

# The Posten December 2025

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## SONS OF NORWAY

### Desert Fjord Lodge

*Established 1984*



The holiday season is a very busy time for everyone, but it's also a time to reflect about what's most important. That requires us to show love and generosity to family, friends and neighbors - those who are near and also those who are far away. The people in our lives are what's most important after all!



This month we're having a lodge Christmas Party, a Julfest, at Jana's home. She's been kind to open her home to us. Please find details on the next page.

Coming up in January we'll be installing new officers to open a new chapter in our lodge's history. Please look for details about that in the January Posten.

Wishing holiday cheer and good health to all!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

god jul og godt nytt år

*Velkommen* <sub>1</sub>

Desert Fjord Lodge  
December Heritage Meeting  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm – 6 pm

Julfest at  
Jana Peterson's home  
5901 E Hummingbird Lane  
Paradise Valley, AZ

Please bring Scandinavian foods, beverages or desserts

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RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684



## Membership Matters by Lois Ripley, Membership Secretary

***You never know what interesting and delightful people you'll meet when you come to Sons of Norway!***

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Come ... meet with us and explore what a remarkable Scandinavian culture we share.

*If your contact information changes, please let me know! Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected.*

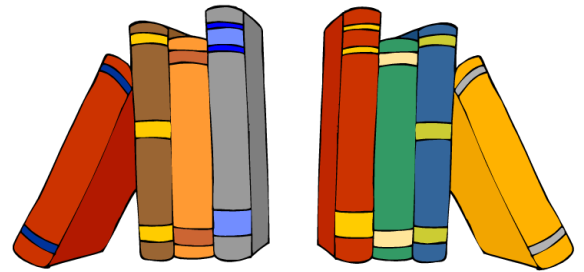
*I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693 or my email address: [lc Ripley@gmail.com](mailto:lc Ripley@gmail.com). (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)*

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

A Book Review by J Walters

### ***Killing Moon***

By Jo Nesbø



The story begins with Harry Hole in Los Angeles, battling his demons after being fired from the police force. He is drawn back to Oslo when a woman close to him is threatened, leading him to investigate a serial killer targeting young women. Harry assembles a misfit team of former operatives to catch the killer, who leaves a unique signature at the crime scenes.

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***Jo Nesbo*** is a Norwegian novelist and musician. His books had sold over 50 million copies worldwide by 2021, making him the most successful Norwegian author to date.

**District Six President: Lis Barca**

District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii - Website: **[www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org)**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

**Zone Seven Director: Jonathan Walters**

Zone Seven is made up of lodges in the following states:

**Arizona:** Scottsdale #133-Desert Fjord; Sun City #134-Sol Byer; Mesa #153-Overtro Fjell; Flagstaff #167- Nordic Pines; and Yuma #168-Sola

**Utah:** Salt Lake City #83-Leif Erikson

**OTHER SONS OF NORWAY LODGES IN ARIZONA**

**Overtro Fjell 6-153** - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

625 S Ellsworth, Mesa, AZ

**Sol Byer 6-134** - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Sun City West Foundation

14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ

**LODGES IN OTHER STATES**

Go to: **<https://members.sofn.com/lodgeDirectory/>**

Most post their monthly newsletter on their lodge website.

**OTHER CONTACTS**

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

Alex Boemark



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**<https://www.facebook.com/Desert-Fjord-Lodge-6-133-Sons-of-Norway-563052183744742/>**

# December Birthdays

Elizabeth A Berger	17th
Phyllis Dahlk Bergo	31st
Earl Fuchs	29th



Jana Louise Peterson	4th
Julie L Westby	18th

**\* Heritage Member**

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*



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**For more additional details, please give me a call.**

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## Norwegian Boathouses

by

Jana Peterson

This commissioned painting was taken from a photograph by one of my best friends (Kris from Sons of Norway Vikings of the Lake Lodge, Kelseyville, CA). I love her photography; we share a mutual interest in architecture and Norway! She's sent me some of her favorite photographs taken on trips, and we both thought this one would make a great splash in her home. The boathouses are in Bodo, Norway, and she passed them while on a cruise of the area. I painted it for her, and have painted more of her images. You can see some of them, of Trondheim and cottages in the woods, on my website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/jana-peterson-designs/home>



## THE SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS OF PHOENIX

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All ages...it's fun!

Interested? PH 480-326-2927 Email: [baec56@gmail.com](mailto:baec56@gmail.com)



Instruction and performance of traditional folkdances of the Scandinavian Countries. Practices twice a month. Individuals welcome, (partners not necessary).

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# Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Posters?*  
**Desert Fjord website:** <https://desertfjord.org/>
- *If you are looking for some wonderful Scandinavian recipes, check out:*  
**Sons of Norway website:** <https://www.sofn.com>
- *As members, we have access to a free, in-depth genealogy club that meets monthly via zoom –* **Genealogy Club (District 6):**

## **Anthony G (Tony) Hjelmstad, Slektforskningklubb / Genealogy Club**



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Highlands Ranch, CO 80130  
303-324-5381 (c)



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[Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com](mailto:Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com) <https://www.fjelldalen.com/>

- *Our Desert Fjord Lodge (**Scandinavian Noir Book Club** ... previously known as **Viking Book and Wine Club**) hosts a monthly Book Club meeting in Jana Peterson's home. Members gather to read and review Scandinavian books with an emphasis on murder mysteries. For more information call Jana Peterson at 480-326-2927.*
- *As members of Sons of Norway, we are invited to join the free, national book club that meets monthly via Zoom:*  
**Sons of Norway Book Club:**  
**Bill Browning**  
**Sons of Norway Book Club Coordinator**  
**[SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com)**  
**[404-953-2525](tel:404-953-2525)**
- *As members of Sons of Norway, District 6, we have access to Camp Norge in California. Check out the camp information:*  
**Camp Norge:** <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>



# A blessed Christmas 2025 and New Year's 2026 !!

## Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

**President: Open** (Jonathan Walters)—(347) 801-3345

**Vice President:** Phyllis Bergo (Acting VP)

**Secretary:** Ed Bergo (Acting Secretary)

**Treasurer:** Janis Johnson—janisjoann41@gmail.com

**Membership Secretary:** Lois Ripley (480) 521-8693

**Member at Large:** Norman Jenson

**Auditor: Open**

**Counselor:** Ed Bergo

**Co-Cultural Directors:** Jana Peterson, Nina Poe

**Desert Fjord Boutique:** Ali Berg-Anderson

**Distribution:** Janis Johnson

**Education Committee (Scholarships & Grants):** Nina Poe,  
Gordon Peterson

**Foundation Directors:** Gordon Peterson

**Greeters:** Georgiann Crouse, Norman Jenson, Jr

**Librarian:** Janis Johnson

**Marshals:** Knut Haldorsen and Peter Flanders

**Posten Editor: Open** (Jonathan Walters)

**Publicity Director/Public Relations:** Janis Johnson

**Reservations:** Janet Peterson (480) 659-7328

**Social Director:** Berit Miltun—(480) 966-2009

**Sunshine: Open**

**Trustees:** (1yr) K Haldorsen; (2yr) P Flanders; (3yr) Norm Jenson

**Webmaster:** Jonathan Walters

## Mission Statement:

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

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