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Salem Garden Club Christmas Greens Show Opens Tuesday ...



A feature of the Salem Garden Club Christmas Greens Show opening Tuesday at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse will be the Lucia ceremony, which ushers in the Christmas season. Officially it is called "Luciadagen" or St. Lucia's, the Swedish Yule which begins on Dec. 13.

Above are the Star Boys or Stjarnogossar, who will accompany St. Lucia in singing Christmas carols. At the piano is Chester Hodgson and the carolers (left to right) are Timmie Meyer, Morrell Cray, Peter Schlothauer, Richard Scalfeld and John Heenan holding the star. The other caroler is George Corrigan, who was not available for the picture. (McEwan Studio Picture.)

Miss Elizabeth Lord, above, who with Miss Edith Schryver, is heading the committee in charge of the Madonna room for the Salem Garden Club Christmas Greens Show Tuesday and Wednesday at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse. In the lower photo are Miss Lord and Miss Edith Schryver, staging chairman for the show. Miss Lord is holding a gilded frieze which she obtained from an old Spanish church in Manila. The frieze which she obtained from an old Spanish church in Manila. The in the background is "Crown Mary," which was brought from Mexico in 1935 and has since been used in every Garden Club show. (Kennell-Ellis Studio pictures).

The Lucia Ceremony

Highlighting the Salem Garden Club annual Christmas Greens Show Tuesday and Wednesday at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse between 1 and 9 p.m. each day will be the Lucia ceremony. The Swedish Yule begins on Dec. 13 and is called "Luciadagen" or St. Lucia's Day. It is celebrated every year with many lights and gracious hospitality. In the homes the Lucia Legend is enacted by the eldest daughter, who awakens each member of the household early in the morning.

Robed in white with crimson sash and wearing a crown of greens and lighted candles she sings as she carries a tray of coffee and traditional buns and cookies to members of the family. She is the embodiment of the Christmas spirit. In the evening she sometimes goes about the village accompanied by little boys, also in white, carrying stars and candles, and singing the Christmas carols.

The Lucia ceremony, which ushers in the Christmas season in Sweden, will be given at the Salem Garden Club show Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday night. Mrs. Morrell Cray is in charge of the Lucia ceremony.

The interested public is invited to attend the Greens show each day. There will be wreaths, corsages, decorated trees, exhibits by other garden clubs in the valley, table settings and demonstrations each day. Mrs. James H. Turnbull is general chairman of the show with Mrs. Clifford Taylor, club president, co-chairman.



Miss Yvonne Pool, Salem high school student, who will be St. Lucia for the Lucia ceremony at the Salem Garden Club show. She will sing and pass traditional Swedish cakes and cookies during the tea hours. On the table is the crown of candles and greens she will wear with her white robe and crimson sash. (McEwan Studio picture.)



The Rainbow Girls Tinsel Ball on Friday night at Crystal Gardens will be one of the highlights of the Christmas season for the teen-age contingent. Serving on the directorate, left to right, are Misses Ann Hansen, Eleanor Mieziva, Margaret Hildreth and Nancy Bone. (Kennell-Ellis Studio).



One of the outstanding social events of the holiday season will be the Spinster's annual Christmas Charity Ball Saturday night, Dec. 19 at the Marion Hotel. Five of the committee members for the ball are pictured left to right, Mrs. George C. Alexander, Miss Sue Rawlinson, Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Nancy Herste and Mrs. Delwyn Kleen, vice president of the Spinster's and general chairman. (Kennell-Ellis Studio.)