



# The Desert Viking

may 20th meeting

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We will collect the rest of the Pillowcases for Campers at the meeting, too, so remember to bring yours. We have an amazing number of them. Thanks to those who have been sewing, and to Cheryl Wiborg and her friend for their donations to the cause!

## JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> PICNIC!

We will celebrate St. Hans Aften (or Midsommer) on June 18th at Keewaydin Park in Kennewick (204 W Keewaydin Dr). We have reserved the gazebo for the hours of 4 – 7 PM that day. The lodge will provide pølser and fixings and water, please bring sides and desserts and table service for yourself. We have various yard games to play, including horseshoes and perhaps Kubb. If you have a favorite, feel free to bring it. You might want to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets as well.

Sankthans, or the official abbreviation St. Hans, or Jonsok is June 24th, but Norwegians are more fond of Eve's, (note Christmas Eve equals Christmas to Norwegians), so it is celebrated on June 23rd. The origin of St. Hans is from pagan days, when summer solstice was celebrated. When Norway was christened the Church knew it was easier to give any holiday a religious reason than to try to do away with it. So they named it Jonsok, for Johannes døperen, John the Baptist, in his memory. Hans is also short for Johannes, and ergo St. Hans. This day was an official holiday until 1770. (Source:

<https://www.norwegiansocietyoftexas.org/2013/06/what-is-sankthans-and-why-do-we-celebrate-it/>)

### 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](http://www.Sol-Land.org).



*Happy Syttende Mai*





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## NORDIC AMERICAN VOICES ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Sol-Land Lodge is pleased to welcome the Nordic American Voices (NAV) oral history program from the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard to our **Friday May 20th meeting & Syttende Mai celebration**. Mari-Ann Kind Jackson is the Chair of the NAV Steering Committee. She will be sharing with us the illustrated story about this special ongoing 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 more than 40 volunteers recorded 123 interviews. 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 STORIES CONTINUE!

Thank you to our Sol-Land members and others who have signed-up to tell your family's personal immigrant story to NAV volunteers on May 20th & 21st. Your response was phenomenal!

#### **The interview schedule is as follows:**

Friday, May 20 at 4:00pm (Fellowship Hall KFLC)

Julie Sanders Keymer  
Astri Coupland  
Thor Bakland  
Trudy Lye

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00am (Fireside Room KFLC)

Ben Borgen  
Este Graf and Debbie Stavanger (together)  
Joe Molvik  
Rolf Skorge

Saturday, May 21 at Noon (Fireside Room KFLC)

Kari Allen  
Ginger Fields  
Kris Olsen  
Ron Rolla

Saturday, May 21 at 2:00pm (Fireside Room KFLC)

Linnea Hillesland  
Jim Lande  
Larry Rockne  
Mary Ann Odegaard

#### Simple Shrimp Canapés

Serves 4

##### Ingredients:

16 slices bread  
1/2 cup mayo  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
1 small jar capers  
1 lemon, sliced in half moons  
4 large sprigs fresh dill  
20 boiled, cold shrimp, preferably still in the shell or head on

##### Method:

Boil the shrimp. Mine were jumbo and took 7-8 minutes. (Small shrimp will only need 3-4 minutes). Shock in ice water to keep them from overcooking. Drain.  
Lay out all ingredients in a DIY spread. While it's not required, feel free to cut bread into small rounds to up the "cute factor." Scraps may be used in overnight french toast.  
Be sure to provide plenty of napkins, sparkling water, and enough smiles to light up the room.  
Enjoy!

Recipe found at:  
<http://globaltableadventure.com/recipe/norwegian-summer-shrimp-party-shrimp-canapes/>





## Steak Fry

Have you bought your Steak Fry tickets yet? The price goes up closer to the event. Trollhaugen is a wonderful asset to the District, and a fabulous place to spend an afternoon with friends. If you are wondering about the drive, it is about 2 ½ hours. 4-lane all the way to Exit 62. Bring chairs in case they run out and a cooler full of something to drink, although they will have lemonade and water available. Table games are appropriate, and they will have games for kids of all ages, starting in the late morning. Food service is scheduled to begin at 3:30, but if you wait until then to arrive, you might find yourself parking a fair ways away! Tickets are \$20 each if you buy them before July 10th. Contact Bill Hicks directly (425-672-0194, Hicks1015@msn.com), or you can talk to one of the board members. If you want to stay overnight, you can contact the lodge to reserve your bed(s). The contact information is 509-656-9997, Trollhau@outlook.com

## Parades

The board is trying to gauge interest in participating in the various parades in the area. If you are interested in helping with paperwork, helping to get the boat ready, and most importantly, to march with us, please contact Nancy Holter or Nancy Carrs Roach. (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) (509-531-8459, nancycarrsroach@gmail.com). Right now we know of two local parades, the Grand Old Fourth of July in Pasco and the Benton-Franklin Fair parade in Kennewick. If you know of any others, please pass that information along, too.

## Scholarship award

The scholarship committee has picked a winner and it will be announced at the May meeting. We are hoping to have the winner there for the award. But we DO need more money in the scholarship fund. We award a \$750 scholarship every year, so we need a constant supply of money. The monthly 50-50 raffle provides some, but we still need other sources. If you wish to make a donation to the fund, please contact the Treasurer, Darlene Roberson. (509-521-8128, darleneroberson1961@hotmail.com)

## Movie night

May 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful time watching “The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” at the Battelle Auditorium. There were ten of us in attendance. The movie was excellent and it was fun to go as a group. Maybe we can find more opportunities to do this. Or at least, maybe have movie night on our own. If anyone has ideas on movies to watch, please let Nancy Holter know. (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

**May 20:** *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. As the May meeting is a celebration of Constitution Day in Norway, the lodge will be providing cod, meatballs/gravy and potatoes. Please contribute your favorite (Scandinavian) celebration sides and desserts (we will have a Kransekake, provided by our president). There will be a free-will offering basket on the table, for those who wish to help defray the cost of the meal.

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

**June 18:** *Summer Picnic*, 4-7pm, Keewayden Park, Kennewick. We will celebrate St. Hans Aften. We have reserved the gazebo for the hours of 4 – 7 PM that day. The lodge will provide pølser and fixings and water, please bring sides and desserts and table service for yourself.

**June 27:** *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

**July 16:** *Trollhaugen Steak Fry*, Tickets are \$20 each if you buy them before July 10th. Contact Bill Hicks directly (425-672-0194, Hicks1015@msn.com), or you can talk to one of the board members. If you want to stay overnight, you can contact the lodge to reserve your bed(s). The contact information is 509-656-9997, Trollhau@outlook.com



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