

Each month, we introduce one of the Global Tea Hut members to you in these newsletters. We hope that this helps us all get to know each other better. It's also to pay homage to the many manifestations that all this wonderful spirit and tea are becoming, as the tea is drunk and becomes human. The energy of the tea fuels some great work in this world, and we are so honored to show you some glimpses of such beautiful people and their tea. This month we thought you should meet the most inspired and inspirational tea lover in Estonia, Siim Loog.

My name is Siim Loog and I originate from Estonia. I am a seed-propagated and Living human. For the past one and a half years, I've been drinking/learning tea and finding my roots. Tea came into my life and rearranged everything: She changed the way I eat, the way I clean, the way I relate to things and humans, and most importantly She showed me how to connect with my true self. Also, I think She came to show me the power of community, like this one we've got here! I think it is very important for us humans to get along and feel connected, don't you think? We all want to matter to someone, like Wu De has said so often.

Writing this, sipping tea and watching my cats have a gentle fight, I am grateful that my path in this life has become interwoven with Tea. Looking back to where it all started, I see a cocky, confident, young Siim who thinks he is *All Mighty*. He thinks that by the age of 30 he will be super rich with the help of some kind of a pyramid scheme and then retire. But life had different plans in store for me: Tea came and showed me another perspective and gave another meaning to the word "rich".

I still remember very clearly my first 'I have fallen in love' moment. It was at the restaurant *Ribe*, where I was working back in 2011. I made a Darjeeling Red Tea for some customers. For some reason, I took off the lid from the pot and smelled the freshly steeped tea. It was like Heavenly butterflies were flying around in my tummy. It seems like yesterday, so clear and powerful is the memory of that feeling. After that, I spent a year in Australia, traveling and working. Tea was always with me, as real leaves (Steve kindly gave me some for my trip) and also in my mind. I never forgot that first moment. Something deep down said that Tea would have an even more important role to play in my life. After a year of carefree living, I came back; I started to work at Steve's teashop here in Estonia.

Now for the last one and a half years I have walked my walk and danced my disco dances together with Steve (article writer and all-around funny dude) as well as Triin (beautiful teawayfarer in the June issue) here in Estonia. I work together with them in a cool teashop and help build a tea community here in Estonia. I truly hope you can all come to visit us; it's beautiful here. We do not have big mountains or very hot weather, but we

have something special, something earthy and deep, calm and steady—good ancient energy. You will feel it when you get here.

Until then, I will learn to serve, serve and learn, and when you arrive there will be a nice community waiting here for you—growing bigger than to now, I promise! Much love to you and big thanks for making this project as powerful as it is. If any of you should find your way to Estonia, please do not hesitate to ask for help... Love to you all!

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