

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 1968-2011



SONS OF  
NORWAY

Kennewick, WA

June 2011

# The Desert Viking

## June 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our June meeting is being held on Midsummer's Eve in celebration of Sankthansaften or St. Han's Aften (St John's eve, in English).

We will celebrate on the evening prior to the summer solstice, which ushers in summer and is the longest day of the year.

Please join us on.....**MONDAY, June 20th** at 2 Rivers Park in Finley anytime after 4:30PM. We will gather right next to the lagoon in the park for our Sankthansaften celebration. Enjoy social time and lawn games prior to our picnic potluck, which will be served at 6PM.

Sol-Land Lodge is providing hot dogs wrapped in lumpa (or buns if we run out of lumpa) with all condiments and paper goods on hand for our picnic potluck.

Members are asked to bring a picnic dish with them to share and what ever you would like to drink. The lodge will have tables and chairs set up but if you would like to bring your own folding chair, please do so.

The highlight of our Sankthansaften celebration will be the launching, floating, rowing and sailing of our Nordlands Viking ship in the lagoon AND a bonfire on shore (marshmallows provided!).

Please note that this celebration at 2 Rivers Park replaces our usual monthly meeting time & place for June.



### General Information about the Lodge

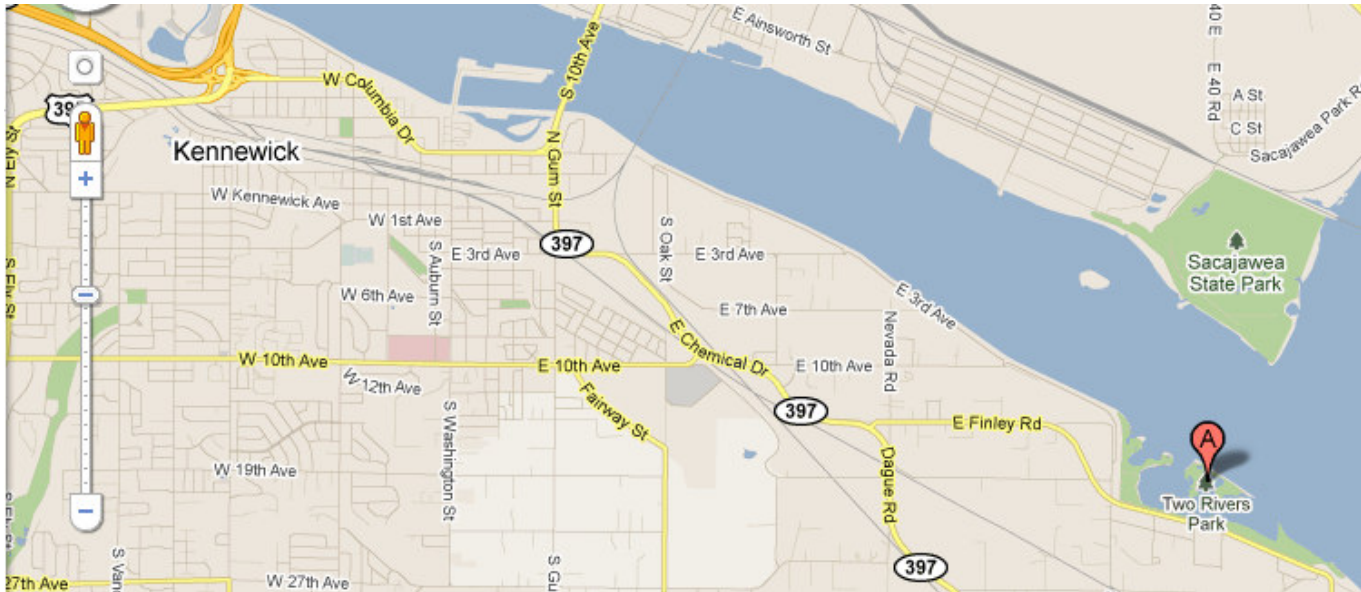
Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:00 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:00. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is Karen Aanes (438-6810). She can supply you with names and phone numbers for other officers if you need them. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, give us a call and we can arrange it for you. If you are interested in membership, give one of us a call; we can tell you what we are all about and how to go about becoming a member. You can also check out our lodge website at [www.Sol-Land.org](http://www.Sol-Land.org).





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## DIRECTIONS TO TWO RIVERS PARK, FINLEY:



### In July we will have an Ice cream social and game night!



The lodge will provide ice cream, so bring your favorite topping or accompaniment. Social and games will begin at the regular time of 6:00.

Feel free to bring a favorite card or board game and prepare to have a fun, relaxed evening with friends!



Connor Otheim is the recipient of Sol Land's 2011-2012 scholarship award. Jeanette Otheim, a charter member of our Lodge, was Connor's great-grandmother. Connor will attend Whitworth University and plans to major in Business. We wish Connor well in his new endeavor.





## heritage retreat celebrate mid(to late)sommer at the trollhaugen lodge

Adult Cultural & Heritage Retreat!  
September 23-25, 2011

Meet members from throughout District 2 & celebrate Norwegian Midsommer customs while learning Hardangersøm, Woodcarving, Knitting, Swedish Weaving, Language, Genealogy & more in the beautiful Cascade mountain lodge at Trollhaugen.

Tuition of \$115 before Sept 1st, \$125 after, includes room, all meals and class supplies.

This is the only Heritage Retreat this year –don't miss out!

- There are only a limited number of beds available
- Your check will secure your reservation.
- For more information & registration contact:

Doreen Parker	360-538-0572 or
Chris Hicks	425-672-0194
	hicks1015@msn.com

### Attention Members:

Del Matheson, the librarian at Sonja Lodge in Eugene, OR, is hunting for a magazine to complete their files of Norseman (Forbundet), 1989, #2. He's indexing the whole run of that magazine and really wants to find that missing issue. Even the publisher in Norway is out of it. Even if I could borrow a copy and make a photocopy, that would be great. Thanks so much. Del Matheson, mathesondel@comcast.net

or 4875 West Hillside Drive; Eugene, OR 97405; 541-485-5808

## District 2 summer camps for kids:

### June 26-July 9, 2011

Camp Trollhaugen (ages 13-15)  
Easton, WA

For more information contact:  
Dan Andrews, (503) 810-3674  
Mail application to Dan Andrews,  
13131 NE Failing, OR 97230

Visit camp website:  
[www.sofncamps.com/trollhaugen](http://www.sofncamps.com/trollhaugen)

### July 17-30, 2011

Camp Nidaros (ages 9-12)  
Gearhart, OR

For more information contact  
Heather Short, (360) 201-2642  
Mail application to Heather Short,  
2109 N 37th Street, Seattle, WA 98103

Visit camp website:  
[www.sofncamps.com/nidaros/](http://www.sofncamps.com/nidaros/)

### July 31-August 13, 2011

Camp Normanna (ages 9-12)  
Lake Riley, WA

For more information contact  
Chris Hicks, (425) 672-0194  
Mail application to Chris Hicks,  
816 214th Street SW,  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Visit the camp website:  
[www.sofncamps.com/normana/](http://www.sofncamps.com/normana/)

For more information on any D2 camp contact:

Chris Hicks, (425) 672-0194  
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## Midsummer Fest

The Norwegians celebrate Midsummer Eve on June 23 or the Saturday closest to this date. The Midsummer fest originated in the ancient Norse society long before Christianity was introduced and has been observed ever since.

The Old Norse honored the sun with pagan ceremonies at summer solstice. The turning of the sun was believed to be a perilous event. If the sun failed to take the right course, mankind was doomed to perish. At this critical time, the world of the living was open to the beings of the nether world. Trolls, ghosts and other creatures roamed the earth.

When Christianity was introduced, the ancient sun festival was replaced by the celebration of the birthday of John the Baptist. The Church realized that a mere ban on the pagan fest would not dispel the deep-rooted folk beliefs connected with this day. So while the celebrations were given a new purpose, the customs and superstition surrounding Midsummer Eve existed hand in hand with the Christian tradition.

Fire has always played a significant role in the midsummer celebrations. The old Norse kept blazing bonfires going to give renewed power to the sun. The bonfires were also believed to drive away the supernatural beings, which threatened both man and beast at this time.

In our time the bonfires still flame all over Norway on Midsummer Eve, but the celebration has taken on a new meaning. The superstitious beliefs seen in connection with the fest are half forgotten. Instead, Midsummer, or St. Hans ('Sahnkt `HAHNS) as it is called, is a celebration of the blonde, Norwegian summer the short, light summer nights and nature in general.

Along the coast, bonfires blaze on every islet and skerry. Boats filled with high-spirited and cheerful people gather together and form long processions which parade along the coast to the accompaniment of accordion music. There are evening picnics served in every little cove and on every rock shelf along the shoreline. Laughter and music drift through the summer night. In some places, people meet for a community celebration of midsummer, build a huge communal bonfire and have grand festivities with entertainment programs, good food and dancing.

Norwegians decorate with birch twigs at the midsummer festivities. This custom is of ancient origin. To the Old Norse, the birch twigs symbolized the life force, which awakened in Nature in the spring and early summer. Another ancient tradition, which might have had some influence on the present tradition, is the custom of using birch twigs as a symbol for peace and armistice at the places where people came to trade.

According to folk belief evil was a constant and realistic threat at midsummer. But also good forces were believed to be especially strong at this time. It was for instance the best time of the year to collect medicinal plants and herbs. These were believed to possess strong healing properties at summer solstice.

The ancient celebrations were surrounded by mysticism. Even a modern-time Norwegian will admit that the St. Hans night still has a touch of the mysterious to it. Everyone who has experienced the magic of a Nordic Midsummer night will be under its spell forever.





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## trollhaugen steak fry august 7

We're going again! We hope you can join us!

Hop on board as we take a day trip for some summer fun in the Cascades...Norwegian style! The lodge is arranging transportation for a limited number of Sons of Norway members and friends to the Annual Steak Fry at our District 2 recreational facility called TROLLHAUGEN in the Cascade Mountains near Easton, WA.

If you've never been to Trollhaugen or can't wait to visit again...this is your opportunity! Enjoy a walk in the woods, games of horseshoes, playing cards with friends or just sitting and visiting on the deck while enjoying the mountain scenery and fresh air. The trolls and mountain fairies will serve up a delicious steak or salmon BBQ dinner in the late afternoon.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 6, 2011 for a day at Trollhaugen! Our "Viking ship" (with wheels!) departs Kennewick First Lutheran at 10AM sharp and returns at 9PM. The cost is being negotiated. Reservation forms will be available at our upcoming June 20th SANKTHANSAFTEN Midsummer Eve Celebration at 2 Rivers Park in Finley.

Please call Cultural Director, Nancy Carrs Roach, 547-2331 with any questions or to have a reservation form mailed to you. TROLLHAUGEN here we come!

### Trollhaugen Steak Fry Reservation Form

Please return to Nancy Carrs Roach at the June or July monthly meeting or call 547-2331

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ #Steak \_\_\_\_\_ #Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ #Child (hot dog)

Reservations are required by July 22. Space is available on a first come first served basis.



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

**June 15:** *Board Meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, make-up Board Meeting to finalize summer plans with quorum present

**June 20:** *Picnic*, 4:30pm. Come and celebrate St. Hans Aften with us at the summer picnic! Our picnic will be in Two River's Park in Finley and hot dogs and lumpe will be provided. Please bring a picnic side dish to share and a beverage. Plates and utensils will be provided. We will have a bonfire, lawn games, and you don't want to miss the launch of our Viking boat in the Two Rivers Lagoon!

**July 6:** *Board Meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church

**July 15:** General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church. Ice Cream Social and Game Night. The lodge will provide the ice cream, so please bring your favorite topping or accompaniment to share and your favorite card or board game. Sit and chat a while or strike up a game with friends!

**August 3:** *Board Meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church

**August 6:** Steak Fry at Trollhaugen. This event will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. We will take reservations for a lodge bus to and from Trollhaugen for those who do not want to drive. The bus will leave from Kennewick First Lutheran at 10am and return at 9pm. We did this last year and had a lot of fun. Please contact Nancy Carrs Roach (547-2331) with questions or for a reservation.

**Come to Social Hour with us!** We're encouraging a new social time before our potluck dinner meeting. Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:30pm. We'd love to see you there!



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