



The Desert Viking

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 MEETING:

Our guest speaker will be Paul Lund, a Norwegian-American who was born in Harstad, Norway and grew up on a dairy farm belonging to his father's family for 5 generations. Currently, Paul is pursuing a BS in Animal Science degree at WSU, Pullman. He is also employed as a herdsman for the WSU student-managed dairy herd. These cows produce the milk that is used to make Ferdinand's Ice Cream and Cougar Gold cheeses. All of these dairy products are student-made at WSU, Pullman.

Paul will give an illustrated talk about life on a dairy farm in Norway, compare and contrast the American and Norwegian dairy industries, and also share some reflections and experiences as a dual-citizen and dual-student of Norway and the US.



March dinner

The main dish for the March meeting will be corned beef. Let's make it a real St. Patrick's Day feast with the side dishes we bring. And remember, the Vikings settled in Ireland, so those Scandinavian dishes would be appropriate, too.





Anyone for Bowling?

The District 2 Bowling Tournament will be held here on April 21 and 22 at Spare Time Lanes in Kennewick. If you are a USBC bowler and Sons of Norway member, you are welcome to compete. Complete registration information will be available shortly. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help, please call Nancy Holter (375-0919) or DJ Watson (628-3391)



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Remember your box tops and labels for education! Please bring them to a meeting and we will collect them for area schools. Each label or box top is worth money for the school. This is also a great program for our lodge.

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.





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Bake Sales

The first bake sale was Feb 24. We sold everything we had, and made over \$150, but that could have easily been closer to \$300 if we had had more baked goods. It has been a while since we had bake sales, so we have lost the momentum we had previously. Right now, go mark your calendar for Mar 21. The bake sale is March 24th, so that will give you time to bake a batch or two of cookies, bars or fudge. We aren't looking for fancy stuff, that doesn't sell. What people want are chocolate chip, peanut butter, and oatmeal cookies; brownies, Rice Krispie bars, and 7 layer bars. Home-style treats that they recognize. Snickerdoodles, ginger snaps, fudge. Because of allergies, if you have nuts in your goodies, please let us know so we can keep the customers informed. If you have gluten free product, that is a selling point, too. Cookies are more visible if they are placed on a white paper plate before being put in a plastic bag, the cheapest plates are the ones that fit best into sandwich bags. Please call Ginger (734-7876) and let her know what you are bringing, and when you can deliver it, either to the bank, to her or to Nancy Holter. If you would like to bake, but feel you can't afford ingredients, we can assist you.



Ginger needs people to help her at the sales. The more goodies we have, the longer she sits there, so having someone to talk to helps. Also, people are more willing to shop at a bake sale if there are two people behind the

Folk Art Exhibition & Competition at the District 2 Convention

The District 2 Convention is the end of May, and, as always, there will be a Folk Art Exhibition & Competition at the convention. Items are to have been created since the last convention in 2010. Needlework, woodwork, photography, genealogy, and other types of skills are welcome. All members, both amateur and professional, are invited to participate. I must confess, I have not done anything yet for the show. Perhaps it is time for me to complete one of the many projects I have begun in the last 2 years. And maybe you can use this as a push to get yourself busy and create something, too. I should be getting the information from the D2 Cultural Director any day, so if you are at all interested in participating, please let me know.

Nancy Holter (375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)





Knut Erik Jensen

"One Man, Two Hands, Three Talents"

Back for the SECOND TIME by popular demand, Norwegian pianist Knut Erik Jensen has performed over ninety concerts throughout the US, Canada and Europe. This original presentation features this multi-faceted performing artist as a pianist, tenor and chromatic accordionist, all in one enriching and entertaining performance!



When: Friday, March 30, 2012
7:00PM

Where: Kennewick First
Lutheran Church

Refreshments and social in the fellowship hall after the concert.

Concert sponsored by the First Lutheran Fine Arts Guild and Sol-Land Lodge.

Refreshments needed for Knut Erik Jensen concert

There will be light refreshments served after the concert so we need donations of goodies.

Scandinavian goodies would be appropriate here, but any kind of appetizer or dessert finger food would be acceptable. Please call Nancy Carrs Roach (547-2331) to let her know what you can provide.

Heritage Camp Scholarships

If you know of any youth interested in attending the District 2 language camps, there are various scholarship opportunities. Please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919; sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).





Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

It's a new year and time for our lodge to award a new scholarship! The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide assistance to **current members, or relatives of current or charter members of Sol-Land Lodge #2-86** and is to be applied to their full-time undergraduate tuition at an accredited institution of higher learning. **It no longer restricts the scholarship to graduating high school seniors**, and it is **open to those attending any form of accredited higher education**; college, trade school, etc. Applications are due in April. If you are interested, contact Dick Nordness (948-2433 or rnordness@hotmail.com).

Cultural Skills and Sons of Norway – from the Zone 5 director

“The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of

Norway. . .”. That is the stated mission of the organization. So let's preserve! What do you want to learn? What do you know how to do? Let's get people together to teach and learn. Would you like to learn to read Norwegian? Cook a type of Scandinavian delicacy? Plan a trip to Scandinavia, even if you may never actually get to go? Can you knit? Do you have a Norwegian stamp collection or a small library of Norwegian books? Would you like to try some folk dances or learn some songs? Can you carve or paint or weave in the Norwegian fashion? What games did those Vikings play?

I realize that most of us are lazy. While we might want to learn a new skill, few of us want to go to the trouble of actually doing all of the work for a Cultural Skills pin. So let's not worry about the pins, let's just learn for the fun of it. And then let's publicize our accomplishments for others to see and get excited about. You needn't be an expert to help someone learn – I taught myself how to tat and how to do hardanger from books. It probably would have been easier if I had a teacher – as I did for knitting and many of the cookies I make. But remember, these skills used to be everyday things that every one did. Small children knitted while they tended the sheep; mothers made cookies and lefse and rice pudding every day. Rosemaling was created to make dark drafty houses more interesting and appealing and was done by everyday people as well as those who traveled around painting for hire. You can do these things! Pick something that you want to know more about. See if there is anyone in your lodge who can help you; get in touch with me or the D2 cultural director (see below); or do it yourself (then let Roberta and I know you are a resource for others). Then toot your own horn and show us what you have accomplished. I don't care if it is a new skill or an old one – show me what you have created and maybe someone else will get inspired to preserve some heritage, too.

District 2 Cultural Director: Roberta Morrow, (425) 743-7836, Email: birdeekay@earthlink.net

Zone 5 Director: Nancy Holter, (509) 375-0919, Email: zone.5.director@gmail.com

Bunad patterns available

The lodge has received a couple of gifts from the widow of Jarl Fossum from Walla Walla. Jarl attended many of our events, and was a charter member of the Walla Walla lodge. One of these gifts is a set of three bunad patterns. One is a men's vest pattern (sizes 38 – 48), one is for a man's shirt and knickers (chest sizes 38 - 48 and waist sizes 32 – 42) and one is a for woman's jumper, blouse, apron and waist-bag (sizes 18w – 28w). If you would like to use these patterns, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919) to make arrangements.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

March 1: *Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

March 14: *Nordic Fest Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

March 16: *General Heritage Meeting: 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm program. Paul Lund is a Norwegian-American who grew up on a dairy farm in Norway. He is now a WSU student who is employed as a herdsman in the WSU dairy program. Paul will give an illustrated talk about his life in Norway, the dairy industry and now life in America.*

March 30: *Knute Erik Jensen Concert, “One Man, Two Hands, Three Talents”. 7:00 pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church. Back for the SECOND TIME by popular demand, Norwegian pianist Knut Erik Jensen has performed over ninety concerts throughout the US, Canada and Europe. This original presentation features this multi-faceted performing artist as a pianist, tenor and chromatic accordionist, all in one enriching and entertaining performance! Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

April 4: *Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

April 21-22: *District 2 Bowling Tournament, Spare Time Lanes, Kennewick. For more information, please call Nancy Holter, 375-0919.*

If any one is willing and able to provide transportation to a Norwegian member of our community to and from doctor's appointments, please contact Karen Aanes (509)396-7656 or Nancy Holter (509)375-0919 .



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