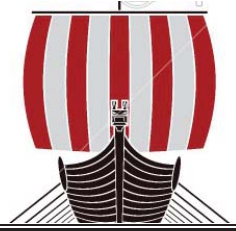


Solskinn



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The President

It sounded like I missed a great event. We had 59 people attend our social in January. I would have enjoyed hearing the Viking story Teller and the Viking fiber arts presenter. Thanks to Heidi Albright and Diane for preparing the meal, and Diane for running the meeting and all of those who made cookies for the event.

I was visiting my aunt Beulah who turned 90. It was a small gathering my cousin, the closest person I have as a sister and her husband and daughter. We spent lots of time remembering Christmas celebrations as a family. And the time the lutefisk turned to mush and my grandma Grangaard called the market on Christmas



Eve to complain and get different lutefisk. I of course arrived with a batch of lefse which we consumed at every meal we enjoyed. I hope you all have time to connect as families and remember the past and pass it on to new generations.

This month we have our lutefisk dinner coming up. I hope you have made your reservations. Debra Ellingboe has been working tirelessly at the church promoting the event at the church and the church has our announcement in their program. Also at this social we will be voting on delegates for convention. All members of Solskinn lodge are eligible to run. If you are interested in representing our lodge or have questions please feel free to contact me.

Lodge activities. Lunch Bunch and the Happy Hour Group continue to be extremely active. We could use some other volunteers to help with these activities. Twelve members will

be attending our rosemaling class in March. Hardanger at Connie Fleischer's had 14 in attendance. Work on the convention moves forward. You will be hearing more about that as we start bring projects for the lodge to complete and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for all you do to promote and participate as a member of our lodge

Fraternally
Luella Grangaard



Nancy Madson receiving her sports pin. Congratulation

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION/TIME |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Feb 6, Thursday | Hardanger | 3:00 Patricia Lee 760-832-6225 |
| Feb 7, Friday | Lunch Bunch | Acqua Pazza 71800 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage @ The River Contact Dottie Bessares 760-345-6586 |
| Feb 9, Sunday | Business meeting | 2:30, Morongo Valley, Luella 760-363-7704 |
| Feb 15, Saturday | Social | Lutefisk Dinner—reservations required |
| Feb 20, Thursday | Hardanger | 3:00 Gro Kleitsch 206 954-7324 |
| Feb 20, Monday | Happy hour/Early Supper Club | 4:30 Happy hour early sipper club Las Casuelas Mexican Restaurant Walt Wisler wliserw@aol.com or Call Debera Ellingboe at 760-699-7436 |
| Mar 1, Saturday | Rosemaling Class | Deadline January 25 th for reservation call Luella 760-363-7704 |
| Mar 13, Thursday | Hardanger | Nancy Madsen 760 343-0848 |
| Mar 15, Saturday | Heritage Day | Hope Lutheran Church |
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| | EVENTS OUT OF THE VALLEY | Contact |
| February 7-8, 2014 | Nordic Spirit Symposium | Thousand Oaks, CA |
| April 5-6 | Scandinavian Festival | Thousand Oaks www.scandinavianfest.org |
| April 26/27 | Rosemaling | Camp Norge www.campnorge.org |
| Oct 31-Nov 2 | SCK | Banning more information to come..mark the date |

February Birthdays

| | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Edwards Steven Lynn |
| 1 | Johnson Wayne E |
| 10 | Reistad Bjørn Richard |
| 11 | Hartley Terese Olson |
| 23 | Strandjord Ulf |
| 25 | Bjeke Grace |
| 25 | Bjerke Grace |
| 28 | Richardson Adam |

Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år! Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!

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

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

Gratulere!

WANTED!!!!!!

Send us your recipes for our convention cook book. Are you pulling out those special recipes for Christmas? Share them with us in our recipe book. We want any recipes that are your family favorites, your specialty, your grandmothers, aunt Lena's and Uncle Ole's. It doesn't have to be Norwegian, send your best. .

E-mail them to lalberstsen@aol.com or mail to Lorna Albertsen, 30622 Via Pared, Thousand Palms, CA 92276-6628



Delegates for the 2014 convention

Are you a member of Solskinn Lodge ? Then you are eligible to attend the 2014 District Six Convention in Palm Springs as a delegate. Our lodge is allotted 4 delegates and 4 alternates. The commitment involves attending the convention June 22 to June 25, 2014. The sessions run all day with events in the evening. You should have a basic awareness of how Sons of Norway functions and the issues the organization is facing. The lodge helps with the cost of the convention registration and some compensation for other expenses. If you are interested in serving please contact Luella Grangaard @ morong02@verizon.net or call 760-363-7704. We will vote on delegates at the lutefisk dinner February 15, 2014.

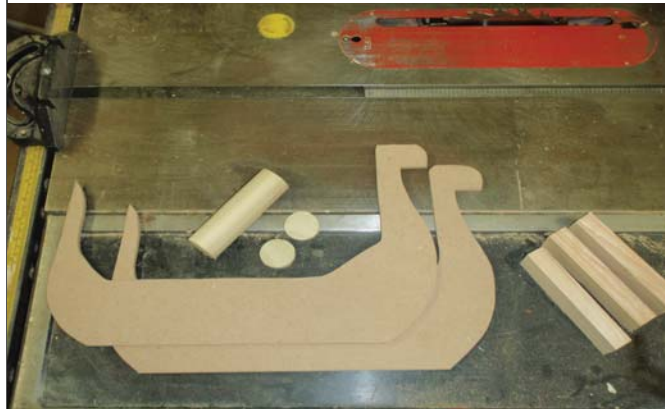
Lodge Goals 2014

1. Increase membership by 5% which would be a net gain of 5 adult members total 120 members.
2. Ten members complete one level of any cultural skill.
3. Collect \$1500 for the Foundation – collected \$1292.00 in 2013.
4. Increase the attendance at Heritage Day to at least 300
5. Increase Heritage members by offering youth focused activities at 9 out of 10 socials.
6. Provide charitable contributions to the community.



Build your Own Viking Ship

Our Lodge has had the blue Viking ships for over 20 years as a tradition for various celebrations. The original ships were built for a 17 of May celebration. They were built by Bjørn Richard (Rick) Reistad, a member of our lodge. Recently we have been short ships at our lutefisk dinner and the District Six Convention Committee decided to use the ships for the convention so we needed to add to our fleet. So I took on the task to build more ships. I have put together some simple instructions and you also can build your own Viking ship.



Materials: MDX board or 1/4" plywood, 3- 1" x2" X 5" pieces of wood and clothing rod cut into 12 1/8" pieces.

Instructions:

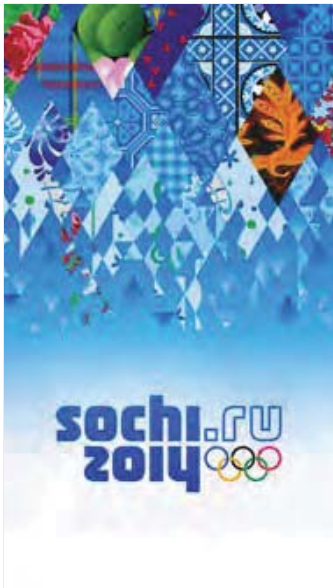
1. Cut the Viking ship pieces from the MDX or plywood.



2. Set up the structure of the ship with the 3-5" pieces butted against the base of the ship place glue on the ends and use a small bar clamp on each end to secure the structure.

3. Using sheet rock screws secure the sides to the 5" cross bars
4. Then glue the shields on and you are done.
5. Paint as desired.





Norway Predicted to Dominate the Podium in Sochi 2014 Olympics

With less than three months to go in the countdown to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, Norway is predicted to have its best showing at the games since its 26 medals in Lillehammer in 1994.

Infostrada, the Olympic medal prediction service, recently updated their Virtual

Medal Table. Topping the 2014 forecasts with a medal count of 37 medals each are Norway and Germany, a feat—if successful—that would tie the record set in 2010 by the United States. Also in the hunt for a high medal count in 2014 are Canada and the United States with 34 and 28 medals. Infostrada has also forecasted that Norway will win 15 gold medals, which would set a new Winter Games record and top the previous record of 14 gold medals achieved by Canada in Vancouver in 2010.

Men's and women's biathlon and cross-country skiing events are expected to yield the bulk of Norway's medals while ski jumping and alpine, freestyle and speed skating round out the remaining medal count.

Predictions by Infostrada are based on performances in prior Olympic Games as well as the World Cups and World Championships. Points are awarded to the Olympic hopefuls as part of a statistical model that evaluates the competition's results, difficulty, rankings and timeliness. As additional World Cup events are completed prior to the Winter Olympics, Infostrada's Virtual Medal Table will be updated to reflect new predictions. Visit <http://vmt.infostradasports.com/> to check out the latest predictions on the Virtual Medal Table and see where each of your favorite Norwegian athletes like Aksel Lund Svindal, Tora Berger and Emil Hegle Svendsen are predicted to place on the podium.

SOCHI 2014 MEDAL PREDICTIONS

| | COUNTRY | | | | Total |
|----|---------|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 | NOR | 15 | 12 | 10 | 37 |
| 2 | USA | 14 | 8 | 6 | 28 |
| 3 | CAN | 11 | 12 | 11 | 34 |
| 4 | GER | 6 | 13 | 18 | 37 |
| 5 | FRA | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |
| 6 | CHN | 6 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 7 | AUT | 5 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| 8 | RUS | 5 | 5 | 7 | 19 |
| 9 | NED | 5 | 4 | 5 | 14 |
| 10 | SUI | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 |

Storyteller mesmerized the audience



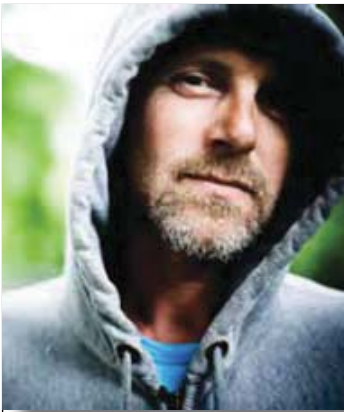
At the last social, we had a storyteller who gave a wonderful story about the Vikings. His enthusiasm and fluency in telling the story mesmerized the audience. He had a very authentic presence and it was obvious that he had widespread knowledge about the Vikings and what they

were into traveling around raping, killing and stealing. He also incorporated the audience to make different sounds fitting in to the story to make it even more authentic. Dressed in Viking outfit, using his loud voice and connecting directly with the audience made this a great



event. As we can see from the attached pictures, excitement shines in their faces. Forty minutes of continuous excitement. What is the next? Is Thor going to find his hammer? No, no, no... oh!!!! WOW!! The storyteller did a wonderful job and I am sure that many agree with me when I say that we should repeat this event. Perhaps at next Viking dinner event.

*Submitted by
Steinar Johansen*



Nesbø Projects in the Making

If you've read your March issue of Viking or if you are a fan of Nordic writers, you're probably already familiar with writing sensation, Jo Nesbø. Considered one of Europe's best authors and with worldwide sales of his novels approaching NOK 1.5 billion, Nesbø's popularity is quickly

on the rise. So much so, that a number of his books are inspiring film and television projects here in the U.S.

The latest project, an American TV series adaptation of Nesbø's popular 2008 book

"Headhunters," is in the works by HBO and writer/executive producer Alexander Woo (True Blood) and executive producer Carolyn Strauss (Game of Thrones).

The series will replace an earlier plan to create an English feature film of the book starring Mark Wahlberg and Sacha Gervasi.

Another of Nesbø's books that is slated to receive major attention is "Blood on the Snow." The new series, written under Nesbø's pen-name Tom Johansen, isn't set to be published until autumn 2014, yet Warner Brothers Films is already in negotiations to acquire the film rights to the book. Rumored to be tied to the project is Leonardo DiCaprio, who is said to be both producing as well as potentially starring in the film adaptation.

Film plans dating back to 2011 also include an adaptation of Nesbø's "The Snowman" directed by Martin Scorsese. Since then, Scorsese has had to back out of the project due to his busy schedule but Universal is currently on the lookout for his replacement.

To learn more about Jo Nesbø and his books, visit <http://jonesbo.com/>



Scandinavian Sweetheart Waffles

Adapted from Allrecipes.com, makes 5 servings

- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp vanilla sugar
- ¼ tsp ground cardamom
- ¼ cup water
- 1 pinch salt
- 3 tbsp butter, melted



Beat egg yolk and sugar in a large mixing bowl until frothy. Add in water and vanilla sugar until evenly blended. Divide melted butter, buttermilk and flour in half and add to mixture, stirring until

smooth. Add the remaining butter, buttermilk and flour as well as the cardamom and salt and beat until smooth again.

In a new bowl, beat the egg whites with a mixer until stiff peaks form. Carefully fold whites into batter, keeping as much volume as possible. Preheat waffle iron to manufacturer's instructions. Spoon roughly ¼ cup of batter into waffle iron and close lid. Cook for about 5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove waffle and repeat with remaining batter. Serve with your favorite topping.

Berry Syrup

adapted from thisweekfordinner.com

- 1 ½ cups of your favorite berries or 1 cup blueberries
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tbsp corn starch whisked with enough water to make slurry
- ½ cup water

Bring lemon juice, water, sugar and berries to boil. Reduce heat and simmer. Slowly add cornstarch mixture to syrup until you reach desired consistency. Syrup can be strained through a sieve or through cheesecloth if less pulp or berries are preferred. Refrigerate remaining syrup.





Debera Ellingboe and Berit Reistad



Svend Lerche (Dane)



Arne



Laura Picking



Barry Melnick



Karl Knutsen (Dane)



Joan Sinclair



Richard Selle

Foundation

Foundation Funded Wedding

You Are Invited ...

To attend the wedding of Priscilla and Porky. You made it possible for Porky to travel during the long, hot summer to reach Priscilla. They have been together for several months and it's time to plan their wedding. As you know, the cost of a wedding is quite expensive. Please check the list below to see how the \$1500 will be spent. You will be informed as each aspect of the wedding has been reached. We look forward to a grand wedding when the funds are available.

Total Wedding Costs \$1,500



Wedding Ceremony

- Farm – pen rental
- Food/drinks – corn cobs, lettuce, water troughs, etc.
- Attendants – farmers, caretakers

Minister **\$300.00**

Reception **\$400.00**

Solskinn Lodge Officers - 2013

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| Auditors: | Normal Larsen | 328-1791 |
| | Glenn Bell | 340-3985 |

Lutefisk Dinner

(Including meatballs)



Saturday, February 15

4:30 Social

5:30 Dinner, one seating

\$20members/\$25 non-members

reservations & payment required.

**For further information call
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