

Title Lao Community New Year Celebration, Morris, 2012

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Primary Maker Manola Sidara

Medium born digital photography

Description Photographs of the Lao Community New Year Celebration at the Wat Lao Buddha Ariyamett Aram Temple in Morris, Connecticut in April 2012. The photographs were possibly taken by Ben Jordan for Manola Sidara who donated them to CCHAP.. (.1-.3) Images of Lao dancers and the "Nang Sungkarn" event presenting and celebrating the young women of the community who exemplify Lao cultural values such as kindness, learning, grace, respectful behavior, and good character. The participants, dressed in traditional clothes, give speeches to the gathering and take part in ceremonial processions. (.4-.6) Images of the cook preparing Lao sausages in bamboo containers during the outdoor festival on the temple grounds. (.7) Image of a young dancer in traditional clothes. (.8) Image of

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a man looking at decorative elements on one of the buildings on the temple grounds. (.9) Image of the interior of the new small temple built by the monk for personal devotion, on the temple grounds. (.10-.15) Images of Lao families at the new small temple built by the monk for personal devotion, on the temple grounds. (.16-.19) Images of young children from the dance group. (.20) Image of families photographing the young dancers onstage during the outdoor festival. (.21-.23) Images of the young dancers from the dance group in their traditional clothes.