

Ethnic Heritage Council

MAY 2010

EHC Celebrates 30 Years!

**Ethnic Heritage Council
30th Anniversary
Celebration—May 15, 2010**
*Join us in Acknowledging 30 Years
of Celebrating Community at
Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014
NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117*

**Dinner - Entertainment - Awards
Ceremony - Silent Auction - Key-
note Speaker - Phyllis Campbell,**
Chairman of Pacific Northwest Busi-
ness, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank and
**Honorary Co-chairs - Bill Stafford
& Stephanie Pulakis Stafford.**
Founding member organizations
will be recognized at our 30th Anni-
versary Celebration!

Phyllis Takisaki Campbell is a
third-generation Japanese Ameri-
can, born in Spokane, Washington,
who became chair of the Pacific
Northwest Region of JPMorgan
Chase & Co. in April 2009. In for-
mer positions as president of the
U.S. Bank of Washington and presi-
dent/CEO of the Seattle Foundation,
Campbell has received awards for
corporate and community involve-
ment, including the Women Who
Make A Difference Award, and the
Director of the Year from the North-
west Chapter of the National Asso-
ciation of Corporate Directors. She
also serves on Toyota's Diversity
Advisory Board, and the boards of
Alaska Air, Horizon Air, the Joshua
Green Corporation, Nordstrom and
Seattle University's Board of Trus-
tees. We are honored Phyllis will
join us in celebrating 30 years!

Awards to be presented:

The *Aspasia Phoutrides Pu-
lakis Memorial Award* - given an-
nually to an individual who has
contributed significantly to a
Northwest ethnic community,
(named in honor of Stephanie
Stafford's mother, the first Vice
President of the Council). This
year we honor, **Kristine Leander**,
the granddaughter of Swedish
immigrants.

The *Gordon Ekvall Tracie
Award* - given to an ethnic per-
forming artist who has made sig-
nificant contributions to the de-
velopment and presentation of
the traditional arts in our com-
munity. This year we honor **Luis
Gramal**, born in the northern re-
gion of Ecuador, high in the An-
des mountains.

The *Heritage Award*, which
will be presented for the first
time at the event, will honor an
organization that has contributed
to the mission of the Council. In
2010 we honor and thank **The
Boeing Company** for dedication
to the arts and cultural organiza-
tions and specifically to their
support of EHC over the past 30
years.

It's not too late to join in the
celebration! Please support EHC
and your organization by attend-
ing May 15th.

*Pre-paid reservations only—Seating
Limited—Reservations deadline:
Monday, May 10, 2010. Call: 206-
443-1410 or email: ehc@seattle.gov*



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May 15, 2010**

@ Nordic Heritage Museum
Photo by Jal Schrof, see page 6.

FESTÁL 2010 at SEATTLE CENTER

**Asian-Pacific Islander
Heritage Month
Celebration—May 2**
Spirit of West Africa—May 8
**Chinese Culture and Arts
Festival—May 22**
**Northwest Folklife
Festival—May 28-31**
FREE!

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EHC Honors Award Recipients

Awardees will be honored May 15, at EHC's 30th
Anniversary Celebration.

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

This year we honor **Luis Gramal**, born in 1966, in
the northern region of Ecuador, high in the Andes
mountains. His small village was and still is a
stronghold of Indigenous culture struggling to



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survive intact in the face of 500 years of invasion and conquest. As a young boy he was taught by his father, uncles and grandfathers about his peoples music. When Luis was 16 tragedy struck his close knit family, and as the oldest boy, he went to work to support his family of 12. Luis lived and worked in Spain, and in 1989 came to the United States, each time beginning life from scratch. He came to Seattle in 1994, where he met his wife Irva, married and they now have two children. With all his hard work and integrity he built the reputation of Quichua Mashis internationally. It is his pride in the ancient culture that motivates Luis to share his heritage with us.

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

This year we honor, **Kristine Leander**, the granddaughter of Swedish immigrants. Growing up on a dairy farm in the Mt. Vernon, WA area, when she became older, she was surprised to learn that there were last names other than

Olsons, Carlsons, Neilsens and Johansens. She was drawn to the culture and beauty of Norway and the Norwegian views of care taking of the land—especially conserving farm lands. She moved to Norway with her three young daughters and earned a Master's Degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Trondheim. Kristine is dedicated to promoting pride of one's heritage, and has focused her life's work on Norway and Sweden—the traditions, people and culture.



*The Heritage Award, will be presented for the first time at the event, honors an organization that has contributed to the mission of the Council. In 2010 we honor and thank **The Boeing Company** for dedication to the arts and cultural organizations and specifically to their support of EHC over the past 30 years.*

Luis Gramal photo by Jal Schrof

Kristine Leander photo by Janet Klinger Photography

Looking Back... 30 Years of Celebrating Community

Looking Back... Bringing People Together for 30 Years!

In 2010 EHC salutes our 30th Anniversary! May 15th we come together and acknowledge 30 years at our 30th Anniversary Celebration, at Nordic Heritage Museum.

Over the years, the Ethnic Heritage Council has assisted, encouraged and guided numerous organizations in their fledgling stages, to grow into their own. Whether an annual event launched, a cultural center established or a Festál cultural festival sprouted out of one of the many fledglings, the Ethnic Heritage Council has accomplished what it set out to do 30 years ago and continues to do today — *to preserve the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities.*

As we celebrate in 2010, we look back at the beginnings and other highlights in the development of EHC—an organization many have said is “one of a kind in the nation.”

September 1978 - Sixteen enthusiastic people gathered at the home of **Kristian, Ingaborg and Randi Hansen** to discuss an offer from the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress to help a multi-ethnic group stage a conference on preserving

local histories and traditions. Drinking Ingeborg's coffee and eating her pastries at this gathering were: **Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Veronia Walker, John Kovtunovich, Rosanne Royer, Bud Bard, Julianne Kumasaka, Irene Nishimura, Sylvia Summerland, Leo Utter, Sirrka Wilson, Anne Marie Steiner, Karoline Morrison, Aspasia Pulakis, Bill Nikinovich, and Elena Bradunas of the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.**

September 1978-August 1979 - The “rolling stone” gathered increasing numbers of ethnic representatives at meetings held at different ethnic halls each month to plan a three-day conference at Seattle Center. Seattle Public Library became a major force in the effort, through an NEH grant and the creative management of **Jean Coberly**. **Rosanne Royer, Aspasia Pulakis** and **Bud Bard** took the lead in conducting meetings.

September 28-30, 1979 - Over 200 representatives of over forty Puget Sound ethnic organizations attended “Ethnic Heritage Workshop and Festival” at **Seattle Center**, cosponsored by the **American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress and Seattle Public Library**. The enthusiastic organizers decided to stay together and form a permanent organization.

January 1980 - EHC is incorporated as a membership-based, educational,

non-profit organization with a challenging mission: To advance communication among ethnic communities; facilitate documentation of local ethnic history and cultural heritage; be a clearinghouse of information about ethnic groups; sponsor educational, cultural, and other exchanges among ethnic groups; provide support organizations in their start-up phase; and organize ethnic and cultural events that inform the general public.

Fifty-seven certified representatives of ethnic organizations began participating in the meetings of the new organization. First elected officers were: **Bud Bard, President; Aspasia Pulakis, Vice President; Rose Gonzales, Secretary; Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Treasurer.** Through the generosity of **Bud Bard, then President of American Cultural Exchange**, EHC was given a home in the ACE office for thirteen years. In 1993 EHC moved into offices at **Seattle Center**, where it serves many ethnic communities through Seattle Center activities.

The dedicated individuals who have served as Board President over the years include **Bud Bard, Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Jeri-Marie Bennett, Karoline Morrison, Alma Plancich, Cleo Molina, Joann Nicon, Marianne**

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Looking Back, From page 2

Forssblad, Sue McNab, Yasemin San, Martha Cohen, Lynn Winslow, David Serra and JoAnne Lee.

A “Creative Genius” emerges. There is hardly an event or activity of EHC that has not had its origins in the creative and enterprising mind of **Karoline Morrison**, EHC pioneer, former Board President and Board Member. EHC blossomed with her many creations, such as “Liberty Fair” and “Spirit of Liberty” award at Seattle Center, the first of which featured an appearance by actress **Carol Channing**; EthnicFest (later WorldFest), the first EHC shopping center festival at **Northgate Mall**; “Let’s Eat Ethnic” coupon book; “Ports of Call”—a dinner that progressed through diverse ethnic foods with matching music; the Statue of Liberty fundraiser and the vision to try to get Lee Iacocca as special guest (we did!).

Karoline’s genius and the hard work of others was managed by five executive directors over the years: Name them and the years they served: **Bud Bard (volunteer) 1984-88; Sandy Bradley (1989-90); Peter Davenport (1991-94); Fred Capestany (1995) and current Executive Director Alma Franulovich Plancich (1995-Present)**. Their work has resulted in many noteworthy events and developments over the years.

“**Spirit of ’86**”—A fundraiser in 1984 for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project. The event was headlined by the Chairman of the national campaign, Lee Iacocca, and raised \$25,000 for the Statue of Liberty Fund.

Liberty Fair—A multi-ethnic festival highlighted by the *Fourth of July Naturalization Ceremony*. Today the *Annual Fourth of July Naturalization Ceremony* held at Seattle Center has become a nationally recognized event, where every year over 500 people, from more than 75 countries are sworn in as new citizens. The ceremony is produced with Seattle Center and United States Citizenship & Immigration Services by **EHC Executive Director Alma Plancich and Assistant Director Maria Kesovija**. In 2010, EHC produces the **26th Annual Naturalization Ceremony**.

Worldfest — (originally EthnicFest) brought music and dance festivals into the contemporary marketplace—the shopping center—the first taking place at Northgate Mall in 1982 and continued for 20 years. Today, EHC’s fall festivals, **Cultural Crossroads**, at **Crossroads Bellevue** and **Winter Worldfest** at the **Seattle Center**, annually feature hundreds of performers, exhibits and booths. In 2010, EHC produces the **20th Annual Cultural Crossroads** and the **11th Annual Winter Worldfest**. EHC is a leader in presenting ethnic performing groups in Washington State.

An “**umbrella**” and **co-sponsorship service to other groups**—Over 100 groups who are not registered non-profit organizations have used the umbrella of EHC to stage events important to their development. Over the years the Council also has offered numerous workshops to its diverse membership on such mutual concerns as fundraising, membership development, public relations, leadership development, and youth involvement.

A **vital clearinghouse**—On a daily basis EHC responds to phone and email requests from individuals, organizations, government agencies, and businesses seeking contact with ethnic communities. EHC has assisted schools in identifying individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds to make classroom presentations.

Publications—The first newsletter, *Ethnic Connection*, was replaced in 1984 by *Northwest Ethnic News*, a monthly newspaper distributed region-wide. Editors included **Yasemin San, Susan Auerbach, Nancy Stone-Nilsen, Allegra Berrian, Jim Walters, Mathew Mullins, Kent Chadwick, Allan Swensson, Ramona Gault, Sarah Sarai, and Mari Herreraz-Zinman**. Today the Council publishes the monthly EHC Newsletter and Calendar of Ethnic Events, with **Maria Kesovija** as Editor, and **CONTACT: A Directory of Ethnic and Cultural Resources in Washington State**. First published in 1981, it was coordinated by **Seattle Public Library** through a U.S. Office of Education grant, with **Seattle and Bellevue School Districts** and EHC contributing entries. The first CONTACT con-

tained over 200 entries. This year it is going on-line, on the EHC website.

Awards—The “**Spirit of Liberty**” award is presented to a naturalized citizen who makes significant contributions to his or her ethnic community and to the community at large. The “**Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial**” award recognizes outstanding contributions to one’s ethnic community. The “**Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial**” award is given for excellence in ethnic performing arts, and the “**Spirit of America**” award honors foreign born and Native American individuals who have committed their lives to service within the multicultural community.

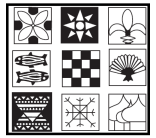
The 25th Anniversary Celebrations—To celebrate this important milestone EHC presented, on **March 11, 2005** “**Telling Our Stories—Ethnic Heritage in Washington State**”. The full day of workshops took place at the **Port of Seattle Headquarters**, Pier 69, and was cosponsored by the **Museum of History & Industry**. A reception followed the conference honoring sponsors and supporters. Honorary Chairman for the event was Washington State Governor Gary Locke and Co-Chairs of the conference were Joann Georges Nikon and Rosanne Gostovich Royer.

Many significant & successful events have been produced by EHC over the years—too numerous to list! In the future months, as we continue to celebrate our 30th year, we will look back on the accomplishments of EHC and share them with our readers. The Council looks forward to continuing the 30th year celebration throughout the year!

EHC’s **Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony**, traditionally held in February, will be held this year May 15th as our **30th Anniversary Celebration**. We are honored to have **Phyllis Campbell**, Chairman of Pacific Northwest Business, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, as our keynote speaker.

Please join us in celebrating 30 years, May 15th at the Nordic Heritage Museum. For reservations, call: 206-443-1410, or email: ehc@seattle.gov.

It’s not too late to add your name to the donor/sponsor list! For donor/ sponsorship information, contact the EHC office.



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www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org
~ May 2010 ~

Adventure TV is now in its 16th year of being on the air!! Cultural Festivals is a weekly hour long program featuring a different festival each week at 5pm on Saturdays with repeats the following Thursdays at 11am. The program showcases the cultural with featuring traditional dances and clothing, children's activities, film festival, interviews with the organizers, vendors offering items specific to that culture and more. If you have never been to one of these festivals, the program is one of a kind in bringing the viewer a sample of the day-long event and is a great learning tool to use for children. The program can be viewed in most of the Seattle/King County region via Comcast cable ch77 or Broadstripe cable ch23. For those without cable or outside of the broadcast area, it simultaneously streams on the Internet and can be linked at the program's website: <http://adventuretv.bravehost.com>. Adventure TV & Adventure TV: Cultural Festivals. Call: 206-367-5054; adventuretv@gmail.com.

Sunday 2nd

Seattle Mural Open House—Seattle Mural restoration open house with live music by Slender Means is here to entertain, enlighten and earn votes to help secure significant funding to restore the Seattle Mural built in the 1962 World's Fair. 12-5pm, Mural Amphitheatre at Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattle.gov/arts.

Swing into Spring—The Sno-King Community Chorale would like to invite you to their 5th annual "Swing into Spring" pasta dinner. There will be singing along with a 4-course meal and raffle. South County Senior Center. Call: 425-673-1242.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration—Come to the 5th annual Celebration of Cinco de Mayo. 2-6pm, Mercer Middle School. www.elcentrodelaraza.org.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration—Experience and enjoy the rich cultures of the Asian-Pacific Islander communities through song, dance, music, art and displays. 12pm, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

Monday 3rd

Mercedes Nicole Quintet—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents the Seattle-based Mercedes Nicole Quintet. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call:

206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Tuesday 4th

Artspring—See the Inclusion Arts Festival for students with disabilities. **May 4-5**. 8:30am-2:30pm, Fisher Pavilion.

Raul Midon—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents silky soulful tenor Raul Midon. **May 4-5**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Wednesday 5th

Voices of the Hibakusha—Come for this event featuring the visiting delegation of Japanese nuclear abolitionists. 7:30pm, First United Methodist Church of Seattle. subversivepeacemaking@comcast.net.

Fair and Auction—Come for a weekend full of Asian crafts, a food fair and silent auction. **May 5-8**. 10am-4pm, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Call: 206-723-1536.

Thursday 6th

The AJC Student Human Relations Program honors Seattle area high school juniors and seniors with the Max Block Awards and the Deborah Rosen Scholarships. Block Award winners are individuals who, in their daily lives, demonstrate exemplary human relations conduct in their dealings with others without regard to race, creed or national origin. Three finalists are selected to receive Deborah Rosen Scholarships. The scholarships will further highlight student humanitarianism and the tremendous impact that education can have in shaping young lives. 7pm, Sodo Park by Herban Feast, Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Reception. AJC - Seattle Regional Office; 206-622-6315; seattle@ajc.org.

Free First Thursday—Enjoy the Great Gallery and special exhibits of the Museum during Wells Fargo's Free First Thursday. 5-9pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Stanley Clarke Band—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents fusion bass Stanley Clarke Band featuring piano sensation Hiromi. **May 6-9**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Space Day—Space Day is an internationally recognized, educational event held on the first Friday in May. The museum's education department will present a variety of fun, space-related activities. 5-9pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Spirit of West Africa 2009 footage repeats at 11am. The program can be viewed in most of the Seattle/King County region via Comcast cable ch77 or Broadstripe cable ch23. For those without cable or outside of the broadcast area, it simultaneously streams on the Internet and can be linked at the program's website: <http://adventuretv.bravehost.com>.

Friday 7th

The Trip to Bountiful—ACT is delighted to present *The Trip to Bountiful* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Horton Foote. **May 7 - June 6**. ACT Theatre. Call: 206-292-760; www.acttheatre.org.

Ederlezi—Mark the spring holiday of Ederlezi with a big Balkan Brass party that will serenade your soul into a Gypsy rhythm. Indulge in live performances, incredible dancers, slivovica cocktails and much more. 8:30pm, Grandview Legion.

Bulgarian Dance Workshop—Join Liana Bozhanova and her Accordionist Todor Yankov for a dance workshop and party. **May 7-9**. The Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; www.seattlebalkandancers.org.

Cyril and Methodius Day Celebration—Come for a lively evening celebrating Slavic culture with great food, performances, dancing and music by Orkestar RTW. 7pm, UW Center for Urban Horticulture. Call: 206-543-6848; slavicll@uw.edu.

Saturday 8th

Spirit of West Africa—Experience the excitement, richness and beauty of West Africa through live music, dance, art, film, exhibits, fashion shows, a marketplace and more. 11:30am, Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.seattlecenter.com.

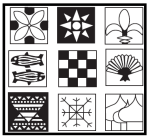
An Evening for African (Kenya)—The Total Experience Gospel Choir will be the featured guest at this live auction and dinner event. 7pm, Seattle Hilton. Call: 425-681-0395.

Bernstein Festival—The cascade Youth Symphony will perform side-by-side with Seattle Symphony as part of the Seattle Celebrates Bernstein Festival. **May 8 & 11**. 11am, Benaroya Hall.

Monday 10th

Sonny Rollins—STG Presents invites you to come see Sonny Rollins in Seattle. Paramount Theatre. www.stgpresents.org.

75th Annual Rhododendron Festival—Come to Port Townsend for a festival of



parades, races, activities, and, of course, Rhododendrons. May 10-15. Call: 360-385-2722; www.rhodyfestival.org.

Tuesday 11th

Joey DeFrancesco—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents ferocious organist **Joey DeFrancesco**. **May 11-12**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Celtic Women—Experience Celtic Women with their 6 piece band and their unique renditions of Irish songs. You won't want to miss this! **May 11-13**. Paramount Theatre. Call: 206-682.1414; www.paramounttheatre.org.

Thursday 13th

Rita Dove—See former poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner and her latest collection of verse, *Sonata Mulattica*. 7:30pm, Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-621-2230.

Eddie Palmieri—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents 9-time Grammy-Winning Latin Pianist and band leader Eddie Palmieri. **May 13-16**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Friday 14th

Haiti Relief Concert—Please join the Total Experience Gospel Choir for their concert to raise funds for Haiti Relief efforts. 7pm, First United Methodist Church. Call: 206-322-7904; altonharu@comcast.net.

A Refugee's Journey of Survival and Hope—See the special exhibition of life through the eyes of a refugee. The exhibit is full of personal stories, photos and multimedia. **May 14 - December 2**. Call: 206-623-5124.

Balkan Line Dancing—The Seattle Balkan Dancers would like you to join them at the Russian Center for line dances and fun. **May 14, 21, 28**. 8:30pm, The Russian Center. Call 425-883-0332; www.seattlebalkandancers.org

Saturday 15th

Ethnic Heritage Council 30th Anniversary—Join the Ethnic Heritage Council for their annual dinner and help celebrate 30 years. 5pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-443-1410; ehc@seattle.gov

The Hungarian American Association of WA (HAAW) presents "Dracula's Shadow - The Real Story Behind the Romanian Revolution" which is a chilling Cold War account about what actually started the bloody revolution in Romania. www.hungarianamerican.org

CD Release—Join the band **Janam**, formerly known as "Black Olive Babes" in celebration of the release of their new CD. Janam creates a compelling electric mix of Balkan, Turkish, Romani, and American roots music, plus inspired originals. 8pm, Cade Solstice. www.janamand.com.

Love is in the Air—From Within presents its premier production exploring the emotions of love through Bharatanatyam featuring Divva Rangarajanand Vidya Guhan. 4pm, Museum of History and Industry. Call: 425-657-0786; www.fromwithinacademy.org.

Monday 17th

Kobie Boykins—NASA engineer and space explorer Kobie Boykins recounts the challenges and triumphs of the Mars Rover Missions and the search for signs of life. He will also share stunning photographs from the surface of the Red Planet. **May 17-18**. Benaroya Hall. Call: 206-215-4747; www.benaroyahall.org.

Ballard Norwegian Day Parade—Norwegian Constitution Day Grunnlovsdag, is a celebration of the day in 1814 when Norway's constitution was signed. Come for a parade and other festivities. 4pm. Call: 206-464-2508; www.17thofmay.org.

Tuesday 18th

Mt. St. Helens—Come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the last eruption of Mt. St. Helens. 6pm, Burke Museum. 206-543-5590; www.washington.edu/burkemuseum.

Thursday 20th

36th Annual Seattle International Film Festival—This 25-day festival presents more than 400 international feature, documentary, and short films and a series of events. Bring friends and family to this extraordinary cultural arts event. **May 20- June 13**. Call: 206-315-0708; www.siff.net.

Centennial Celebration Banquet. District 2 Sons of Norway is celebrating 100 years with a gala dinner and program including entertainment by Poulsbo Leikarringen. 5:30pm, Holiday Inn Everett. www.sonsofnorway2.com.

Friday 21st

Mark Morris Dance Group with the Seattle Symphony—May 21-23. www.stgpresents.org.

Third Friday Dance—Join the Skandia Folkdance Society for their monthly Third Friday Dance and dance to the music of Nordleik. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Saturday 22nd

Kali Sara: Romani Celebration—Come for an evening of music, dance and more in celebration of the Romani Holiday for Kali Sara (AKA Saint Sara). 8pm, Underground Events Center. www.brassliberation.org.

Annual Spring Banquet—Come for fantastic entertainment and the awarding of the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize. 6pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center.

A Glimpse of China - Chinese Culture and Arts Festival—Enter a virtual Chinese garden and partake in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of Chinese history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. The festival showcases the unique traditional art and culture of China through visual and performing arts and gift booth exhibitions including Chinese music, dance, Wushu performances, works by nationally acclaimed artists, seminars and interactive activities. Presented by the Washington Chinese Art Culture Committee Seattle Center, 206-684-7200; www.chinaartandculture.org

Sunday 23rd

Danish Delight—Join the Northwoods Wind Quintet with Roberta Hansen Downey for an evening of music and a smorgasbord. 4pm, Nordic Heritage Museum. Call: 206-789-5707.

Tuesday 25th

Fiddler on the Roof—Come see this classic Broadway musical while it is in town. Great fun for all ages. **May 25-30**. The Paramount Theatre. Call: 206-682.1414; www.paramounttheatre.org.

Wednesday 26th

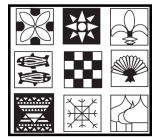
Aluminum Overcast: The EAA B-17 Bomber—Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first flight of the Boeing B-17. The Seattle-born bomber played an important role in World War II and aviation history. 1pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Thursday 27th

Sea, Shore, and Sky—The Shoreline-Lake Forest Part Arts Council and the city of Shoreline are proud to present, *Shore, Sea and Sky*, a new show focusing on the natural landscape. 5:30pm, Shoreline City Hall. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Friday 28th

39th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival—Northwest Folklife creates opportunities to celebrate, share and sustain the vitality of folk, ethnic and traditional arts for the present and future



generations. Come for a weekend of food, music, dancing, booths, and more. **May 28-31.** www.nwfolklife.org.

Saturday 29th

Cascade Warbirds Fly-in—Join the museum for the annual Cascade Warbirds Fly-in. Visitors will enjoy the chance to view a wild variety of beautifully restored vintage military aircraft representing several nations' armed forces from World War II. 9am, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

Monday 31st

Memorial Day Weekend Programs— The Museum is please to be able to honor those who have given their lives in service of their country through the Memorial Day Weekend including live patriotic music by the Boeing Employees Concert Band. 12pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-764-5720; www.museumofflight.org.

84th Annual Memorial Day Commemorative Service—1:30pm, Seattle Pacific University Symphonic Wind Ensemble,

and Drum Corps with Gerry Marsh, Conductor; 2pm. Call to Order, Michael J. Eagan, President, Veterans Memorial Cemetery Board of Trustees; Speakers and Wreath Placement. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Evergreen Washelli. Call: 206-362-5200; www.washelli.com.

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

Seattle Center's FESTÁL in May!

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration—May 2

Spirit of West Africa—May 8

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Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration - MAY 2—CHOM REAP SUR (Cambodian) SAWADEE (Thai) SABA-BAYDEE (Laos) MALO E LELEI (Tongan)

Enjoy and experience the rich cultures of the Asian-Pacific Islander communities through song, dance, music, art and displays. The festival launches Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Seattle with spectacular lion dances, youth drill teams, martial arts, taiko drums and incredible artists from around the state. Presented by the Asian-Pacific Directors Coalition.

Did you know? COLORS: The Asian-Pacific culture includes 15 countries with many flags and colors. MOST POPULAR FOODS: Rice, noodles, fish/seafood and vegetables. GREATEST SOURCE OF CULTURAL PRIDE: In each culture the people are proud of their traditional attire and their music and dances. LIVELIHOOD: Many of the Islander nations are becoming fairly industrialized, but historically they maintained a large agricultural base and created various products for export.

Spirit of West Africa - Nanga Def (in Senegal) MAY 8 - Watch while the traditions of six West African countries come to life through live music, dance performances, exhibits, film, art, games and an African market. Take part in ritual and celebratory African drumming and dance and witness the healing powers of musicians trained since birth to serve their communities. The Spirit of West Africa - celebrating life through music, dance, art and culture. Presented by the Spirit of West Africa Committee.

Did you know? COLORS: The colors of the West African countries of Guinea, Benin, Ghana and Togo are green, red and yellow. MOST POPULAR FOODS: Mafe or Tigadegena, a peanut stew with meat, is a common dish in many West African countries. Fufu, mashed yams, cassava or plantains served with soup or stews, is popular in Ghana,

Nigeria and other parts of West Africa. GREATEST SOURCE OF CULTURAL PRIDE: The musical heritage of West African countries contributes a great sense of pride. West African hospitality is a cultural value, and the word for this hospitality and way of life in Senegal is "Teranga." LIVELIHOOD: The livelihoods in West African countries include music, fishing, farming and mining. www.thionediop.com

A Glimpse of China - Chinese Culture and Arts Festival—MAY 22 Enter a virtual Chinese garden and partake in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of Chinese history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. The festival showcases the unique traditional art and culture of China through visual and performing arts and gift booth exhibitions including Chinese music, dance, Wushu performances, works by nationally acclaimed artists, seminars and interactive activities. Presented by the Washington Chinese Art Culture Committee.

Did you know? COLORS OF THE CHINESE CULTURE: Red, yellow and gold. MOST POPULAR FOODS: Rice, noodles and steamed dumplings. GREATEST SOURCE OF CULTURAL PRIDE: Education and hard work. LIVELIHOOD: China is a large nation. The main source of livelihood for old China is agriculture, but new China depends on many sources including agriculture, textiles and apparel, consumer products, manufacturing, trade, commerce, finance, science and technology, arts, entertainment, mining and ore processing.

39th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival - May 28-31 One of the largest folklife celebrations in North America fills Seattle Center over Memorial Day weekend with 7,000 participants in more than 1,000 performances on 27 indoor and outdoor stages. A beloved Seattle tradition since 1972, the 39th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival highlights the rich cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest through performances, workshops, panel discussions, exhibits, films, crafts and food. The 4-day event encourages individuals and communities in our region to celebrate, share and sustain the vitality of folk, ethnic and traditional arts for present and future generations. The 2010 cultural focus, *Folklife is Community!*, celebrates the more than 60 different communities and groups that participate in the festival. www.nwfolklife.org.

Photo information:

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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! 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)

Has your EHC membership expired?

Check your mailing label:

Examples:

12/1/09 = expired 12/2009
12/1/10 = continues to 12/2010

Please renew & support the work of the Ethnic Heritage Council.

ONGOING THANKS TO NEW MEMBERSHIPS & RECENT RENEWALS!

If we've made a mistake in your membership, let us know! We are going through the 2009 files to make sure we processed the memberships correctly, and, well, no one is perfect, but we are doing our best!

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/>

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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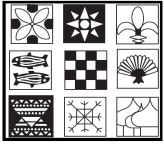
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The Ethnic Heritage Council is dedicated to preserving the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities. Annually, the Council produces several ethnic festivals, and a public naturalization ceremony on July 4th. EHC publishes CONTACT: A Directory of Ethnic and Cultural Resources in Washington State, and operates a referral service for the community. The Newsletter is a publication of the Ethnic Heritage Council of the Pacific Northwest. Submission deadline for the June 2010 edition is May 20th. Please send submission materials, to the EHC office via mail, fax: 206-443-1408; or email text items as attached word document: ehc@seattle.gov. Contact EHC with any questions at: 206-443-1410. Visit our website at: www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org.



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JOIN US!

Become a member of the Ethnic Heritage Council. Join us in our 30th year of celebrating community. Your annual membership helps support the events, programs and services of the Council. Any additional contribution you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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EHC Members receive: Subscription to EHC Newsletter; Advance notice of up-coming events; Event consultation. *Organizations may register two addresses.*

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- \$35 Individual/Student
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The Power of Your Story

New Voices, New Stories from our communities

The Seattle Rainbow Bookfest 2010 is presenting a monthly literary arts program featuring stories from our diverse population. This innovative event will provide opportunity for literary expression from a wide spectrum of writers and readers of the Northwest community, including residents of the Neighborhood House at High Point, a new "green" community building in West Seattle (6700 Sylvan Way Southwest).

Our opening presentation on February 13 featured Gene Tagaban, a Native-American storyteller/performer of Tlingit, Cherokee and Filipino ancestry. This seven month series will culminate in the Rainbow Bookfest on September 25, 2010.

The story-telling programs at Neighborhood House High Point will take place on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00-11:30 a.m., and everyone is invited to attend and participate in this free series (see below).

A hundred years ago Neighborhood House welcomed immigrant families with the mission "to help diverse communities attain their goals for self-sufficiency, health and community building." Today Neighborhood House at High Point serves one of the most diverse populations in Seattle with families from all over the world.

If you have a story to tell of your cultural heritage or how you or your ancestors came to this country, you may be asked to share it with us. You don't have to be a writer or scholar to tell a story. Just complete the following and email to: *belinda.chin@comcast.net*

Choose dates of your availability - Saturday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

May 8 June 12 July 10 August 14

Choose a theme for your story:

Animals/nature	Folk tales	Immigration
Belonging/peace	Food	Love stories
Courage	Freedom	Marriage
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Crossroads	Healing	Traditions
Family	Hope	Youth

Brief description of your story:

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