

The Midnight Sun

ScanFest 2008 Preview Edition

ScanFest of the Carolinas is right around the corner, and the hard-working SAGA volunteers have planned an event to remember! In this issue of *The Midnight Sun* we will highlight the various activities and entertainments our visitors will experience on November 8. We'll see you at ScanFest!

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The Sami are Coming to Charlotte!

This year, ScanFest will treat you to a fun and informative exhibit about an indigenous people from northern Scandinavia called the **SAMI** (formerly called Laplanders or Lapps).

The reindeer herding Sami, "the People of the sun and wind," have lived close to nature in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia in an area they call Sapmi, for 10,000 years.

Their rich, unique and colorful culture will surely grip your imagination.

Skilled Sami artisans make stunning and beautiful craft of traditional materials like reindeer leather, Arctic wood, and reindeer antlers. Examples of their handi-crafts will be displayed in our exhibit which also includes a Sami teepee.

We are excited to have a new Swedish vendor (Margareta from Boston) who with her knowledge of the Sami People has been of great help in planning our exhibit.

Her company SWEDART will sell handmade products from Lapland, Sweden, such as stunning and hard-

to-find Sami jewelry made of reindeer leather, antler buttons, and spun pewter/silver wires, a several hundred year old art form. Her collection of handmade Lapland Tomtar (gnomes-Nisses-Santas) in reindeer fur is also something you don't want to miss.

The Sami and their Yoik - a Way of Remembering

It is often said that yoiking is one of the oldest forms of music in Europe. But it has not always been appreciated by the powers that be. The Danish-Norwegian king Christian IV proclaimed in 1609 that those who practiced Sami witchcraft, including yoiking, would be condemned to death. In the last few decades,

however, there has been a renaissance for yoik, and many young Sami are now becoming aware of their cultural heritage.

Each yoik is meant to reflect a person or place. This does not mean that it is a song about the person or place, but that the yoiker is attempting to transfer "the essence" of that person or place into song - one yoiks their friend, not about their friend.

Mari Boine is one of the most well-known musicians that is using the yoik in her music.

So come to our Sami exhibit at ScanFest and learn more about Sami culture!



SWEDART
Unique Swedish Arts and Crafts



Mari Boine
by Terje Krogh

Calendar of Events

- SAGA Kubb 2008 Championship
Salisbury Civic Center Grounds
315 S. ML King, Jr. Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28144
Sunday, October 26
1 pm - 6 pm
- ScanFest 2008!
Wachovia Atrium
301 S. Tryon Street
Saturday, November 8
11 am - 5 pm

Visit The Norsk Marketplace...

Unique and fascinating shops abound at "The Norsk Marketplace". Recognized artisans, craftsmen and dealers are offering an eclectic array of contemporary, traditional, authentic, fine quality, fun and exquisitely Nordic items for the casual souvenir shopper to the serious collector. ScanFest is proud to present many returning vendors that have become favorites among our visitors and is excited to introduce new vendors that will prove to be new favorites. It's a pleasure to present to you and tempt you with these wonderful participating vendors:

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sales industry. Petter's humanitarian and ecological contributions span decades across the world and his pursuit for creating a better world for all is ongoing. Through Arbonne today, Petter's grand vision continues.

Massage Therapy - "Spoil yourself if no one else does"! **Lisbet Kan**, NC licensed (#7108) Massage Therapist from Norway will offer "a dollar a minute" chair massage. For everything life throws

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Taste of Scandinavia Menu



Swedish Meatball Plate
 Meatballs, Smashed Potatoes & Lingonberry

Norwegian Gravlox Sandwich
 Smoked Salmon on Crispbread with Sauce Garnished with Dill

Danish Pölsa
 A bitlog with Fingers

Finnish Pancake
 Served with Whipped Cream, Jelly & Sugar

Café Scandinavia Menu

Spice Cake
Marble Cake
Silvia Cake
Cinnamon Rolls
Gingersnap Cup
Chocolate Balls

Coffee
Bottled Water
Juice Boxes

Norsk Marketplace (con't from page 2)

your way, take a moment to relax, rejuvenate, and restore balance to your being and body. And then enjoy the rest of ScanFest! Anyone who receives a massage will automatically be eligible to win a FREE hour Swedish or Deep Tissue massage.

Historic Edged Weaponry - features a wide selection of Scandinavian collector, hunting, and pocket knives, and will be attending its 4th ScanFest in 2008. It will be presenting sturdy Finnish hunting knives, attractive Norwegian 3 - layered laminated knives, and Swedish surgical stainless steel knives. In addition, there will be some unique offerings. Knives are based upon historical inspiration from various eras: Norse/Viking, Renaissance, Middle Ages, present, and future. In sum, there will be a knife for every taste!

Riitta Virtaranta - something for everyone from Scandinavia. Imports include crystal from Iittala, Orrefors and Kosta Boda, Marimekko and Aarikka products, Finnish smoke bags, Glogg, Finnecrisp, Halva licorice, Christmas items, books, and much more

SwedArt of Boston (www.swedart.com) sells handmade unique jewelry and gifts from Lapland, Sweden. The popular and sought-after **SWEDART** reindeer leather bracelets with antler buttons and spun pewter/silver wires originate in the 10,000 year

old indigenous Sami culture of northern Scandinavia. They are made by a skilled Sami artisan who lives near the Arctic Circle. Prices are very affordable compared to high-end boutiques and fashion houses. SwedArt also sells handmade collectible Santas/Tomtes/Nisses/House Gnomes dressed in reindeer fur coats and beautiful signed bentwood pieces.

The Nordic Market - will once again offer Scandinavian foods and candy including Marabou, Abba, Malaco, Cloetta and Ekströms products, just to name a few; a variety of unique Swedish handcrafted items including gnomes, children's jackets, baby blankets and bibs, jewelry, and seasonal ornamental items by "Design Isabella" and "Mys by I-L"; Swedish Christmas decorations such as ornaments and straw goats; plus much, much more!!

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Swedish Inspirations - a favorite stop at the market offering unique Scandinavian Imports and Home Décor.

Finnish Treasures Gift Shop - joining ScanFest for the first time all the way from Ohio! Featuring Finnish and Scandinavian imports, Iittala glass, wall hangings, books, dolls, Kalevala Koru jewelry, linens, flags, and more!

Janswede - a true ScanFest favorite! Offering fine Scandinavian Food for many years at Scandinavian Festivals and

Fairs in Raleigh, Charlotte, Atlanta and NJ along with our Ugglebo Swedish Clogs.

Godis Shoppen - featuring Finnish Licorice and a variety of Scandinavian candy to satisfy your sweet tooth!



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SCANFEST 2008 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SCHEDULE:

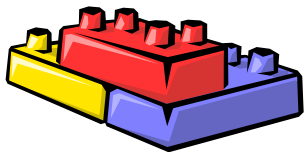
- 11:00 SAMI PAPER DOLLS**
- 12:00 FISHING AT THE BALTIC SEA/SWEDISH FISH**
- 1:00 NORWEGIAN GINGERBREAD DECORATING**
- 2:00 PAINTING DALARNA HORSE ORNAMENTS**
- 3:00 ICELANDIC FOLK TALES**
- 4:00 MAKING MIDSUMMER WREATHS**



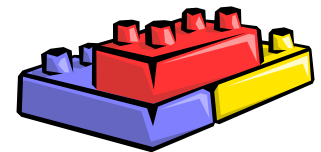
ONGOING:

- FACE PAINTING
- LEGO CREATION CONTEST (DENMARK)*
- SCANDINAVIAN/NORDIC ACTIVITIES TABLE

*ALL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE KIDS KORNER



Live2Build and SAGA of the Carolinas
are proud to sponsor the
1st Annual
LEGO Builders Contest



LEGO Builders don't miss out!

Construct your most amazing LEGO creation and enter it the 1st Annual LEGO Builders Contest. From age 4-109 can enter. Build a giant sea serpent, a space station, a colorful mosaic.

Entry is Free!

Register now and start building!

Rules and Guidelines

1. All entries must be registered online in advance of the competition.
2. Use your own LEGO®, Duplo®, or other LEGO® compatible plastic brick.
3. Builders are welcome to submit creations that are of their own designs in any format: Sculpture, Mosaic, Building/Structure, Vehicle (boat, train, space, etc).
3. One entry per participant, or team. (Oldest team member will determine category entered.)
4. Completed projects are to be delivered and set up at the Wachovia Atrium, Charlotte, NC between 10:00 and 10:45 November 8th 2008.
5. Judging will be completed throughout the afternoon.
6. Awards will be presented at 4:00pm. Participants will be notified of location of award ceremony at check in.
7. All submissions will need to be removed by 5:00pm that evening.

Prizes/Awards

1. All participants will receive a recognition certificate.
2. First place winners will be awarded in each age group: 4-6yrs old, 7-9 yrs old, 10-13yrs old, 14-18yrs old, and adult.
3. Prizes will also be awarded for: Most Creative, Best Architecture/Engineering, and SCANFEST **Brick Master 2008**.
4. Prize range offered are: week of LEGO Camp at Davidson College location, LEGO® BrickMaster™ One Year Subscription, and LEGO sets from Star Wars, Spybotic, Duplo, and other themes.

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Questions about the competition? Please email Lego@live2build.com

WANTED: Enthusiastic people to volunteer at ScanFest 2008!

Charlotte-Mecklenburg's only annual celebration of Scandinavian food & culture will be held on Saturday, November 8, 11am-5pm, at the Wachovia Atrium.

ScanFest of the Carolinas would not be possible without the generous help of amazing volunteers, and you are hereby invited to help make this year's festival come to life!

From one year to the next, ScanFest is presented to an ever-growing public with much appreciated help from our volunteers. No job is a small job when it comes to making sure everyone has a wonderful experience. As a non-profit organization, SAGA is very grateful for the contributions made by all our volunteers each and every year, and knows that we could not present the festival without everyone's hard work and dedication. There are many different types of jobs for which we need volunteers, such as:

- Café/Food Court
- Children's Activities
- Cultural Exhibits
- Festival Setup & Breakdown



- Lego Contest & Exhibit
- Raffle/Silent Auction
- Volunteer Station

If you would like to volunteer at ScanFest 2008, please complete an online volunteer application by visiting www.scandinavianconnection.org and click on "SCANFEST VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP". Please note that the deadline to register is October 24.

The first 50 volunteers who sign up for 2 or more shifts will receive a FREE ScanFest t-shirt, as well as beverages & snacks, plus free parking in the Two Wachovia Center Parking deck.

For more info on volunteering, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Ulrika Pettersson at:

ulrika@scandinavianconnection.org.

Thank you for your time and support!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~ Elizabeth Andrew

Do You Have Ties to Iceland?? We Need Your Help!

We are looking for Icelandic people or people who own something Icelandic that we can borrow for the Iceland cultural booth at ScanFest 2008.

If you are or if you have anything Icelandic contact Isabella Wiel at mwiel4@hotmail.com or 803-547-1907

Check Out ScanFest 2008's Auction Items!

ScanFest 2008 will feature a live auction this year! The auction will take place at 2:00 pm and will be hosted by the Black Hat Auction Company (Auctioneer License Information: NCAL8556). To view the catalog of this year's auction items, please visit:

<http://www.auctionzip.com/Listings/508406.html>

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Mission Statement

SAGA of the Carolinas, a non-profit organization, is organized to promote cultural exchange between the United States and the Nordic Countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden; to preserve and enjoy the Scandinavian traditions, customs, history and cultural heritage; to increase understanding of the Nordic people and societies among Americans; and to provide a forum where people interested in Scandinavia can meet and enjoy Nordic culture and activities.

Calling all Scan-Am Groups!

If your group or organization would like to have your events or news included in the next issue of *The Midnight Sun*, please send your submission to Jenn@ScandinavianConnection.org by Friday, December 5.

ScanFest 2008's Fabulous Entertainers

The Triangle Spelmanslag

The Triangle Spelmanslag (Scandinavian folk band) studies and performs traditional Swedish and Norwegian folk music. Located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, these musicians use instruments such as fiddle, tramporgel (pump organ), nyckelharpa, bass fiddle and spelåpipa. For more



The Triangle Spelmanslag

information, contact Katharine Polk (919) 967-4967.

Scandans

Scandans presents the folk dances of Sweden Norway, Denmark and Finland! The mission of the Scandans organization is to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Nordic countries through the presentation of traditional dance and authentic national folk



Scandans

costumes. Drawing from a performance repertoire of over 100 dances, the Scandansers have educated and entertained diverse audiences at many local, regional and national events. For more information, visit www.scandans.com