



# The Desert Viking

## March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting and Dinner

**Genealogy** is an important part of our heritage, and helps us understand "our place" in Norwegian culture. For the March meeting, Greg Holter will provide an overview of some of interesting aspects of Norwegian genealogy, and show examples of the many exceptional resources available to everyone researching Norwegian genealogy, the best in the world. Greg is also planning to conduct another genealogy class/workshop this spring, sometime after the March meeting (yet to be scheduled), and he will describe the class/workshop.

For those who may not be aware, Greg is a Cultural Resource in Genealogy for Sons of Norway District 2 and attends many events throughout the District (including the District Conventions) to further the understanding of Norwegian genealogy and assist people at those events with their genealogy. Greg also participates in international forums on Norwegian genealogy via Rootsweb, and has even assisted people in Norway with their Norwegian genealogy. He has been active in genealogy research for about 15 years.

### Looking Ahead: April 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

*Please note that the meeting date has been changed due to the fact that our regular meeting date will fall on Good Friday.*

Please join us for potluck dinner and an informational and (I hope!) interesting program on rural farm architecture in Norway. We will particularly talk about the iconic stabbur, the raised storage building so ubiquitous on Norwegian farms. If it can be arranged, we hope to plan a field trip and picnic, for whoever is interested, to a beautiful stabbur in the Moses Lake area. More details will be available in next month's newsletter.



### **March 8: Cooking Class, 2:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.**

This month's cooking class is a week earlier than usual due to a booking conflict at the church. This month we will be focusing on Beautiful and incredibly tasty cakes! Scandinavians like their sweets as much as anyone and they have some wonderful cakes for all occasions, from very simple and pretty to quite detailed and elegant. We will taste test several cakes and make and decorate one or two. Everyone is welcome! Please call Sara Watson at 628-3391 if you have any questions. Or you can send her e-mail at [sarawatson@cougarmail.org](mailto:sarawatson@cougarmail.org).





## **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 last Monday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is Nancy Carrs-Roach (531-8459). 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).

## **Stamps And Box Tops**

Please remember to save stamps for Tubfrim. And continue to collect the box tops and labels for education for our schools- we are still in a competition with the rest of the District 2 lodges. We only have a couple months to get our



box top numbers up in to the competitive range. Right now the lead lodges have collected an average of around 25 box tops or labels per member. Right now our totals are 430 Box Tops and 154 Labels for Education for an average of 6.42 per member. If you are not in the immediate area, you can still collect, you just need to let Nancy Holter know

what your totals are so she can add them to the list, then you can donate them to your local school yourself.

## **Scholarships**

Sol-Land offers a scholarship every year to a member, or a member's child or grandchild, who is attending an accredited school of further education. It can be a college, university or trade school. There is an application to be filled out and returned by April 15th. For more information, or for an application, please contact Dick Nordness (509-948-2433, [rnordness@hotmail.com](mailto:rnordness@hotmail.com) ).

## **District 2 Convention**

The District 2 Sons of Norway Convention will be held in Eugene, OR, June 4 – 7. We have elected three delegates and two alternate delegates. The Delegates are Nancy Carrs Roach, Darlene Roberson and Ginger Fields. The alternate delegates are Karen Aanes and Kathi Goodwin. Also attending from our lodge, as District 2 officers, will be Nancy Holter and Ron Rolla. Greg Holter will be attending as a district genealogy expert, offering help to delegates and visitors on their genealogy efforts. You are welcome to attend as a visitor. If you are interested in attending, you might talk to one of the attendees to see about singing up for meals, sharing rooms or transportation.

## **Do you forget your nametag?**

Many of us have a hard time remembering to wear our nametags to the meetings. Donna Smitt has offered to create a place for you to leave your nametag so that it will stay with the rest of the lodge paraphernalia so it will always be ready for you when you get to a meeting. So bring you name tags, leave them behind and quit worrying about them. If you have lost your nametag, or wish a new one, contact Darlene Roberson to buy a new one.





## Directory additions and change

Donna Smitt's phone number is 509-586-2585.

Irene Welten's phone number is 509-551-5563.

The e-mail for the Newsletter editor is [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

Nancy Holter is NOT the historian – we don't have one.

## Pass the Piggy

We have not been actively collecting for the Sons of Norway Foundation at our meetings. The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture. The Foundation's focus and offerings have grown and changed so that in 2011 there were six categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

### The Foundation fulfills their mission by

- Continuing the Norwegian-American value of higher education through college scholarships
- Showcasing Norwegian heritage and culture
- Supporting Sons of Norway lodges and their communities to provide quality Norwegian themed programming through grants
- Promoting cross-cultural exchanges between the US and Norway, strengthening our bonds
- Preserving Norwegian heritage for future generations
- Promoting Norwegian cultural opportunities through the arts.
- Offering Sons of Norway members aid following natural disasters

In order to provide scholarships, grants (which we have benefited from) and aid, the Foundation needs our members to contribute on a regular basis. We will be "Passing the piggy" at our meetings. If you have questions about the Foundation, or the scholarships and grants available, please ask the Foundation Director for our lodge, Doris Porter (509-586-1872, [cdporter@charter.net](mailto:cdporter@charter.net)), or any of the other officers.



## Folk Art Exhibition and Competition at Conventions this year.



The deadline for entries for the Folk Art Competition at the District 2 Convention is will be in April. The deadline for entries for the International Convention competition is usually in August. If you have something to enter, contact Sara Watson (628-3391, [sarawatson@cougarmail.org](mailto:sarawatson@cougarmail.org)) or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) to find out the deadlines and how to get the forms. You do not have to enter an object in the District competition to enter it in the International one. Your piece doesn't need to be done before the entry deadline, so don't let that stop you. It does need to be something that you have finished since the last convention in May of 2012. Sol-Land has a number of members who will be attending the District convention and possibly some who will be going to International, too, so getting your pieces to the convention(s) may be a simple matter of having one of them carry it.





## Genealogy Workshop April 12, 9am-3pm

Greg Holter will conduct a Norwegian Genealogy Class/Workshop on Saturday, April 12, in the Fireside Room at Kennewick First Lutheran Church. A \$30 fee for the class will include a light lunch, as well as coffee during the workshop. The proceeds from the class go to the Sol-Land Lodge general fund.

The workshop will be 6 hours, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The first 1.5 - 2 hours or so are presentation and lecture, and the rest is time to work on individual questions that participants bring, to demonstrate the use of the available resources. Greg will use a laptop and projector so everyone can follow along with these "consultations" and learn from them.

We will limit class size to no more than 18 people, which helps to make sure Greg can work with as many people as possible for a little while on their specific problems.

While some of the material is focused on general genealogy, there is a strong focus on the particulars of Norwegian genealogy. (There are a number of people who can address the general genealogy stuff, but fewer that can address the specifics of Norwegian genealogy.)

Greg will bring along examples of resources (like bygdeboks and maps, etc.) and some ways of displaying family history information, so people will be able to see these firsthand. And then we will also address resources available through the Internet, most of which are accessible free of charge.

The agenda will include two basic parts: a talk/presentation to begin, and then live demonstration of the resources using problems and questions people bring along with them.

The agenda for the talk includes the following elements:

- Basic problems in genealogy
- Norwegian naming structures and patterns
- Norwegian social structure
- Some basic vocabulary
- Where to look for genealogical information
- Objectives and search strategies
- Recording results



Greg includes personal examples and anecdotes in the course of the discussion. He also has some strong personal biases, and is not afraid to inflict those on the participants.

The working session will include live demonstration of how to use key resources that were introduced during the talk/presentation.

There will be a handout outlining some of the most important of the resources.

Greg got involved in genealogy in the late 1990s, and most of the class is based on what he learned doing genealogy for his family and his wife's family. He has also helped a number of others in the U.S., Canada, and even Norway with their genealogy. Greg has been doing things like this workshop for various Sons of Norway lodges and at other events for over 10 years.

Genealogy is a great way for people to connect with their origins, and with all of the resources that are available, Norwegian genealogy is highly accessible. But people need to know **WHAT** to look for and **WHERE** to look.

Those interested in attending should contact Greg or Nancy to get on the list of potential participants.

Further information will be provided to those people as we get closer to the date of the workshop.





## Registration for District 2 Youth Camps

Applications to attend the District 2 Youth Camps can be submitted starting February 14, 2014, and will be recorded in the order in which they are received. To attend camp, children must have a parent or sponsor who is a Sons of Norway member in District 2. Please enclose a \$50 non-refundable deposit for each applicant. Total tuition for each two-week camp is \$525. Balance is due by June 10, 2014.

**Camp Trollhaugen** (ages 13-15), Easton, WA, June 29-July 12, 2014

Mail application to Dan Andrews, 13131 NE Failing, Portland, OR 97230

**Camp Nidaros** (ages 9-12), Gearhart, OR, July 13-26, 2014

Mail application to Bradley Brown, 2445 SW 87th Ave, Portland, OR 97225

**Camp Normanna** (ages 9-12) Lake Riley, WA, July 27–August 9, 2014

Mail application to Chris Hicks, 816 214th St. SW. Lynnwood, WA 98036

**The Sofie/Olson Scholarship** is available for children who attend our District Two Youth camps. The deadline for scholarship application is April 15, 2014.

**The Draxten Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to many of our children attending the District Two youth camps. To be eligible, campers must have applied and been accepted to the camp of their choice AND they must have been awarded a camp scholarship from their local lodge. The lodge awarding the initial scholarship *must notify the camp committee of the recipient's name and the amount given by April 30th.*

**The Carl M. Saltveit Scholarship** awards assistance to an applicant to attend the International Summer School (ISS) at the University of Oslo next summer. The completed application must be returned to me and postmarked no later than March 1, 2014. So time is approaching fast.

Please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919) or Ron Rolla (619-1510) for camp applications and more information on the scholarships.

## Fiskesuppe (Fish Chowder)

Authentic Norwegian Cooking, Astrid Karlsen Scott

4 large stalks celery	¼ cup butter
½ cup of salt pork	2 Tablespoons white flour
1 medium onion	2 c. milk
Fish or vegetable broth	
1-½ cups fish meat (firm white fish, cod)	
Chopped chives, optional	

Here is one of the soup recipes we taste tested at the February cooking class.

Clean and dice 4 large stalks of celery. Cook in a small amount of water until tender. Dice ½ cup of salt pork and fry gently, but well. Dice one medium onion. Make cream sauce. Dilute the cream sauce with fish or vegetable broth, resulting in a rather thick sauce. Then add celery and the water in which it was cooked, the fried salt pork and diced onion. The final addition is 1-1 ½ cups fish meat. Cook gently for 30 minutes. When serving, sprinkle individual serving bowls with fresh chopped chives. Serves 4-6.

Cream Sauce: Melt ¼ cup of butter, add 2 heaping tablespoons of white flour and blend. Dilute gradually with 2 c. of milk until desired thickness. Simmer 7-8 minutes. Season to taste.



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

**March 8:** *Cooking Class*, 2:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church. Fancy Cakes...just in time to WOW your family at Easter!

**March 21:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. For the March meeting, Greg Holter will provide an overview of some of interesting aspects of Norwegian genealogy, and show examples of the many exceptional resources available to everyone researching Norwegian genealogy, the best in the world.

**March 31:** *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Room 5.

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**April 12:** *Cooking Class!* 2:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church. Lefse, flatbreads and hardtack, Oh, MY! Let's see how many different types of lefse and flatbreads we can whip up, shall we? Please call Sara Watson at 628-3391 if you have any questions. Or you can send her e-mail at [sarawatson@cougarmail.org](mailto:sarawatson@cougarmail.org).

**April 25 & 26:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Please join us for potluck dinner and an informational and (I hope!) interesting program on rural farm architecture in Norway. We will particularly talk about the iconic stabbur, the raised storage building so ubiquitous on Norwegian farms. If it can be arranged, we hope to plan a field trip and picnic, for whoever is interested, to a beautiful stabbur in the Moses Lake area. More details will be available in next month's newsletter.



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