



Solglimt Newsletter



Palm Desert

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June 2010



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Ord fra Presidenten

The biennial District convention is being held this month in Modesto. Luella Grangaard, Ronna Clymens, and Debera Ellingboe were elected as delegates from our lodge.



I will be attending as a District officer (Zone 6 Director). Convention delegates act on resolutions, review the business of the District over the last two years, recognize the achievements of District lodges, recognize outstanding lodge newsletters, learn more about Sons of Norway, attend a memorial service for members who have passed away in the last two years, elect new District officers, elect delegates to International Convention, and reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. It is truly a wonderful experience. I and the lodge delegates express our gratitude for the opportunity to represent our lodge. Delegates are inspired to carry on the mission of Sons of Norway, both business-wise and cultural-wise. The eight districts across Canada, USA, and Norway will all have their conventions in early summer, electing delegates to attend the International Convention in Coeur d'Alene in late August. News and information from the conventions will be presented in September and/or October.

Please join us this month as we celebrate Midsummer (St.

Hans Day) early. St. Hans or Sankthans is June 24. It is John the Baptist's birthday. Midsummer, originally a pagan festival honoring the sun, has been celebrated in Norway for hundreds of years. The two celebrations now merge into one. Since there are so few members in the desert in June, we will once again meet at my house for a casual dinner on June 12. We also have the chance to attend a bigger celebration by joining VASA for their Swedish Midsummer and smorgasbord at Hope Lutheran Church on June 19. See inside for details of these two events.

We do not meet in July and August. Happy trails to those who are traveling; have a nice summer up north; enjoy Norway; or stay cool, depending on your summer plans. See you again in September.

*Fraternally,
Nancy Madson*

Celebrate Midsummer with VASA

“Swedish organization”

Saturday, June 19 5:00 P.M.

Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall

Smörgåsbord, singing, dancing, and good times

\$18.00

Reservations by June 10

Make check payable to “Desert Viking Lodge” And mail to

Viola Wyler, Chairperson

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Solskinn Lodge's Events

June	12	Nancy & Rex's home	Midsummer get-together
June	19	Hope Lutheran Church	Midsummer (St. Hans Aften) event.
September	25	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck
October	23	To Be Determined	20th Anniversary Celebration
November	20	Hope Lutheran Church	Potluck Dinner
December	TBA	Hope Lutheran Church	Christmas Party

June Birthdays

1	Lewis Helen H
4	Larson Charles O
6	Johansen Steinar
9	Rawlings William L
14	Peterson Phyllis M
15	Grangaard Douglas Charles
16	Haste Taylor
19	Clymens Ronna
21	Thorp Carolyn Ann
22	White Mary Anne
25	Seawright Rex A
26	Hendrix Miriam
26	Tovar Candace M
29	Blevins Jordan M

July Birthdays

1	Chaplin Tone H
2	Lenander Donna R
6	Moore Illa M
6	Peterson James G
10	Devalon Charles C
11	Jensen Cheryl D
14	Strom Lois E
15	Grangaard Luella M
17	Eldevik Marjorie
17	Ellingboe Debera J
26	Murdoch Alan W
27	Tobiassen Richard K
30	Ibsen Benny
30	Jacobs Else M

August Birthdays

1	Bach Kathleen M
1	Waldorf Gladys R
4	Flickinger Philip H
5	Ibsen Joanne D
6	Craig Nate Emery
8	Knutson Helen G

9	Girgis Dorothy V
9	Moen Thomas P
9	Weinstein Vivian
11	Monkress Madalyn A
14	Rommereim Jeannette A
15	Monson Margot
15	Nieters Alma O
16	Lunstrum Kosvic Linda Diane
17	Severtson Shirley M
19	Kennedy Joseph P
21	Simon Vaughn L
22	Lutes David J
25	Marvin Mary Kay
27	Hysjulien Autumn
31	Harper Laura Lee

Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år, ja deg vil jeg gratulere.

Alle i ring omkring deg vi står, og se, nå vil vi marsjere.

Bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring, danse for deg med hopp og sprett og spring, ønske deg av hjerte alle gode ting og si meg så, hva vil du mere?

GRATULERE!

Business/Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 4:30
at Nancy's Home

Any member is welcome.

Board members please attend.

Please RSVP to Nancy, 760/343-0848, if you haven't attended recently.

Events Beyond our Valley

June	23-26	Modesto CA	District 6 Convention
Aug - Sept	29-1	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	International Convention
September	25-26	Norge Lodge	Viking Festival
October	1-3	Buelton (Near Solvang)	Central California Krettsstevne
October	15-17	Pio Pico Campground,	Southern California Krettsstevne. Near Chula Vista

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Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Please Help Your Lodge Delegates

The Sons of Norway District 6 convention will be held in Modesto June 23 – 26. The lodge delegates have been asked to raise funds for the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Foundation has a Humanitarian Fund that has helped members who are victims of floods, tornados, and hurricanes.

The Foundation also awards Helping Hands to Children Grants to help lodges with their Adopt a School programs and heritage programming for youth. Various scholarships are available through the Sons of Norway Foundation. Grants are awarded to assist lodges with cultural events and workshops that highlight Norwegian heritage and culture.

Remember that Solskinn Lodge applied for a Heritage/Culture Grant from the Foundation to assist the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers with their spring tour, last year. Please consider writing a tax deductible check to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

See your lodge delegates at the June meeting, Ronna Clymens, Luella Grangaard, or Debera Ellingboe, to make your contribution and receive a tax-exempt receipt.

*Berit Reistad
Solskinn lodge,
Foundation Director*



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Lodge Hardanger and Fiber Arts Group

This group has been very active over the last year. The group has met 19 times since last May 2009. The attendance has varied from 3 to 9 with usually 5-7 in attendance. Meetings are held at different group members' homes usually on Thursday from 3-6 PM. Many members have completed projects started years ago and others are new to Hardanger embroidery learning the basics. Some members are working on their culture pins while other just embroider and enjoy the company of friends. Two members Cheryl Jensen and Nancy Madson received ribbons on their entries at the Indio Date festival in February. Members of the group also worked at the Hardanger booth for our Scandinavian Heritage Day. From that day we have a new member who joined the lodge and our group. So welcome Janice Langer. Other active members are Nancy Madson, Debera Ellingboe, Charlotte Larsen, Inez Murdoch, Connie Fleischner, Phyllis Peterson, Cheryl Jensen and Nita Haagenson. Please join us. If you like to knit or do other types of fiber arts you are welcome, whether you are a beginner or an expert all are welcome.

Next meeting is at Charlotte Larsen's home on June 17th, please call (760)328-1791 or e-mail at nfcal@verizon.net.

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard,
Culture Chair*

Norway's Most Popular Names for 2009

Statistics Norway recently released their list of Norway's most popular names for 2009. As in past years, the trend of girl's names ending in "a" or "ah" remained strong in 2009 with 6 of the top 10 girl's names following the trend. The international trend of biblical names is also popular among boy's names.

Ten most popular girl's names	Ten most popular boy's names
1. Emma	1. Lucas/Lukas
2. Linnea/Linea	2. Emil
3. Nora/Norah	3. Alexander/Aleksander
4. Sofie/Sophie	4. Oliver
5. Sara/Sahra/Sara	5. Mathias/Matias
6. Thea/Tea	6. Jonas
7. Emilie	7. Markus/Marcus
8. Ida	8. William
9. Julie	9. Sander
10. Ingrid/Ingerid/Ingri	10. Magnus

Calling all Folk-art Artists

There are opportunities for our lodge members to display their talents at both the district and international conventions. Please consider participating. Entries must fall into one of the following categories:

- Rosemaling
- Norwegian weaving
- Hardanger embroidery
- Norwegian themed needlework
- Hand knitting
- Crocheting and tatting
- Figure carving
- Relief carving
- Chop carving
- Wood turning: bowl
- Wood turning :spindle
- Other Norwegian theme (e.g. Photography, painting, stained glass.)

There are separate categories for adult professional and adult amateur.

Entry forms must be sent prior to the June convention by June 12th and for the International Convention, in Coeur d'Alene, by August 20. All items will be transported by a Solskinn lodge member to the events. Please contact Nancy Madson or Luella Grangaard for information for the District 6 Convention and for the International Convention, go to the International Website www.sonsofnorway2010.com. It would be exciting to have the talents of our lodge members on display at these fraternal events.

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard
Culture Chair*

Rosemaling—looking for class participants!

Are you interested in learning Norwegian rosemaling?

We have located a Rosemaler from San Diego who is interested in doing a day class this fall. The first class proposed would be in the Hallingdal style. Please contact me if you have an interest. At this time it looks like the cost will be \$50 for a day class plus materials. The more people the lower the cost per participant. Currently we have 6 people on the list. To sign up on the interest list please e-mail or call Luella Grangaard at morongo2@verizon.net or 760-363-7704

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard
Cultural Chair*

St. Hansaften

St. Hans' Day and St. Hans' Eve are two holidays in June that are celebrated in Norway and the other Nordic countries. Saint Hans' Day, or Jonsok, is celebrated on June 24th and is a religious holiday commemorating the birth of St. John the Baptist – the name “St. Hans” comes from his Danish name. St. Hans' Eve is celebrated the night before, and is marked with bonfires and parties.

Despite its religious roots, St. Hans' Eve is really just a good old fashioned midsummer festival. This type of celebration is older than Christianity, and the occasion has traditionally involved games, dancing and drinking.

In many places bonfires play a central role on St. Hans' Eve, and many Norwegians practice the custom of burning paper witches. This tradition was originally a heathen practice. According to old folk beliefs, witches were especially active on St. Hans' Eve. They might, for example, be out to collect ingredients for their witch's brew, or making their way to covens at Troms Church in Northern Norway. Therefore, people set bonfires, believing the flames would keep the witches away.

Adapted from various sources

Whipped Cream Cake

From The Norwegian Kitchen

- 4 eggs
- 2 dl (1 cup) sugar
- 1 dl (½ cup) flour
- 1 dl (⅓ cup) potato starch
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- fresh fruit juice
- 7 ½ dl (3 cups) whipping cream
- fruit or berries

Preheat the oven to 175° C (350° F). Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift the dry ingredients and fold into egg mixture. Pour into a greased 22 cm (9”) springform cake pan and bake on the lowest oven shelf about 30 minutes. Cool the cake completely before removing from the pan.

Divide the cake horizontally into 2 or 3 layers. Sprinkle fruit juice over the layers. Whip the cream. Use the top layer as the base with the baked side down. Spread with a layer of cream and fruit. Repeat, then top with the bottom layer of the cake, baked side up.

Spread whipped cream over the top and sides of cake. Use a pastry tube to pipe stars around the edges.

Decorate with fruit or berries, or even chocolate figures.

*Submitted by
Luella Grangaard
and*

Adapted from various sources

Take a Virtual Norwegian Vacation with Google Street View

With the global economic landscape still looking bleak, many people are cutting back wherever they can. One of the most common expenses to be cut from the family budgets is travel. Instead of saving up for the yearly family vacation, a lot of families are skipping the trip entirely, instead using new online tools, like Google Street View, to take virtual vacations.

Exactly what its name describes, a virtual vacation is when someone visits a location via online connection, rather than in person. Google Street View has become one of the premiere tools for taking a virtual vacation, and now with its addition of Norwegian destinations, a person can finally visit Bergen and Oslo, or use the free service to help plan a future real vacation.

What makes Google Street View so useful is that it allows users to take a 3-D virtual tour of a location by using a series of compiled photographs, collected from cameras and lasers mounted to cars used by Google. As the car travels a route, it takes photos, which are then assembled into a virtual, online system that makes the user feel as if they were actually standing on Henrik Ibsens Gate, looking at the Royal Palace in Oslo.

To learn more about Google Street View or test it for yourself, go to: <http://maps.google.com/help/maps/streetview/>

Cucumber Salad (Agurksalat)

From Authentic Norwegian Cooking

- 1 European cucumber
- ⅔ cup (1 ½ dl) vinegar, white
- ⅔ cup (1 ½ dl) water
- 3 ½ T. sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- Dash of white pepper
- Fresh parsley

English or European cucumbers are quite expensive, but there is no comparison in taste. Slice them thin for salads; a Norwegian cheese knife works well. This salad tastes good with either baked or fried foods.

Thinly slice a European cucumber. Mix dressing well and pour over cucumber slices in serving bowl. Make salad ready early enough to let dressing penetrate without making cucumbers soft (about one-half hour). Sprinkle with fine chopped fresh parsley.



Steinar Johansen and Luella Grangaard preparing food for Syttende Mai



Luella Grangaard, Debera Ellingboe, Ronna Clymens, Nancy Madson, and Cheryl Jensen



Berit Reistad



Louise Selle



Richard Selle



Joe and Sandra Kennedy



Debera Ellingboe



Helen Knutson

Solnedgang (sunset) Supper Club

No
Supper Club
Until
September

Have a great
Summer

Editor's Corner

There are two ways to send the editor information for the newsletter:

Email: jo60nor@dc.rr.com

Mail: Steinar Johansen
1820 N Mira Loma way
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Note: My email address contains the number sixty.

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I am looking forward to receiving information for the newsletter.



Sandra Kennedy, Luella Grangaard, Nancy Madson, Richard Ellingboe, Marie Maher



Junelle Pearson

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Midsummer (St. Hans)

Early Celebration

Saturday, June 12 5:30 P.M.

Nancy & Rex's home
28-351 Via Las Palmas, Thousand Palms

Shrimp & Chicken Skewers
Salads & Dessert & Beverages

\$5/person

Please call Nancy to RSVP, 760-343-0848

30 minute DVD of The Hjemkomst of Robert Asp

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