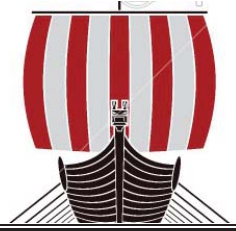


Solskinn



Lodge 6-150

# Solglimt Newsletter



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It is the end of the season and it has been a busy one. I am looking forward to a break from work being so crazy and life at a bit of a calmer pace. What are you doing during our break? Me I am going to work on my genealogy pin. As part of that I am going to visit my Aunt Beulah in Arkansas to pump her for information. She is my godmother and aunt by marriage to my dad's brother, Roger. But I so enjoy visiting her. And she is 89 but has a great memory of everything. So I am taking my questions on genealogy and hope she will help fill in the blanks to point me in the correct direction.

In addition I am going to finish carving my acanthus first to finish my level 3 in relief carving and to prepare an item for the district and international conventions. Summer is the time where I



enjoy after work the half hour before the sun goes down to sit on my porch and carve with my dog and now my new family member Nellie a potbellied pig. It is so relaxing. Also I will be stitching on my bunad so when I go to Bunad camp next May I have something to put together.

I have lots of other things I will be working on. But many of our lodge members will be working on preparing things for the 2014 District Six Convention which our lodge is hosting. Our goal is to get as much prepared and ready to go before the end of the summer and the craziness of January through May.

Ideas for your summer read a book about Norway or by a Norwegian author. Rent a Norwegian Movie. Try your hand at a new Norwegian recipe. Explore your heritage and share with us next fall. Work on a project for the Folk-Art exhibit at convention. We would love an

article about what you did for the newsletter.

Have a restful, educational and fun summer whether you are in the valley or wherever your travels may take you.

*Fraternally*

***Luella Grangaard***



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
June 2, Sunday	Convention meeting	1:30, Cheryl Jensen 760-321-2380
June 7, Friday	Lunch bunch	JW Marriott, 11:30 Tuscan Grill, PD Debera Ellingboe, 760-699-7436
June 9, Sunday	Business meeting	4:00 PM Morongo Valley
June 13, Thursday	Hardanger	3:00 Connie Fleischner 760-776-6657
June 15, Saturday	Cold Salmon Dinner	\$7.00 member/\$10 non-member RSVP to Heidi 760-443-1632 Hope Lutheran Church
June 22, Saturday	Rosemaling/Woodcarving	10:00, Morongo Valley Luella 760-363-7704
June 24, Monday	Happy Hour	4:30 Happy Hour –Beer Hunter, LQ David Lutes, 760-674-4933
June 27, Thursday	Hardanger	Debera Ellingboe, 760-699-7436
July 11, Thursday	Hardanger	Cheryl Jensen, 760-321-2380
July 25, Thursday	Hardanger	Phyllis Petersen, 760-200-1306
July 27, Saturday	Rosemaling/Woodcarving	10:00, Morongo Valley Luella 760-363-7704
Aug 8, Thursday	Hardanger	Nancy Madson, 760-343-0848
Aug 22, Thursday	Hardanger	Charlotte Larsen, 760-328-1791
Aug 24, Saturday	Rosemaling/Woodcarving	10:00, Morongo Valley Luella 760-363-7704
Sept 5, Thursday	Hardanger	Connie Fleischner, 760-776-6657
<b>EVENTS OUT OF THE VALLEY</b>		
Sept 28-29	Viking Festival	Vista, CA
Oct 4-6	Central California Kretsstevne	Buelton, CA
Oct 11-13	Southern California Kretsstevne	Oak Glen, CA

## SAVE THE DATE

October 11-13, 2013

Southern California Kretsstevne – SCK

Another new SCK adventure in Oak Glen, CA, Southern California's largest apple growing region. SCK will be held during the height of apple harvest season, and there is much to see and do in the area [www.oakglen.net](http://www.oakglen.net). Oak Glen is at 5200' elevation, about 8 miles north of Beaumont/Highway 10. The SCK event will be held at Camp Yoliwja, part of Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences (LRCC). Lodging will include a small two story on-site "hotel," several dormitories, and space for RV dry camping. Traditional and new activities are planned for the weekend.



Carole Gould

## June Birthdays

1	Lewis Helen H
4	Larson Charles O
6	Johansen Steinar
7	Bence Åse G
8	Albertsen Lorna Ann
9	Rawlings William L
14	Peterson Phyllis M
15	Grangaard Douglas Charles
15	Mehlum Emel
16	Haste Taylor
17	Reistad Dakota
18	Feddersen Roberta L
19	Clymens Ronna
20	Ward Dahlia Freya
22	Fetters Shellee L
22	White Mary Anne
23	Gerner Thomas H
25	Seawright Rex A
26	Hendrix Miriam
26	Tovar Candace M
29	Albright Heidi
29	Blevins Jordan M

## July Birthdays

1	Chaplin Tone H
2	Lenander Donna R
6	Lathers Linda D
6	Moore Illa M
6	Peterson James G
11	Jensen Cheryl D
15	Grangaard Luella M
17	Ellingboe Debera J
26	Murdoch Alan W
27	Tobiassen Richard K
30	Jacobs Else M

## August Birthdays

1	Bach Kathleen M
2	Reistad Ciara
5	Ibsen Joanne D
6	Craig Nate Emery
6	Lerche Svend H
9	Girgis Dorothy V
9	Weinstein Vivian
11	Monkress Madalyn A
14	Rommereim Jeannette A
15	Monson Margot
15	Nieters Alma O
16	Kosvic Linda Diane
16	Olsen Peter M
17	Severtson Shirley M
21	Simon Vaughn L
22	Ethridge Esther
22	Lutes David J
27	Hysjulien Autumn
31	Harper Laura Lee

## Camp Norge Bunad Class May 6-10

Well I took the plunge and purchased a Bunad kit. My Bunad design is from the Telemark area where my great Grandfather Ballestad is from. I decided on that one because of the beautiful embroidery. Along with that I decide to attend Bunad class at Camp Norge. I purchased my kit through Bunad Butikken in Ely,



Minnesota. The owner is Sue Sutherland, helped me pick out my bunad and ordered it from Norway. She is also a bunad instructor who has taken many classes in Norway and works with and orders kits directly from Norway. She has gone through the training process in Norway to teach Bunad fabrication, the same course that the bunad fitters in the Husfliden's in Norway go through.



Prior to Camp I met her at the Scandinavian Festival in Thousand Oakes and already had my kit which I received in February and was dying to get started on. Sue and her husband had spent about 1 month traveling and teaching in Thousand Oaks and at Norway days in San Francisco.



At Camp Norge she brought many bunad fabrics, silver jewelry and accessories. It was amazing looking at all the fabric, jewelry and books. It was great taking bakes and looking at everything. There were approximately

10 class participants and everyone was working on something completely different than the person next to her. I had such a wonderful time.

I will show you my progress as I work on my own Bunad. Wish me luck, clear eyes and a steady hand that I might finish this someday.

*Submitted by  
Luella Grangaard*



## Calling all Folk-art Artists— “Sons Shine in the Desert”

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
- Chip carving
- Wood working Norwegian motif
- Other Norwegian there (e.g. Photography, painting, stained glass.
- Special Category—Other Scandinavian Decorative Painting

There are separate categories for adult professional and adult amateur.

Start planning now. Summer is the perfect time to work on projects. Let's have lots of entries for the convention we are hosting

*Submitted by  
Luella Grangaard  
Culture Chair*



Otto is a happy winner of a medal

## Festival of Nations

Each spring Amelia Earhart Elementary School in La Quinta hosts a Festival of Nations on their school campus. Grade level teachers set up the different continents (booth areas) and within those continents, as many countries as possible. Obviously, our Sons of Norway was set up in the continent of Europe.. Families are invited to enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of our world community.

These continents/countries were set up in the courtyard and decorated with banners, flags and in some cases, music and food were provided. Several classes presented dances in the outdoor theater area.

Students are given the option of buying a “Bag” which included a Passport and four activity/taste tickets.

The Passport included information about the countries within the continents and a question about each continent. There was a place in the Passport where it could be stamped to show they had visited that continent/country.



The Sons of Norway Lodge had a long table for trolls, books about Norway, pencils, several dolls, pins and sheets of Norwegian flag stickers. Rather than a stamp for Norway, a flag of Norway was put in their Passport.

A total of 150 flags were placed in Passports or on their shirts. A round table had coloring pages of rosemaling, trolls and a page for them to draw a troll from their imagination. Crayons and pencils were provided for the children, but most took the sheets with them.

Oh, let us not forget the Viking helmet with the blonde braids that was provided by Nancy. Numerous children had their pictures taken along with Dave Lutes who had his Viking helmet with horns - no braids! Nancy also provided a large map that asked, “Where in the World Is Norway?” A small note was added to the map showing where it is located.

A special thanks to Nancy and Luella for providing items for the children. Also to Kathy Beach, third grade teacher at Amelia Earhart Elementary School.

It was estimated over 700 people attended. Very well organized and looking forward to participating again next year.

*Submitted by  
David Lutes*



## Lefse Recipe #3

Krinalefse—or Nordlandslefse if you prefer (Krinal-ese—eller Nordlandslefse om du vil)

1 lb flour  
1 lb barley flour  
1 lb rye flour  
1/3 lb margarine  
1 quart buttermilk  
1 c golden syrup  
1 tsp hartshorn slat

Crumble butter and flours. Add remaining ingredients and mix. Roll dough out in thin sheets. Fry on one side and cool under press. Butter lefse with the following spread or "kriningen"

### Kriningen

12 eggs  
12 Tbs sugar  
1 c golden syrup  
2 tsp hartshorn slat  
2 c cream  
1 ¾ lbs flour

Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Add remaining ingredients. The batter should have the consistency of porridge. Spread a thin layer of the "kriningen" on the raw side of the lefse. Draw a comb of wood or brass, a "krine," through the spread to make patterns of fine lines. Dry the lefse buttered side up on a baking sheet in a medium hot oven. Remove when dry and bake until golden brown in a hot oven with the buttered side down. Stack and store under press.

Before serving immerse lefse in lukewarm water. Butter with a creamy mixture of butter, sugar and cinnamon. Place two buttered sides together and slice into wedges.

*Brimi, A & Kaspersen, A. Norwegian National Recipes, page 50*

## Transparent Language APP

Learning a language is one of the most difficult lessons I have encountered. Well the majority of the world learns two languages before becoming adults; in the US young teens struggle to pass their language classes, often a choice between Spanish, German or French. Yet, the importance of learning a second language has become more prominent with the increased global community.

Learning Norwegian is both an accomplishment, as well as, a personal & cultural achievement. In my search for aid to learn Norwegian, I came across a company called Transparent Language (Byki). They design language programs similar to that of Rosetta Stone at half the cost.

I now have the computer version and downloaded the app on my phone to practice even when I am not at home. The computer program allows multiple users, so that each person can advance at their own pace.

To encourage my kids to learn, I set them each up with their own user names. They view it like a game and look forward to earning the green check marks for completed steps and the golden star for completed lessons. They will understand when they are older just how important being exposed to the language was but for now Victor, my husband, and I gush at the check marks and stars they earn.

*Submitted by  
Erica M. Ward*

## Foundation

Because of the heat, Porky has had to move more slowly on his trip to visit the love of his life, Pricilla. But Porky is determined to continue and with your help, he will reach his destination. Of the \$1200 needed, we now have \$538 ... well on the way to helping him reach his goal.

If those coins continue to weigh you down, just put them in your Pink Pig and bring it to the next social.

If you want to recognize a family member or friend with a donation to the Foundation, contact me and a thank you card will be sent notifying them of your gift.

Remember, your Pink Pig gets hungry during the summer months and needs to be fed.

*David Lutes  
Foundation Director*







Luella Grangaard'S bøtkake decoration. GREAT



Diane Presley doing her cake.. Very artistic



Nancy Madson



Grace and Connie Bjerke



Sissel and Vidar Johansen



Linda Lathers



Louise Selle



Joan Sinclair



# 17 Competition Pictures



## Solskinn Lodge Officers - 2013

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## June Social

Saturday, June 15, 4:30 P.M.

Location Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall

45-900 Portola Av, Palm Desert

4:30 Social

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Games

Cold Salmon dinner

With salads and dessert

\$7.00 per member/\$10.00 non-member

RSVP by June 13th

Please RSVP to Heidi Albright at 760-449-1632

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