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## 2019 Event Schedule

Date and Time	Event	Location
March 2, 2019	Laskiainen	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
April 13, 2019	Business Mtg. and Danish Night	Gethsemane Lutheran Church

## FALL HARVEST DINNER

On October 27, 2018, SHSKY members and friends met at Spindletop Hall for the Fall Harvest Dinner. Daniel Phelps, PhD spoke to us on Geology and natural History from an Ecotourism trip from northern Norway to Spitzbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, halfway between Europe and the north pole. You might want to look up the location which is very close to the Arctic. We saw wonderful fossils, geologic formations and slides of walruses, caribou and polar bears. By the way, about 2000 people live in Longyearbyen on Svalbard. One does not require a visa to live on the island and one has the same right to engage in business as the Norwegians have. Frequently you may see Caribou in town, and occasionally a polar bear. The sun does not set for 4 months, but neither do you see the sun for 3 months. Temps in the winter have gone as low as -46C. You may know that a Global Seed Vault is on the island to help protect against the loss of seeds in gene banks around the world due to disasters. Norway funded the vault; a trust pays operational costs. We had a grand evening.

Marie Hosie wrote to let us know that she has moved from Georgetown, Ky. To Tega Cay, South Carolina to be her niece and her daughter and families. We will miss her, but this sounds very nice for Marie. Her new address is:  
111 Wellmore Drive, Suite 3210; Tega Cay, SC 20708-0130

Marie Hosie kindly gave me the earlier newsletters many of which she wrote when the society was just getting started. I thought you might enjoy remarks from President, Aimo Kivineimi, March, 1983, from the very first newsletter:

"WHY . . . . .?"

"Golden friend and dearest brother, come and sing with me the stories, come and chant with me the legends, legends of the times forgotten . . . that our dearest ones all may hear them, come together from our roaming, while the young still stand round us, of the rising generation."

These are words uttered hundreds of years ago, freely translated from the opening verses of the Finnish epic poem, the Kalevala. The bards of these ancient times passed on the heritage of their people and lands by word of mouth from generation to generation, that it not be lost. We of the blue Grass Scandinavian Heritage Society have that same interest and desire to explore and pass on our heritage and we are doing it!

We meet together, "come together from our roaming", first of all to enjoy the companionship of kindred folk. Through this companionship we are exploring our past, our people, and the countries of our forefathers as they were and are now. Consequently, we are discovering more of ourselves. In response to a growing interest by people in their "roots," Scandinavian Heritage Societies are flourishing especially in the northern states. We, of the youthful Blue Grass Scandinavian Heritage Society, have been delighted by the enthusiastic response of the Swedes, Norwegians, Danes and Finns in this area.

If you or your friends have Scandinavian ancestry, please come with your families and join us at our meetings which are held five or six times a year. The companionship, the programs and the Scandinavian foods are unique and enjoyable. "come together from your roaming" and share your heritage so it may pass on "to the rising generation."

"Cut the branches, shown the pathways . . . . Here the path lies newly opened . . . for the young, who now are growing, for the rising generation . . . ."

Closing lines of the Kalevala.

We will meet to celebrate Laskiainen on March 2, from 6-8 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Thanks to Kristie for sending out a notice. I have been a bit under the weather.

## LUCIA FEST

The Lucia fest on December 8, 2018, was better than ever as we say every year!

DIRECTORS	Kristie Eubank & Anne Keating
MUSICIAN	Kelly Peterson
NARRATORS	Theodore and Thomas Ehrenborg

LUCIA	Jill Peterson
PARTICIPANTS	Emma Sophia Pousette Christian Pousette Layla Angeles Plakosh Isaac Angeles Plakosh Signe Ingram Edie Ingram Savannah Peters Sullivan Peters Julia King

CHORUS	Jaci & David Williams Margaret Readdy Richard Ehrenborg Anne Keating Kristie Eubank Glenn & Kathy Blomquist
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Thank you to everyone who participated either in the performance or behind the scenes to set up and decorate the dining room and prepare delicious food and drink for the occasion. We appreciate everyone's contribution so very much. I am enclosing the links to photos that I have. I hope you are able to open these!

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This news comes late, but I hasten to let you know that the Lexington Chamber Chorale will present A Season for Singing: Heart & Inspiration tomorrow night, February 16 at Second Presbyterian church at 7:30 pm:

Heart & Inspiration leads us through a journey of music from Renaissance composer Orlando Lassus to the contemporary sensibilities of Eric Whitacre, John Tavener, and Craig Hella Johnson. Explore sounds of the heart through Johnson's Bach and gospel-styled tribute to Matthew Shepard and the rich colors of Whitacre's Five Hebrew Love Songs for choir and string quartet.

Tickets – General Admission: \$22.

Student: \$12.00.

They may be purchased on line at [lexingtonchamberchorale.org](http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org), (859) 317-3353 or at the door.

This group never disappoints. The talent is amazing and their selections are uplifting.

Vi ses snart! See you soon!



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