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# Scandinavian Cultural Center Council

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# Scandinavian Cultural Center Council Calendar

Winter 2023 - Summer 2023

## February 2023

- Monday, 6th. 7 - 9 pm, SCC, Sámi National Day
- Wednesday, 8th 6pm, Council Meeting
- Thursday 16th, 5 - 7 pm, Spanaway Elementary PTA Multicultural Night, (at the Elementary)
- Monday, Feb 20th, 1 - 5 pm, Danish Fastelaven

## March 2023

- Wednesday 8th, 6 pm, Council Meeting
- Wednesday 22nd, 7 pm, Chris Knutzen Hall, Wild Hope Center Lecture featuring Rick Steves, "Travel as a Wildly Hopeful Act", Reception afterward in the SCC
- Tuesday 7th, Thursday 16th, and Saturday 25th, 10 am – 12 noon, Norwegian Cooking Classes, \$5 per class, presented by Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway.\*

## April 2023

- TBD Presentation: "10 Lesser Known Places to Visit in Norway" by Finn Brobakken, Snertingdal, Norway
- Wednesday 12th, 6 pm, Council Meeting
- Saturday, 29th 11 am - 5 pm, Norwegian Heritage Festival

## May 2023

- Wednesday, 10th, 6 pm, Council Meeting
- Saturday, 13th, 5 - 8 pm, Spring Banquet, By Invitation, Dinner served
- Wednesday, 17th, 8:30 am Red Square, 9:00 am SCC, and program until 10 am, Norwegian Constitution Day

## June 2023

- Wednesday, 14th, 6 pm, Council Meeting, end of year review and barbeque

\*Check back for further information



## BJUG DAY (FOUNDERS DAY)



## KOSELIG JULAFTEN DECEMBER 17, 2022



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Godt Nytt Ar!

What a fabulous Fall the Council ‘Elves’, Docents, and students created in the Scandinavian Cultural Center! Our first event was an Open House for the Council volunteers and docents, recognizing their work and their hours of dedication to all that happens. Special recognition went to Julie Anne Hebert, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for her decades of volunteer work. Sunflowers decorated the room and were also an acknowledge-

ment to our brethren in Ukraine.

Bjug Day in the SCC featured local historian Marianne Lincoln, talking about how the local tribes used the land that PLU now sits on and how relations went between tribes and the Founders of the university. In November, PLU student Maddie Lamwers organized the SCC’s first ever *Julemarked* featuring the products and wares of PLU students for sale. It was a definite success and will be on the calendar again, bigger and better, this coming Fall of 2023. There will also be a lot more cookies on hand since those went over and out so quickly.

December featured the Norwegian Christmas Service, with splendid music and worship. Many thanks to Pastor Phillip Nesvig, music professors Svend Ronning and Paul Tegels, the Normanna Male Chorus, and Vicky Melton’s beautiful voice for making it all so fulfilling. Candlelight during ‘*Stille Nat*’ and Beautiful Savior ended the worship on a reverent and grateful tone.

Sankta Lucia was packed with participants watching as nursing student Isabella Bernas was crowned this year’s Lucia. The delightful event had new features this year of plywood painted Lucia and *tomter* made by Marianne Lincoln, where people could put their faces in the holes to take their own picture. Saffron buns were served and the *Julenisse* was there, passing out gifts to the children.

This year’s winter banquet was a *Koselig Julaften*, and the evening was true to the name! A host of talent was on stage in bunads to lead in songs and a little action around the special guest, the real *Julenisse*! A superb buffet was offered, and many door prize gifts were given to guests. Best of all were the warm feelings of family, friends, and connection with the traditions of Norway. Compliments and accolades were numerous afterward from the 103 guests.

All these events were done without a director, but in conjunction with the Office of the President and Provost. Lisa Marie Ottoson and I have been meeting with President Allen Belton and Provost Joanna Gregson to partner on the best way forward for the Scandinavian Cultural Center, its collection of artifacts, and the Council members. President Belton has reassured us that “The SCC is not going anywhere,” and he proposes permanent displays of the collection at both the National Nordic Museum in Ballard and Nordic Northwest in Portland. It’s an exciting time to think outside the box and dream big with wild hope. Next up: our annual SCC membership drive.

My thanks to Marianne Lincoln for her work on this issue of The Scene. While she has resigned from the Council from hereon, she will remain interested in the success of the SCC as a general member. *Tusen takk for alt* Marianne.

To all the Council, you are absolutely the best group to do anything! I’m so grateful for all of you! We can’t do what we do without the Council volunteers, so if any of you, our members, are interested, please contact a Council member to inquire about joining us. The more Council volunteers we have, the more we can do!





OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



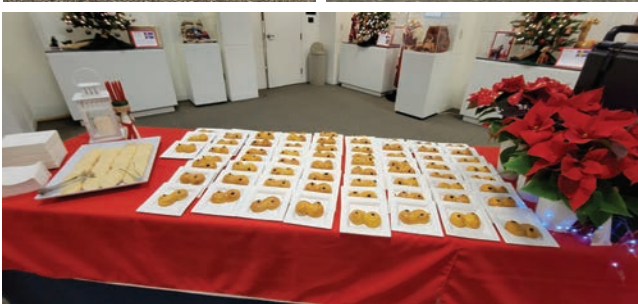
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## SANKTA LUCIA DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sankta Lucia '22  
Isabella Bernas



## IN MEMORIAM - CAROL ANN MAXSON KEMP



By Lisa Marie Ottoson

Carol Ann Maxson Kemp was a past president of the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. She contributed her leadership skills and her love of her Norwegian and Danish heritage and countless volunteer hours to the SCC. Carol passed away peacefully August 26, 2022, in the comfort of her home, overlooking the Puget Sound, and in the company of her devoted husband, Richard, son Marc, and daughter-in-law Emanuella.

She was a lover of nature, music, native cultures, Scandinavia, fine food, traveling, theater, dance, and...bull riding. She had many talents: musician, teacher, director, producer, jeweler, artist of stained glass and mosaic, potter, chef, genealogist, log cabin designer, and costumer.

Carol was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 21, 1939, was a graduate of Poly High School and Redlands University, where she obtained an M.A. degree in Music. She taught Music in Chula Vista, CA; Music and Drama in San Francisco and in Hillsborough. Carol was hired by the World Headquarters of Bank of America in San Francisco to produce & direct an employee musical theater group. She also established The Kemp Company Performers, a community theater troupe who performed "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Having accumulated a voluminous collection of costumes from her decades in theater, Carol also opened The Gypsy, an original pop-up costume rental business. Later that collection was used for an SCC production of "Hans Christian Andersen."

After retiring from teaching, Carol and Richard opened The Alchemist Jewelry Design Studio in San Anselmo, CA, where Carol was the principal jewelry designer, creating some memorable pieces for film and music celebrities.

Carol and Richard left the Bay Area in 1994 to explore the United States in their RV and plan the next phase of their life together. On this trip, they discovered Gig Harbor, WA, which reminded Carol of the fjords and lands of her Norwegian ancestors, and they settled there in 1995. Long enchanted by Norwegian culture and always curious about her ancestry, Carol became a passionate genealogist, spending years scouring libraries, traveling throughout Scandinavia, and compiling information about her family's history.

This passion further manifested in her participation in numerous Scandinavian organizations. She was a member and President of Daughters of Norway's Embla #2 Lodge in Tacoma, WA, and President of the Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge (national organization). In addition to supporting the Sons of Norway and the Danish Sisterhood, she was a significant contributor to the Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University. Her love of culture and art was also demonstrated by her participation in the Gig Harbor Cultural Arts Commission which was responsible for establishing the Fisherman's Memorial bronze statue in Jerisich Park.

Carol was a colleague, mentor, and leader to many in the Nordic community. Her presence will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, dear friend.



## JULEMARKED NOVEMBER 19, 2022



## FEATURED COUNCIL MEMBER KATE EMMANUEL-FRENCH



By Marianne Lincoln

There are some dedicated volunteers who are at the Scandinavian Cultural Center so much, you might say it is their second home. Kate Emmanuel-French (PLU '1991) is one of those people.

For the past 13 years, Kate has been Docent Chair for the SCC. She has been working as a docent since the 2008-09 school year, serving with four Directors.

When it comes to pitching in, Kate has been there helping decorate for various events, serving with the Sankta Lucia team and the Danish Sanghaften group. Both of those events involve singing, so Kate picked up some vocal experience as

well.

Kate has served on the Council Executive Board for several years and was presented the SCC Outstanding Achievement Award in 2019. Currently, her position is Council Vice President. She loves to host the booth for the SCC at PLU events and at Nordic Fairs around the Pacific Northwest.

As a Parkland neighbor to PLU, Kate has shown dedication to the neighborhood, participating with the Garfield Street businesses, the community association, the Garfield Street Fair and the Cinco de Mayo organizers,

In her words, "I am so grateful for the many Docents and SCC leaders and associates I have served for these years and look forward to future events alongside PLU students too! Tusen Takk."

## JULEGUDSTJENESTE DECEMBER 7, 2022

