

Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Happy Sankt Hans 2024 - 22 June • Saturday • Norway Park

A Message from the Vice President

The lodge has been a place of much activity for the past month. Many events are coming up and we've been busy making plans, having fun get togethers in Kaffeetua and everything around the normal activities of our building. The office leaders help make it an enjoyable place to come and keep all the loose ends wrapped up. Gary, our wonderful caretaker, is working hard to be ready for this busy time of the year. Thankfully there are so many members who are generous in their time and experience to help make these events happen. We also have 10 new members this month and are thankful for the growth of our lodge.

The May 8th membership meeting had four activities we focused on before we started the official business. 1 -Honoring Ellen Beck for her devoted service as Membership and Financial Secretary. 2 -Honoring past presidents, Asbjørn Nordheim 1971, Bjørn Gjølmesli 1986-1987, Robert Svendsen 1988, Randi Aulie 2001-2002, Duane Esperum 2005-2006. Russel Oberg 2007-2009, Doug Warne 2010-2011, Andrea Torland for 2017-2018, Gail Engler 2018-2019, Seth Maristuen 2020-2022 and then Gail Engler as VP again in 2023. We are grateful for their energy, time, commitment and service to our Lodge. 3-Numerous Membership pin awards were given. 4-Awarding the Man and Woman of the year to John Knudsen and Theresa Nilsen, both so deserving of this honor.

Leif Erikson Lodge's own Leikarringen dance group performed and showcased dances accompanied by our fiddler Bill Boyd. Elaine Everitt gave interesting information about the different types of bunad the dancers wore. This was presented after a fantastic meal prepared by Malin. Thank you to Malin for all the wonderful meals she has prepared the lodge. She is truly remarkable. She is not able to continue being our chef but we are forever thankful for her talents and contributions to many memorable dinners.

As I write this, there are a number of us preparing for our Lodge Open House and Parade on Syttende Mai, only a few days away. Our lodge will be open from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM to the public to showcase Norwegian history and delicious food, have Norwegian dancing and music and displays from various groups that support Norwegian culture. I hope to see many of you there.

The District 2 Biennial Convention is happening at the end of May in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We have a full contingent of delegates and are really looking forward to our participation there and meeting with the other lodge members in our District.

The summer weather reminds us that our Lodge gathering in June is the free ice cream social, New Member Welcome Ceremony and a short business meeting. I also look forward to the Ballard Seafood Festival in July after the many Midsummer festivals around the area in June. Norway Park is a great place to get out of the big city and enjoy the Norwegian tradition of celebrating on Lake McMurray. We are lucky to have this opportunity. Traveling out of town for a day or two makes the summer extra special.

Ha en god sommer! Have a good Summer!

Tusen takk!

Ken Bartanen



Leif Erikson Lodge

Invites you to

An Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Along with the

Sølje Sisters playing Scandinavian Music

Wednesday, June 12

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fresh strawberry or chocolate sundaes with dollops of whipped cream, cookies, coffee or tea will be provided. Come catch-up with lodge members and greet new members.

There will be raffles for some fun prizes and listening or dancing to the music of the Sølje Sisters. Sølje Sisters plays Scandinavian and other folk music. The group was formed over twenty-five years ago and plays throughout the Seattle area. The ensemble includes accordion, flute, harmonica, ukulele and violin.

Although there is no charge for the Ice Cream Social, we are still taking **RSVP's** so that we can have enough sundae makings, **(206) 783-1274**, reply in the E-news or sign up on the Bulletin Board list. Remember to bring your dancing shoes and don't worry, our sundaes have no calories!

Kathy Buholm,

Cultural Director



INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Leif Erikson Lodge acknowledges our lodge stands on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people past and present, and honors with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish people.

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New Phone Number, Email or Address?

Let us know! Email Wendy at LEL.memberships@gmail.com. Or go to the SON website - www.sofn.com and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for a longer time period. If you have a new email, contact the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net.

Velkommen til oss!



New Members to Leif Erikson Lodge

Velkommen to the following new member who were approved as of May 2024.

Aren R Holland, Peter Bjercknes Klein, Anna Marie Mockler, David Silvertsen, Stacy Schuyhart, Olive Schuyhart, Kimberly Sell, Matthew R Sell, Stacey Jo Sides, Robert Scott Sides, Sarah Christine Arrington, Meg Stecker-Thorsen, and Alice Poggi

Reinstated Member, Paul Svenkerud

Transferred to our lodge, Robin Watt and Arlene Rand

Ornamental Woodcarving Classes

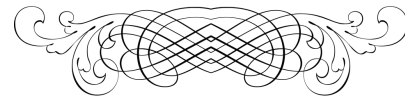
by Mark Olsen

Classes at Leif Erikson Lodge - The Norna Room

Beginners: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248104>

Continuing classes: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248065>

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An Announcement from Headquarters:

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Vikingen

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 981073134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrih Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe **Phone:** 206-783-1274 **Web page:**

www.LeifEriksonLodge.org **Email:** leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net **Email:** LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net **Membership Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following Membership meeting. The Vikingen has been published since 1945. Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903.

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter let us know at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net or call the LEL office and leave a message; 206-783-1274.

Not receiving the e-news? Sign up for e-news by emailing leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. This email comes out several times a month and provides an update to Lodge events and activities, as well as links to the Vikingen, renewing your membership and volunteering at the Lodge.



Happy Sankt Hans!

Celebrating 50 years in Ballard! The Norway Park group shows their pride during the Syttende Mai parade. Ralph Sørensen to the left and Bjørn Larsen to the right, carrying the banner.



The Fifield Farmhouse circa 1963, prior of the sale to our Sons of Norway Lodge.

Gretchen Scott and her sister Ruth visited Norway Park on the 3rd of May. The two sisters were part of the Fifield family that occupied the farmhouse up until 1963, which the house became what was known as the original Rød Stua, after LERA established



Lake McMurray Fire Dept. Salmon BBQ
 30 June 2024, Sunday
Berg Pavilion. Noon - 5:00 PM
 \$20 Salmon Dinner.

New Summer 2024 Rates

Camping Rates:

Tents \$20.00 per night RV - no hookups \$25.00 per night
 RV - with hookups \$30.00 per night



Berg Pavilion Rentals:

Stockholders \$200.00 per day
 LEL members \$400.00 per day



Leif Erikson Recreation Association Board Members for 2024

LERA - Norway Park

22128 State Route 9 Lot 220
 Mount Vernon, WA 98274
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MIDSOMMER'S JUNE 22ND NORWAY PARK

For Leif Erikson Lodge
 Members and Guests
 \$5 entrance, free 12 and under

11 am - 6 pm - ALLETIDER'S CAFE
 1pm - PRIZE/CAKEWALK
 2 pm - BARNE LEKER/PLAYFIELD
 3 pm - 4 pm - BINGO
 VIDEO DJ ANDY JENSEN
 8:15 pm - BEAN COUNT WINNERS
 8:30 pm - BIG RAFFLE
 10:00pm - Dusk - S'MORES ON THE PATIO
 (BONFIRE PERMIT under consideration)

LAKE MCMURRAY / MOUNT VERNON

LEIKARRINGEN



We had the honor of dancing for the May lodge meeting accompanied by our fiddler Bill Boyd. We also had the opportunity to showcase our different Norwegian Bunads. We will be dancing two sets again for the Lodge's Syttende Mai Open House and dancing the entire Parade route as part of this community wide celebration. The next day, June 18th, we have been invited again to be part of the parade for Poulsbo's Viking Days.

We are also preparing our performance program for the Skandia Midsommarfest at St Edward's Park, June 23rd. This is a very special outdoor traditional event open to everyone and we hope to see you there.

At all these events we showcase traditional Norwegian dance, music, culture and national dress. We are proud to be representatives of our lodge to the greater Puget Sound area. Our truck banners and flag display our Sons of Norway, LEL connection.

**Sheila Bartanen,
President**



All the past Leif Erikson Lodge Presidents recognized at the May General Meeting! Takk skal du ha for your years of service.



Past presidents, Asbjørn Nordheim 1971, Bjørn Gjølmesli 1986-1987, Robert Svendsen 1988, Randi Aulie 2001-2002, Duane Esperum 2005-2006, Russel Oberg 2007-2009, Doug Warne 2010-2011, Andrea Torland for 2017-2018, Gail Engler 2018-2019, Seth Maristuen 2020-2022.

Norsk Hilsen!



HALLO Alle Sammen! Med 17. Mai var det høytidelig lunsj på Nordisk Heritage Museum, Åpent hus på Leif Erikson Lodge og deretter parade i Ballard. Det var jo moro og fest hele dagen lang! Nå er det tid for MIDSOMMER oppe i Norway Park 22. Juni med sol, camping, spill, mat, og moro på stranden. Det blir musikk i Berg paviljong, og koselig Midsommer's bål på kvelden. Medlemmer av LEL og gjester er hjertelig VELKOMMEN!



GREETINGS from the YOUTH Directors!

May's Leif Erikson Lodge youth event was marching in the Syttende Mai parade in Ballard. Always a fun and popular event, we enjoy celebrating our heritage with a parade that rivals the size of Seattle's Seafair Parade and is the largest parade celebrating our Constitution Day in the United States.

Leif Erikson's next youth group's sponsored multigenerational activity is July 20th. We are heading up to Snoqualmie Pass for an easy, mostly downhill 25 mile bike ride through the Snoqualmie Tunnel to the Cedar River Watershed Education Center. Because we coordinate ferrying everyone between the Education Center back to Hyak, we do need a RSVP by July 13th.

We will be meeting at 11:00 am at the Hyak parking lot off I-90. You will need: a bike in good working order, warm layers, as the tunnel is a consistent 40 degrees F year-round, a headlamp or bike headlight for the pitch-black tunnel, a lunch, and water.

We will resume youth events in October. SAVE THE DATE for our annual Pumpkin Carving and Pizza evening, October 9th, and the Children's Christmas Party, December 15th.

Your LEL Co-Youth Directors,

**Evelyn Elliott and Kari
VanSanford**

206-850-8212





Syttende Mai 2024 Coverage



The 50th celebration of the Ballard 17th of May Parade, was quite festive in the multitudes for 2024. Syttende Mai begin with a formal luncheon at the National Nordic Museum, Open House at Leif Erikson Lodge , Bergen Place with traditional folk & trekkspiller. Despite a blustery wind, the parade made it's way at 6 PM and nothing was going to stop the cheerful crowd. This year's Grand Marshal: Torleiv Opleiv Opland, Deputy Chief of Mission (US Norwegian Embassy) the Honorary Marshal: Jeanne Kohl-Wells (KC Council and State Senator) retired.

Spend the summer studying in Norway.

The Sons of Norway Foundation has 25 scholarships available for study in the US, Canada and Norway. Application forms will be available October 1st for studies in 2025. Spend the summer in Norway or anywhere your project takes you. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more Norwegian culture and the Norwegian language. Get to know about your Norwegian roots.

There are also grants available including heritage and cultural grants, Community partnerships and Lodge Vitality grants. Applications will be available in October 2024 for awarding in 2025. Information on the above is available on the Sons of Norway website -sonsofnorway.com/foundation.

LEL Foundation Director: Jerry Thorsen
206-819-9644 jthorhor@gmail.com.

Norna History

[By Gladys Haug Arntsen, "Norna - A Brief History" from Vikingen, February 1983, edited by Judy Gray in 2014 and 2024]

Norna is the Women's Auxiliary of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001. The group has a potluck luncheon once a month from September through June with a short business meeting. This is usually held on the second or third Tuesday of the month. Other events include movie days, a trip to see a live theatre production, and visits to local businesses and floral nurseries for a tour (and lunch, of course).

The organization was born on January 15, 1953. Andrew Bjerkeseth of Washington Posten suggested the name Norna from Norse mythology. **The Three Norns** were **Urd**,



representing **Verdande**, and **Skuld**. They were the the world, fates of men In their were the lodge who did another well, needed with

activities, especially with the Supreme Lodge Convention held in 1954. Enough money was raised through potluck dinners, bingo, "Dinner is Served," etc., to take care of all the coffee hours during the convention and to serve a salmon buffet the night of the reception. Paul Berg, who was President at the time, remembered the setting with trees shielding tables on the plaza at Norway Center.

Through the years, Norna has supported many groups within the Lodge, including the children's dance group and bowling team (historically). Currently, Norna's main activity has continued to be preparation and work for the annual Lodge bazaar in the fall and Heritage Day in the spring. The Norna booth offers popular hand-crafted items including colorful embroidered dish towels, refrigerator towels, knitted sweaters, hats, gloves, and socks, aprons, and other unique items. Norna has raised thousands of dollars towards the annual Lodge budget and expenses of the Leif Erikson Building Association.

For more information, contact our co-presidents:

Judy Gray and Chris Heins

BIBLIOTEK

Greetings from the library! This month I received two wonderful book donations that are now available in the library. Feel free to stop by and visit with An-Magrith on Friday

June 7, from 11 - 1, or

make an

you'd like to use

The first book is a

our collection

of Popular

Issued by

Lutheran Ladies

(1924). This cookbook belonged to Ballard resident Gyda Theodor

Gundersen Hoff, who emmigrated from Norway in 1896 and resided

in Ballard from 1909 until she died in 1961. The book includes

notations on several recipes. There are ten unique recipes for

Fattigmand, and seven for Krumkake. Maybe we should make them

all and see which one everyone likes best? Let me know if you think

this would be fun.

The second book is a memoir **Diary of Travel: Henry Edward**

Jacobsen 1921 to 1926 by Ed Jacobsen (his son). It's a very nice

story, told using Henry's original diary entries, about his journey

from Norway to the United States at age 19, traveling by train to

Montana, and eventual worldwide travel with the U.S. Marines.

Many families have original documents that have been in the family

for a long time, and it can be hard to know how best to preserve

them. Ed Jacobsen has pieced together his father's travels and

provided context at every step. It's a very nice example of a

personal history, and if you are needing some inspiration for how to

preserve similar information from your own family, I think this

would be a great read.

Thanks for reading, and see you in the library!

Special Mention in Memoriam

Doug Dixon

Bill Alsvik

Two long standing LEL members who passed peacefully this May 2024.



Ballard Seafood Fest 2024 – July 12-14

The Scandinavian community contributed a great deal to the Ballard (and regional) culture and economy. Some fifty years ago, Ballard SeafoodFest was created to publicly recognize local maritime and related industries; showcase great seafood; and celebrate those cultural contributions.

Today the family friendly festival still has some great seafood options and it has broadened its base to include many more vendors, arts and crafts, and a music stage for ongoing performances.

Leif Erikson Lodge will once again be participating in this annual celebration hosted by the Ballard Alliance. We have reserved an information booth to do our part in letting people know about our activities and programs to keep that Scandinavian (Norwegian) culture and tradition active and alive in the Ballard and greater Seattle area.

If you would like to be a part of that effort, please sign up for a shared 2-hour shift on either Saturday the 13th or Sunday 14th.... (water provided)(I am working on securing parking at Lodge during your shift)

If you're not able to volunteer, stop by the booth anyway and say Hi..it's a fun event!

Contact- Peter: panestingen@hotmail.com



Leif Erikson Lodge Man & Woman of the Year 2024!



Gratulerer! John Knudson & Teresa Nilsen



Happy Birthday to all our members with June 2024 Birthdays!

Ken B., Anne-Lise B., Sonja B.,
Randi J., Stacy L., K. Ludeman, R.,
Craig and Tarie S., Cynthia T.,
Chris V.,



Jacque B., Petter-Anne H.,
Kathleen L., Arne L., Roger
Marilyn T., Sara and Ted V.

Special greetings to those who turn 90-something including:

Albert H., Per O., Marilyn T.

Our youngest members are:

Anders A., Kari B., Marit B., Cedric C., Elin C., Colleen C.,
Thorleif D., Sonja L., Emmaline M., Lisle R., Campbell R.,
S., Naomi V., Christopher W., Iris W., Nini E.

Our most senior member for June is Tore K. Gratulerer!

We're sorry we can't list all the Birthday celebrants as there is just not enough room in our newsletter!

Gratulerer med dagen!

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcofseattle.org

NEW SINGERS WELCOME

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Leif Erikson Lodge & Community Calendar - Summer 2024

- June 1** - 4th Norway Park Work Party at Bekkestua, 9AM
- June 1** - Kaffestua 1st Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM, (No Saturdays for July & Aug.) Wed. & Fridays 10 AM - 2 PM.
- June 11** - LERA Board Meeting at Bekkestua, Norway Park, 7PM and also on Zoom
- June 12** - Leif Erikson Lodge Ice Cream Social & Meeting 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- June 22** - Sankt Hans Midsommer Norway Park. All day activities, games, raffles, pølse, ice cream, bløtkake, ice cold canned pop and coffee. Video Dj Andy Jensen.
- June 23** - The Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle, Midsummer Dinner fundraiser 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM. Leif Erikson Lodge.
- June 30** - Lake McMurray Fire Dept. Salmon BBQ -Norway Park (Berg Pavilion) Noon - 5 PM
- July 12-14** Ballard Seafood Fest - Stop by to say hello at the LEL tent-kiosk.
- July 13** - 5th Norway Park Work Party at Bekkestua, 9PM
- July 27** - Trollhaugen Steak Fry / Salmon Dinner. Reserve now hicks1015@msn.com
- Aug. 17** - District Two Golf Tournament, Sun Country Golf Course, Cle Elum, WA - Contact Laurie Berg - LaurieBerg.lb@gmail.com

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Contact Marianne for details. marianne@ballardhealthclub.com
Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall Wednesdays 11:15 AM 12:00 PM. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that. LEL Zoom information:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189> Meeting ID: 915 582 1189; Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 2158782.

Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities. www.leiferiksonlodge.org

The Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle
Midsummer Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser
SUNDAY, June 23, 2024

4 p.m.. Social and Silent Auction
5:30 - 8:30 pm. Dinner and Entertainment
MIDNATTSOLENS LAND

Thrill to the Tunes of Ballard's High School Choir

Enjoy Timeless Melodies from our chorus, and The Solje Sisters

Culinary delights from our Nordic kitchen await..... fresh cod, Scandinavian meatballs with lingonberry sauce, salad, dessert and a no-host bar. Silent auction followed by a Live Auction with Auctioneer Extraordinaire, Tim Hunter, plus a raffle you won't want to miss.

Leif Erikson Lodge in Ballard
2245 NW 57th St.

Tickets are \$35 for dinner and entertainment. Majority of proceeds benefit NLC's Scholarship Fund. For reservations, please contact Nancy Hiraoka, nan.gran@comcast.net (425)778-2353