



The Desert Viking

april 15th meeting

The April meeting will be held April 15th, with the pot luck beginning at 6:30. We will have a frukost this month. Norwegian breakfasts can be wonderful things, so let's make ours fantastic. What is your favorite part of a Scandinavian breakfast? Oatmeal? Yogurt and granola? Cheese? Ry Krisp/Wasa? Sliced meat? Sliced tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers? Fresh fruit? Boiled eggs? Pancakes or waffles with berries and cream? Good bread for open faced sandwiches? Sweet rolls? Some suggest "brunch" is a more apt description for those of us in the US. It would be nice if we can coordinate what we are having so we don't end up with only Ry-Krisp and granola, so if you know what you will be bringing, please let Nancy Holter know (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com). And if you have no idea what to bring, call and we can figure it out.

Greg Holter will be giving a presentation on farm names in Norway, how they were used, and examples of how to sort out what they mean.

We will be collecting the Pillowcases for Campers that have been completed. If you would like to make some but missed out on the kits last month, please contact Nancy Holter.



Services for Cliff Blegen

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held April 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Kennewick First Lutheran Church. The lodge has been asked to provide cookies and salads for the reception. Please contact Karen Aanes to coordinate (509-438-6810, norskkona@yahoo.com). Bunader would be appropriate for the service, but certainly not a necessity.



Heritage Camps

The District 2 Language and Heritage Camps for the youth were at a waiting list status very early this year. That is a tribute to the camp organizers and the parents of the District. Even with increasing costs, the camps are a great value.

The adult Heritage Camp will be held Sept 23 – 25, 2016. I do not have the theme for this year, yet, nor the final pricing. Heritage camp is a great opportunity to learn new crafts, a bit of Norwegian and to experience Norwegian foods in wonderful surroundings. Late September on Stampede Pass is beautiful, so let's make plans to meet there. Please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-9019, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or Ginger Fields (509-734-7876, gngrbrd44@hotmail.com) for more information.

General Lodge Information

Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. 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 7:00 PM also at First Lutheran. 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.





NORDIC AMERICAN VOICES ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

At Sol-Land's May 20th meeting and potluck, volunteers with the Nordic American Voices (NAV) oral history program from the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard will be presenting a program about this special ongoing oral history project.

NAV began as an effort to gather the immigrant stories of a generation of Ballard residents who were born in Scandinavia. Today, NAV builds upon the expertise gained in that 1999-2000 Vanishing Generation Project when 123 interviews were recorded by more than 40 volunteers. Two books and two documentary movies have been produced by the NAV based on immigrant experiences and recollections from life in Scandinavia during World War 2 through to the present day in our Pacific Northwest.

THE NAV WANTS TO HEAR YOUR FAMILY'S IMMIGRANT STORY!

On Saturday, May 21st at 10am and Noon NAV volunteers will return to Kennewick 1st Lutheran to conduct interviews of some of our very own Sol-Land Lodge members. A list of potential interviewees has been provided to the NAV by Nancy Carrs Roach. They are: Kari Allen, Ben Borgen, Ginger Fields, Este Graff & Debbie Lynne Stavanger, Linnea Hillesland, Jim Lande, Joe Molvik, Khris Olsen, Ron Rolla, Rolf Skorge, Una Patricia Scott, Julie Sanders Keymer and Marlene Howard. The NAV will be contacting you via mail etc. to hopefully confirm an interview slot with you to tell your family's story on May 21st.

If you are not on this list, but would like to be interviewed, please contact Nancy Carrs Roach, (509) 531-8459 or nancycarrsroach@gmail.com and I will forward your contact info to NAV.

This is a wonderful opportunity for YOUR FAMILY VOICES & STORIES TO BE HEARD. The NAV volunteers are traveling to the Tri-Cities at no cost to the lodge to present a wonderful program and to continue their oral history gathering for posterity. We need to keep our stories alive and pass them on to the next generation!

Google: Nordic American Voices, Nordic Heritage Museum, Ballard, to learn more.

The Hundred-year-old Man Who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared

We told you last month about the Swedish film that will be presented by the Battelle Film Club on May 6th. "The Hundred-year-old Man Who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared" tells the story of Allan Karlsson as he is about to celebrate his 100th birthday at the retirement home in which he resides. Still mentally sharp, he decides against attending the party, climbs out the window, and disappears. Shuffling along in his slippers, he decides to steal a suitcase from a passenger at the bus station, which happens to contain an enormous amount of drug money. Soon, Karlsson finds himself being chased by drug dealers and the police. Flashbacks depict his fascinating life as a participant in key events of the 20th century.

It would be fun to attend as a group. If you have any interest in joining the group, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or Rennae Rosenberg (539-8948, imrennae@yahoo.com). The film will be shown at 7:30 PM at the Battelle Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for adults and are available at the door.





Cookies for the Conventions

The lodges in Zone 5 have been asked to help provide cookies for the District 2 Convention the first week of June. These needn't be 'Scandinavian', although those would be very welcome. There will be more than 200 delegates and visitors for the 4-day event, and 2 or 3 coffee and cookie breaks each day, so they are in need of lots of cookies. The delegates will take the cookies with them to Coeur d'Alene, so there is no need to worry about shipping, but they do need to be packed well. Please contact Karen Aanes (509-438-6810, norskkona@yahoo.com) to let her know what you will be providing.

The lodges in District 2 have been asked to provide cookies for the International Convention in Tacoma in August. They have asked for about 40 dozen cookies from each lodge. That sounds like a lot but if we can have 10 people make 4-dozen each that will meet the goal. Again, please contact Karen Aanes for information or to offer your help.

Folk Art Competition

It is not too late to get something ready for the Folk Art Competition at the District convention in June. And if you think that is too soon, there is always the one at International in August. You do NOT have to enter anything in the District show to enter in the International one. If you need more information about the process, you can check out the information about the International one here:

https://www.sofn.com/international_convention/international_lodge_meeting/international_folk_art_competition/. If you want more information, or need registration forms, don't hesitate to contact Karen Aanes (509-438-6810, norskkona@yahoo.com) or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com). For the District Convention, the completed forms need to be mailed into the Folk Art chairperson, Ginny Brown by May 1, 2016. For International, the deadline is August 1.



Future Meetings

The May meeting will be held May 20th. We will celebrate Syttende Mai with a special meal. The lodge will provide the main course, and a free-will donation basket will be available to help defray the cost. The exact menu has not been set yet, but will be announced in the next newsletter. Start planning your special Norwegian summer/celebration dishes now. Let's dress for this occasion! It may be warm, but you can bring your Norwegian sweaters and wear your bunader.

We are expecting a group from Seattle, from the Nordic American Voices project, to provide a presentation about their research and the stories they have collected. The NAV is in the middle of an ambitious effort to record the life histories of Nordic immigrants and their descendants in the Pacific Northwest.

The plans for the summer meetings are being made now. In June, we will have a Sankt Hans Aften (midsummer night) picnic. The plan at this point is to have it at Keewaydin Park in central Kennewick. It is a beautiful park. Tentative hours are 4 – 7 PM on June 18th. More information will be available in May.

In July, many of our members will be attending the Trollhaugen Steak Fry on July 16th. The lodge wishes to see if there is any interest in having transportation provided. If you are interested in going, particularly if you don't have to drive or pay for transportation, please contact Ron Rolla (509-619-1510, ronrolla@yahoo.com) or Nancy Holter (509-375-9019, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Plans for a regular July meeting are not firmed up, yet. The regular meeting night is July 15th.

The August meeting is traditionally an Ice Cream Social and Family Game night. This year the date is August 19th. That is the night before the Benton-Franklin Fair parade. The board has not decided yet if the lodge will be participating in any parades this year, but if we do, we may be decorating the boat and trailer that evening, too.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:



April 15: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. The social hour will start about 5:45, potluck service will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:30. For the April meeting, Greg Holter will be giving a presentation about Norwegian farm names, including those of some of our members.

April 25: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Room 5.

May 20: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Syttende mai celebration! We will celebrate syttende mai special meal. Let's dress for this occasion! It may be

warm, but you can bring your Norwegian sweaters and wear your bunader.

May 30: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Room 5.

Interest Survey: Please bring your interest survey with you to the April meeting. The board really wants to provide classes, activities, and programs that you are interested in, and surveys like this will help us do that. Even if you are NOT a member we would like to know what you might enjoy us providing, so please respond to the survey if you have ideas or knowledge.



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