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 The Scandinavian Heritage Society
 of Kentucky, Inc.

2006/07 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Occasion</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Dec. 3, 3:00 PM	Literary Group	Kristiansson Residence	Karin K. (859) 238-7090
Dec. 3, 2:00 PM	Lucia Practice	Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Hege Ravdal 859-333-4183
Dec. 9, 7:00 PM	Lucia Fest	Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Hege Ravdal 859-333-4183
Feb. 24, 6:00 PM	Laskiainen	Hunter Presbyterian Church	

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Lucia Fest 2006

We again herald the holiday season in Scandinavian tradition with the **Lucia Fest, on Saturday, December 9, 2006.** Please join us at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2185 Garden Springs Drive, Lexington, at **7:00 PM** for this classic holiday celebration. A small donation of \$2 per person will be taken at the door (kids u/12 free).



Refreshments will be served – Scandinavian style –following the program. Culinary donations, homemade or otherwise, are always greatly appreciated.

We are still looking for participants for our pageant! If you have kids who would like to take part, please e-mail or call Hege Ravdal (email hravdal@yahoo.com; cell 333-4183) as soon as possible, or just show up for the practice at the church Sunday, December 3rd at 2PM. We need children to be maidens and star boys, and little ones who can be our *tomter*. Adults who want to sing with us are always welcome, too.

Participants must attend the practice on December 3rd from 2 to 5 PM at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Gowns will be fitted after the practice. All participants must also be at the church at **5:30 PM** on December 9th for a practice and wardrobe fitting before the performance. ***We look forward to seeing you there!***

Music for the Holiday Season... by Hege Ravdal

Every year, new albums are released for the holidays, and you are probably as hard pressed as I am to count how many versions of “White Christmas” and “Here Comes Santa Claus” you have heard! Stores and radio stations turn it on around Thanksgiving, and the endless stream of Christmas music doesn’t cease until our eardrums have been worn thin with the “jolly” stuff... **(contd. on back page)**

The Alice Fortner Legacy

Alice Fortner, founding member of the SHSK and an ongoing inspiration among the society's membership, was always a woman who thought first of others. Such dedication continued through her final moments, and she made clear a desire to establish a means that would promote her many passions, including a love of her cultural roots and a commitment to her spiritual community.

The following note reflects one example of the recognition and sincere appreciation of following Alice's wishes. Our society is proud to honor Alice, and we know that we join many others in our effort.

To the members of the Scandinavian Heritage Society:

On behalf of the library of Hunter Presbyterian Church, I want to thank you again for giving us that splendid volume (Pentateuch) of the St. John's Bible. It is a very appropriate memorial to Alice Fortner; we will cherish it.

*Sincerely,
Evelyn Evans
Librarian, Hunter Presbyterian Church*

To our membership, thank you for making this contribution possible.

Fall Festival Dinner

The Fall Festival Dinner was held at Spindletop Hall, Lexington, Kentucky on Saturday, October 14. The program for the evening was a presentation by David King who spoke about his recent book "Finding Atlantis: A True Story of Genius, Madness, and an Extraordinary Quest for a Lost World." was published by Random House last year and has been a Main Selection for the Book-of-the-Month Club.

Not so long ago David King was a founding member of the Scandinavian Student Club at the University of Kentucky. He aspired to study at Lund University in Sweden. He did attend Lund as a Fulbright Scholar, graduated from UK with a major in history, and went on to earn a Master's degree in history from Cambridge University in England. David is a native of Versailles, KY, graduated from Woodford County High School, and now lives in Lexington with his wife Sarah, who is from Sweden, and their daughter Julia. He is a writer and an instructor in European history at UK.



David spent several years in Europe doing research for his book in which he tells the story of Olof Rudbeck. Rudbeck was a brilliant Swede who at age 19 discovered the lymphatic system, but later became obsessed with proving that the lost civilization of Atlantis was to be found right in Sweden. David told about Sweden in the 17th century when Rudbeck lived. He gave a lively description of Rudbeck, the accomplishments and frustrations he experienced, and the stormy relationship he had with his fellow scientists and contemporaries. After his talk he let us examine a rare, old, copy of one of Rudbeck's books that he found at a book store in Lund. The text was in Swedish and Latin. As David says, this true story is more interesting than any fiction he could write.

SHSK is proud to have David, Sarah, and Julia as active members!

Based on notes for the introduction by Glenn Blomquist

November 8, 2006

North Atlantic Crossing - September 1-14, 2006

By: Tom Josephsen

This past September, as a birthday present from me to me, my daughter Kristen and I boarded the ms Crystal Symphony for a North Atlantic Ocean crossing. The cruise departed from Dover, England, a charming port city nestled below the famous "White Cliffs". Our ports of call on this 14 night sailing included Edinburgh and Inverness, Scotland; Tórshavn, The Faroe Islands; Reykjavik, Iceland; passage through Prince Christian Sound to Nuuk, Greenland and finally New York City, where we sadly departed this beautiful ship.

The 18 Faroe Islands are located north of Scotland and halfway between Iceland and Norway. Norwegians settled the islands in the 9th century. It is now a self-governing region of Denmark.



Prime Minister's Office - Faroe Islands

Every port has its own particular charm or points of interest. We found Tórshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands, to be a real treasure. It's the world's smallest capital city with 19,000 people, total Faroe Islands population is 50,000, living in the capital area. The sod-roofed homes, winding streets, friendly English speaking citizens and looking for a Faroe Islands flag made for an enjoyable day.

Sculpture and shops, Tórshavn water front



Recently, SHS added the Icelandic flag to its collection. That triggered my quest to find a Faroese flag to add to our display. I could only find souvenir shop flags. A clerk suggested we try Bátatænastan, a marine supply store. Sure enough, he had one boat flag remaining in stock. He also gave us a calendar with beautiful photographs of the islands. The flag measures 18 X 24 inches, much smaller than our other flags. I think it is fitting, because it is, after all, a very small country. I recommend including the Faroe Islands when next you visit Scandinavia.



Kristen, Tom, ms Symphony

(Editor: If you have plans to travel to Scandinavia, get in touch with Tom. He has been planning tours there for years, and has lots of experience!)

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... sometime around December 25th. Then it's out with the old and in with the new—at least as far as Christmas music goes—as quickly as possible! But back up a bit: We're not yet there, and we have time to savor for a few weeks the tunes and tones of the season. Every year, I add one or two albums to our collection, and I am forever on the prowl for something new, *genuine*, and –even better, something Scandinavian. This year, join me as I listen to:

“Aria” with Norwegian virtuoso violinist Arve Tellefsen and Nidarosdomens Guttekor, the Nidaros Cathedral Boys’ Choir. Classical, choral Christmas at its best, here is less well known Scandinavian sacred music and well-known carols (“*När Juldagsmorgon Glimmar*”) as well as well-known Christmas carols and hymns (Schubert’s “*Ave Maria*”; “*Greensleeves*”), rounded off with “*You’ll never walk alone*” by Rodgers and Hammerstein.” The CD is available directly from the record label Grappa (<http://www.grappa.no/english.htm>).

“Hambo in the Snow” with Andrea Hoag (fiddle/vocals), Loretta Kelley (Hardanger fiddle/fiddle/vocals), and Charlie Pilzer (bass/one– and two-row accordion). This CD, called a musical Nordic winter celebration, features three American musicians who have been performing across the US and Europe for over 25 years, and have traveled “home” to Sweden and Norway to learn directly from the masters there. Dance tunes and listening tunes from Sweden and Norway are featured, sure to promote holiday cheer and foot-tapping! The CD is issued by Azalea City Recordings, ACCD-0602, and available at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/ahlkcp2>. You can read more at <http://www.azaleacityrecordings.com/HITS>.



Dues, please!

Please remember that your membership dues are due on January 1st for the 2007 calendar year. Your membership and generous contributions allow the Heritage Society to continue offering a wide array of activities throughout the year, and to send out this newsletter four times annually. Use the form below, or why not make your payment directly to Jan Lindskog at the Lucia-fest? ***Thank you!***

Membership and Charitable Contribution Form

Dues:

Individual (\$15/person) = _____

Family (\$20/family) = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Contribution:

Please accept my gift of _____

Name/Address: _____

News and Information for the newsletter?

Make checks payable to SHSK, and send this form to: Jan Lindskog, 1083 Meridian Court, Lexington, KY 40504.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Season