

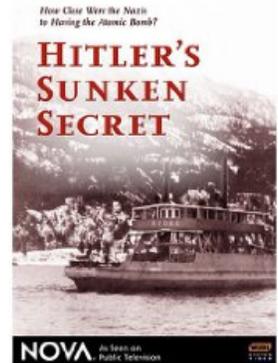


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## July and August Meeting Programs:

**In July** we will have our potluck dinner followed by a movie. The movie is a Nova documentary called **Hitler's Sunken Secret**. A publisher's review says:

*One of the most daring resistance operations of World War II was the 1944 sinking of the Norwegian ferry Hydro, with its cargo of "heavy water" destined for the Nazi's secret atomic bomb project. If the Germans had obtained a large supply, it could have helped their physicists develop nuclear weapons that would have made the Third Reich invincible. Fear of that outcome sparked the Allies to undertake the Manhattan Project, which ultimately produced the first atomic bomb.*



*But was the blowing up of the Hydro a crucial defeat for Hitler's nuclear ambitions? An exclusive NOVA salvage expedition sets out to explore the bottom of a Norwegian lake with a remotely operated vehicle--its goal is to discover the sunken ferry and haul up one of the barrels believed to contain heavy water. Testing the barrel's contents will provide a crucial clue to resolving the riddles surrounding Nazi Germany's push to build the bomb.*

*Hitler's Sunken Secret features gripping first-person interviews with the sole living Norwegian saboteur and survivors who were on board the Hydro when it blew up. Among the NOVA team's startling new discoveries is evidence that a second secret consignment of barrels eluded the saboteurs and made it all the way to Germany, but arrived too late to make a Nazi bomb feasible.*



**In August** 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 6:30. Feel free to bring a favorite card or board game and prepare to have a fun, relaxed evening with friends!



### Walk to Bergen

Remember to bring your Walk to Bergen miles to the meeting. Miles can be for swimming, walking or biking. We'll add them to the total and see how far across the Atlantic Ocean we are! Almost finished! Help put us over the top!





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## Calling Volunteers for the Nordic Fest Committee!

It's time to begin planning our Nordic Fest 2010! It seems early to begin meeting, but a lot of the entertainment acts which make our Nordic Fest so distinctive like to book up to a year in advance. We need to find and book a venue, make hotel reservations for out of town entertainment and begin inviting vendors. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact D.J. Watson at 628-3391 or [djwatson@cougarmail.org](mailto:djwatson@cougarmail.org). We need some creative ideas to make our fest special. We heard from many people who were disappointed that we didn't hold our fest this year, so they are eagerly anticipating next year!

## **Bunad Workshop**

Sol-Land Lodge is happy to have an opportunity to host a bunad workshop for members and interested persons. If you would like to learn to make your own bunad, this is your chance!

**Who:** Bunad Sydame, Donna Gilbery

**When:** August 13-15, 9:00 a.m.-?

**Where:** TBA

**Cost:** It is \$40 each for 10 participants plus mileage. If we have fewer than 10 participants then it's \$400 divided by those in attendance.

**Materials:** Sewers need working sewing machines & cost of material is not included.

If you would like to participate, please contact Nancy Carrs-Roach at [nancycarrsroach@gmail.com](mailto:nancycarrsroach@gmail.com) or 547-2331.





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*SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT # 2*  
*PRESENTS ADULT HERITAGE RETREATS*  
*SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009, AT TROLLHAUGEN*

*Get "hands" on your heritage!*  
*Learn crafts, language, cooking, woodcarving, needlework, & much more!*  
*Limited number of spaces, so register early.*  
*Cost of retreat is \$115.00 before September 1st (\$125.00 after September 15th)*  
*includes all costs for the weekend.*

*For further information contact one of the following:*

*Doreen Parker – 360-538-0572*

*Chris Hicks – 425-672-0194*

*Ginger Fields – 509-734-7876*

## Trollhaugen Steak Fry – August 1, 2009

Tickets: \$15.00 adults (specify Steak or Salmon)  
\$5.00 kids under 12 (Hot dog, chips, dessert)

Happy Hour: 2:30pm (BYOB)

Dinner: 3:30 pm

RSVP: Bill Hicks at (425) 672-0194

Trollhaugen phone is (509) 656-9997 for overnight reservations.

**So Sven and Ole are walking home from the tavern late at night and they head down the railroad tracks, and Sven says, "This is the longest flight of stairs I ever climbed in my life." And Ole says, "Yeah, it's not the stairs that bother me so much, it's these low railings."**



## June Picnic

We held our June picnic at Charbonneau Park once again this year and even though the stiff breeze was trying to carry away the table cloths, balloons, plates, utensils and a random child or two, we had a good time. Sara tried to remember the rules to KUBB and the kids played with the bean bag toss. The food was wonderful and so was the company. Congratulations to Karen Aanes for winning the pie contest with her country apple pie and to Ada's friend Jerry for winning the joke contest!





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## **If you ever hanker to go camping in Norway, this looks like a great place to start:**

Articles found at [www.visitnorway.com](http://www.visitnorway.com)

For over a hundred years the Nordal family has welcomed travelers to their “home”. Today the modern four-star site has approximately **110 spots for tents, mobile homes and caravans**. The site also offers 64 cabins, most with their own shower and toilet.

At the site you will find a unique service-house with **private bathrooms**, a well-equipped **kitchen with a dishwasher** and microwave oven, and a cozy television room.

Guests also have access to a **pub, cafeteria, dining room**, mini-market, sauna, solarium and an indoor swimming pool. In addition there is a nice playground for children.

Located next to a river in the heart of Lom, you have short distances to fishing, rafting, Lom Stave Church and nature trails. The campsite is a perfect base from which to explore the beautiful Gudbrandsdalen. It is also a good starting point for hiking and biking in the mountains of Jotunheimen and trips to the fjords.

### **For the camper who likes to “rough it”, here are a few tips:**

In Norway everyone has the unrestricted right of free access in the countryside - including the national parks.

In principle, there is a public right of way on all uncultivated land on property that is not in the immediate vicinity of the owner's residence. However, care must be shown at all times so that animals and plants are not disturbed or harmed.

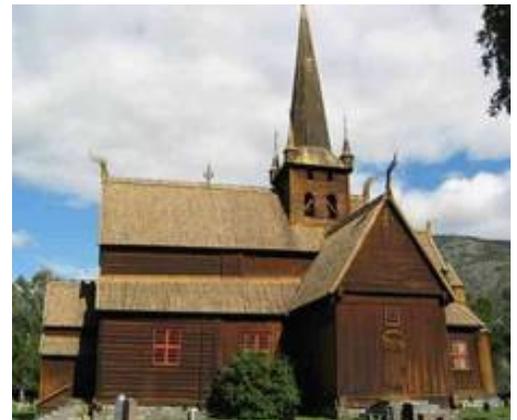
The following rules must be observed:

- Tents and caravans may not be pitched less than 150 m from houses and cabins/cottages. You can stay for up to 48 hours (in the high mountains you can stay for as long as you wish). It is not allowed to stay overnight in lay-bys.
- Fires must not be lit in woods or open ground between 15 April and 15 September. This includes the use of cooking equipment that uses petroleum (primus stoves etc.). However, fires may be lit on areas of bare rock.

### **While you are in Lom...**

Lomskyrkja – the church in Lom - is one of the biggest and most beautiful stave churches in our country. The impressive church dates back to 1158-59, confirmed through dendrochronological research. It is still the main church in Lom. The oldest part was built in Romanesque style. The Lom stave church was built extra large; in the Middle Ages it was the main church in the northern Gudbrandsdal district. Lom was also an important stopover for pilgrims at that time. In 1634 the church was extended to the west, and in 1663 the crossarms were added in framework construction to the north and south. The tower was built at the same time. Most of the furnishing is from the 18th century. The famous wood carver Jakop Sæterdalen is the master behind the chancel arch and the pulpit. The Lom stave church has the largest collection of paintings found in any Norwegian church, most of them done by Eggert Munch.

By archeological excavations in 1973 interesting findings were made; more than 2.000 coins and a love message with carved runes on a stick.





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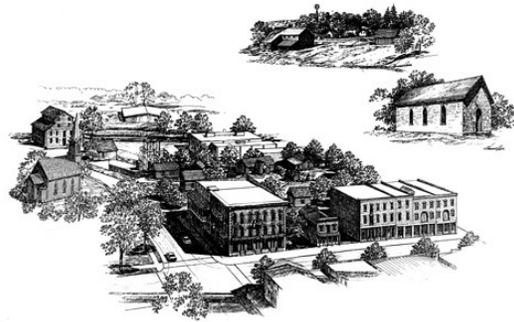
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**Perhaps it is time for some extraordinary action from Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, and rosemalers...as lodges, districts, International organizations, and individuals.... to help preserve one of our greatest cultural resources...Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, IA.**

Please consider joining if you are not already a member, writing a donation check or making a contribution online, signing up for a class, shopping at the online museum shop, organizing a fundraiser and adding it to the agenda for your next meeting.

Patti Goke, who forwarded this message through the rosemaling yahoo group, is the editor of Vesterheim's Rosemaling Letter.

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Hi All,

*I am sharing with you an email that I received from Rebecca Hannah, a VGM in woodcarving who lives in Decorah.*

*Patti,*

*Yesterday and today 4 more employees were let go at Vesterheim: Diane Weston in the Education Dept., Bill Musser in Development, Becky Idstrom in publications, and Tova Brandt, curator. If I have the correct information, Becky and Tova are on "furlough" - meaning they could be called back if finances improve.*

*The situation at Vesterheim is worse than any of them ever knew or realized, since only a couple of former administrative people would be privy to that information. Now Steve Johnson is trying to keep the museum afloat, and it isn't easy. So please support it in whatever way you are able.*

*Hope to see you all at Nordic Fest . . .*

*Rebecca  
Decorah*

*P.S. Please forward to anyone I may not have an address for!*



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

**July 6:** Board meeting, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

**July 17:** General Heritage Meeting, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Program: Potluck dinner and movie night. Movie: *Nova: Hitler's Sunken Secret*. Documentary. See details on Page 1.

**August 3:** Board meeting, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

**August 13-15:** Bunad Workshop. See details on Page 2.

**August 21:** General Heritage Meeting, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Ice Cream Social and Game night. The lodge will provide ice cream. Please bring your favorite topping or accompaniment and game, if you wish.

**Note:** Reading Circle will be postponed until September: *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo. Location TBA.

**Come to Social Hour with us!** Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:45pm. We'd love to see you there!



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