

Varden Newsletter

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Editorial

Hello, it's nice to be back after an eventful summer. The first Mid-Summer Festival since the Pandemic was held at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. Several Varden members manned the Sons of Norway booth, plus Susan Strang and, her grandson, Connor Schilbach, both in bunads, presented the Norwegian flag in the Opening ceremony.

Second, we celebrated our lodge's 111th anniversary with a picnic at Ryall Park. Although, there wasn't a huge turn out, some of our younger members such as Connor, his sister, Penelope, and Cian Beeby attended. I think both Connor and Cian enjoyed playing Kubb. Both can underhand throw very well unlike myself. Sadly for Connor, Cian and his Aunt, Shauna Britt won the match. Susan also presented Sports medals to both Connor and Cian. Later at Heritage Camp she presented them to Nerissa and Edina Beeby, Jayden and Enid Britt, Sadie and Spencer Strang. Both at the picnic and Heritage Susan awarded Membership pins. I received one for being a member for twenty-five years. But I was surpassed by Enid Britt a member for forty-five, and Vivian Bates a member for eighty years! Vivian must hold a record as there is no official pin from Sons of Norway for eighty years so we had to make her a certificate. Yeah Vivian!

Although, I did not attend Heritage Camp I heard it was a great success, especially because it has been three years since people could meet. A whole contingency from Varden Lodge did us proud! First, Cian Beeby won the Archery contest for his age group. Then, although they did not win a medal, our horseshoe team placed respectably. Jayden drove her first car rally with her cousin Nerissa as navigator. But our greatest success was our lip-syncing team. Consisting of Cian and Nerissa Beeby, Sadie and Spencer Strang, Jayden Britt and their friend Riley Tan they won first place with the song "She Don't know She is Beautiful."

But Varden didn't just participant in contests, our members also aided in running the camp. Bruce Strang helped with the flag raising and lowering. Susan Strang taught hardangersom embroidery to students between the ages of ten and fifteen, and Jayden and Nerissa helped teach the younger children. Another wonderful aspect was the age range of our participants. This was the first time Connor Schilbach participated in the activities, and he was thrilled! While at the other end, Helen Mosdell came for her thirtieth plus time as she and her late husband Mervin Rogelstad started the first Heritage Camp over thirty years ago. (Check the Leiflette for some pictures of the picnic and Heritage Camp.)

Summing it all up, I'd say Varden Lodge experienced an eventful and wonderful summer. Now it is time to go back to work and plan more of these wonderful happenings for the fall.

June Meeting

This meeting was a business meeting.

September Meeting!

There will be a business meeting On Sept.13th. Please see below for more info.

Education Grant

Varden offers an Educational Grant of \$700 for post-secondary studies to a child or grandchild of a lodge member. **The Deadline for this year is 04/30/2023.** Please send your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

This summer was quiet. I hope everyone is well. I suffered from a bad cold this August but am better now.

September Birthdays

2nd-Ethan Delicato
6th-Chloe Delicato
-Nadia Delicato
14th-Bruce Strang
15th- Adrian Schilbach
17th-Ben Folster
25th-Edgar Chapman
-Karen Schilbach

September Holidays

5th-Labour Day
21st-International Day
of Peace
22nd-Fall Begins
25th-Rosh Hashanah

Calendar of Events.

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, Sept.13th meeting will be on Zoom. Susan will send an email with the link.
2. Sleipner Lodge's next meeting will probably be on Sept.8th.
3. Viking Lodge's next meeting will probably be on Sept.1st.
4. The Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada is holding its AGM on September 17th at 1pm by Zoom.