

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

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# The Desert Viking



Our lodge is celebrating Norway's Constitution Day this month so in keeping with this theme.... How much do you REALLY know about all things Norwegian??

We will be playing a fun NORWAY TRIVIA game with teams and prizes for the winners!

Get out your encyclopedias and wikipedias and brush up on your knowledge of Norway: history, politics, peoples, pastimes, foods, geography, travel, economics, folkways etc. We will be in teams so if you can't remember something hopefully your teammate will!! Get ready for some fun! This month the lodge will provide pølser as the main dinner course and we will be taste-testing several different recipes to determine which one to sell at Nordic Fest. Come and vote for your favorite!

## Summer Picnic, Saturday, June 19

Join Sol-Land Lodge at Columbia Point Marina Park in Richland on Saturday, June 19th from 11am-2pm for our annual picnic. We will be in a picnic shelter near the restrooms and playground. Break out those cookbooks! There will be a pie-judging contest again this year and also an award given for the most Scandinavian entree. Several lawn games will be available including Kubb and croquet. Hope to see you there!



### 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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## 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.



**In Memoriam**  
**Cecil Cotterell**  
**Dec. 19,1930 - May 2, 2010**  
 Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Shirley, and his entire family.

## Syttende Mai (Seventeenth of May)

In 1814, the Kingdom of Norway broke away from Denmark after 400 years of being under Danish control. On May 17 of this year, a constitution was established by the Kingdom of Norway at the Constituent Assembly at Eidsvold, and, although a Norway was part of a kingdom with Sweden until 1905, Norway has chosen the Seventeenth of May (Syttende Mai) as its day of liberation and celebration.

This day is celebrated in Norway with parades of dressed-up children and adults carrying flags and singing. Some predominantly Norwegian cities in America also choose to celebrate Syttende Mai, including Spring Grove and Hanska, Minnesota. Folk dancing and music, ethnic clothing, and arts and crafts are often apart of these American celebrations.

## St. Hans Aften (St. John's Eve)

St. Hans Aften is celebrated in Norway every June on the longest day of the year. On this day, barbeques are held featuring games and lotteries. Bonfires are also a main part of the observance. These fires date back to pagan days, and some superstitions surrounding them state that the bonfires will protect people from evil spirits and witches.





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## Book Club Update

This month our reading circle meets at 7pm, Toby Carrs' house, 103 Tamarron Lane, Pasco. All are welcome. This month's book is *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* by Selma Lagerlöf.



### From the Publisher's note:

Nils Holgersson was not really a bad boy, but he was lazy and unkind. Then one day he encountered a tomten and found himself shrunk to tomte-size by a magic spell.... This ever-delightful fairy tale is filled with the rich store of folklore and historic traditions, which forms the background of Swedish life.

### I'll bet you never knew...

1. The most popular souvenir in Sweden is the commonly seen "moose-crossing" warning sign along roads in Sweden. Swedes replace thousands of these traffic signs each year.
2. While Finland is called "The Land of the 1,000 lakes", the country has more than 188,000 lakes with 98,000 islands!
3. Now known worldwide, the inventors of Lego® toys got started in Billund, Denmark in 1932 manufacturing not Lego blocks but stepladders! Billund is now the home of Legoland Theme Park.
4. During Easter in Sweden, which is a well-known holiday here, children dress up and go from home to home asking for candy, similar to Halloween!
5. Sweden is known for innovation and inventions. It is the country that first offered the perfected zipper, the marine propeller, the fridge, the heart pace maker and even created your computer mouse. Not to forget IKEA and H&M merchandise.
6. Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, has sidewalks that are heated by geothermal heat in the winter. Maybe this takes care of snow-shoveling...
7. In Denmark, a flag is flown outside when it's someone's birthday. If you're not married when you turn 30, you will get a pepper shaker as a gift and men are called a Pepperman (in Danish: "pebersvend") while females will be a Peppermaid ("pebermø").
8. In Norway's dark winter during the Polar Nights, the sun is up for only 3 hours a day in some parts, a phenomenon that affects and slows pregnancies of Norwegian women!

### Know the Facts: Norway

In 2006 British pop star Katie Melua earned a world record for what was then the deepest concert ever held. The concert was held inside one of the legs of the giant Troll-A platform, 303 meters below the sea surface. Prior to setting the record, Katie underwent extensive medical testing and survival training for the performance.

In April of 2009 Nina Irslinger set the world record for the longest church organ marathon, after playing for 36 hours and 3 minutes at Evje church in Evje, Norway.

Erik Rotheim, a Norwegian chemical engineer, invented the aerosol spray can in Oslo in 1927. The invention was patented in 1931 and later sold to a US company for 100,000 Norwegian kroner.

The world's largest gingerbread man was made in Oslo, Norway in November of 2009. The world's tallest man, Sultan Kosen, unveiled the 1,435-pound gingerbread man during a promotional event held at Ikea.

Source: Sons of Norway Newsletter Service, March/April 2010



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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

**May 21:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Program: Syttende mai smorgasbord and celebration. Please show your Nordic pride by wearing your bunad!

**May 26:** Reading Circle, 7pm, Book: *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* by Selma Lagerlöf. Toby Carrs' house, 103 Tamarron Lane, Pasco

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

**June 19:** Summer Picnic! 11am-2pm at Columbia Point Marina Park, Richland (past Winco and the golf course). Bring a chair or blanket, a potluck dish and your family! Games and Prizes!

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

**July 16:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.

**Come to Social Hour with us!** Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:30pm. We'd love to see you there!

**May Host:** Ben Borgen, **June Hosts:** Margaret and Ken Leaf, **July Hosts:** Jim and Joanne Lande, **August Host:** Jacquie Sleeth, **September Host:** Doris Olson, **October Hosts:** Audrey and Cliff Blegen, **November Host:** Ginger Fields, **December Host:** Karen Aanes



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