

Ethnic Heritage Council

FEBRUARY 2010

Seattle Center Festál: Tet Festival Ushers in the Year of the Tiger

The region's Vietnamese community comes together at Seattle Center Festal: Tet Festival to usher in the Year of the Tiger, Feb. 6-7, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., at Center House.

The annual Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebration, in its 14th year at Seattle Center, embraces Vietnam's most popular holiday, welcomes the return of spring and chases out evil spirits with the traditional roaring lion dance and the crackle of firecrackers.

The 2010 Tet Festival showcases Vietnam's rich and colorful heritage with the special theme "Splendor of Regions of Vietnam." The two-day, free event features professional performers as well as talented local artists. Festival attendees will have a chance to explore and immerse in Vietnamese culture through unique dances, martial arts, workshops, children's stories and hand-on activities as well as a crawfish eating

contest, Vietnamese cooking demonstrations and the Regions of Vietnam Fashion Show.

The 22 Festal cultural celebrations underscore the unique contributions of ethnic communities in the Pacific Northwest, while highlighting their similarities sown together through comparable artistic expressions, food preparations, creative inspirations and approaches to their own communities and the world at-large. Our 2010 *Did you know's* will explore some of these commonalities and differences, festival by festival.

Did you know? Colors of the Vietnamese culture: gold and red both for royalty and the color of skin and blood. **Most popular foods:** applying the principle of yin and yang throughout - Pho noodle soup, spring/shrimp rolls, rice cakes and Vietnamese shrimp

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Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center

10am-6pm.; Showcase performances, juried 15-minute acts; Visual art displays; Booking opportunities; Networking. Call: 206-684-7084

Celebrate International Washington with the Governor

Celebrate International Washington at the Governor's Mansion—Thursday, February 25, 5:30-7pm.

As we all know, Washington State is tied to the international economy like no other. Whether it is the goods flowing through our ports, international students studying in our schools, tourists at our hotels, theaters and museums or the rich international cultures that infuse our state, Washington is international.

We invite you to come celebrate International Washington at the Governor's Mansion on Wednesday, February 25 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. with Governor Chris Gregoire and State Legislators. This is a unique opportunity to remind ourselves of just how international our state is. We will note the hundreds of sister city relationships in

our state, the foreign companies employing Washington state workers, the exchange programs with countries all over the world and much, much more. As our region is tied ever more internationally, this year we especially note the importance of international education to our state. Governor Gregoire has opened up the Mansion for this special event and will be giving brief remarks.

Registration: The cost for this event is \$30 for EHC members. *Refunds cannot be made after Thursday, February 18.* Contact Thailand Vu at 206-389-7301 or thaihangv@seattlechamber.com for more information. Last year, the reception sold out so if you want to attend, please RSVP ASAP. Space is not guaranteed until we have

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FESTÁL 2010
at SEATTLE CENTER

Tết Festival -
Vietnamese Lunar
New Year

February 6-7, 2010

12noon-5pm, Center House

FREE!

www.seattlecenter.com
206-684-7200

Photo above: Winter Worldfest 2009

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Ethnic Arts Connection - A Gathering of Presenters and Artists

A FREE one-day gathering, Ethnic Arts Connection provides a place and a time for Northwest artists and presenters to come together, learn about each other and diversify the cultural experiences available for audiences. The biennial event introduces regional artists working in culturally specific traditions to presenters from around the region.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010; Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Showcase performances, juried 15-minute acts; Visual art displays; Booking opportunities; Networking.

Application deadline to perform or display your artwork is Feb. 3

We are seeking performing and visual artists working in a variety of ethnic and cultural artistic genres. Performing artists may apply for juried 15-minute performance showcases. Emerging visual artists can apply to display their artwork. Emerging artists are generally in the early stage of their career (five years or less) as an artist.

This is the third such gathering of artists and presenters. In March 2008, the one-day Ethnic Arts Connection gathering brought together 225 artists with 75 performing arts presenters and featured 27 showcase performances.

Applications can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/arts/community/eac.asp>

Attend pre-event workshops for artists:

A FREE one-day gathering, the [Ethnic Arts Connection](#) is a biennial conference introducing Northwest performing and visual artists working in culturally specific traditions to presenters from around the region in a day of performances and networking. The event will take place, **Wednesday, March 10 at Seattle Center's Fisher Pavilion.**

Get a head start and prep for the event with three, free workshops for artists in February.

Workshops:

Resources for Artists Miguel Guillen, of Artist Trust, will discuss the essentials of presenting your work; funding opportunities and professional resources, ranging from health care to legal services for artists. Artist Saya Moriyasu and Paul Rucker, of the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, will also present. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Youngstown Cultural Arts Center; 408 Delridge Way S.W.

Touring 101 for Performers Karen Hanen, of Arts Northwest, will present important tips and skills for emerging performing artists preparing to take their shows on the road. She will outline the how-to's of touring, getting bookings, participating in block bookings and more. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youngstown Cultural Arts Center; 4408 Delridge Way S.W.

Promotion for Artists Paul Rucker, of the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, will offer tips on publicity and promotion, including social networking and other methods of getting the

word out about your event. Pick up pointers on creating an effective press packet and working with the media. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Seattle Center - Center House - Room A; 305 Harrison St.

Register: You must register in advance. RSVP to [Paul Rucker](#). Please list the workshop(s) you want to attend and provide the name(s) and contact information of all who will attend. You will receive a confirmation. Space is limited. Artists registered for the Ethnic Arts Connection on March 10 will receive priority for the workshops.

Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2010 (for workshop registration)

The Ethnic Arts Connection is a collaborative project of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, Seattle Center, 4Culture, Washington State Arts Commission, Ethnic Heritage Council, Festal and Arts Northwest. Information: Paul Rucker: 206-684-7084.



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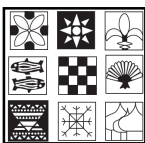
Link to register online: Link will be here

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Sponsoring Organizations

African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest;
British-American Business Council (BABC) - Pacific Northwest;
City of Seattle, Office of Intergovernmental Relations;
Ethnic Heritage Council;
Everett Area Chamber of Commerce;
Export Finance Assistance Center of Washington (EFACW);
Foundation for Russian-American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC);
French-American Chamber of Commerce;
Global Washington;
International Trade Alliance, Spokane;
Japan-America Society of the

State of Washington;
National Center for APEC;
Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER);
Prosperity Partnership;
Study Washington;
Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle;
University of Washington, Office of the Provost;
US Export Assistance Center (USEAC);
Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT);
Washington Global Health Alliance;
Washington State China Relations Council;
Washington State Coalition for International Education;
Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED);
Washington State Associations of Sister Cities;
Washington State University;
World Affairs Council Seattle;
World Affairs Council Tacoma;
World Trade Center Tacoma;
World Trade Club



EHC Newsletter Goes Electronic!

In the time of email, internet, and tighter budgets, EHC has decided to try something new!

We look to save a few dollars and time each month by **sending the monthly newsletter and calendar of ethnic events via email to our membership** while continuing to make it available in print on the EHC website.

For those of you who enjoy reading the newsletter along with your morning coffee or afternoon tea, we will continue to mail the newsletter to you the traditional way, via U.S. Postal Service.

We want to hear from you! Let us know what you think!

The giant task ahead is gathering email addresses! Send us yours!

So, if we don't hear from you, we will assume you prefer the U.S. Mail version.

Email EHC: ehc@seattle.gov; Call: 206-443-1410; Visit: www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org

Thank you to those who have already responded & we cherish your friendship and on-going support of EHC by your continued membership and attending our Ethnic Heritage Council events throughout the year.

- EHC staff (Alma & Maria)

***Festál 2010** presented by Seattle Center in partnership with community organizations, is a year-long series of FREE events that honors the cultural richness and diversity of the Pacific Northwest.*

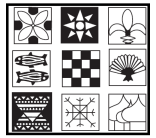
Festál plays a vital part in Seattle Center efforts to connect our dynamic and varied communities.

This collection of 22 events is presented with the generous support of Wells Fargo, Verizon Wireless and KUOW 94.9 Public Radio. Additional support is provided by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, The Boeing Company, Seattle Center Fund and the City of Seattle.

Visit: <http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/>

February 6-7:	<u>Tét Festival - Vietnamese Lunar New Year</u>
March 13-14:	<u>Irish Festival</u>
April 16-18:	<u>Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival</u>
May 2:	<u>Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration</u>
May 8:	<u>Spirit of West Africa</u>
May 22:	<u>A Glimpse of China - Chinese Culture and Arts Festival</u>
May 28-31:	<u>Northwest Folklife Festival</u>
June 12-13:	<u>Festival Sundiata: African-American Celebration</u>
June 5-6:	<u>Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival</u>
June 19:	<u>Iranian Festival</u>
July 10-11:	<u>Bastille Day - A French Celebration</u>
August 2011:	<u>Arab Festival</u>
August 15:	<u>BrasilFest</u>
August 28-29:	<u>Tibet Fest</u>
September 11:	<u>Korean Cultural Celebration</u>
September 12:	<u>Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival</u>
September 18-19:	<u>Seattle Fiestas Patrias</u>
September 25-26:	<u>Italian Festival</u>
October 3:	<u>CroatiaFest</u>
October 9-10:	<u>Utsav - South Asian Performing Arts Festival</u>
October 16-17:	<u>TurkFest</u>
October 30-31:	<u>Día de Muertos - A Mexican Remembrance to Remember Our Departed</u>
November 6:	<u>Hmong New Year Celebration</u>

EHC is proud of its association with Festál and supports the work of our many ethnic communities in the Puget Sound Area and across Washington State in the name of preserving cultures.



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www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org

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Tuesday 2nd

Arts Day 2010—Join the Washington State Arts Alliance and connect with your legislators and peers statewide. The Capitol Building. Call: 206-448-1909; www.wsartsalliance.com.

Wednesday 3rd

Northwest Garden Show—Enjoy thousands upon thousands of flowers and plants with all their rich colors, fragrances, and textures. **February 3-7**. Washington State Convention Center. www.gardenshow.com.

Thursday 4th

James Ehnes—Seattle Symphony presents Grammy Award-Winning violinist James Ehnes as part of the Masterwork Season. Ehnes will perform a variety of works with the Seattle Symphony. **February 4-6**. 8pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; www.seattlesymphony.org.

The Sleeping Beauty—Come witness the timeless fairy tale and a happily-ever-after experience for all ages as the Pacific Northwest Ballet performs *The Sleeping Beauty*. **February 4-14**. McCaw Hall. Call: 206-441-2424; www.pnb.org.

Burke Trivia Night—The Burke Museum presents a monthly pub quiz for science buffs, culture gurus and museum lovers. Test your knowledge of the natural world. 8pm, College Inn Pub. Call: 206-543-5590; www.burkemuseum.org.

Free First Thursday—Come explore the museum after hours at the monthly Wells Fargo Free First Thursday event. Enjoy the different galleries and more. 5-9pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-674-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Screening of "Amelia"—This month the Museum will present a free screening of the motion picture "Amelia" starring Hilary Swank during their Wells Fargo Free First Thursday. 6:30pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-674-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Esperanza Spalding—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents bassist Esperanza Spalding touring in support of her latest release. **February 4-7**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Friday 5th

Musical Olympics—Tiny Tots series presents Musical Olympics, a concert featuring classic songs designed for the youngest of music lovers. **February 5-6**.

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; www.seattlesymphony.org.

First Friday Dance—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their monthly First Friday Dance featuring music by MC Not Square, Beth Kolle and Dansaspel. 8:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Visual Arts Tour—Come hear wonderful live music and see works by over 90 artists including drawings, paintings, prints, ceramics, photography and more. **February 5-6**. 5-9pm, International District. www.spokanearts.org.

Saturday 6th

A Concert for Children of All Ages—Sno-King Community Chorale is joined by Kings' Middle School Choir, Meadowdale High School Women's Chorus, Northwest University Choir, and Sound Singers for a cavalcade of music. 7:30pm, Edmonds Center for the Arts. Call: 425-673-1242; www.sno-kingchorale.org.

Pushing the Envelope: The X-15—Come for the Bank of America Weekend Family Workshop of Pushing the Envelope and learn about the breakthrough project that paved the way for all future space travel. **February 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28**. 11:15am, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-674-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

4th Annual Crab Dinner—Come for the 2010 fundraiser party and 4th annual crab dinner. 6pm, St. Bernadette's School. Call: 253-883-7198 or 206-284-6938.

Girl Scout Day—Girl Scouts are invited to spend a special day at the Burke Museum learning about Earth Science. 10am-3pm, Burke Museum. Call: 206-543-5591; burked@u.washington.edu.

Concert—Come to a concert performance featuring Andrew Calhoun and Brad Warren. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Hall. Call: 206-528-8523; www.seafolklore.org.

Make a Scene—Pick your scene with help from a special viewfinder and draw landscapes inspired by art at the museum. 11am-2pm, Seattle Asian art museum. www.seattleartmuseum.org.

Cross-Country Ski Race—Bring your family and friends of all ages for this fun Annual District Two Cross-Country Ski Race. 10am, Trollhaugen Lodge. Call: 509-656-9997.

Tet Festival—The region's Vietnamese community comes together at the Seat-

tle Center Festal: Tet Festival to usher in the Year of the Tiger. Enjoy food, performances, and more with friends and family. **February 6-7**. 10am - 5pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.tetinseattle.org.

Silent Films and Bedroom Painting—Come enjoy this new exhibit: Silent Films and Bedroom paintings. **February 6 - August 1**. Frye Art Museum. Call: 206-432-8220; www.fryemuseum.org.

Sunday 7th

Burma VJ and God Grew Tired of Us—Come view these critically-acclaimed documentaries in the series about the regions of the world such as Burma, Sudan, Congo and Central America. 11am, Pigot Auditorium. Call: 206-694-5780; www.refugeechildren.net.

Umalali: The Garifuna Women's Project—This performance shares the spirit of the native Caribbean people by blending rich vocal textures of rock, blues, funk, African, Latin and Caribbean music. Kirkland Performance Center. Call: 425-893-9900; www.kpcenter.org.

Wednesday 10th

Mixer Dance—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their mixer dance. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Thursday 11th

Shantala Shivalingappa—This is a performance featuring "Kuchipudi"; a classical dance from Southern India whose roots go back over 2,000 years. **February 11-13**. 8pm, Meany Hall. Call: 206-543-4880; www.uworldseries.org.

Friday 12th

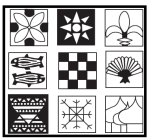
Stevan Hristic Requiem—This performance features vocal ensemble Capella Romana featuring a major work by Serbian artist Stevan Hristic. **February 12-13**.

The Red Shoes—A Technicolor classic based on Hans Christian Andersen's take of magic ballet slippers whose wearer cannot stop dancing. **February 12-18**. 7pm, Call: 800-838-3006; www.nwfilmforum.org.

Balkan Dance Party—Join the Balkan community for the Balkan Dance Party featuring music by KEF. 9pm, The Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; www.balkanmusic.org.

Saturday 13th

Popsicle Bridge Contest—The Younger Member Forum of the American Society of Civil Engineers host a competition of bridges built using only popsicle sticks and white glue. 10am, William M. Allen



Theatre. Call: 206-674-5720;
www.museumofflight.org.

Music Extravaganza—Come for the Annual West Coast Traditional Irish Music Extravaganza. Featured Uilleann Pipers include from Ireland Denis Brooks and Kevin Rowsome along with Seattle's Tom Creegan and many other great musicians. **February 13-14**. Seattle St. Benedict School. Call: 206-633-3651; www.irishclub.org.

Rainbow Bookfest's "NewVoices, NewStories"—The first of a fresh literary arts program series in partnership with Neighborhood House and Ethnic Heritage Council. Community Stories followed by performance and stories by Gene Tagaban. The program is free to the public, and donations are accepted. Call: 206-331-1035, Rainbow Bookfest Coordinator. **SAVE THE DATE - 2010 Seattle Rainbow Bookfest—September 25, 2010 All readers invited!**

Sunday 14th

Burma VJ and God Grew Tired of Us—Come view these critically-acclaimed documentaries in the series about the regions of the world such as Burma, Sudan, Congo and Central America. 11am, Pigot Auditorium. Call: 206-694-5780; www.refugeechildren.net.

Tuesday 16th

Tierney Sutton Band—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents the Grammy-nominated Tierney Sutton Band. **February 16-17**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Thursday 18th

Solas—Come for an evening of wonderful music my Celtic music group Solas. Triple door. www.tripledoor.net; www.jffa.org.

Pete Escovedo Orchestra—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents Latin Jazz-Fusion band Pete Escovedo Orchestra. **February 18-21**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Friday 19th

The Kautokeino Rebellion—Come see the film that was set during the conflict between the Sami people and the Norwegian government and the famous 1852 Kautokeino rebellion. 7pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

The Soft Rock Kid—This music, comedy, and dance troupe has become one of Seattle's most popular and critically acclaimed groups to emerge and now, the Freedom Dancers land at ACT for their most spectacular show to date.

February 19-27. 8pm, ACT Theatre. Call: 206-292-7676; www.acttheatre.org.

Skandia Vinterdans Weekend—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their Skandia Vinterdans Weekend with Beverly and Richard Smaby and Loretta Kelley. Cedar Valley Grange. **February 19-21**. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Ray Jensen Exhibition—The Nordic Heritage Museum is proud to announce an exhibition of work by acclaimed local Swedish sculptor, Ray Jensen. **February 19 - April 18**. Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Vinterdansen—Enjoy a weekend of music and dance events at Vinterdansen sponsored by Skandia Folkdance Society. **February 19-21**. Mercer Island and Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470.

Telespringar Dance Workshop—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for a lecture, concert and dance party. 7pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Saturday 20th

16th Annual Brazilian Carnival—Join Eduardo Mendonca and Show Brazil as over 15 musicians and dancers bring the authentic Brazilian Carnival from north to south of Brazil. 9pm, Nectar Lounge. Call: 425-254-1616; www.showbrazil.com.

The Cosmic Ball—Join the Washington Ensemble Theatre for the Cosmic Ball, starring Robert Rial's Bakelite 78. 10:30pm, Washington Ensemble Theatre. Call: 206-292-7676; www.acttheatre.org.

Celebrate Folklife Benefit Gala—Come for a memorable evening will all things Folklife. The evening includes performance by Gene Tagaban, Rhythms of India, Reilley and Maloney, and the Total Experience Gospel Choir as well as a silent auction. 5pm, Museum of History and Industry.

All Roads Film Festival—The All Roads Film Project is an international platform for indigenous artists to share their culture, stories, and perspectives through the power of film and this year, filmmakers from New Zealand, Israel, Peru, Paraguay, Mexico Bolivia, Canada, and the United States are represented. **February 20-21**. 10:30am-5pm. Burke Museum. Call: 206-855-4300; www.islandwood.org.

Sunday 21st

Songs of Finland: Hearing Home-ward—Come hear this tribute to the

song literature of Finland including art song, hymns, children's songs, and folk song arrangements. 4pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707; www.nordicmuseum.org.

Gung Haggis Fat Choy IV—A cross-cultural event (Chinese/Scottish) celebrating Chinese New Year & Robert Burns' Birthday; includes Scottish and Chinese entertainment, Scottish food (haggis) served with a Chinese dinner. Attendees are encouraged to wear national dress from either country, or a combination of both. International District, Seattle. Advance ticket reservations only. Call: 206-364-6025; email: billmcfadden@mindspring.com.

50 Years of Dancing—Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge celebrates 50 years of dancing. Come for an afternoon of Norwegian music and dance, food and more and honor their colorful past in this community. 2:30pm, Leif Erikson Lodge. www.sofn.com.

Husnu Senlendirici and the NY Gypsy All-Stars—Don't miss this exciting show of a collaboration of Al DiMeola, table legend Zakir Hussain and Bulgarian clarinetist Ivo Papasov. Chop Suey. Call: 206-324-8000; www.serdarihan.com.

Monday 22nd

Jackson High School Jazz Ensemble—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz alley presents a performance by the local Jackson High School Jazz Ensemble. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-442-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Tuesday 23rd

Janiva Magness—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents award-winning blues icon Janiva Magness. **February 23-24**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Thursday 25th

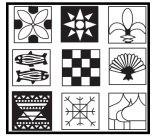
San Francisco Jazz Collective—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents modern all-star jazz ensemble the San Francisco Jazz Collective. **February 25-28**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Saturday 27th

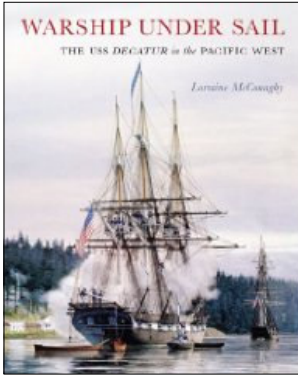
Musical Olympics—Tiny Tots series presents Musical Olympics, a concert featuring classic songs designed for the youngest of music lovers. 10:00am and 11:00am, Meydenbauer Center. Call: 425-637-1020; www.meydenbauer.com.

An Anonymous Legend—Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council's Read-

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Warship under Sail: The USS Decatur in the Pacific West - by Dr. Lorraine McConaghy



I told Lorraine I'd be thrilled to let our readers know about her book. Lorraine replied: On this U.S. Navy ship, more than 50% of the crew in 1854-1859 was born outside the United States - Italy, Canada, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, "Germany," Minorca, the Caribbean Islands, France - you name it. So it certainly was an ethnically diverse bunch of guys.

Ordered to join the Pacific Squadron in 1854, the U.S. Navy warship Decatur sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, through the Strait of Magellan to Valparaiso, Honolulu, and Puget Sound, then on to San Francisco, Panama, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, while serving in the Pacific until 1859, the eve of the Civil War. Historian Lorraine McConaghy presents the ship, its officers, and its crew in a vigorous, keenly rendered case study that illuminates the forces that shaped the antebellum navy and American foreign policy at sea.

One of only five ships in the squadron, the *Decatur* participated in numerous imperial adventures in the Far West, enforcing treaties, fighting Indians, suppressing vigilantes, and protecting commerce. With its graceful contours and towering white canvas sails, the ship patrolled the sandy border between ocean and land.

Warship under Sail focuses on four episodes in the *Decatur's* maneuvers: the harrowing journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean through the Strait of Magellan; a Seattle war story that contested American treaties and settlements; participation with other squadron ships on a U.S. State Department mission to Nicaragua; and more than a year spent anchored off Panama as a hospital ship. In a period of five years, more than 300 men lived aboard ship, leaving a rich record of log-books, medical and punishment records, correspondence, personal journals, and drawings. Lorraine McConaghy has mined these records to offer a compelling social history of a warship. Her research adds immeasurably to the history of the Pacific West and America's expansionist momentum in the second half of the nineteenth century.

"The world that Dr. McConaghy has captured, both aboard the Decatur and in the ports it visited, will be unfamiliar to almost everyone who reads this book; indeed, that strangeness or lost-ness is one of her major points. The maps and historic images help to make that world more concrete." Coll Thrush, author of *Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place* "The story the authors tells is fresh and original and relates to a number of significant subjects, including

the history of the Old Navy, the Pacific Northwest, antebellum national politics, the Manifest Destiny movement, and the lore of the sea." James Vale, Delaware State University "In *Warship Under Sail*, McConaghy has found a lens through which to examine anew the founding of Seattle. The vessel participated in the iconic 'Battle of Seattle,' that day-long skirmish during January 1856 between 'Natives' and 'non-Natives' that looms so large in historical accounts of the city." John M. Findlay, University of Washington.

Learn more on Facebook! "Warship Under Sail: USS Decatur in the Pacific West" The Facebook page will be my personal way of sharing reviews of the book as they are published, letting folks know of upcoming readings and discussing the book with those who wish to do so. So join me on Facebook, if you like, as a friend. Otherwise, MOHAI's What's New at MOHAI and the UW Press events calendar list these events.

Calendar of Ethnic Events continued from page 5

ers' Theatre presents An Anonymous Legend by John Ruoff. 7pm, Shoreline Center. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Johnny Appleseed—The Shoreline-Lake Forest Part Arts Council presents Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale by Book-It Theatre. Hear the story of an adventurous young man born during the Revolutionary War. 11am, Shoreline Community Campus Theatre. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Chinese Culture Festival Concert—Come for the Chinese Culture Festival Concert in honor of the Chinese New Year of the Tiger. 7pm, Mt. Baker Theatre. Call: 360-733-5793; www.mountbakertheatre.com.

Sunday 28th

The Day of the Accordion—Come and enjoy lively accordion entertainment by some of the areas finest players. The evening includes free introductory lessons, exhibitions, dancing to live music, workshops and more. 11am-5pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-622-4786; www.nwanews.com.

~ MORE ~

Multicultural Events at KCLS Programs for Children, Families and Adults. Visit: www.kcls.org.

Visit the NW Balkan calendar!

There are plenty of nice Balkan events coming up each month, from Bellingham to Burien, Eugene to Seattle. <http://groups.google.com/group/Northwest-Balkan-Events>

SAVE the DATE!

May 15, 2010

**EHC Celebrates 30 years!
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pancakes. **Greatest source of cultural pride:** the four thousand year history of the Vietnamese culture. **Livelihood:** throughout a thousand years of hardships and war, the Vietnamese culture embodied compassion and a desire for new learning and community spirit. Today, the livelihood is made through food processing, garments, machine building, mining, glass, tires, oil, coal, steel and paper.

Seattle Center Festal: Tet Festival is produced by Seattle Center in partnership with Tet in Seattle. For a full event schedule, visit www.tetinseattle.org and for more information on this cultural series and other Seattle Center programming, click on www.seattlecenter.com.



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PNW Irish Dance Championship

The Pacific Northwest Irish Dance Championships Feis will be held at the Hilton Seattle Airport and Conference Center **March 6-7, 2010**, hosted by the Comerford School of Irish Dance and Celtic Arts NW. Dancers from the western US and western Canada will compete throughout the weekend in a variety of solo and group dance events. Competitions will start at 8:00 am each day, and are open to the public at no charge.

This will be the eleventh annual staging of this Feis, which is expected to attract 500 to 600 competitors, ranging in age from four years to adults. All competition levels will be included, from the newest beginners, up through open championships.

For more information: Mike Nagan, 206.935.3225, or celticartsnw@hotmail.com.



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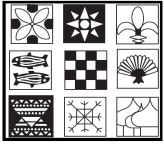
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More **NewVoicesNewStories** programs every second Saturday of each month in the Neighborhood House High Point Center.

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The Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community.

Dorothy Cordova	1983
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Flori Montante	2007
Leo Utter	2008
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GORDAN EKVALL TRACIE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gordon Ekvall Tracie Award is given to an ethnic performing artist who has made significant contributions to the development and presentation of the traditional arts in our community.

Ruben Sierra	1990
Patrinell Wright	1991
Prabha Rustagi	1994
Ken Jackson – Grey Eagle	1995
Allan Swensson	1997
Kofi Anang	1998
Henry Lotue	1999
Sara Contreras	2000
Bruce Miller "Subiyay"	2001
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