



## Meetings

The June meeting will be on 6/21. We will be celebrating the arrival of summer and Sankt Hans Aften. In Norway, **Sankthansaften** is celebrated on June 23. Families and friends gather to celebrate the longest day of the year. Bonfires play a big part in the celebration; they were lit to protect the people from evil spirits that were lurking as the sun turned to the south again. We will have a pot luck meal and a presentation about the holiday at our meeting. We may also be treated to a review of the Norwegian Language camp that two of our members attended this spring in Minnesota.

The July meeting is our annual picnic, on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will hold it at the church, in case the weather doesn't cooperate. If it is nice, we can adjourn to the courtyard OR the park across the street. Bring your best picnic foods and outdoor toys/games. There is still some ice cream left from Mai 17, so we can pass that out, too.

### **Kom og snakk med oss! Vi har startet en samtale gruppe.**

The Norwegian conversation group was such a success that the decision was made to meet twice a month instead of just once! If you want to practice your Norwegian (or just listen) please consider coming. No need to be fluent, just come and learn. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Lisa Bartholomew at [jbarth8924@aol.com](mailto:jbarth8924@aol.com) for further questions. Meetings will be held at the Richland Public Library in either the seminar room or the foyer. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 PM.

In addition, there will be at least one table at every potluck where only Norwegian will be spoken. We need all our Norwegian speakers to come and help us fill the table with wonderful conversation.

## Classes

The Nordic Needleworkers' meeting night has been changed to the third Tuesday to avoid conflict with the Norwegian conversation group. So, the next meeting will be June 18th. We are a small group, but would love to outgrow the room we meet in at the Kennewick Library on Union. We are willing to teach you techniques if you want to learn, just let Nancy or Darlene know in advance so we can be sure to have a teacher and supplies handy when you show up. 7-9 in one of the meeting rooms. ((509) 521-8128, [darleneroberson1961@hotmail.com](mailto:darleneroberson1961@hotmail.com); (509) 375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) )

**If you are interested in the upcoming Genealogy seminar, please contact Greg Holter ASAP to be put on his list. (509-375-0919, 509-947-0894, [waxlerfarms@gmail.com](mailto:waxlerfarms@gmail.com) ).**



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](http://www.sol-land.org).



## 2019 Officers

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### Hey Folks!

Camp Normanna is on the lookout for donations of wool sweaters for a craft project this coming summer. The campers will be felting chair cushions with them! We would love your help collecting wool sweaters (65% wool or more) from garage sales, thrift stores, etc. Your help making this craft a success is greatly appreciated!

Tusen takk!

Your favorite camp directors,  
Melissa “Vanja” Rude and Seth “Olaf” Tufteland  
Camp.Normanna@gmail.com

## Taste of Scandinavia

TofS is scheduled for **Oct. 19** this year. It is time to start thinking about what you can do to make this a fantastic event again this year. Baking? Ginger is planning to start lefse baking on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. Making a new presentation board? Helping set up? Helping clean up? What can you demonstrate? Selling waffles? Working in the kitchen? Any fantastic ideas for new displays or demonstrations? Who knows someone with Fjord horses? Any Vikings to have an encampment or sword fights? We also need a committee to organize the chaos – let someone on the board know that you are willing to help; TofS is our only fund raising event in the year and you would be surprised at how much it costs to run a lodge, even if we don't have a building to take care of.

### By-Laws

We need to rewrite our lodge by-laws to reflect changes requested by International. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Nancy Holter.

### Events with other lodges

Many of the lodges ‘take the summer off’, so there isn't much to put in here. There ARE District events to attend, including Steak Fry, Golf Tourney, and Border Fest.

Every non-convention year, the District puts on workshops for members. They are set up in each Zone and Spokane will be hosting the 2019 one on October 12th. We will send out more info as we get it. Zone meetings are a great opportunity to get to know members of other lodges in the area, and to hear ideas that can help revitalize our lodge. Put it on your calendar. We will look into car pools if there is interest. A free meeting with food and friendship – what can be better?

## Heritage Weekend

The weekend of September 20, 21 & 22, 2019 is the Doreen Parker Cultural Heritage Retreat at Trollhaugen on Stampede Pass in Washington State. It is 3 days of cultural activities; meeting new friends; greeting old friends and lots of food!!! The registration cost of \$150.00 **before August 15th** includes 2 nights lodging; all class fees and all meals. After August 15th the registration is \$160.00. The rooms are dormitory style with bunk beds. You bring your own bedding and toiletries. You can also bring pop, wine and whatever else to share. It's a lot of fun! The registration forms can be found on the District 2 Sons of Norway web page.



## Steak Fry, Horseshoe tournament, and Golf Tournament

The District 2 Trollhaugen Steak Fry will be July 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun day that supplies much needed funds for the upkeep of the Trollhaugen Lodge building and grounds. The steaks are always good, the salmon always wonderful, and the price is reasonable so let's get some excitement going about this event! You can get your tickets directly from the Trollhaugen board members or contact Nancy or Greg Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com), [waxlerfarms@gmail.com](mailto:waxlerfarms@gmail.com)). The price is \$22 if you buy your tickets **before July 12<sup>th</sup>**, and \$25 after that date.

This year the District is bringing back the horseshoe tournament and Sol-land lodge will be the host lodge for it. Please consider joining us to participate in the fun!

The D2 Golf Tournament returns to Leavenworth on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Advanced registration is \$95 per golfer and includes lunch and the banquet. Additional banquet meals are \$25.

If you are interested in participating in either the horseshoe or the golf tournament please contact D2 Sport Director, Laurie Berg. ([laurieberg.lb@gmail.com](mailto:laurieberg.lb@gmail.com), (206) 235-5558).

Borderfest is an annual picnic that joins District 2 with District 7, which is British Columbia. The picnic is held at the Blaine Peace Arch Park. This year the date is July 14<sup>th</sup>. The picnic lunch starts at noon, coffee is provided. Bring a lunch for yourself, a dessert to share and your utensils and any drinks other than coffee. At 1 PM there will be a program: national anthems, raffle drawings, royalty contest and other entertainment. For more info, please contact Elaine Graddock, [viking1kg@gmail.com](mailto:viking1kg@gmail.com) (360) 631-5250.

## Sankt Hans Aften (Midsummer)

Midsummer's Eve or Sankt Hans Aften is a relic of pagan customs, where the shortest day, the winter solstice, and the longest day, the summer solstice, were celebrated. Originally it was believed that midsummer night was filled with magical forces of nature—both bad and good. All herbs and sources were particularly sacred, and it was a tradition to seek sacred springs or picking healing herbs on this night.

The tradition of burning bonfires came later. Originally they were not associated with Midsummer's Eve celebration, although later some farmers who believed in witches started burning bonfires on this night. A shape that looks like a witch was put in the fire. The purpose of the fire was to scare the witches and evil spirits away, rather than burning them.

Today the Midsummer's Eve is still celebrated with bonfires, dancing, singing and a traditional speech from someone well known in the community. The celebrations are held all around the country, both in cities and small towns.



Sankt Hans Aften (St. John's Eve) takes its name from John the Baptist, who according to Christian tradition was born six months before Jesus. With Christmas celebrated on December 24th in Nordic countries, that puts John's birthday on June 24th. The tradition of celebrating the eve of his birthday with a bonfire dates back to the 1600s.



# Calendar

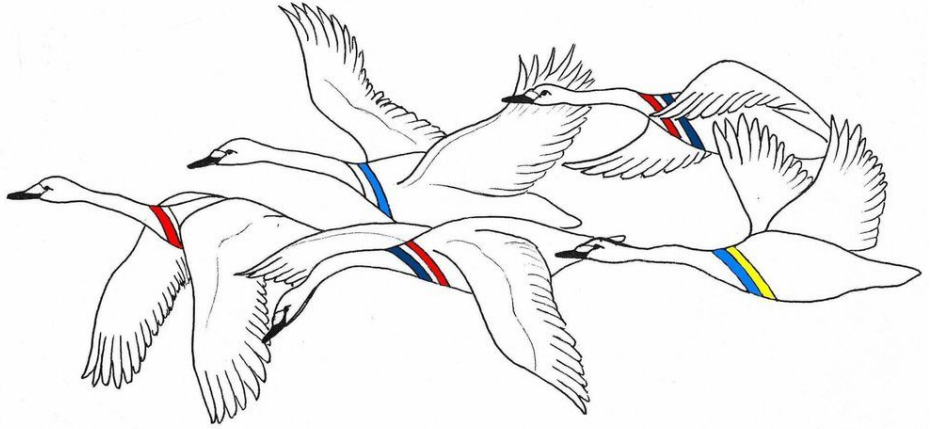
**June 13:** Conversation Group, 7pm, Richland Public Library

**June 18:** Nordic Needleworkers, Kennewick Library on Union, 7pm

**June 21:** Sankt Hans Aften Potluck Dinner Meeting, KFLC, 6pm

**June 24:** Board Meeting, 7pm,  
KFLC

**June 27:** Conversation Group, 7pm,  
Richland Public Library



**Newsletter Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of  
the Month**

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