

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

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SONS OF  
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Kennewick, WA

September 2009

# The Desert Viking

"Well, I'm back."

If you're familiar with J.R.R. Tolkien's magnificent "Lord of the Rings" books, you'll recognize this is the last line of the last book, spoken by the hobbit Samwise Gamgee to his wife upon returning home after a long and exciting adventure. I too have just finished a long adventure, although it wasn't as exciting as Sam's. It did require a lot of my time, which made me president in absentia for most of the spring and summer. I want to thank all of you for your support and particularly want to thank Karen Aanes for taking up my slack. I had no idea my Master's thesis would become as long and involved as it did, so if I appeared lose interest in our lodge, I'd like to assure you that was not the case. Now I am finished, I can use the last 4 months of my term to make up for lost time with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas.

First out of the blocks is Nordic Fest: I am in the process of assembling the committee to plan our October 2010 Nordic Fest. As you may remember, Nordic Fest was delayed a year because a committee couldn't be assembled in time to make a Fall 2009 target date. Currently, x of y positions in the committee are filled and we have already explored new venues and signed on some entertainment. I am excited to put on another fabulous Nordic Fest and encourage you to volunteer in whatever capacity you can, because Nordic Fest has always succeeded by the hard work of the entire lodge membership.

I'd also like to encourage everyone to attend the upcoming meeting to discuss an important proposition by Viking Land to the Lodge.

I'm also very happy that we will be sponsoring Knut Erik Jensen in concert this month. Mr. Jensen is a pianist and will perform pieces from several Norwegian composers. The concert will be on a different night than our meeting so I would like to ask all of you to come out to support this entertaining cultural event. Remember, if you are interested in earning a Music cultural skills pin, you can apply this concert to one of the elective requirements, contact our Cultural Director (or me), for details.

Finally, we've gone several months without collecting Walk to Bergen miles from all the participants. We only have 1311 miles to go and with all the nice weather we've had, I expect that everyone's miles since the April meeting will put us over the top! So remember to bring your mileage since the April meeting to our September meeting!

I'm very happy to have the time to be involved with lodge planning. I feel we have some exciting presentations and events to look forward to. In addition, I think we're rested up enough to put on a fantastic Nordic Fest next year. So I hope to see you at the September meeting, and, well.... I'm back!

D.J. Watson, President





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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***



We were unable to hold our scheduled bunad workshop due to scheduling issues with interested participants. Summer vacations tend to get in the way! If you are still interested in participating in a bunad workshop, please contact Cultural Director, Nancy Carrs-Roach (547-2331), and we can try to reschedule. This will be a fantastic event and a great chance to have your very own bunad!

A Swedish truck driver once got stuck in a tunnel in Norway. Soon a Norwegian came by the tunnel and found out that the truck was wedged in with the load stuck against the ceiling. The Norwegian suggested that the Swede let the air out of the tires. The Swede looked angrily at him, "You moron! The truck is stuck up on top."





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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*

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## **Nominating Committee looking for Board Members**

The nominating committee will be in touch with most of you in the next month, because it is time to choose a slate of officers for next year. Here is your chance to become active and make a difference in the lodge. If you are curious to know what an officer's duties are, you can look in your directory (the red one), there is a synopsis of officer's duties in there. If you want more detail, go to the [Sons of Norway website](#), go to the members' area and look under *lodge management* and *guides for leadership*. Also, any of our officers would be happy to talk to you about a certain position. Please don't hesitate to ask!

## **Knut Erik Jensen Concert Friday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Sol-Land Lodge and Kennewick First Lutheran Church's Fine Arts Committee are pleased to announce a program featuring Knut Erik Jensen, a talented Norwegian pianist, and the music of Edvard Greig and other notable Norwegian composers. The concert will be on Friday, September 25, and will begin at 7:00 PM. There will be a free-will offering taken, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

For more information, you can see his website: <http://www.knuterikjensen.com/Images/The%20project%20and%20composers.pdf> or contact Audrey Blegen ().





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Dear Member,

Norsk Høstfest is coming up at the end of September, so make plans to join Sons of Norway at North America's largest Scandinavian festival! Once again we are the presenting sponsors of Oslo Hall and we've got a lot planned for this year's event so you won't want to miss out.

For starters, Sons of Norway members are entitled to a 15% discount at *En To Tre* Norwegian buffet (to get your discount, scroll down to where you see the Sons of Norway logo). Taste the finest flavors of Norway, put together by Norwegian chef and culinary genius, Willy Hanson. *En To Tre* uses only the freshest of ingredients and has been wowing the taste buds of festival-goers for the last three years.

If you haven't been part of this dining experience yet, now is the time to do it—especially when you can get your discount!

Next, there's the newly renamed Sons of Norway stage in Oslo Hall, where festival attendees can enjoy the sights and sounds of some of Norsk Høstfest's most popular performers, like Bjørø Haaland, Williams & Ree and the Kentucky Riders. The best part is that all performances on the Sons of Norway stage are totally free! Seating is limited on a first-come-basis, so make sure to get there early.

There's going to be a lot going on at this year's festival, so come to Minot and be part of the total experience! If you can't make it to this year's event, be sure to follow along as we blog and tweet throughout the week!

You can read all about this year's Norsk Høstfest by going to the Sons of Norway blog at [sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com](http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com), or by following us on twitter at [www.twitter.com/sonsofnorway](http://www.twitter.com/sonsofnorway).



## **september and october cultural programs**

For our September 2009 meeting, there will be a short business meeting (please read the Viking Land insert in this newsletter. There will be a discussion and vote.) followed by a film about Her Royal Highness Märtha, The Crown Princess of Norway, Princess of Sweden. This courageous princess fled Nazi occupied Norway with her 3 children (including Norway's current King Harald) to Sweden, only to be denied sanctuary. Pursued by the Nazis, she escaped to the USA, where she was guest and friend of the Roosevelts for the rest of the war. While here, she played an important role in the war effort.

For our October 2009 meeting, Bill Asplund from Wenatchee, will give a 30 minute presentation, in period costume, about the famous 19th century Norwegian virtuoso violinist, Ole Bull. Bull was born in Bergen in 1810 and died in 1880 as a wealthy, world-renowned and traveled performer. The program culminates with music by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg who was one of Bull's contemporaries and who's music Bull played. Asplund is a dynamic presenter and is sure to captivate the audience with his presentation. Don't Miss it!





## World's Tallest Building Planned for Norway

By: Bridgette Meinhold  
August 24, 2009

Recently the Norwegian Barents Secretariat announced plans for a new cultural center that is being touted as the world's tallest wooden building. The Secretariat hopes that the new structure will serve as a physical symbol of their important role in the High North - a lighthouse of sorts and a beacon of knowledge and development. As part of that role, the new office and

cultural center will also act as a model for sustainable building and carbon neutrality.

Currently the world's tallest wooden structure is said to be a 144 ft, 13-story home in Arkhangelsk, in North-West Russia built by Nikolai Sutyagin. The new tower by the Secretariat will be located in Kirkenes, Norway and will be 16-17 stories tall and constructed from natural materials with innovative and environmental solutions in all parts of the building. Oslo-based Reiulf Ramstad Architects are responsible for the ambitious project, which will be situated in downtown Kirkenes on the historical ground of a multiethnic area.

To achieve carbon neutrality, Reiulf Ramstad Architects is relying on integrated systems that also enable it- to adapt to the changing seasons and climate. The firm also plans to reuse biodegradable household and industrial waste to produce biogas. Recycled materials from the surrounding area will be incorporated into the design, which is based on traditional architecture from Russia, Sweden, Finland and Norway.

The interior of the center will house energy-efficient offices for the Barents Secretariat as well as a library, a theater and a creative environment for artists, researchers, students and other relevant institutions. Their goal is that the wooden building will serve as an example of sustainable construction for the surrounding region while acting as a center for cooperation between Russians, Finns, Swedes, Saamis and Norwegians.

<http://www.inhabitat.com/2009/08/24/worlds-tallest-wooden-building-planned-for-norway/>

## *Condolences*

Our thoughts go out to lodge member Ann Carnahan on the death of her son, Scott Carnahan, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## **Walk to Bergen**

**O.K. Travelers! It's the moment of truth to see if we've been able to walk, run, bike or swim to Bergen Norway in one year! We haven't tallied our miles since April, so if you have been collecting them, please bring them to the September meeting and we will add them to our total. Don't forget! Every mile counts!**



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

**September 2:** *Board meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

**September 18:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Business meeting followed by movie: *Crown Princess Martha, The American Story*

**September 25:** *Knute Erik Jensen Concert*. 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church

**September 30:** *Reading Circle*, 7pm, Hosted by Audrey and Cliff Blegen. *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo.

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

**October 14:** *Nordic Fest Committee meeting*, 7pm, Location TBA (Subject to change)

**October 16:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Bill Asplund presents Ole Bull.

**October 28:** *Reading Circle*, 7pm, Book and 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!

### Sol-Land Reading Circle

We took a break for the summer, but now we're back for a new season of great books! Since last September, we've read some old classics and some contemporary books by great authors. Come and join us for a fun evening of great company and discussion. Our book for September is *The Redbreast*, by Jo Nesbo, a mystery that brings together today's Oslo and a murder plot planned 50 years ago in WWII Germany.



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