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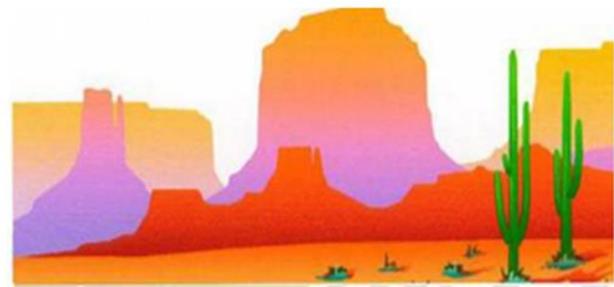
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

by Jonathan Walters, President

I want to welcome you back from your summer projects, activities and travels to a new year at Desert Fjord Lodge. The programs and menus at our monthly meetings will be no less enticing than those of last year! What we do together is how we cultivate and remember our Norwegian culture and heritage.

I was privileged to attend the recent District 6 convention with other members of our lodge. One of the takeaways of such an event is to realize that your lodge is one of many lodges out there, each working in their own way to achieve similar goals: attract new members by raising a Sons of Norway awareness in the community, support and promote cultural skills, groom members to assume leadership roles, etc. Desert Fjord Lodge was recognized at the convention with a couple of merit awards. Also, our participation in the newsletter contest was recognized. At our September meeting I plan to present our merit awards to Ed Bergo and the newsletter contest certificate to Julie Westby.

For a while the fabric of our lodge has been worn and stretched. By this I mean there are a number of members who have contributed time and energy to the lodge beyond their fair share over an extended period, in leadership capacity and other roles. I'm sure they've benefited from their involvement, but their investment has left them seeking relief. They look for others to take over for them!

I guess in every organization there are the givers and the takers. For most of my life I've been involved in some aspect of church work. In churches there are those who come for a blessing ... there's nothing wrong with that. But then there are those who come to be a blessing: that is, they contribute time, talents and treasure for the good of the community. I dare say they also have their reward!



I thank all of you who have given so much to Desert Fjord Lodge and continue to do so. I urge others to step forward and tell me of your willingness to serve. Right now I'm "in the hunt" for a new Posten Editor and also a Vice President. Recently I approached Liv Aannestad to be our new Editor and she has graciously agreed to assist while I continue to search. Our current Vice President, Lynn Eide, will be stepping down in January.

Help is on the way! Arlys Medlicott, the Overtro Fjell Lodge Librarian, has agreed to assist with our great library. Jan Loomis has accepted responsibility to take over from Roger as our Webmaster. And possibly we have someone else who will be able to assume the position as Desert Fjord's new Treasurer. Thank you Arlys and Jan!!

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Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133,
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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2016

Featured Presentation:

“THE NORTHERN LIGHTS: A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE”
2:00 P.M.
PER AANNESTAD, ASU Professor Emeritus



Menu

- Fresh mixed green salad
- Your choice of sautéed shrimp or grilled chicken
- Bread and butter
- Brownies and Ice Cream
- Coffee and Iced Tea

Price: \$12

Deadline for Reservations: September 8th
Reservations:

Place your reservation online: [Register](#)
Or contact: Phyllis Bergo at 480-812-9762
or phyllisbergo@gmail.com

Business Meeting

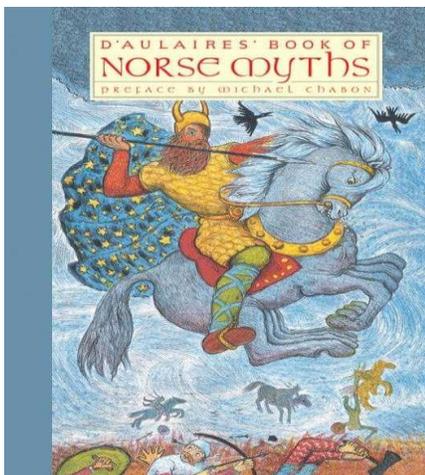
September 10th, at 1:00 pm, following the morning Genealogy Meeting, at Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Genealogy Meeting

“Norwegian History and Geography: A foundation for Genealogists”

September 10th, from 10:15 am to Noon, at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale, AZ

VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB



Please join us! We read a fun mix of books, old and new, classics, lighter fare and Scandinavian noir. Each meeting we pick a book to read and discuss at the next meeting. So bring your favorite Viking beverage, snack, and a handful of book ideas to our next meeting!

Saturday, September 10th at 2:30 PM
Join us at Jana's house: 480-326-2927
Bring Viking nibbles and libations

We will be discussing our latest book:
BOOK OF NORSE MYTHS, by Ingri d'Aulaires

The Desert Fjord Lodge sent delegates to the recent District Six Sons of Norway Convention in Colorado

Here are some of their thoughts on the experience

(Pictured at right: Arizona lodges receive merit awards at the Convention)



What a wonderful opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway District Six convention June 12-14 in Loveland Colorado. It was run very efficiently and with great detail. I was very impressed. Being new to Sons of Norway, I was more of an observer. It provided an opportunity to learn more about the Sons of Norway fraternity and meet new people of District 6. During the business meeting, many resolutions were proposed and voted on. The official name became "District Six, Sons of Norway".

There were beautiful crafts on display and crafts to buy. The parade of Bunads was so nice. Our Roger Espeland, now the new International Director, gave a great speech.

At dinner, each person at the table had a trivia question, prepared by Carol Nerverdahl from Trollheim Lodge (CO), to ask others at the table. It was a great conversation breaker. The convention center, Norwegian snacks at break time, and dinners were delicious.

-Anita Thompson

This was a driving trip to Colorado for the convention held in Loveland, a short 33-mile drive from my former home in Boulder. A stop on the way in and the way out was a must.

The new element of governance was a new element to the running of a convention. For the first time there were no nominations for any office allowed from the floor of the convention. All applications must have been submitted to a nominating committee prior to convention; these determined the qualified candidates for office. If there were no applicants for a particular office, then that office remained vacant and would be filled by the District Six Board following the convention.

Convention business and resolutions went smoothly and all business was conducted in a timely manner. There was adequate time to visit fellow members from across the District and enjoy the great coffee breaks and evening dinners.

-Roger Espeland

It wasn't all work and no play, but the work part proved most significant for me. Before I left for the District 6 Convention I accepted an invitation to serve on the Finance Committee. Little did I realize how much my convention experience would hinge on this assignment!

I arrived a day early to meet with Karl Eckeberg and Keith Bordsen concerning a couple of important matters: (1) A resolution to be brought to the convention delegates regarding moving District 6 Scholarship funds to the Sons of Norway Foundation where they'd appreciate more favorably while the District would still have access to the funds and control of them; (2) review of a recent audit of the Recreation Center financials in order to highlight key recommendations for the convention delegates.

District 6 Foundation Director Carl Ingvaldstad and Corrie Knudson, the new SON Foundation Director, helped us to understand the rationale behind the scholarship fund resolution. Also, we met several Recreation Center Board members, gaining insights and perspective from them. We were at it all day long from 8 am to 6 pm!

Then a couple times while the convention was in session, the Finance Committee was called forward to present the resolution on District 6 Scholarship Funds and also the Recreation Center recommendations. Through my work with the Finance Committee I got acquainted with Recreation Center Board members who approached me to fill one of their vacancies. They're happy to have someone from AZ on the Board; they meet several times a year at Camp Norge.

-Jonathan Walters

Norwegian Genealogy for 2016-2017

By Ross Berg

Many new people have joined the lodge and others have decided that it is time to get their family history down on paper (or bits and bytes). To meet the need, we have decided it is time to revisit the basic content and rethink how we do our meetings.

Starting in September we will have a new format for our meetings. We will start from the beginning of our Norwegian Genealogy subjects. This will be a series of meetings at the Granite Reef Senior Center for "Beginners in Norwegian Genealogy". We think it will also be valuable for our veterans and experienced members; all of us have expressed a need to step back and get a perspective on what we have done and where we are going. The vets can also share their experiences with our unique little group.

Janis Johnson suggested we use a tried and proven format similar to that used by the *Family History Society of Arizona (FHSA)*. (You might think about joining one of their chapters to learn about the changes and advances in modern genealogy as a science and technique.)

The format of each meeting will include:

- (1) Introduction of attendees and status of work;
- (2) Norwegian Genealogy-- selected topics;
- (3) Learning a new skill and practicing it.

The meetings will be held periodically. If possible, our meetings will be announced in the Posten; otherwise, the time and place of our meetings will be announced by email. By next Syttende Mai attendees will be well along the road to finding their ancestors and relatives in Norway. And you will have a lifelong hobby that is educational and fun.

Our History

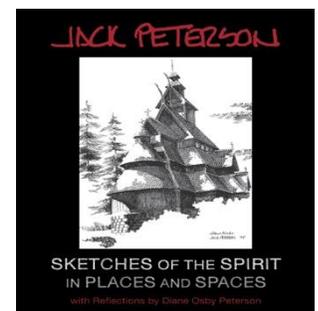
The Desert Fjord Norwegian Genealogy group is celebrating our 15th year! When we started, computer software in support of genealogy was almost non-existent. At best you could key in names, dates and places into a family tree or family group sheet template. There were few databases to access in the early internet. *Ancestry.com* was in its infancy. You could not even retrieve an image file of church or civil records. You ultimately had to travel locally and abroad to find info. We wrote lots of letters and put stamps on envelopes to people and places both here and in Norway. There was a beginning recognition of the need for standardization of data to make information exchange easy. Interestingly, the Norwegian Lutheran Church was several hundreds of years ahead of *Ancestry* and the rest of us. The Church required standardization of church books long ago! If you could get your hands on a microfiche of your church books in Norway, you knew in which column to find the dates and people. We knew nothing about the wealth of information in the many bygdeboker.

Desert Fjord Genealogy grew through those years with continuous growth of technology and ever increasing ease of access to records. During this time, we continuously educated ourselves on the new opportunities to find our ancestors. And many of us made a lot of progress. Over the years we taught three separate classes with focus on the uniqueness of Norwegian genealogy. And on a monthly basis we met and discussed our progress and educated each other. Each meeting included a group discussion and a "presentation" by members of our own group and sometimes from outside experts. And we have always had a good time.

"SKETCHES OF THE SPIRIT IN PLACES AND SPACES"

Jack Peterson's "SKETCHES" is a recently released study of his art and architecture. Jack Peterson, a Norwegian-American artist, a practicing architect, and Professor of Architecture at ASU, has had a career revealed by wonderful pen and ink drawings, each inspired by extensive travels.

Copies are available for \$55; please contact Jana Peterson at (480) 326-2927 or janapeterson@cox.net.



Create Your Own Bunad

Yes, May 2017 is a way off yet, but the deadline to register for the **6th Annual Bunad Camp** is **November 1, 2016**. So it's time to make your plans to attend now! More information and the registration form can be found on the District Six website - <http://sofn6.org/6th-annual-bunad-camp/>



Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix

The Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix are picking up again after the summer break, and we'd love some new members! ~ contact Jana Peterson if interested (480) 326-2927

We practice every other Friday evening, 7pm to 9pm at The Beatitudes at 1610 W Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021

Our first practice of the season is September 16th at 7pm. We'd love to see you there!

We also have some performances coming up:

September 23rd, 6:15 pm

Pueblo Norte
7090 E Mescal St, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

October 1st, 2:00pm

El Dorado of Sun City
10330 W Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City, AZ 85351

October 1st, 3:30pm

Freedom Plaza Peoria, 3:30pm
13373 N. Plaza del Rio Blvd. Peoria, AZ 85381



Journey Ends Early for Draken Ship

Due to unexpected pilotage fees, the Draken ended its North American journey early. They've had a great trip in spite of this, and have visited many ports along the way. Read more at:

<http://www.drakenexpeditionamerica.com>



Business Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2016**Granite Reef Senior Center, Scottsdale, AZ**

1. Meeting called to order by Jonathan Walters at 1:00 pm.

In attendance: Anita Thompson, Berit Miltun, Ed Bergo, Elizabeth Lenci Downs, Floyd Downs, Jana Peterson, Jonathan Walters, Lynn Eide, Phyllis Bergo, and Ross Berg.

Quorum (4+) met? Yes

2. Error in April 2016 minutes: Jana Peterson was not in attendance. Ross Berg made a motion to accept the corrected **April 2016** business meeting minutes as published in the **May Posten**, motion seconded by Floyd Downs. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Jonathan in Roger's Espeland's absence. The checking account balance was \$2,294.18.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Cultural/Program;**

May 14, Saturday, we'll join Nordmanns Forbundet and other lodges to celebrate Syttende Mai.

- b. **Genealogy** – Report presented by Ross Berg – good meeting; we collected \$61 to go towards the rent at Granite Reef.

- **Library** – Elizabeth Lenci-Downs had an appointment with Arlys Medicott, Overtro Fjell Lodge's librarian, who will be assisting with our library.

- **Membership** – Floyd Downs reviewed the **Sons of Norway Lodge Membership Activity Report** for April, 2016 with 139 active members and four new members.

- **Publicity** – Janis Johnson –

May 14 – 9 am -12 pm Syttende Mai at Sahuaro Park in Glendale.

July 10 – Celtic Festival – Flagstaff, AZ.

August 14 – Picnic in the Pines in Payson, AZ at the home of Jan and Sherrie Loomis.

Many exciting programs are planned for the remainder of 2016.

- **Scholarship Committee** – Marty Frampton was in Colorado; Elizabeth Lenci-Downs and Ross Berg met. There's a need to develop more guidelines on criteria and how to distribute funds.

- A letter was sent to Kaare Sellers with a \$1,000 award. There is \$6,000 available

- It was agreed to defer a decision on Karsten Sellers' application for \$1,000; application will remain open.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- Instruct Roger to take \$1,200 from General account for the Bunad Camp travel expense
- Posten editor needed

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ski for Light** – motion made by Janis Johnson to give them \$100 and second by Phyllis Bergo; motioned passed.

- **Officers** needed for lodge: Sports, VP, and Treasurer

- **District 6 Convention** in Loveland, CO June 19-23. Our delegates: Jonathan Walters, Anita Thompson, and Jan and Sherrie Loomis. Roger Espeland will also be in attendance as the new District 6 International Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. Ed Bergo moved to adjourn, Ross Berg seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Thompson – Desert Fjord Secretary on July 29, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary

Well, as I said in the June Posten, September is already here. The summer, truly a hot one, did indeed fly by before our very eyes.

Many of you, I know, were able to escape to cooler climes, while the rest of us lasted through the triple digit days in our air-conditioned homes, trying to avoid going out into the heat. Perhaps you visited with other family members... after all, family members matter, too!

Desert Fjord was semi-active with summer meetings as announced in the June Posten, an ice-cream social and movie, a social meeting at Denny's, and a visit in the pines at Payson, courtesy of Sherrie and Jan Loomis. While some guests attended, no new members were recruited. We'll have to launch a membership campaign in September!

I have just received news from Anita Thompson that Claire Erickson, a SON member for 45 years, has moved from Florida to Glendale, AZ. She wishes to join our lodge, but needs assistance in transportation to meetings. While we have several members who live in Glendale, most of them do not attend our meetings at the lodge site. I sent information to two Desert Fjord members living in that area, but hold little hope of getting a regular commitment.

Please keep spreading the news of the benefits of Sons of Norway via Desert Fjord membership to all those of Scandinavian heritage. Yes, we accept the Swedes, the Finns, and any other friendly folk who wish to join with us.

As I've noted previously, keeping our own databases current is an ongoing challenge, especially when members do not report changes directly to us or if some of their incoming e-mail messages may be deleted or allocated to spam. This includes telephone number changes. I've heard that some phone numbers as currently listed in the SON membership roster are no longer valid. A similar reminder pertains to postal addresses. Please let us know of any changes so that we can maintain effective communication with you.

I can be contacted in person during a Desert Fjord meeting, by e-mail at <http://lenci.downs@cox.net> or by phone at (480) 816-3875.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Taruno Steffensen	7th
Shirley E Kalin	12th
Jan B Loomis	17th
Ali Berg Anderson	18th
Kathy Strom	19th
Cortland L Brovitz	20th

Gratulerer Med Dagen



Janice L Lindbloom	22nd
Jennifer M Loomis	23rd
Bethany Susan Tso	24th
Janet M Lendle	27th
Richard L Westby	30th

Happy Birthday!

Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

President: Jonathan Walters
Vice-President: Lynn Eide
Secretary: Anita Thompson
Treasurer: Roger Espeland
Auditors: Dirk Walter and Floyd Downs
Box Tops for Education: Sharon Clunk
Counselor: Ed Bergo
Cultural Directors: Jana Peterson and Phyllis Bergo
Database and Reference Manual: Roger Espeland
Desert Fjord Boutique: Ali Berg-Anderson
Distribution: Tyler Soine
Education and Scholarships: Martha and Dave Frampton, Elizabeth Lenci-Downs
Foundation: Ross Berg
Greeters: Floyd Downs and Ross Berg
Historian: Roger Espeland
Librarians: S Clunk, P Flanders and A Medicott
Marshals: Knut Haldorsen and Peter Flanders
Membership/Financial Secretary: Floyd Downs
Posten Editor: Liv Aannestad, Interim Editor
Publicity Director/Public Relations, Outreach and Photographer: Janis Johnson
Reservations: Phyllis Bergo
Social Directors: Berit Miltun and Nellie Lokken
Sports: Tyler Soine
Sunshine: Dawn Walter
Trustees: (1yr) Knut Haldorsen; (2yr) Floyd Downs; (3yr) Ross Berg
Tubfrim: Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas
Webmaster: Jan Loomis



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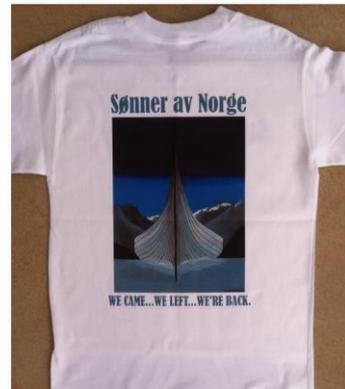
Heritage and Culture Meeting
2nd Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, 2531 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale,
AZ 85252

Desert Fjord Posten Submissions:
Send to - editor@desertfjord.org

Website: <http://www.desertfjord.org/index.html>

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WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF AN
EDITOR FOR THE POSTEN

Do you have a creative urge? Do you have working knowledge of Microsoft Word? Are you patient? Are you imaginative? Are you detail-oriented? Being Editor is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other lodge members, working with them to communicate with all members.

IF THIS INTERESTS YOU, PLEASE
CONTACT JONATHAN WALTERS
AT (480) 788-7623

Mission Statement:

To promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway; to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries; and to provide quality insurance and financial products for our members.



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- 1) Convention delegates Jan and Sherrie Loomis with Jonathan Walters – in session.
- 2) Ed Bergo and Anita Thompson discuss important matters at Desert Fjord’s Picnic in the Pines.
- 3) Dawn and Dirk Walter, Sissel Liknes and Roger Espeland enjoy the back patio after a delicious Picnic in the Pines potluck lunch, conversing with host Jan Loomis ... a beautiful time was had in Payson!

District Six President: Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

District Six is made up of the following states:
 Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii
 - Website: www.sofn6.org
 Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

Zone Seven Director: Benny Jo Hinchey

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

Nordic Pines 6-167 - 3rd Sunday, Family Resource Ctr., Flagstaff

Overtro Fjell 6-153 - 3rd Saturday, at 11:00 a.m., Fountain East Clubhouse, 303 S. Recker Rd., Mesa

Sola 6-168 - 3rd. Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd. Saturday, at 11:00 a.m., Elks Lodge, 10760 Union Hills Dr., Phoenix

LODGES IN OTHER STATES

Go to: <http://members.sofn.com/lodgeDirectory/>

Most post their monthly newsletter on their lodge website.

OTHER CONTACTS

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