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Hilsen Fra Presidenten



We are having summer weather this spring – is it a harbinger of a warm (hot?) summer ahead? It has been quite lovely to see all the spring flowers (Dogwoods are my favorite) and sunshine after a very rainy April. We had a great May meeting where we celebrated Syttende Mai with a potluck, a Q and A with a Fisherman from Ballard (Tor Tollessen), and a presentation about the Foundation by Darrin Lee, District 2's Foundation Director.

He also shared about the 2024 District 2 Convention, which will be held in Coeur d'Alene ID.

With June here, we have our last lodge meeting for the summer (June 19) before our picnic and break from meetings until September. We also have our Nordic Fest in June (see separate article), and we hope many of you will be willing to volunteer to help make this a success. It has been 4 years since our last one, so we hope to bring in many who have missed it these past few years. Please share the date with your relatives, friends, and neighbors so we'll have a good turnout!

We will have our annual lodge picnic on July 17 at the Game Farm Park in Auburn, as in the past. We will have more details in the July/August Vikingskip, but be sure to put it on your calendar (games at 5:00, potluck dinner at 6:00).

There are many District events listed in Upcoming Events. Consider putting a couple of District 2 events on your calendar. For more details check www.sonsofnorway2.com. Enjoy the sunshine and spring, work on your sports awards, and remember to check out a game of our Little League baseball team, the Auburn Vikings (see last month's newsletter for dates and locations). Their season is nearly over!

Til neste gang,

Vernene

Plan ahead and mark your calendar! Jim and Carol Larson have offered their home for our next Kaffe Stua on **Saturday, July 29** from 1-4. It will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. Maybe bring a camping chair or two if you can. Swimming is an option. Let's get together to celebrate summer on Lake Tapps!



Upcoming Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church
410 H Street NE, Auburn WA 98002

6:00 PM Celebrate Midsummer Solstice with hot dogs. Please bring a salad or dessert to help us celebrate!
Contact Jorunn Ruff 253-293-0611

7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Chris Hicks

Nordic Fest

June 16
3:00-8:00 PM



Vesterdalen is planning to hold a Nordic Fest on FRIDAY, JUNE 16 from 3-8 PM at Mes-

siah Lutheran Church in Auburn. This will be our first since 2019. We will have some vendors, some demonstrators, a bake sale, a Gently Used Item table, a few informational tables, and a membership table. There will be food for sale (hotdogs in Lompe bread, Pea Soup, Meatball Sundaes, dessert cookies) for a quick dinner. We hope to have entertaining music. There will be an entrance fee of \$2 (10 and under free of charge). We hope you'll join us!

Vernene

Demonstrations Needed for Nordic Fest

If you have something you would like to demonstrate at the Nordic Fest on Friday, June 16, please let either Karin Tofte (fotojourn@live.com) or Vernene Scheurer (president@vesterdalen.org) know ASAP. We would like to have food and craft demonstrations, if possible. Thank you

Baked Items Needed

We also need baked items, Scandinavian or just about anything! Just bring them or call Nancy Sommerfield at 206-612-6389 dnsommerfield@comcast.net.



Sunshine Report

June Birthdays:

- 1 Robert Tommervik
- 4 Donna Huwe
- 5 Ed Amundsen
- 7 James Wilson, Jean Coy,
- 8 Lloyd Hartley, Zackary Rude
- 11 Lorna Robertson, Dell Plagens
- 13 Brian Lee
- 19 Sonja Whitcombe
- 24 Leif Larson
- 27 Doug Staats, Roger Isaksen, Matthew Erickson
- 29 Susan Lee

Five Vesterdalen members who are 80 years of age and above will receive birthday cards in June.

Please email or call when you know of a member who needs some Vesterdalen sunshine. Your help is needed to reach everyone. Thank you so much.

Nancy Sommerfield, Sunshine Chair
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Kultur Hjørne



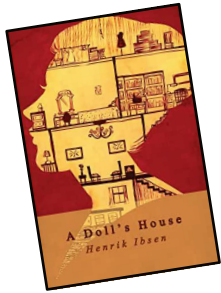
Come to our June meeting and get excited about Trollhaugen! We are lucky to have Chris Hicks again as a presenter!

Trollhaugen is an amazing resource: constructed by Sons of Norway members in the 60s/70s. Trollhaugen is a good way to enjoy the mountains and meet other members in a wonderful lodge setting! Challenges are many, and the way the Trollhaugen Board has persisted in meeting them is truly awe-inspiring. Not only is the annual steak fry coming up in July, but a heritage workshop traditionally happens at Trollhaugen in the Fall. Learn more about Trollhaugen, its history, and all there is to do there.

K.T. Culture Chair

What's going on around here? Check out Sons of Norway's District Two web site!

<http://sonsofnorway2.com>



Vesterdalen Book Club

A Doll's House is a three-act play written by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen (March 20, 1828 – May 23, 1906). The play is set in a Norwegian town circa 1879 and concerns the fate of a married woman, who at the time in Norway lacked reasonable opportunities for self-fulfillment in a male-dominated world, despite the fact that Ibsen denied it was his intent to write a feminist play. It was a great sensation at the time, and caused a "storm of outraged controversy" that went beyond the theatre to the world of newspapers and society.

Our book club will meet at Maggies on Meeker in Kent at 11 AM on July 11, 2023, to discuss *A Doll's House*. You do not need to order anything to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please call Kari Waller at 253-277-1805.



4th of July Parade in Enumclaw Join us to Walk

We will be walking in the 4th of July Parade in Enumclaw again this year with our Vesterdalen banner. We would love to have you come with us this year! They fill the streets to watch the parade and we are very well received. It is a short parade. We set up at 10 AM and the parade begins at Noon. Last year we were 7th in line, so we didn't have to wait long. We should be finished by 1 PM, so there is plenty of time to get home to your family festivities. Please let Vernene (president@vesterdalen.org or 253-221-7059) know by June 25 if you can walk with us.

STILL LOOKING FOR A HOME



Our Vesterdalen Viking Boat Parade Float still needs to find a new home. We have not had any response from our lodge but other lodges have expressed their interest in taking it off our hands. We prefer not to do that but we must keep that possibility as an option.

John Nyseth built our Parade Float, has stored it at his house and has pulled it in almost 50 parades. But now it is time to move it on to a new home and a new loving caretaker. The boat is on a trailer and when the mast is down it will fit inside most garages. The disassembled dimensions are about 8 feet wide by 16 feet long by 7 feet high.

This is a beautiful representation of a Viking Ship and one that our Lodge can be proud of. If you have a garage or other building where we can store it or if you know of another place, please let one of the Trustees (Jim Larson, Don Jensen and Dianne Snell) know. It would be ideal if you are also able to pull it in parades but that is not necessary.

Jim Larson, Trustee

The Scandinavian Hour

with Seth Tuffeland
 is on KKNW 1150 AM
 on Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM
 Listen anytime at:
<https://www.thescandinavianhour.org>



Social Directors' Report

At the Last Meeting

What a great turnout for our May Vesterdalen meeting! Thank you so much for all of you that helped with the potluck! There was lots of delicious food!

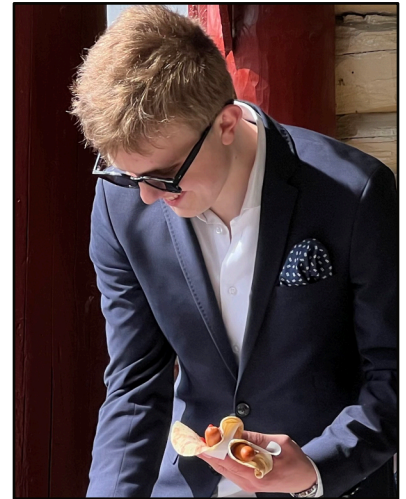
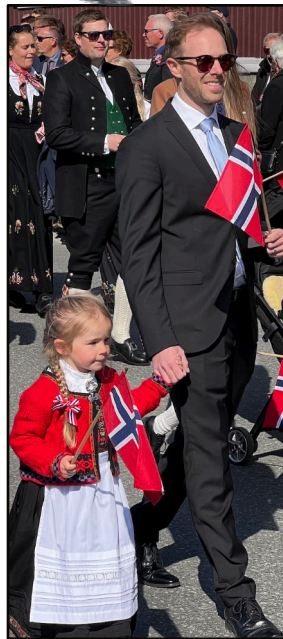
Upcoming Meeting

Please join us when we celebrate Midsummer Solstice in the Norwegian way with hot dogs, buns and other accompaniments. Please bring a salad or dessert to help us celebrate. It would be helpful if you could let me know what you can bring. My phone number is 253-293-0611. Tusen takk!

Jorunn Ruff, Social Chair

Syttende Mai in Norge

Andy Wangstad was in Gjøvik on May 17 and sent these photos of the parade. He noted that men and boys without a folk costume would wear a dark suit, white shirt and a tie... boys wore white sneakers! Most girls had some semblance of a bunad. The one below is the Sogn bunad, where Andy's family is from. The young man upper-right is having a hot dog wrapped in lefse.



Kalender

Annual Calendar is at www.vesterdalen.org

juni

- 5 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 7 Norwegian Independence Day
- 16 Nordic Fest Messiah Lutheran Church ..3:00-8:00 PM
- 19 Lodge social (hot dogs)..... 6:00 PM
Lodge meeting, Trollhaugen (Chris Hicks) ... 7:00 PM

juli

no board meeting this month

- 4 July 4th Parade in Enumclaw
- 11 Book Club - meet at Maggies in Kent 11:00 AM
- 17 Picnic at Game Farm Park - Games 5:00 PM
Potluck dinner 6:00 PM
- 29 Kaffe Stua picnic 1:00-4:00 PM
at Larson's home, Lake Tapps -(see article)

august

no board meeting this month

september

- 4 Labor Day Parade Black Diamond 10:00 AM
- 11 Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 18 Social Hour 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM



Baseball Team

May 2 at GSA park, The Vikings Win! Our Vesterdalen Sons of Norway Lodge is a sponsor of the Vikings and they won the game. They made Mr. Bear their most valuable player. Mr. Bear is from Saltvik second grade class in Sweden. How much fun for Mr. Bear to go to an American baseball game and meet the team.



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Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor

Upcoming Events

July 8, 2023

**Border Festival Picnic
at the Peace Arch Park in Blaine WA.**

Lunch will be at 12 Noon (coffee provided). Bring a lunch for you and a dessert (with serving utensil) to share. The program will begin at 1:00.

July 15, 2023

**Annual Steak Fry or Salmon
at Trollhaugen.**

All activities start 10 am. Horseshoe & Kubb tournament. When ordering specify whether you would like steak or salmon. Hotdog kids meal for \$5. Happy Hour (BYOB) 2:30 pm. Dinner 3:30 pm. Tickets \$30. Reservation deadline is July 7, 2023. Dinner reservations contact Bill Hicks 425-672-0194 or email Hicks1015@msn.com. For overnight reservation email Trollhau@outlook.com

August 19, 2023

**District 2 Golf Tournament,
Leavenworth Golf Course**

\$125 per player including golf, cart, lunch and banquet. \$30 per additional banquet plate for Guest. Lodging is on your own. Contact Laurie Berg - Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com. Deadline to register by August 1, 2023. No exceptions

September 15-17, 2023

Heritage Retreat at Trollhaugen Lodge.

Learn about trolls and their secrets. A weekend of crafts, cooking and fun. Registration fee \$150 (\$160 after September 1) per person. Includes room, all meals and class supplies. Mail checks made out to Heritage Retreat: Paula Boerner, 201 29th St. Hoquiam, WA 98550. Bring your own bedding, shower towels and toiletries. Coffee is provided. Masks are recommended in Troll room for classes. This is the only heritage & culture retreat this year. Your check will secure your place. For more information and registration contact: Chris Hicks (425) 672-0194 ChrisD2SofN@outlook.com or Nancy Holter d2.cultural@gmail.com. Vaccinations recommended.