



We are well into March and Easter is only a few weeks away. It is time for you to start collecting your mystery books so you can have a real Norwegian Easter holiday. It's been nearly a century since a publishing house ran a front-page ad in the *Aftenposten* on the Saturday before Easter that people took to be an announcement of a train robbery. It was a big kerfuffle and the book was a best seller. This started the tradition of *Påskekrim*, or Easter Crime. Publishers schedule new releases and TV stations fill their hours with crime shows. Since Norway's Easter holiday runs from Maundy Thursday through the Monday after Easter, Norwegians have plenty of time to enjoy their Easter full of crime – with luck they will spend it at their cabins, with cross-country skiing, hot chocolate, oranges, and Kvikk Lunsj bars. So gather your cocoa, oranges, Kit Kat bars, and a good supply of mysteries to enjoy.

Even though we have moved to Phase 2 in Benton and Franklin counties, we are still unable to hold meetings. Indoor meetings are limited to 5 people from at most 2 households, outdoor ones are limited to 15 people max, but still a limit of 2 households. As the counties work up through the phases, we will let you know where the lodge stands with respect to being able to meet.

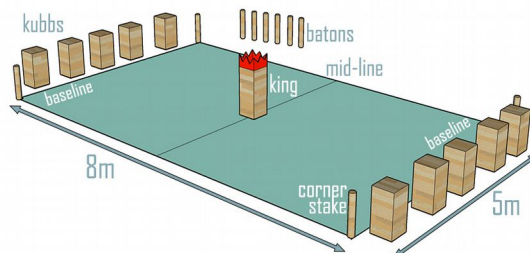
International is pleased by the ways lodges are using the internet during this pandemic, and it has encouraged them to look at ways they can provide online offerings that all lodges can take advantage of. An example is the Kayaking adventure video that is on the International website, and is highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. These are in addition to the existing items, like the virtual hike to Trondheim, the booklets for the cultural skills pins, many of which contain links to resources, the idea bank and mini presentation libraries, and the Sons of Norway Blog which often has links to other sources of interest.

Coming Home

"Coming Home", a video about kayaking the fjords of Norway, can be viewed on the Sons of Norway website. It was created by Dave Ellingson who had a desire to visit the country that his great-grandparents had left behind when they immigrated to America and to experience the beauty of the fjords while paddling a kayak. Along the way, he has time to reflect about his own roots, meet local people and find his family farm. There was also an article in the Jan. issue of the Viking magazine titled "Paddling Home" about this same adventure. To view the video, go to <https://www.sofn.com/blog/coming-home-to-the-fjords/> then click on the arrow to start the video. It is 23 minutes long.

Horseshoe and Kubb Tournament

District 2 is planning to have the Steak Fry in July, regulations permitting. There will be a Horseshoe and Kubb tournament, and Sol-Land has been asked to host the tournament again. We will need a few more helpers this year because the two sports will be in different areas. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Nancy (sol.land.lodge@gmail.com, 509-375-0919)



Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the last Monday of the month, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a 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 visit our lodge website at www.sol-land.org.



Officers for 2020

President - Greg Holter
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 Foundation Director - Nancy Holter
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 Musician - Linnea Hillesland
 Librarian – Maureen Woodward/Gretchen Makinson
 Marshall - Brad Horst
 Assistant Marshall - Dave Payson
 Greeter - Donna Smitt
 Assistant Greeter - Ginger Fields/Elaine Shepherd
 Sunshine Comm. - Darlene Roberson
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 Tubfrim Chair – Laurie Tyssen

Foundation Update

The Sons of Norway Foundation's "Together We Are The Future" campaign was an overwhelming success! The Foundation received a total of \$210,164 in donations. The donations included \$53,000 to the Jensen Scholarship, \$17,013 to the Humanitarian Fund, and \$33,561 donated to other scholarship funds. Donations were received from over 700 members and 113 lodges.

On behalf of the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

Always remember: The Foundation is here for you . . . for good and forever.

Trollhaugen

With more than average snow fall in the Cascades, you might be considering going up to Triollhaugen to ski the trails. Trollhaugen is open to day use only, with restrictions. No overnight reservations, no food preparation or use of the kitchen, sack lunches only, limited to 30 minutes in the dining area, no showers, no hot tub etc., at this time. Covid compliant sign in sheet required.

Manager: Quintin Ridge; Phone: 509-656-9997;

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He is renting the cross country skis and snowshoes that Trollhaugen has. He is there every day and can come get you in the snow-cat from the parking lot if needed. Don't forget to get your Crystal Springs parking permit and also the Discover Pass; see Trollhaugen website for details. Trollhaugensofn.com

Online Cultural classes from Vesterheim

Online classes are available from anywhere! So far, we've had students join us from a few blocks away and from around the world in places like Australia, Ireland, and Norway. Online classes offer a whole new opportunity to connect people to folk art, and we are dedicated to the growth of online programs in this format.

Look here for all different kinds of online folk-art experiences. Learn new skills, converse about Scandinavian folk arts, make new friends, reunite with old ones—all from the comfort and safety of your own space. We're so excited to share our programs with you!

<https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org/classes/folk-art-online>

Språk og Kultur / Language and Culture Koselig
 ko'/se/lig (adjective): cozy, comfortable; snug, familiar.

It is impossible to capture the precise meaning of *koselig* with a single English word. "Cozy" is the most common definition, but this word cannot match the scope or intensity of *koselig*. *Koselig* is used to describe an impressive array of words: a place can be *koselig*, and so can a person; a dog can be *koselig*, an evening with friends can be *koselig*, a concert, an idea – almost any noun can be described as *koselig*. No less popular is the verb form, å kose seg, meaning "to become *koselig*." It is even possible to use the two forms in a single sentence: Sitte i en *koselig* krok og kose seg med en god bok ("Sit in a cozy corner and get cozy with a good book.").





Zooming with D2 – a message from the D2 President

This is the year we would normally hold in person Zone Seminars in each Zone. Due to the COVID pandemic we have decided to hold a Zoom meeting for all District 2 officers and members on April 17th at 10:00 Pacific Time. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks as to how this will work and how you can receive the information on how to tune in.

District 5 held a Zoom Seminar in January that was well attended and was received with great enthusiasm. We are using some of the information from how that was put on and we hope that here in District 2 we can build on their success.

This will be a way to use technology to reach out to those who normally cannot attend the in-person Seminars. We still plan, if things open up, to hold in person Zone Seminars in the fall.

We are excited to begin planning for the "Zooming with District 2" and you will hear much more in the coming weeks.

Fraternally,
Jerry Erickson
SON District 2

Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

The year of 2020 has been a year of cancellations of all types due to COVID-19, however not this year and not with our Lodge scholarship. The board of directors of Sol-Land Lodge #2-086 voted to continue our offering of a scholarship for the 2021 / 2022 school year. The scholarship will be awarded to a current member, relative of a current member or descendant of a charter member of Sol-Land Lodge #2-086. Relatives include, a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, adopted child or a stepchild. The Committee will consider exceptions to the above-named relatives/descendants on an individual basis. The scholarship is awarded based on information detailed on the application forms and is to be used for undergraduate college education or training at a technical school. The award money will be sent to the school registrar and applied to tuition only.

Lodge members and their family members may apply for the scholarship by contacting our scholarship chairman and asking for an application packet. The deadline for submittal of the application is April 15, 2021. For more information or to request an application packet contact Richard Nordness at 509-948-2433 or by email at rnordness@hotmail.com.

Heritage Day at Leif Erikson Lodge, Pandemic Edition

On March 20th, Leif Erikson Lodge will be having their Heritage Day. For those in the area they are offering food for pickup, a scavenger hunt, an online auction, etc. But those of us who are not going to be near the lodge that day can take advantage of two of their events, an online bunad parade and a zoom genealogy presentation.

Bunad Parade

At 1PM take a look at their traditional bunad parade on Leif Erikson's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Yf7869bCbEbtqEzKSQ> and see the beautiful costumes of our members and visitors from Norway. Included will be the new maps from recent changes in the fylker of Norway.

Genealogy

At 3PM, join a great Zoom presentation (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>) by Genealogy expert Jill Morelli. The presentation will be followed by a Q and A session.

"While the critical historical records of Norway are accessible online for free, many genealogists and family historians find overseas research intimidating and lack the critical parish name. This presentation will dispel some of the difficulties, outline strategies when critical information is missing, provide some basic skills necessary to access the records successfully, and identify sites which provide the greatest chance for success in identifying the parish of birth of your Norwegian ancestor. Armed with the parish name and facts gathered in the United States of your person of interest and their family, you can usually access the original parish records and start your journey even if the individual was named Hans Olsen! Two brief case studies will illustrate some of the pitfalls of Norwegian research so hopefully you won't make the same mistakes I did!"

Norwegian Science/Tech articles about Vikings

Research news from NTNU and SINTEF is a website that showcases research news written for the general public about technology, energy and environment, science, fish and aquaculture, innovation, health, the social sciences and humanities.

But for our purposes this month, we want to search for things about “Vikings” – articles about beer, stave churches, Viking swords, place names....you can spend hours reading and learning in here.

<https://norwegianscitechnews.com/?s=viking>

Community Service

My Friends' Place has told us that the teenagers have expressed an interest in learning to knit and crochet. If you have supplies you no longer are using, please think about gifting them. If you don't wish to deliver them yourself, please contact Nancy (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or Rennae (5095398948, imrennae@yahoo.com).

This is the time of year that winter wear goes on sale. Thinking ahead to our mitten tree in Dec., you might watch for sales on hats, gloves, scarf, or other such items and stock up.



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