



Meetings

The November meeting (11/16) will include election of officers as well as a Memorial service remembering those we have lost in the last few years. The lodge will be providing turkey, potatoes, and gravy for our Thanksgiving dinner.

The December meeting is 12/21. The lodge will provide a pork roast, potatoes and rice cream. We would like the members to bring dishes that mean Christmas to you – they needn't be Scandinavian (although we welcome as many of those as we get), but they should be meaningful to you for some reason. You could even get up and tell us about your dish if you want to. Please bring hats, mittens, socks, scarves, etc. to decorate our "Mitten tree". Donations will go to those less fortunate to help keep them warm this winter. We hope to have the children's dance group and we will, of course, be dancing around the tree and singing carols.

The donations at the buffet table in November and December will be used for a donation to Ski for Light.

Election of Officers:

The nomination committee has compiled a list of nominees for the 2018 officers. Nominations will be accepted until elections take place at the meeting in November, so feel free to contact a current officer to volunteer or to suggest someone.

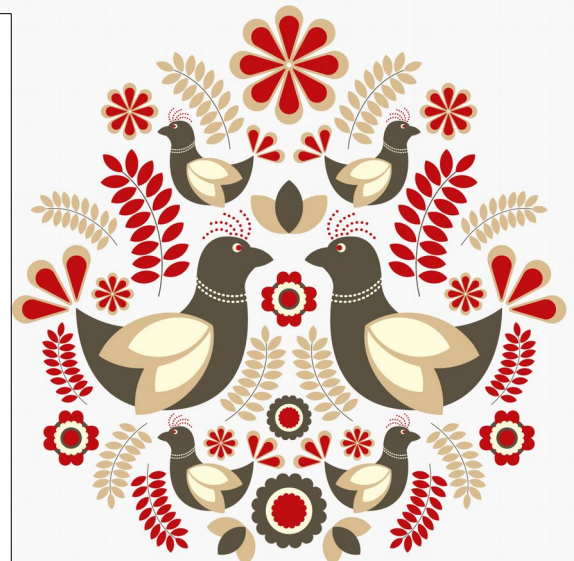
Slate of Officers:

President - Greg Holter
Secretary - Nancy Holter
Counselor - Virginia Fields
Cultural Director - Gretchen Makinson
Foundation Director - Nancy Holter
Editors - Sara Watson/Nancy Holter
Librarian - Rennae Rosenberg/Debbie Stavanger
Assistant Marshall - Dave Payson
Assistant Greeter - still open
Scholarship Chair - Dick Nordness

Vice President – Darlene Roberson
Treasurer – Lucinda Twedt
Social Director - Rennae Rosenberg
Sports Director - Sam Solem
Publicity Director - Kristie Edwards
Musician - Linnea Hillesland
Marshall - Brad Horst
Greeter - Donna Smitt
Sunshine Comm. - Audrey Blegen/Gail Blegen-Frost
Tubfrim Chair - Audrey Blegen

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.





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Classes/Groups

The wire knitting class was a sell-out, and next one is over half spoken for. If you are interested in attending a class, please contact Gretchen Makinson (943-1264, glmakinson@aol.com).

We are collecting names for a genealogy class in Feb. or March. If you have an interest in a Genealogy class, please contact Greg Holter (509-375-0919, gmlholter@gmail.com) to be put on a list. If you are interested in a class for some other craft/skill please let the board know. After all, if we don't know what you want, we can't provide it.

The Nordic Needleworkers' next meeting will be 11/13. We gather at 7, we have been in one of the study rooms to the left of the front door. Ask the Librarian if you can't find us. We may restart the "meet at a pub" meetings, too. Suggestions for which pub? Or some other food/drink establishment that would be conducive to knitting, embroidery, etc.

Is there any interest in having an occasional movie night? We do have an assortment of Norwegian movies, but showing one at a meeting would make the evening REALLY long. Or a card/game night? You could let our Social chair Rennae know if this would interest you.

Taste of Scandinavia

Taste of Scandinavia appears to have been a success. The committee wants to thank the members who stepped up and helped to make it so. If you didn't come to see our presentation, you missed some excellent displays, demos and food! Not all the numbers have been crunched, but we appear to have cleared at least \$2500! That will certainly help pay the bills for the lodge – we do have expenses we need to cover every year.

Giving Back to the community

As a non-profit organization, we justify our non-profit status by the hours we donate to the lodge and the community. We also should be acting as a beneficial part of our community. We have many opportunities to do this, either as a group or individually.

If you wish to help us provide quilts to Lutheran social Services for local foster kids, please contact Barbra Rockne ((509) 627-1967) or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

And, thinking ahead to our "Mitten" tree at Christmas, Fred Meyer always has socks half off on Black Friday. That would be a wonderful time to stock up, not only for your family, but for the Union Gospel Mission and Safe Harbor/My Friend's Place.

My Friend's Place just put out their wish list for the next few months. They could use gift cards for Office supplies and groceries, phone chargers and charging adapters and cables for other electronics, socks and underwear, and bus passes. You can either take your donations to them or bring them to a meeting. This organization helps families and youth in our community. They run the Sails Outlet thrift store in Kennewick, if you have used items to donate, too.

We will be collecting school supplies and shelf stable foods to donate to the Vista Vikings. They are also the school we donate our Labels/Box Tops for Education to.

The lodge continues to collect stamps for Tubfrim, an organization that supports disabled children in Norway. Bring your stamps to a lodge meeting or contact our Tubfrim chairman, Audrey Blegen ((509) 783-3387) to get them to her. For every pound of stamps we send in, the lodge gets an entry in a drawing for a trip to Norway.



Norway Creates First Ever 'Bee Highway'

For a bee going on a summer road trip, the world can be a dangerous place—from pesticide-laden fields to urban areas without a rest stop in sight. That's why Oslo, the capital of Norway, is creating a bee highway, a safe way for bees to get across the city.

The bee highway is lined with food and shelter stations maintained by the government, companies, organizations, and individuals to facilitate bees' safe travel.

Agnes Lyche Melvaer, head of Bybi, the environmental group that is leading the project, said "We are constantly reshaping our environment to meet our needs, forgetting that other species also live in it."

The bee highway is being tracked on the Norwegian website Pollinatorpassajen.no (to see the map, click on "Fly videre," Norwegian for "fly further."). Zooming into the map, locations are marked for features like dining, visitors, overnight accommodations, request for a shelter, and attraction—all for bees. (It's like a travel guide for bees!)

"Pollinatorpassajen is a call to city people, professionals, municipalities and agencies, organizations and the business community to contribute in a collaborative effort to form a booming corridor across the city," says the bee highway website (translated).

Some tips for creating a bee-friendly environment near you include:

- Plant native species of flowers.
- Mow your lawn less to allow lawn flowers to bloom.
- Create a bee hotel using wooden frames divided into several "rooms," filled with twigs, sticks, and other natural materials. Covering the outside with mesh prevents birds from stealing this "furniture."
- Some bees prefer to rest in hot soil or sandy nests, so consider leaving a little bit of earth in your yard bare, mixed with a little sand.

<https://www.cornucopia.org/2015/07/norway-creates-first-ever-bee-highway/>



Origins: the Nisse and the Dala Horse

<http://thechromologist.com/christmas-folk-art-origins-5-iconic-crafts/>

A (Norwegian or Danish) Nisse or Tomte in Swedish (Tonttu in Finnish) is a domestic sprite from Scandinavian folklore that's associated with the winter solstice and Christmas. Similar to a garden gnome and about three feet tall in height, the mythological creature was originally responsible for protecting the farmstead. We found a whole long tale surrounding their need for respect from their employer, including a bowl of julegrøt (Christmas porridge) with butter on Christmas Eve – without which they'll quit their job and the farmer will fall into poverty. Not the jolliest of Christmas messages doing the rounds, but the long and short of it is respect your fellow human. The sprite has been toyed with since this story as you can see above, from the 1980's ski-ing Tromte and one of the many Santas out there.

Something of symbol of Sweden, the Dala horse hails from the 17th century when little wooden horses were sold at markets in Dalarna, central Sweden. A century later and men working in forests would carve their own wooden horses during the long winter evenings, later bringing their creations home for their children to play with. This quickly evolved as makers painted the simple carved toys in bright colours and floral patterns inspired by the furniture from the same region. Dala horses became an important source of income for poor families and their young children were even roped into learning the craft after school. It's alleged that children from one family started their own small business selling Dala horses in 1928 and that their ancestors are still producing the Dala horse to this day from a small village in Dalarna.



Calendar

November 13: Nordic Needleworkers, Kennewick Library on Union, 7pm

November 16: Potluck Dinner Meeting, KFLC, 6pm

November 26: Board Meeting, KFLC, 7pm

December 21: Julebord, KFLC, 6pm

December 25: God Jul!



Newsletter Deadline: 1st Friday of the Month



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