Velkommen—Välkommen—Velkomin—Welcome!

This is a little newsletter from the Scandinavian Studies Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. It will be sent out in irregular intervals as news and events come to our attention.

If you know of an event in or around Mankato that has links to Scandinavian culture or heritage, please let us know so we can all share this information.

This newsletter contains news about
A. The Scandinavian Studies Program at MSU
B. The Scandinavian Club at MSU
C. Scandinavian Events in and around Mankato

Mange takk – tack så mycket – kø rer þ ákkir – thank you,

Maria-Claudia Tomary
Professor of Scandinavian Studies
A. News from the Scandinavian Studies Program at MSU

In the spring semester, we will offer the following courses:

- Elementary Norwegian II
- Elementary Swedish II
- Scandinavian Film (in English; all movies in the original with English subtitles)
- The Vikings and their Cultural and Linguistic Heritage in Scandinavia and the British Isles

Another new faculty member with Scandinavian interests has joined MSU this fall: Please welcome Dr. Lori Lahlum of the History Department! Her research focuses on the immigration of Norwegian women to the USA. Her broad teaching interests include the history of Scandinavia, and we are very happy that Dr. Lahlum will be available to offer classes suitable for the students of MSU’s Interdisciplinary Scandinavian Studies Program in the future.

Dr. Lahlum has also spent substantial amounts of time studying at the University of Oslo, and she supports the IPO’s current initiative to create an exchange program with Norway for MSU students.
In Elementary Norwegian I (SCAN 101), we have found a staunch supporter in Kai-Rune Engstrøm, a Norwegian student in the Law Enforcement Program, who has agreed to visit the class every week to give little presentations on Norwegian topics. Velkommen, Kai-Rune, og mange takk!

On September 18, it would have been Greta Garbo’s 100th birthday. In honor of the famous Swedish actress, we have put up a little exhibition in the 218 office hallway. The Scandinavian Club is also planning to show one of her classic movies at a special film evening.

Many of her films as well as books about her are available for free to everyone through the “Traverse des Sioux Library System” that connects the public library collections of Southern and Central Minnesota. Take a look at the catalogue at: www.tds.lib.mn.us.
B. News from the Scandinavian Club

We just elected our officials and reregistered as RSO. Here are their names and email addresses:
President:
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Our first activity is an outing to the "Nordic Roots Festival" in Minneapolis. We will leave and return on October 1, 2005. We will carpool and share the gas money.
There will be two concerts that day, one at 2 pm and one at 8 pm. Tickets cost $18 ($15 in advance) for the 2 pm show and $25 ($22 in advance) for the 8 pm show.
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September

Tickets for the events of Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 18 and 19, Nov. 13, and June 20 are already on sale and might sell out before the events take place.

**September 28,** 6-9 pm: **Rosemaling.** Scandinavian decorative painting taught by Gold Medal instructor Ken Magnuson. At Crossings at Carnegie, 320 East Ave., Zumbrota. For more information: call 507-732-7616 or go to [www.crossingsatcarnegie.com](http://www.crossingsatcarnegie.com).

October

**October 1:** Deadline for registration: **Sons of Norway** Fall Kickoff Banquet on October 22.

**September 30-October 2:** The **7th Annual Nordic Roots** Festival at the Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave So., Minneapolis, MN 55454, phone 612-338-2674, [www.thecedar.org](http://www.thecedar.org). For more information, see also [www.noside.com](http://www.noside.com) and [www.nordicroots.com](http://www.nordicroots.com).

This festival includes the following five concerts:

**September 30,** 8 pm: **Frigg** (Finland/ Norway), **Ellica and Solo** (Sweden/ Senegal/ US)
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October 1, 2 pm: Knut Hamre, Tina Quartey, Marc Anderson, Dean Magraw (Norway/ Sweden/ US), Annbjørg Lien (Norway)

October 1, 8 pm: Gâte (Norway), Hoven Droven (Sweden)
- You can travel to Minneapolis with the Scandinavian Club on October 1 and catch one or both concerts with us! –

October 2, 2 pm: Triakel (Sweden)

October 2, 8 pm: Hurdy Gurdy (Sweden), Garmarna (Sweden)

October 3: Tickets ($ 20) go for sale for the annual Festival of St Lucia at Gustavus Adolphus College on December 8, 2005, 8am-1pm. They sell out fast! Contact Dana Lamb, dlamb@gustavus.edu, 507-933-7520.

October 5, 6-9 pm: Rosemaling. Scandinavian decorative painting taught by Gold Medal instructor Ken Magnuson.
At Crossings at Carnegie, 320 East Ave., Zumbrota. For more information: call 507-732-7616 or go to www.crossingsatcarnegie.com.

October 12, 6-9 pm: Rosemaling. Scandinavian decorative painting taught by Gold Medal instructor Ken Magnuson.
At Crossings at Carnegie, 320 East Ave., Zumbrota. For more information: call 507-732-7616 or go to www.crossingsatcarnegie.com.
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October 18 and 19, 8 pm: Peer Gynt with The Norwegian National Opera and St Paul's choir Vocal Essence. The story will be narrated in English by Toralv Maurstad and sung in Norwegian with costumed soloists, dancers, a hardanger fiddle player and full orchestra. As part of the centenary celebration of Norwegian independence, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Håkon Magnus will attend the performance of October 19. At the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, 345 Washington Street, Saint Paul. For tickets, call 651-224-4222, or go to www.ordway.org or to www.vocalessocnce.org.

October 22, 5.30 pm registration, 6 pm dinner: Annual Fall Kickoff Banquet/New Member Event of the Elvevingen Lodge of the Sons of Norway, Mankato at the Applewood Restaurant. The Sons of Norway offer activities and events related to Norwegian culture and heritage. You don’t have to be Norwegian to join. If you are interested, call 507-387-2223, or mail a letter with your name, address, and telephone number plus a check over $12 made out to SON (for the banquet) to PO Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. For more information, go to www.sonsofnorwaymankato.org.

October 26, 7 pm: Guest lecturer Gradn Grindal will present a lecture about the famous Norwegian hymn composer Thomas Kingo. This event is free and open to the public and will take place at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center at Bethany Lutheran College. For more information, email: ljaeger@blc.edu.
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October 26, 7 pm: Peter Wallenst"en, Dag Hammarskjöld Professor of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, Sweden, will present "Dag Hammarskjold: Diplomat, Peacemaker, and International Civil Servant" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Swedish diplomat and second secretary general of the United Nations. Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Lecture, Nobel Hall Wallenberg Auditorium, Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mimi Gerstbauer, mgerstba@gustavus.edu, 507-933-7421.


November 13, 7 pm: The Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag presents an evening of Swedish keyfiddle with Peter Hedlund. Dance is to follow the concert! This event will take place at the Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Av So, Minneapolis, MN 55454, phone 612-338-2674, www.thecedar.org. For more information, email: twincities@nyckelharpa.org. See also their website at www.nisswastamman.org/stamma/nyckelharpalag.html
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December 8, 8 am – 1 pm: Festival of Santa Lucia at Christ Chapel and Alumni Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter.

The festival consists of the following events:
8 am Bake sale at Trinity Lutheran Church, GAC, St Peter
10 am Chapel Service at Christ Chapel,
11 am Swedish Smörgåsbord and program featuring Jeanlyn Steele

Price of the 11am program and food: $20. Tickets go on sale in the beginning of October and sell out fast!
For more information: Contact Dana Lamb, dlamb@gustavus.edu, 507-933-7520.

June 20, 7.30 pm: A Håkan Hagegård Farewell. Hear the legendary Swedish baritone perform with the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers in his farewell concert which will feature a new composition by Sven-David Sandström commissioned expressly for the occasion by the Minnesota Commissioning Club.
Benson Great Hall, Bethel University, 3900 Bethel Drive, Saint Paul.
Tickets already on sale. For tickets, call 612-624-2345 or go to www.vocalessence.org.