

News from the Sami Cultural Center of North America

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T-SHIRTS ON LINE ✨ ✨ A New Exhibit at the Sami Cultural Center

Summer is the time we pull our favorite t-shirts from the drawer and the Sami Cultural Center is no different. We have gone to our boxes and pulled out a variety of Sami themed t-shirts that have been donated to the collection or loaned by board members to form a lighthearted summertime exhibit at the Center.

Don your favorite t-shirt and join us for an opening reception on **Tuesday, June 7, 5-7 p.m.** We'll have an informal "fashion show" of t-shirts and a time for sharing stories about them. Light refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to everyone.

SCC T-Shirt Design Contest

As part of the t-shirt activities we are inviting you to submit a design for a Sami Cultural Center t-shirt contest. Here are a few simple guidelines:

Open to everyone ✨ Original art work ✨ Design up to 10" x 12" either vertical or horizontal ✨ Can be in full color suitable for printing on white or light shirt ✨ Digital files in Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator, PGN, or PDF, 300 dpi can be sent to samicenterna@gmail.com or entries can be dropped off at the Sami Center ✨ SCC logo can be incorporated and it can be furnished on request ✨ Prize of a t-shirt and Sami themed gift package including a large Sami flag will be awarded to the winner ✨ SCC t-shirts will be available to order. Questions? email samicenterna@gmail.com or call 218/525-4757.

Deadline for submission – May 24, 2016



Over the years there have been a number of t-shirts designed by artists in the North American Sami community. This is the very popular Saami Spirit shirt that was printed in a couple of editions and sold at festivals and events in the 1990s and early 2000s. It will be included in the SCC exhibit this summer.

The Sami Reindeer People of Alaska and Sámi - Walking With Reindeer Exhibits are Traveling to Portland in the Fall



Sami herding families from the Manitoba Expedition photographed in 1898 by William Hamilton during their layover at Woodland Park in Seattle while on their way to Alaska.

The exhibits, which are joint projects of the Sami Cultural Center and Báiki, will be opening on the weekend of September 9 and 10, 2016, at the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation's Nordia House in Portland, Oregon.

The Sami Reindeer People of Alaska exhibit tells the stories of the reindeer herders hired by the U.S. government in 1894 and 1898 to teach reindeer husbandry to Native Alaskans while *Sámi - Walking With Reindeer* features photographs by Erika Larsen of contemporary reindeer herding life. Watch our web site and Facebook page for more information about the exhibits and the activities planned in conjunction with them.



Sofia Jannock at Gustavus Adolphus in May



Lyz Jaakola singing at the Celebration of Life for Faith Fjeld in June, 2015.

Several folks from the Sami Cultural Center will travel to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where noted Sami musician and activist will be participating in weeklong activities including an outdoor concert on May 5. Also participating and performing will be Lyz Jaakola, Finnish-Ojibwe musician, who teaches at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and has taken part in several events for the Sami Cultural Center. Some of the planned programs are free and open to the public. See <https://gustavus.edu/scand-studies/out.php> for more information.

Sofia Jannock is releasing a new vinyl LP Orda - This Is My Land. Order it at this link: http://cdon.se/musik/jannok_sofia/orda_-_this_is_my_land-36796795



The Sacred Landscape...



Grandma's Sacred Landscape Quilt done by Marlene Wisuri for the Sacred Landscape program.

In January, the Sami Cultural Center collaborated with Peace United Church in Duluth, MN, on their Sacred Landscape series. Marlene Wisuri presented a program on the Sami, the landscape, and the concept of báiki or the home we carry in our hearts. Erika Larsen traveled from Florida to give a gallery talk at the closing of her photography exhibit *Sami: Walking With Reindeer* at the Gimaañii Gathering Place Gallery in Duluth. Erika also gave a presentation at Peace Church about her experiences working and living in Sápmi with Swedish reindeer herders. Erika's photography exhibit (December 18, 2015-January 25, 2016) was very well received and a favorite with many who live and visit the American Indian Community Housing residence and center.



Erika Larsen speaking at the close of her photography exhibit at the Gimaañii Gathering Place Gallery on January 22. A reception and meet-and-greet was held for Erika at the SCC on January 23.



SAMI DAY AT THE CENTER

We celebrated Sami Day with an Open House and Soup and Sandwich Supper at the Center on February 7. How wonderful it is to gather a group together and share good food and fellowship while remembering our Sami heritage and history.



WINTER AND SPRING DUODJI WORKSHOPS AT THE CENTER

February 20 – Traditional Sami Band Weaving Demonstration and Workshop with Laurel Sanders was an introductory session in which Laurel showed examples and demonstrated the steps of choosing a design, measuring warp, threading the heddle, setting up, and weaving colorful bands.

March 19 – Traditional Sami Pouch/Purse Making Workshop

A group of twelve tried our hands at making a Sami pouch. Workshop participants studied examples of Sami purses and pouches and then cut and began work on a traditional style pouch using leather and/or felt. Most participants took their pouches home for finishing touches.

April 23 – 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Sami Bracelet Workshop

with Norma Resfal, presented by the Nordic Center of Duluth.

Norma will assist in creating a Sámi-inspired bracelet, using traditional materials—reindeer leather, spun pewter thread, and a button made of shed reindeer antler.

April 24 – 3 - 4:30 p.m. - Sunfunday: Sami Duodji for Kids

by guest instructor Norma Resfal with Alison Aune, presented by the Nordic Center of Duluth. Kids will have fun making take-home crafts based on traditional Sami designs and colors at this Sunfunday and will see and learn about the lavvu at the Sami Center.



NEW INFORMATIONAL PANELS ARE INSTALLED IN THE HALLWAY GALLERY AT THE CENTER

A series of seven informational panels and art work have been installed in the hallway area at the Center. The panels contain information about Sami history and culture, many photographs, and graphics presented in colorful designs. Three brushed steel sculptures by Sami artist Linda Ponga are installed with the panels. The art works were donated by Michael Warner and the panels designed by Marlene Wisuri.



Adding to the collection...

Many thanks to Kathleen Osgood for the generous donation of many books to the Faith Fjeld Memorial Library. We are so grateful to Kathleen and the many others who have made donations to the collection and who have so generously given of their resources and time to help further the mission of the Center.



Some of the Sami books donated by Kathleen Osgood for a valuable addition to the Center's library.

Managing the collection...

Finlandia Foundation National has awarded the Sami Cultural Center a grant for a Collections Registration and Management Project, which will enable us to purchase hardware and collections software in order to catalog and record our growing collection. We plan to obtain assistance with the project from interns and volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please give us a call at 218/525-4757.



There are no membership fees, but your tax deductible and much appreciated gift to the Sami Cultural Center of North America will help fund the work of the Center.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

The Center is open on Tuesdays 3 - 7 p.m. or by appointment at other times. (Use the Pitt Street entrance when visiting the Center.)

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If you have some spare time and would like to help out at the Center. There are a number of jobs you could help with...

- ☛ STAFFING FOR OUR OPEN HOURS
- ☛ FUND RAISING: researching available funding sources, grant writing, mailings, and donor solicitation
- ☛ WEBSITE: helping develop content and maintain the SCCNA website
- ☛ LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES ORGANIZATION: helping to organize and record the library and collections
- ☛ CARPENTRY: building display panels and cases
- ☛ HOSPITALITY: hosting visiting culture bearers and other guests.

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