



The Desert Viking

DECEMBER 21st meeting

We will have a Jul party on Dec 21, with dinner being served at 6PM. The lodge will be providing Roast Pork stuffed with dried fruits and gravy. We are asking that you provide Scandinavian side dishes and dessert. If you need ideas or recipes, please contact Karen Aanes, Sara Watson, Nancy Holter, or Ginger Fields.

After the dinner Linnea Hillesland's Barnekor will present a St. Lucia program and we will have dancing and singing around the tree. Bring your singing voice and be ready to learn some dances.

Since the meeting is so late in the month, we miss the cut off for most of the charities; so instead of hoarding your mittens and hats until then, please donate them NOW to the charity of your choice.

January 18th meeting

Installation of Officers

The slate of officers was elected by acclamation at the November meeting. Installation will be Jan. 18 at the regular meeting. Installing officer will be Zone 5 director, Nancy Holter. The incoming officers are:

President	Ginger Fields
V Pres.	Nancy Carrs Roach
Secretary	Eril Neilsen
Treasurer	Laurie Fields
Counselor	Karen Aanes
Social Dir	Darlene Roberson
Cultural Dir	Ron Rolla
Foundation Dir	Cliff Blegen
Sports Dir	DJ Watson
Publicity Dir	Audrey Blegen, Karen Aanes
Editors	Nancy Holter, Sara Watson
Librarian	Doris Lund
Marshal	Brad Horst
Musician	Linnea Hillesland



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who have agreed to serve on the board this year.

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.





Lutefisk Dinner

The Lutefisk Dinner will be the first Saturday on February as usual. The date is Feb 2. Details of time and cost will be announced in January.

Lefse baking at the church will be on Tuesdays, beginning on Jan 8 at 9 AM. If you want to learn how to make lefse, please come out and join us. Please also plan your cookie baking for the dessert table and bazaar table. If you want to learn how to make a specific type of cookie, or need equipment, please contact Ginger Fields or Nancy Holter.

RALPH'S WHOLE WHEAT & HONEY LEFSE

I make lefse completely from my food storage so I grind my own wheat for whole-wheat flour. I use instant potatoes instead of riced potatoes and I sweeten my lefse with honey powder (I found at Wal-Mart.) it rolls out beautifully. I personally like this lefse better than lefse made from white flour and it seems to be more filling than regular lefse

Water - 5 cups
Instant Potatoes - 6 cups
Heavy Whipping Cream - ½ Cup
Margarine - 1 Stick (melted)
Salt - 2 Teaspoons
Honey Powder - 2 Tablespoons
Whole-wheat flour - 2 Cups

Boil water, after taking off burner, add melted margarine, heavy whipping cream, salt and honey powder. Mix in the instant potatoes with electric mixer, mix thoroughly and let sit in refrigerator over night.

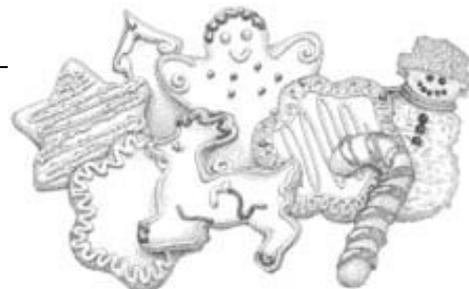
Measure out 4 cups of the chilled potato mix into large bowl, add the whole-wheat flour, use pastry cutter and mix well. Knead by hand till all the flour in bottom of bowl is absorbed into ball.

Take dough ball out of bowl, roll on a counter or hard surface until smooth and shape into a roll shape, split roll in half (2 smaller rolls are easier to work with)

Cut small pieces of dough large enough to fill and hand pack a 1/3-cup measuring cup (run a knife around inside of cup to release the dough into your hand, shape dough in hand to smooth patty, put onto a plate) repeat process till all dough has been processed the same way.

Put all patties in refrigerator, except 2 or 3 and roll them out and cook them like you normally do then just keep repeating process. Cool them the same as regular lefse, if they last that long!

Ralph Miller





Nordic Fest or Taste of Scandinavia?

Ginger Fields made a presentation to the Lodge membership to replace the bi-annual Nordic Festival with an annual Taste of Scandinavia event. Ginger indicated that since the Lodge membership was aging, perhaps we should consider a smaller, more localized event, such as the Taste of Scandinavia rather than a very labor intensive event like the Nordic Fest.

However, both Ron Rolla and Nancy Roach made comments that were supportive of continuing to host the Nordic Fest (which remains scheduled for October 12-13, 2013). Ron Rolla and Joe Molvik are co-chairmen of the Nordic Fest Committee. Cliff Blegen stated that new features and attractions are also important to the success of any Lodge event, whether Nordic Fest or a smaller one like Taste of Scandinavia.

Erik Neilsen stated that if the Lodge is to continue to host the Nordic Fest, it is important to have sufficient subcommittee leaders and support from the Lodge membership. This support is vital to the continued success of the Nordic Fest.

The membership will be asked to make a decision on whether to continue Nordic Fest or not.

November 12th 2012- Christmas Stamps

The charming story about Carpenter Andersen's meeting with Santa Claus is one of a large number of Prøysen classics

For many years this story, with Hans Normann Dahl's drawings from the book, has been a regular Christmas Eve feature on Norwegian TV. The book was apparently intended for children aged 3-9, but it really has no age limit. The story delights and warms the hearts of children and adults alike. Ever since he published his first collection of short stories (*Dørstokken heme*) in 1945, Alf Prøysen (1914-70) has had tremendous public appeal. In the years following his debut he wrote short stories, novels, poetry, children's books and songs. He liked to sing and accompany himself on the guitar. Many of his songs, including Christmas songs, have become immortal. For Norwegians, it is not really Christmas until we have heard (and sung!) *Musevisa*, *Julekveldsvise* and *Romjulsdrøm*. *Julekveldsvise* (Christmas Eve Song) was the subject of Norway Post's Christmas stamps in 1999.



<http://www.posten.no/en/products-and-services/stamps-and-collecting/stamp-programme-2012/november-12th-2012--172754>

Disaster Relief

Sons of Norway Foundation is soliciting donations for Hurricane Sandy relief. Cash donations can be made through the Foundation. You may contact Cindy Olson at 1-800-945-8851 if you have further questions or wish to make a donation.



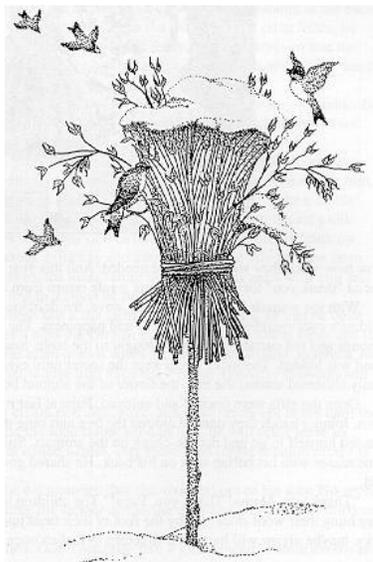


Genealogy Workshop to be held in 2013

Greg Holter has offered to hold a “Norwegian Genealogy: Tools to Track my Ancestors” on February 16. It is planned as a 6-hour class; 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of hands-on, interactive, computer based research. The cost will be \$30, which will include a light lunch. Space is limited, so please contact Greg or Nancy Holter to be placed on the list. Once a date has been scheduled, you will be contacted to finalize your place in the class. Greg has held a number of these workshops across District 2, and is looking forward to having one here in his own lodge. Contact Greg or Nancy at 509-375-0919 or e-mail Greg at waxlerfarms@frontier.com .



Julenek — Birds at Christmas



Gledelig Jul! God Jul! That’s Norwegian for Merry Christmas. Birds are an important part of Christmas in Norway. Of course, there’s the Christmas tree. And the carols. And the presents. There’s Nisse, a gnome that cares for all the animals on the farm. Children put out big bowls of porridge for Julenisse, so he won’t play tricks on them. And on Christmas Eve, sheaves of wheat or oats are tied to a post or hung on the door, to feed the birds on Christmas morning. Birds and all wild creatures must be remembered this season! The bundle of grain, the julenek, has become a symbol of Christmas in Norway, and a julenek hangs on nearly every door, decorated with bows and ready for avian visitors.

There’s a poem about the julenek that’s more than a hundred years old:

“The fields of kindness bear golden grain,”
 Is a proverb true and tried;
 Then scatter thine alms, with lavish hand,
 To the waiting poor outside;
 And remember the birds, and the song they sang,
 When the year rolls round again:

Provide a feast for your backyard birds this winter.

<http://birdnote.org/show/julenek-birds-christmas>

How do you say “Merry Christmas” in ..?

DANISH	glædelig jul	FINNISH	hyvää joulua
ICELANDIC	gleðileg jól	NORWEGIAN	god jul
SWEDISH	god jul	IRISH GAELIC	Nollaig shona
FAROESE	gleðilig jól	ESTONIAN	häid joule
DUTCH	vrolijk Kerstfeest	HUNGARIAN	boldog karácsony
LATIN	felix dies Nativitatis	SLOVAK	vesele vianoce
SWAHILI	heri la Krismasi	TURKISH	Noeliniz kutlu olsun
WELSH	Nadolig llawen	YIDDISH	אַ גוטע ניטל (a gute nitl)
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Volunteer Hour Collection

It is that time of year again. As a non-profit entity, we need to keep track of how many hours of volunteer work we provide to our community each year, and how many events we participate in. These hours and events are divided into community and fraternal hours, although they can count as both. For example, walking in a parade is a community event, but it also benefits the lodge itself, so those are both fraternal and community hours. And both a fraternal event and a community event. All of your hours dedicated to the lutefisk dinner would be counted as one event, but, again, it is both a community and a fraternal event. However, I would suggest that only those hours directly associated with the dinner itself be counted as community hours. Time spent in lodge meetings, as well as time spent driving to and from counts as fraternal time, and each meeting is an event. Some of us attended events at other lodges, when representing the lodge or organization as a group; these are fraternal hours, also. Something undertaken by yourself, not in conjunction with others in the lodge, is generally not a Sons of Norway volunteer event.

Now that you have read that explanation, sit down with your calendar for 2012 and figure out how many hours and events you totaled in 2012 and have those figures ready for Laura at the January meeting. If you could list the events, instead of just giving a number, that would be helpful, also.

Trollhaugen news

Trollhaugen has released the new fee schedule. They have also updated their wish list. The wish list includes:

- A snowmobile
- Coin operated washing machine
- Kitchen-aide mixer
- White Plastic Table Clothes (large ones)
- Small Digital Camera
- Skill Saw
- Drill bits



Fees at Trollhaugen vary depending on the time of year. We are heading into the high season there, and the fees reflect that. Overnight rates for member adults are \$25/night. Children 15 and under are \$10/night. Non-members of all ages are \$45/night. Day use fees are \$5 and \$8, and cross country skis are available for rental starting at \$5. Also, once the snow is deep enough to keep us from driving up to the lodge, there are parking fees.

Lefse and Lutefisk anyone?

If you are interested in purchasing lutefisk or lefse for the holidays, we do have some available in our freezer. Please contact Ginger Fields at 734-7876.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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

December 21: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Christmas Julebord, dancing, singing and Christmas stories.*

December 25: God jul!!

January 1: Godt Nyttår!!

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

January 8: *Lefse Baking, 9am-12 noon, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.*

January 15: *Lefse Baking, 9am-12 noon, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.*

January 18: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Installation of Officers.*

January 22: *Lefse Baking, 9am-12 noon, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.*

January 29: *Lefse Baking, 9am-12 noon, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.*

February 2: Lutefisk Dinner! Kennewick First Lutheran Church. Details TBA.



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