



April 2008

# The Desert Viking

## Message From the President

Spring is in the air and I'm sure it will actually warm up any day now. Still, in spite of the cold weather, we've had some great turn out for our new "Hiking Vikings" walking club at Columbia park. The "Vikings" socialize, get some exercise and some are even working on their "Gangmerke" walking sports medals! I personally would love to award as many of these medals as I can because it would mean our members are getting out there and improving their health. Won't you join us? We meet Saturdays at 10:30 near the "Playground of dreams". You can get more info by calling me (628-3391) or visiting us on the web at <http://www.sol-land.org/hiking.htm>.

I've also been impressed with the participation in the Norwegian cooking cultural skills program. We had some great Norwegian food at the last pot luck, provided by participants in the program. I'm looking forward to more! Plus, before the next general meeting (April 18th) there will be a Rommegrot cooking class that can be applied to the cooking cultural skills pin. Come early and learn how to make this popular dessert.

There were more Tubfrim donations at the last meeting bringing us to 11oz. We're a little behind pace to meet our challenge, so remember to bring your stamps for the next meeting.

Be sure not to miss our cultural presentation at the General meeting this month. We'll put the stage to good use and have Richland High School's drama club present Dramatic Interpretations of Nordic Folktales and Myths. This should be a lot of fun, and certainly something new for the lodge.

Hilse fra presidenten,

DJ Watson



## 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 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is DJ Watson (628-3391), the secretary is Vernie Tiwater (628-9987). They 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).





**In Memoriam  
Ernest Arnold "Arnie"  
Copstead  
April 8, 1916 - Feb. 29, 2008**

Arnie Passed away February 29, 2008 at North Central Care Center in Spokane, WA. He was born in Sulzer, AK, but spent most of his life in Washington state.

A resident for more than 50 years in Kennewick, WA, he was employed for many years as a Journeyman Electrician. He was a lifetime member of the IBEW Local #112, a former President of Sol Land Lodge #86 of Sons of Norway, and charter member of Kennewick First Lutheran Church.

He married Lillian Landstrom of Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1955. They had one daughter. His lifelong interests included reading, photography, playing the organ, automotive repair and driving cars, as well as traveling, flying airplanes and boating.

Mr. Copstead is preceded in death by his wife, Lillian, in 2004; brothers, Elmer, Roald, Thor; and sister, Edna. He is survived by his daughter, Lee-Ellen Charlotte (Copstead) Kirkhorn, who resides in Wisconsin; granddaughter, Amelia Charlotte Kirkhorn; brother, Leif Copstead of Kennewick, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held over the summer in Kennewick, WA.

The members of Sol-land lodge mourn the loss of our friend and will miss him.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### ***Happy Birthday!***

Rolf O Skorge	April 6
Dorothy B Schlosser	April 7
Linnea J Hillesland	April 12
Alma M Lewandowski	April 17
Clifford R Blegen	April 18
Celia P Kohler	April 20
Norma H Winters	April 27
Joseph A Molvik	April 29
Shirley M Carlson	April 30



### Sol-Land Youth Lodge

Carrie Hallquist and Kip Campbell are holding children's meetings during the regular meeting. They will be focusing primarily on children 10 and under, as that seems to be the age of children we have.

They will have activities, singing, stories, etc.

Don't forget that junior membership is free until the age of 16, so get your kids (and grandkids) signed up.





## Family

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Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride, heading to Minneapolis. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. "Have you eaten your banana yet?" Ole asked excitedly. "No," replied Lars. "Vell don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I just took vun bite and vent blind!"

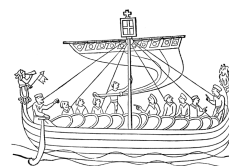
## Recipe of the Month

### Hot Plum Rum Soup

*A wonderful dessert soup*

1 lg. can (1lb. 14oz.) purple plums in heavy syrup  
 ¼ cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
 1 Tablespoon cornstarch  
 1/3 C. heavy cream, whipped  
 nutmeg to taste

1 Tablespoon butter  
 1 Tablespoon rum  
 ½ tsp. lemon juice  
 dash of salt  
 red food coloring to liking



Drain and measure 1 cup of juice from the plums. Remove pits from plums and blend in a blender until smooth. Mix brown sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Add the 1 cup of plum juice, lemon juice and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring until mixture is smooth and slightly thickened. Stir in blended plums and heat through. Add butter and rum, stirring to melt the butter. Add food coloring (optional). Ladle soup into small bowls and top with a spoonful of whipped cream and a sprinkle of nutmeg.

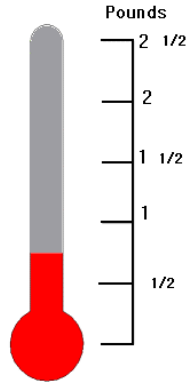




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## Tubfrim

Our lodge has set a goal of 2 1/2 lbs. of stamps collected each month through July. We collected 1 oz. of stamps at our March meeting, which brings us to 11 oz. total. Keep bringing in your stamps, and let's see if we can make our goal.



## Tidbits:

### Heritage Retreats

Spring Adult Heritage Retreat  
May 2-4, 2008  
Cost is \$115 if registered early, \$125 otherwise.

Fall Adult Heritage Retreat  
Sept. 19-21, 2008  
Contact Doreen Parker @ 360-538-0572 or Chris Hicks @ 425-672-0194  
hicks1015@msn.com

Please call Ginger Fields (734-7876), Nancy Holter (375-0919), or Doreen Parker (360-538-0572) for more info or for applications. Sol-Land lodge does provide some partial scholarships to these events.

### Request for Recipes

DJ Watson has requested heritage recipes for the web site. He particularly wants those that have a story associated with them. You can see examples on the lodge's website at <http://www.sol-land.org/culture/recipes.htm>

### Bunad Patterns for lending

Ginger Fields has some generic bunad patterns for men, women and boys. If you wish to borrow them, please give her a call (734-7876).

### Hiking Vikings

The "Hiking Vikings" meet at 10:30AM on Saturdays at the "Playground of Dreams" in Columbia park. <http://www.sol-land.org/hiking.htm> has a nice overhead picture with a pointer to exactly where we meet (gotta love technology!).

## Lodge Picnic June 14 - "Country Fair with Scandinavian Flair"

Don't forget to put this fun event on your calendar! There will be activities and games for all ages – not to mention wonderful food! Look for more information in the next newsletter!

## Sol-Land Lodge 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Suggestions for when and how to celebrate would be helpful. Please contact our social chairman, Sara Watson (628-3391) if you have ideas, or are willing to help. Also, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919 [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) if you know of any charter members who are not still a part of the lodge, so we can contact them to invite them to participate.

President	D.J. Watson
V. President	Greg Holter
Secretary	Vernie Tiwater
Treasurer	Jim Schlosser
Membership Secretary	Vernie Tiwater
Social Director	Sara Watson
Cultural Director	Jim Lande
Counselor	Nancy Holter
Editor	Nancy Holter
Foundation Director	Cliff Blegen
Publicity Director	Audrey Blegen
Youth Director	Carrie Hallquist
Sports/ Rec Director	Ken Leaf
Music Director	JoAnne Bjerke
Librarian	Lucinda Twedt
Calling Committee	Doris Olson





## Volunteers Needed for the Norway Project

The objective of the Norway Project is to make all the families of Norway available in a free database. The project begins with the extraction of the "bygdeboks," to which extracted church records and extracted censuses will be added.

The books are typescript and designed with families readily recognizable and therefore extractable, so that one does not need to know how to read Norwegian. Extractors are allowed to work in areas where they have an interest, if they are able to understand the book for that area. We are asking for volunteers to extract the "bygdebøkker."

Roger Magneson is the project manager for the Norway Project. To volunteer or for additional information on either project, contact Roger at [magnesonr@ldschurch.org](mailto:magnesonr@ldschurch.org) or toll free at 1-800-453-3860 ext. 2-5759.

## Free membership for Nordic Heritage Museum

Any member of Sons of Norway D2 or GL Daughters of Norway (and many other Scandinavian groups) who have NEVER been a member of the Nordic Heritage Museum may get a free one year membership. You just need to tell them which lodge you belong to. If you live in the Seattle area or plan to visit the area it is well-worth it to take advantage of this generous offer! To see what's happening there, go to <http://www.nordicmuseum.org/>.

## Little Ole and the Stork

Little Ole was sitting at the kitchen table doing his school homework. He had a puzzled look on his face at he considered the assignment that was due--writing an essay about his origin. He turned to question his mother.

"Mama, vere did Grandma come from?" he asked.

"Da stork brought her," answered mama Lena.

"And vere did yew come from?" asked Little Ole.

"Da stork brought me," his mother answered.

"And vere did I come from?" Little Ole inquired.

"Vell, son, da stork brought yew, tew," mama Lena replied.

With a scowl on his face, Little Ole picked up his pencil, turned to his school tablet, and began writing his essay: "Dere have been no natural births in our family for three generations."

## In the News:

### Naked Scandinavians leave police speechless

Tirana - Albanian police were speechless when around 30 Scandinavian women went topless, shocking local bathers and causing an uproar in an Albanian beach resort.

"Police only watched. They could not approach the tourists because they spoke no English," a local newspaper in the southern Albania coastal town of Sarande said.

Albanian mothers dragged their children away and police received a barrage of complaints over the Scandinavian tourists.

The Scandinavians left after two hours when their guide was informed that nude bathing was banned on public beaches.

Nudity and topless bathing are still taboo in the poor Balkan country.

Article found at:  
[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=29&art\\_id=qw1154292481637B234](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=29&art_id=qw1154292481637B234)



## Upcoming Calender of Events:

**April 18:** Sol-land Lodge general meeting /cultural program: *Dramatic interpretaions of Scandinavian myths and folktales* (by Richland High School drama club)

**April 18:** Rommegrot cooking class 5:45pm – RSVP to Sara Watson 628-3391, by April 17.

**April 19 and 26:** Hiking Vikings – meet in Columbia Park at 10:30 by Playground of Dreams

**April 21 and April 28:** Norwegian Language Class 7:15, Sol-land Lodge, Room 5

**May 2-4:** Spring Adult Retreat – Trollhaugen

**May 5:** Board Meeting - 395 and Yelm, Kennewick, 7pm

**May 6, 13, 20 and 27:** Norwegian Language Class 7:15, Sol-land Lodge, Room 5

**May 16:** Sol-land Lodge general meeting / cultural program: Lynn Berg on *Hardanger Fiddle making*

**June 14:** Summer Picnic with Walla Walla Bla Fjell Lodge at Charbonneau Park

**Ginger Fields is the hosting chairman for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and Audrey and Cliff Blegen are the chairmen for May.** The May meeting is May 16, and we will be celebrating Syttende May. Those with bunads are encouraged to wear them to the meeting.

**Come to Social Hour with us!** We're encouraging a new social time before our potluck dinner meeting. Please come and visit with your friends beginning at 5:45pm. We'd love to see you there!



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