feb. 12 (Mon)Fastelavn, 4-8 p.m.
Feb. 14 (Wed)Council meeting, 6 p.m.
Feb. 16 (Fri)Exhibit Opening: Fantastic Flowers: The Art of Rosemaling
Feb. 21 (Wed).....Genealogy Workshop, 1-3 p.m.
Feb. 25 (Sun)Traveling to Scandinavia: Preparation and Guidance

Meetings of the student Scandinavian Club – every Monday, 6 p.m.

SAVE DATE: Spring Banquet May 20



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