



June 2008

# The Desert Viking

## Message From the President

Midsummer's eve (or St. Hans Af ten) is nearly upon us and that means our annual picnic with our friends from the Walla Walla lodge. With a new location and some fun activities planned, this should prove to be a great start to the summer. There were a couple member requests for carpooling, so there will be some work in the next week to try to match up those that can give a ride to those who want a ride. Give me a call (628-3391) if you find yourself in either category.

I would also like to point out that one of the planned activities is a pie contest – this can only work if we have pies to judge! So, get out your favorite recipe and make a pie for the contest!

I have been pleased to receive some inquiries about our Gangmerke (walking) sports medal and how to earn it. You'll find a copy of the mileage sheet in this newsletter. Just cut it out, fill in the miles as you walk (I record them once a week) and have a witness sign it. Once complete they can be turned in to our sports director. Several members are well on their way to earning their bronze and silver walking medals and I would love to have more members join them.

Our TUBFRIM campaign is going strong with one month left to go. The 8 oz. of stamps collected at the May meeting brings us to almost a half-pound (8 oz.) of our goal. One more month like last month will push us over the top of our goal, so bring in those stamps!

Finally, don't forget that we will be having meetings over the summer. Although the picnic will count as June's meeting, we will have meetings at the same time and place in July and August, so be sure not to miss them!

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).





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## Call for Entries for the 2008 District and International Folk Art Exhibitions & Competitions.

As a part of the 60th Biennial Convention, Sons of Norway is inviting all members, both amateur and professional, to participate. The exhibition and competition, being held August 27-30 in San Diego, California, will highlight the talents of numerous folk artists in a number of different disciplines. Everyone who enters will receive a certificate of participation and a unique pin for their contribution. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in a variety of categories, a People's Choice award and the Best-in-Show prize for the judges' favorite overall item will be awarded.

Remember, members do not have to participate in a district folk art exhibit to participate in the International Folk Art Exhibition & Competition. It is open to all members. However, if you DO have an item that you would like to display/enter at the District exhibit, please let Nancy know ASAP, as it needs to go along on the 18th. All entries must have been completed within the last two years.

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Librarian	Lucinda Twedt
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### **Notice:**

The minutes and financial statement for the May meeting have been revised. They are included in this mailing. Please review for acceptance at the July meeting.

### **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/>.





## Festivals

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### Remember:

We are still having general membership meetings in the summer this year! We don't want you to miss out on the July and August meetings! July's meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and August's meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you there!

## Salute to Fathers - Happy Father's Day!

### Red Buttons

Never raise your hand to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected.

### Jimmy Piersal, on how to diaper a baby

Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Then, fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put first base and third together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over again.

### Ernest Hemingway

To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years.

### Bill Cosby

If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right.

### Peter De Vries

My father hated radio and he could not wait for television to be invented so that he could hate that too.

### Charles Wadsworth

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.





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*Tidbits:*

## Heritage Retreat

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!).

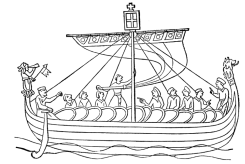
## Lodge Web site

The lodge web site is: <http://www.sol-land.org/>. There are pictures from past events, recipes, a calendar of events, and other information. The site has been recently re-vamped with a new home page containing important links and a "Contact us" page with the officers' e-mail addresses.

## 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.

## Recipe(s) of the Month



### Rödbette Salat (Beet Salad)

1-#2 can beets  
1 lg. peeled apple  
¼ med. onion  
½ c. vinegar  
1 T. sugar  
2 whole allspice berries, crushed or small pinch of ground allspice

Drain beets. Chop beets, peeled apple, onion and allspice. Add vinegar and sugar and let ripen overnight.

### Oatmeal Bread

2 C. boiling water      1 yeast cake, dissolved in ½ c.  
½ c. molasses                      warm water  
1 t. salt                              1 c. rolled oats  
2 T. butter                         5-6 c. flour

Add boiling water to oats and let stand 1 hour. Add molasses, salt, butter, yeast and flour. Mix, let rise again. Shape into 2 loaves. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday!

Nancy Carrs Roach      6/1  
Eiline Fritzberg        6/2  
Jeff Reiten                6/4  
Ruthann Jensen        6/27





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## Lodge Picnic June 14 - “Country Fair with Scandinavian Flair”

Mark your calenders for June 14<sup>th</sup> and plan to be at Charbonneau Park, east of Pasco, for our joint summer picnic with Walla Walla’s Bla Fjell Lodge. The party will begin at 11am with the pot luck lunch at noon. Sol-Land Lodge will provide cold drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. There are some picnic tables available, but you might consider bringing a chair or blanket to sit on. This event takes the place of our monthly June meeting.

*Come and see Sara and Carrie’s first attempts to make Kranskake!*

### Planned activities:

**Pie Judging Contest** – Bring your favorite pie and see if our noble judges (drafted on the spot) choose yours as the best of the best! A first place prize will be awarded!

**Joke Telling Contest** – Share your favorite Scandinavian joke and see if it gets the loudest groans (of appreciation, of course) from the audience! A first place prize will be awarded!

**Games: Kubb, Bocce, bean bag toss** – learn to play the viking game of Kubb, Bocce (lawn bowling) or see if you can beat the kids in the bean bag toss!

**Bring your families and invite a friend for what will prove to be a fun time with our neighbors to the east!**

### **Directions to Charbonneau Park from the Tri-Cities:**

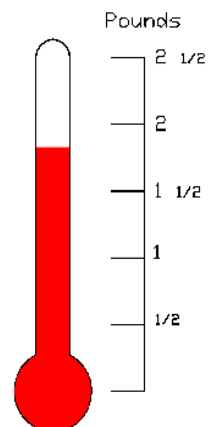
Take Hwy 182 east to WA-12 and turn left onto 124, just past the Snake River Bridges. Travel WA-124 and take a left onto Sun Harbor Drive. Curve toward the right onto Harbor Blvd., take a left onto Charbonneau Drive and follow to the picnic shelter. (Approx. 20 miles)

### **Directions to Charbonneau Park from Walla Walla:**

Take 13<sup>th</sup> Ave/WA-125 north until you turn left onto WA-124. Head east to Sun Harbor Drive and follow to Harbor Blvd. Take a left onto Charbonneau Drive and follow to the picnic shelter. (Approx. 44 miles)

### **Tubfrim**

Our lodge has set a goal of 2 1/2 lbs. of stamps collected each month through July. We collected 8 oz. of stamps at our May meeting, which brings us to 29oz. total. Keep bringing in your stamps, we’re almost there!



## Upcoming Calender of Events:

**June 14:** Summer Picnic with Walla Walla Bla Fjell Lodge at Charbonneau Park – Directions on front page and at [www.sol-land.org](http://www.sol-land.org).

**June 18-22:** District 2 Convention in Spokane. Nancy Holter, Vernie Tiwater and Karen Dodson, Delegates

**June 7, 21, 28:** 10:30am - Hiking Vikings, meet at Columbia Park in front of the Playground of Dreams at the east end of the park.

**July 7:** 7pm - Board meeting, Room 5, First Lutheran Church

**July 18:** General Membership meeting, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, 395 & Yelm, Kennewick

### Regional Happenings:

**June 20-22:** The Astoria Scandinavian Festival, Astoria, OR

**June 28:** 80th Annual Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Portland, OR

**Bud and Jacquie Sleeth** are the chairmen for the June meeting, which is the picnic with Walla Walla. It will be held at Charbonneau Park, at Ice Harbor Dam on June 14<sup>th</sup>. **Jim and Joann Lande** are hosts for the July meeting. **It will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> at the church as usual.**

**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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