



Table of Contents

Lucia's Voice 1

Preface 3

Planning the Party 4

- Choose the Date 4
- Location 4
- Guest List 5
- Tasks and Roles 6
- Props 8

Timeline 9

- One month before the party 9
- The week of the party 10
- The day before the party 11
- The day of the party 11

The Invitations 12

The Party 15

- Activities 15
- Timeline 16

Activities in Detail 18

- Wassailing the Trees 18
- Stringing Cranberries and Popcorn 19
- Making Paper-Craft Ornaments 19
- Bringing in the Yule Log 20
- Lighting the Candle of Little Yule 20
- Lighting Candles at an Altar 22
- Dinner Blessing 22
- Toasting the Year's Passages 23
- The Sweet Room 23
- Numinous Beings 24
- The Lucy Bride 25
- Spakona: Short Tarot and Rune
Readings 25
- Gift Exchange 26
- Concert 27
- Sing-along Caroling 28
- Plum Pudding 28
- Snapdragon 29
- Drum Circle 30
- Late Night Doings 30
- Sunday 31

Numinous Beings 32

- The Child of Wonder 32
- Frau Holda 33
- Grandfather Winter 33
- Holly King 34
- Jack Frost 34
- La Befana 35
- Rozhanitza 36
- Saule 37
- The Three Mothers 38

The Lucy Bride 39

- Choosing the Lucy Bride 40
- Her Gown 41
- Her Crown 41
 - How to Make a Crown of Candles 42
- Making the Lussekatter 44
- The Train 45
- Getting Ready 45
- The Invocation 45
- The Procession 46
- The Song: "Santa Lucia" 47
- Some Lucy Brides Speak 48

Decorations 49

Songs 52

- Santa Lucia 53
- Alternative Lyrics for "Santa Lucia" 54
- Lady Greensleeves 54
- Solstice Night 55
- In the Bleak Midwinter 56
- Rozhanitsa 57
- To Drive the Cold Winter Away 58
- Carol of the Three Mothers 60

Menus & Recipes 61

Menus:

- Appetizers 61
- Drinks 61
- Dinner 62

- Sweet Room 62
- Sunday Brunch 62

Recipes, Main Dishes 63

- Baked Salmon 63
- Swedish Meatballs 64
- Elaine's To-Die-For Mac & Cheese 65

Recipes, Side Dishes 66

- Roasted Roots 66
- Beet Salad with Apples 66
- Wild Rice Salad with Cranberries & Pecans 67
- Blue Cornbread 67

Recipes, Sweets 68

- Danish Pastry 68
- Frangos (Chocolate Peppermint Cream Candies) 69
- Gingersnaps 70
- Plum Pudding 71

Recipe: Lussekatter 72

Recipe: Egg Nog 73

Recipes, Sunday Brunch 74

- Vegetable Frittata 74
- Wheel of the Year Scones 75

Lucia Party Secret Website 76

Appendix: Why We Honor St. Lucia 77

Thank You 82

About Joanna Powell Colbert 83