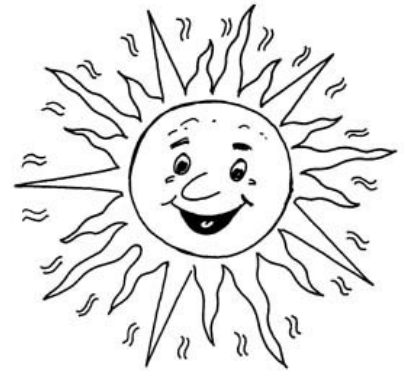




The Desert Viking

summer solstice picnic, saturday, june 23

Summer already! This month is our 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 European-style sausages 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.



Picnic Time: 3 pm - 8 pm
Dinner: 4:00 pm

july 20th ice cream social

The lodge will provide ice cream, so bring your favorite topping or accompaniment. Social and games will begin at 6:30 pm. Feel free to bring a favorite card or board game and prepare to have a fun, relaxed evening with friends!

Let's ALL escape to Scandinavia this month! It's summertime!

As your Cultural Director, I invite ALL Sol-Land Lodge members to read the short (@ 170 page) novel entitled, The Summer Book by Tove Jansson this month. According to one reviewer,...

"It is a book about a summer spent on a tiny island in the Finnish archipelago. It's imbued with the air, soil, and water of the small archipelago island where the stories are set. It has that contemplation and patience that one finds in Swedes, Norwegians, and Finns. Jansson gives you that sense of awe when viewing the landscape. You can feel yourself amongst the marshes, bilberry bushes, polished stones on the beaches, wet grass, and dense forests. You can see the long, slow sunsets that last until 10pm. It is a very Scandinavian appreciation of nature, life's challenges and it's continuity from generation to generation.

You can easily order a used, paperback copy of the book from the online retailer, Amazon, for about \$6.00 plus shipping. Go online or call 1-866-216-1072. Refer to The Summer Book, published by The New York Review of Books, 2008. The ISBN number is 978-1-59017-268-1.

I will host a discussion about the book at our regular July meeting Ice Cream Social on Friday July 20, 2012. Those who have read the book can talk about it and those who haven't can play cards or board games as usual.

I'll meet you on the island! --Nancy Carrs Roach, Cultural Director





Bake Sales – Dates and Needs

There are bake sales arranged for four dates between now and the October 5. They are 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.

The next bake sale is supposed to be July 6. Ginger cannot attend that day, so we are in need of people to set up, sit at, and take down the sale. If you can spend some time doing that, please call Ginger (734-7876). However, a bake sale isn't a bake sale if there are no baked goods to sell. It doesn't take a huge amount of cookies/bars/fudge from anyone if we have as many people contributing as possible. Please put these bake sale dates on your calendar and start planning what you can contribute.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

A TV can insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

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.

Cultural Heritage Retreat

The (Adult) Heritage Retreat will be held the weekend of Sept 28 this year. The original flyers had the date as Sept 21, but it was a mix-up with the D2 Board. This fall the theme is "Scandinavian Myths and Legends". Tuition is \$115 BEFORE Sept 1, and \$125 after. That includes all lessons, supplies, room and BOARD!! For more information, call Ginger (734-7876) or Nancy (375-0919)





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Upcoming events:

Lots of parades:

July 4 – Pasco Fourth of July Parade. Please come and walk with the boat and our lodge banner. I do not have the time or location to report to, Nancy Roach is coordinating this one and she will have more details at the picnic (???)

August 18 – Benton Franklin Fair Parade. Again, please come and walk with us. The boat and bunaded walkers should be there by 8 AM, the parade starts at 10 AM, so everyone else should be there well before that time, or you will have to walk farther from your parking place than you will for the parade itself.

Sept 1 – Frontier Days Parade, Walla Walla, details to come

Sept 22 – Sun Fair Parade – Yakima, details to come.



Unge Venner Weekend at Trollhaugen

This will be held Oct 19 – 21. This is open to anyone between 16 and 23, you do not have to be a member of Sons of Norway. The cost is \$25/person per night. Cost covers food and lodging. If you wish to stay the weekend, it will be \$50. For more information, please contact Seth Tufteland at sofnseth@yahoo.com.

Eastern Caribbean Cruise

District 2 is sponsoring another cruise, this time to the Caribbean. It will be from Feb 24 – Mar 3, 2013. If you would like more information, please call Nancy (375-0919).

D2 Golf Tournament

The District 2 Golf Tournament will be held Aug 13 in Everett. Cost is \$60/golfer and includes greens fees, carts and the awards banquet. Tickets for only the banquet are \$10. For more info, please call Herb Barstad (360-659-4817)





Trollhaugen Steak Fry August 4

The District 2 Steak Fry to benefit Trollhaugen is Aug 4. Cost is \$16 if your tickets are purchased before Aug 1, \$18 after that. A child's hot dog meal is available for \$5. Nancy Holter will be coordinating car pools, so if you are planning to attend, please let her know. Steak Fry is an excellent time; fresh air, friends, good food – what more can you want? If you have never been to Trollhaugen, this is a good time to check it out. For more information and tickets, call Nancy (375-0919), Karen (438-6810), or Ginger (734-7876).

No Nordic Fest this year - BUT...

Due to a convergence of issues, Nordic Fest 2012 has been cancelled. Work will start immediately on Nordic Fest 2013. To keep us on our toes, we will be holding a one-day heritage fair on October 20th instead. Sara Watson and Nancy Holter are the co-chairs.

This event will be a free, family friendly way to showcase our lodge member talents and to draw in people who are curious about Sons of Norway, but may be hesitant to attend a meeting or the lutefisk dinner. We will have demonstrations, kids activities and simple, authentic Scandinavian food.

There will be a planning meeting on June 29, at 7pm at Sara Watson's house. This will be a fun, brainstorming meeting with dessert. Sara encourages anyone to come if you have ideas for this event. Please give her a call at 628-3391 or send e-mail to sarawatson@cougarmail.org if you are able to attend.

Sara's address is 4195 Norris St., Richland. Please call if you need directions.





St. Hans: Eat Your Porridge and Light Your Fire

Source: Caroline Schonheyder/ Royal Norwegian Embassy

St. Hansaften is the ultimate summer feast in Norway. On the evening of June 23, Norwegians light bonfires, pick flowers to put under their pillows, and celebrate summer and light.

The St. Hans celebrations have roots across northern Europe, and were also brought to Canada with the first French colonialists. In Canada, the celebration is called Saint-Jean-Baptist Day or Quebec National Holiday. The celebrations take on somewhat different forms in the different countries, but the origins are much the same. St. Hans is a Christian holiday to honor Saint John the Baptist (also called Saint Hans). The day of celebration was set to June 24 to outdo the pagan celebrations of midsummer or summer solstice. However, it is the celebration of summer, sun, and light that has survived in countries such as Norway. In Norway, celebrations take place the evening before June 24. Aften, as in St. Hansaften, means evening.

The tradition of lighting bonfires on this occasion came from the pagan belief in fire as the protector against evil spirits. The sun, which in the Northern hemisphere is at its highest at midsummer, probably inspired this belief. The night of St. Hans was supposedly a night of magic. If, for instance, a young girl picked seven flowers and put them under her pillow, she would dream of her future husband.

As on any day of celebration, food is important on St. Hansaften. When asked what she associates with St. Hansaften, Ingeborg Nygaard, the chef at the Norwegian Embassy, said: “bonfire, rømmegrøt (sour cream porridge), cured ham, barbeque, midsummer, sun, family, friends, children, and my childhood. On St. Hansaften I get together with my family and friends and go to a field to make a bonfire. We bring sour cream porridge, cured ham, barbeque food like sausages, and just have a good time for as long as we can stay awake. It is all about celebrating summer with the people you love the most. When I was little I was very superstitious. I made sure to jump seven fences and pick seven different flowers, put them under my pillow, and try hard to dream about a boy I liked.”

“Why we eat sour cream porridge on this day? Well, it is a tradition. Eating sour cream porridge on special holidays is a strong tradition in Norway, and St. Hans is a special holiday. Sour cream porridge is a tradition that goes far, far back in time. It is such a simple and timeless recipe,” she said.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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

June 23: Sankt Hans aften picnic at Two Rivers Park in Finley, 3pm-8pm. 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!

June 29: October Heritage Day planning meeting, 7:00pm at Sara Watson's house. 4195 Norris St., Richland. 628-3391, 591-5813 (cell), sarawatson@cougarmail.org

July 4: Pasco 4th of July Parade

July 6: Bake Sale, 9am, Hapo Credit Union on Union Street in Kennewick.

July 11: *Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

July 20: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Ice Cream Social and game night. Book discussion of Tove Jansson's, The Summer Book.*

August 3: Bake Sale, 9am, Hapo Credit Union on Union Street in Kennewick

August 4: Trollhaugen Steak Fry, call Nancy (375-0919), Karen (438-6810), or Ginger (734-7876) for more information.

August 18: Benton-Franklin County Fair Parade, 10am



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