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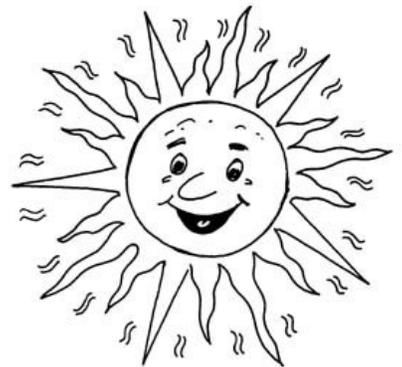
syttende mai meeting, Friday, May 18



The meeting this month will be on May 18th. In celebration of Mai 17, we will be having torsk (cod) and meatballs for supper. Other Norwegian celebration dishes would make nice additions. Since we watched the Syttende Mai Oslo parade slide presentation last year, we will be seeing a different one this year. If any one wants to talk about the Norwegian constitution, let Karen know so she will know to let you speak. We will also be having a silent auction, so bring your checkbook!

summer solstice picnic, Saturday, June 23

Summer already! Next month is the summer picnic celebrating Sankt Hans aften, the summer solstice. We will hold our picnic at Two Rivers Park in Finley (same place as last year) on Saturday, June 23, the summer solstice. We will have BBQ'd hotdogs and all the side dishes you care to bring. Please bring your own place setting, beverage and chair. We will have the Nordlands boat out on the water, if anyone would like a ride.





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).

From the Bake Sale "guru"-- Thank you to all those who have helped with their baked goodies, their time and to the ones who have been willing to endure my company during the bake sale. So far, we have made over \$600.00! I have scheduled 5 more days leading up to the Nordic Fest. Keep up the good work- I know we can make more than the Historical Society if we put our minds to it.

-Ginger

There are bake sales arranged for five dates between now and the Nordic Fest. They are June 8, July 6, August 3, Sept 14 and Oct 5. We need LOTS of baked good for the sales table. Chocolate chip, peanut butter, brownies, fudge, whatever your family likes will be great. Please package your contributions in packages to sell for \$1, and if they contain nuts, please label accordingly.

We are planning to take "the boat" to the Grant County Fair Parade and the Benton-Franklin Fair Parade in mid-August and the Walla Walla Frontier Days Parade the beginning of September. We would like to have as many Scanidnavian-ly dressed marchers as possible. Please contact Karen Aanes (438-6810) for more information.

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.





17TH OF MAY—A FULL DAY OF CELEBRATION

SEATTLE, WA : Once again, the Norwegian community of Seattle puts on their bunader (Norwegian folk costumes) and their best to celebrate Norway's Constitution Day on May 17th.

Known as "Syttende Mai", the streets of Ballard will come alive with music and celebration, all capped off with one of the area's largest parades.

10am to 8pm: there will be children's games and crafts, live music at Bergen Place in Ballard, a special luncheon, open house, two cafes, fjord horses to see and touch, and a PARADE!

10am-2pm: Kids games at Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 68th. Free admission to NHM all day; Nordic Café, food and beverages for sale all day, and fjord horses will be there.

Noon-2pm: Luncheon at Leif Erikson Hall at 2245 NW 57th in Ballard/Seattle. Tickets are \$30.00; call 1-206-783-1274.

2pm-5pm: Bergen Place park, 22nd Ave. NW and Market St., has on-going live, free entertainment.

3pm-5pm: Open House and Café at Leif Erikson Hall, 2245 NW 57th St. in Ballard/Seattle from 3-5:00pm. Food, beverages, wine, beer will be available for purchase. Local Scandinavian organizations will have promotional material about their groups available.

6pm-8pm: PARADE!! We are pleased to announce an extended parade route this year! The parade starts at NW 62nd and 24th NW, goes south to Market Street, east to Bergen Place Park, turns down 22nd Ave NW, and continues south on Ballard Ave. NW, all the way to Dock Street!

For more information, visit our website at www.17thofmay.org

Jarlsberg Filled Peppers (Jarlsbergfylt paprika) / Serves 4-6

4 large peppers, red or green
2 tsp. coarse salt
1 lb. (450 g) ground meat, low fat
1/2 tsp. Tabasco
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 tsp. pepper, coarsely ground
1 lemon, juice of
2/3 cup (1 1/2 dl) French Bread Crumbs
1 1/4 cup (3 dl) Jarlsberg, diced
3 1/2 T butter
Garlic salt

Divide peppers in two, remove stem and seeds. Sprinkle the coarse salt on baking pan. Mix meat, Tabasco, garlic salt, pepper, lemon juice, crumbs, and half of Jarlsberg cheese. Divide evenly between the peppers. Top the peppers with remainder of the cheese. Melt butter, add garlic salt, and brush over the peppers. Place on top of coarse salt on baking sheet, and bake in 350-F (175-C) oven about 35 minutes.

http://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/showRecipe.jsp?document=JarlsbergPeppers.html





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nordicfest 2012, october 20th and 21st.

The Nordicfest Committee is working away at planning for this year's NordicFest. We are working on scheduling challenges, for vendors and entertainments, due to conflicting activities with other lodges.

We plan on expanding our Demonstrators, with scheduled activity times; additions include a children's area with readings of Scandinavian stories and fairytales.

The next NordicFest Committee meeting is on May 30th, at 7:00pm in Rm. 5 at the Kennewick First Lutheran Church, all are welcome.

Ed Lund,
NordicFest 2012 Committee Chair

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The District 2 convention is later this month. If there are any issues you would like to have taken to the District board, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919), or one of your delegates or alternate delegates: Karen Aanes (438-6810), Nancy Carrs Roach (547-2331), Erik Neilsen (430-3801), Ginger Fields (734-7876), Laurie Fields (734-7876).





About the Midsummer Festival

In many countries around the world, Midsummer's Day and Eve is the kickoff for a month of celebrations, events, and festivals commemorating the beginning of summer and the longest day of the year. The Scandinavia Midsummer Festival is celebrated throughout the US as well as in the home countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Holiday traditions oftentimes vary from one Scandinavian country to the next.

The festival begins on the Summer Solstice and provides people with an opportunity to plan a family vacation based on the event. More importantly, you and your children will have the perfect opportunity to get a real taste of Scandinavian culture. The Midsummer's Eve holiday dates back to pagan, pre-Christian times when most of the rituals held at the time were associated with the hope of a good autumn harvest and related to nature.

During its beginnings, the festival utilized two key pagan icons that were used in other summer solstice events – the cauldron which was the symbol of the sun goddess and the spear, which was the symbol of the sun god. Dancing around the maypole serves as a fertility symbol and the lighting of bonfires signify defeating the darkness of the year's shortest night.

Danish and Norwegian celebrations

In Denmark and Norway, bonfires are also significant during the Scandinavia Midsummer Festival. Again, this tradition dates back to pagan, pre-Christian times when people paid mass tributes to the sun god. In Denmark, Midsummer's Eve is sometimes called Sankt Hans Aften, which translates as St. John's Eve, and crowds of Danes sing "We Love Our Land", their traditional song. The witch burnings of the 16th and 17th centuries are also commemorated as straw witches are burned on the bonfires that are lit.

Finnish celebrations

Midsummer in Finland is known as Juhannus, which is also the Flag Day of the country. During the celebrations bonfires are lit by the lakeshore and dancing runs until the early morning hours. Being Finland's Flag Day, you will see literally hundreds of flags displayed throughout the streets and other symbols of the nation, all of which remain on display through the holiday weekend and festivals. Finland recognizes Midsummer's Eve as a national holiday.

Swedish celebrations

In Sweden, the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival celebration begins on the evening of the Friday that occurs between the 19th and 25th of June and is called Midsommar. The main celebration also includes erecting a maypole and other traditional celebrations. Accordions and violins ring out with traditional music while participants enjoy and evening of dancing around the maypole. The festival becomes evident when all the homes are decorated with flower garlands and wreaths on the outside as well as the inside.

<http://www.venere.com/blog/scandinavia-midsummer-festival-2012-10545/>



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

May 2: *Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

May 18: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm. Syttende mai meeting! Dress in your bunad or dressy best!*

May 30: *Nordic Fest Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Rm. 5, Kennewick First Lutheran Church*

June 6: *Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

June 23: *Sankt Hans aften picnic at Two Rivers Park in Finley. Hot dogs will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share, place setting and utensils, beverage and a chair. We will have our boat on the water. Please invite your friends and family. It's sure to be an enjoyable evening!*



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