

The Posten

November 2018

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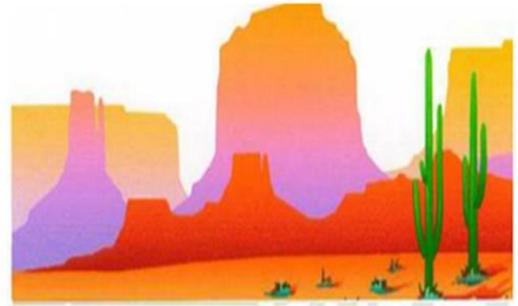
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge



President's Column

Are the holidays rushing in on us? Yes! And Desert Fjord doesn't want to increase the rush or pressure on any of you. We want to simply give you a gentle push. Is that okay?

Come to our monthly meeting in November and bring a guest and a dish to share or Norwegian cookies to exchange. Come prepared to buy some gifts from our Boutique. It's not too early to get into the holiday spirit of sharing food and gift giving!

Please mark your calendar for our Lodge Renewal event announced for Sunday, March 24th. More details will be forthcoming. Very exciting for Desert Fjord lodge even in the planning stage! *(Please see the flyer on page 3.)*

A special exhibit is opening at the Phoenix Art Museum, featuring gifted Icelandic artist Ragnar Kjartansson. Looks like a must-see for Vikings in the metro area ... and you have several months to take advantage of it. *(page 5 tells you more)*

Right now at Desert Fjord lodge we are gearing up to fill some officer vacancies. If the nominating committee should knock on your door, please give them the time of day; I urge you to seriously consider their invite to step up and take on some of the work to keep our lodge moving forward. Thank you!

What more needs to be said that hasn't been said already? Get into the holiday spirit—come join us at our November meeting. Bring a friend or neighbor. A member in my church choir first invited me to a Sons of Norway meeting. Am I being repetitious? Yes! Many members I haven't seen for quite awhile; many members I have never met! We miss you and we need you, too.

And a blessed Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family or circle of friends. We have much to be thankful for at Desert Fjord and here in this country!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—November 11th at 2 PM
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

~ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS DINNER** ~
SCANDINAVIAN POTLUCK
at **DESERT FJORD SONS OF NORWAY**

Bring a Scandinavian dish OR cookies for the cookie exchange! If you bring a potential member to the dinner, you will receive a free meal! Here are some yummy examples:



Norwegian Christmas Cookie
EXCHANGE



Reservations: \$5 per person (unless you bring a guest!)

Via the link [online](#) (click "online") or call Phyllis Bergo by November 9th! (480) 812-9762

Make your check payable to Sons of Norway & mail to:

Phyllis Bergo 2589 East Erie Ct, Gilbert AZ, 85295

Business Meeting at 12:00 pm, Saturday, November 3rd
Scottsdale United Methodist Church, 4140 North Miller Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Save the Date!

Sunday, March 24, 2019

2531 N Scottsdale Road

2 PM to 5 PM

- Performance by the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers
- Genealogy Presentation
- Cooking Demonstration
- Food Samples
- Craft Exhibits and Demonstrations
- Children's Activities
- Authentic Costumes

Scandinavian Festival

Celebrate and explore your Viking roots! Experience the sights, sounds, skills and tastes of Scandinavia.

For additional information visit:

www.desertfjord.org



ASCENSION Wine & Painting Night with Jana Peterson

Saturday, DECEMBER 1, 2018 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Arizona based artist, Jana Peterson's colorful and vivid paintings will be on display in the Fellowship Hall. Peterson creates striking images ranging from earthy abstractions, realism, portraiture, to futuristic galactic visions.

Coming from a family of artists and teachers, she obtained an M.A. in Art Education and has been teaching and painting for over 30 years. Peterson is coming to celebrate her works on display, and to have a little fun making art with YOU.

Pop over to ASCENSION and we'll put a brush in one of your hands, and a glass of wine in the other (just to get your creative juices flowing a bit more easily...). Participants will learn how to make their own "Fram" masterpiece. You can paint it with or without the Viking Ship! All materials are included in registration--including wine and light snacks. You will go home an awakened artist--with a painting to show for it! Great gift, too!

\$40 per person includes supplies, wine, and light snacks.

Registration is limited to 30 participants!
Get your ticket (and your buddy's) now!
You can sign up in the Ascension Narthex
7100 N. Mockingbird Lane, Paradise Valley





Library Corner

By Arlys Medicott

Librarian

There's a new book in our Desert Fjord Library!

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH A Story About 1000 Norwegian-American Missionaries by Torbjørn Greipsland

Norwegian missionaries started going to China. Many went to US seminaries for additional education. On their furloughs many went to the US to share their experiences in China. As a result, many Norwegian Americans went to seminary schools such as Augsburg and St Olaf. The Hauge Synod encouraged many that had a desire to work with Chinese women. One requirement was to learn the Chinese language. The missionaries survived many changes over the years until they were no longer welcome by the government.

There was also encouragement for missionaries to go Madagascar and work with the native tribes. They established schools and hospitals. They also had to survive government changes. They were expected to learn the native language and French (Madagascar was a French colony).

Additional Norwegian American missionaries went to India, South Africa, Alaska, islands in the Bering Strait which became part of Russia, Mongolia and New Guinea. Their lives and experiences were challenging and fulfilling.

Most of these missionaries were Lutheran but there were also some Adventists.

Jonathan's parents were missionaries in Madagascar 1957 - 1977. During that same period I had a cousin who was also a neighbor and one of my teachers in Madagascar. Sometimes this is a small world!

VIKING BOOK AND WINE CLUB

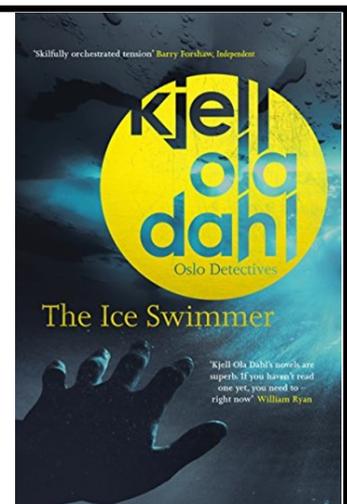
2:30 pm—November 3rd

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

4140 North Miller Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

THE ICE SWIMMER BY KJELL OLA DAHL

When a dead man is lifted from the freezing waters of Oslo Harbor just before Christmas, Detective Lena Stigersand's stressful life suddenly becomes even more complicated. Not only is she dealing with a cancer scare, a stalker and an untrustworthy boyfriend, but it seems both a politician and Norway's security services might be involved in the murder. With her trusted colleagues at her side, Lena digs deep into the case and finds that it not only goes to the heart of the Norwegian establishment, but it might be rather too close to her personal life for comfort.....





Ragnar Kjartansson: *Scandinavian Pain & Other Myths* triggers multi-sensory aspects of the Icelandic artist's practice through text, painting, performance, and song. This focused exhibition will enlighten visitors to recurring themes in Kjartansson's work such as Nordic identity, melancholia, repetition, and popular culture. Referencing everything from Edvard Munch to the musical super group ABBA, *Scandinavian Pain and Other Myths* will introduce Phoenix audiences to one of the most creative and engaging contemporary artists working today.

Phoenix Art Museum

Exhibition Details

Location: Katz Wing, Main Level

Dates: November 3, 2018 to April 14, 2019

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Floyd Downs, Membership Secretary



At our October Lodge Meeting Jana Peterson provided a program rich in pictures and information stemming from her recent trip to Scandinavian sites.

Jana also displayed several of her paintings and related materials that showed her remarkable and commendable artistic talents as well. Many Lodge members remarked that they learned a great deal, royally applauding Jana several times.

Last month I noted that Sherrie Loomis had offered to take over my duties as Membership Secretary. This month I am happy to report that, true to her word, Sherrie has assumed the role of Membership Secretary, though I have agreed to assist her during the “breaking-in” process. If you need to contact her with information about Sons of Norway membership, Sherrie’s email address is: sherrie@jloomis.com and her phone number is: (480) 786-4232. That phone number is also the phone number for husband Jan, who is now Desert Fjord’s Vice President. Both Jan and Sherrie remain active members of our Lodge, even though they now reside in Payson. Jan is working on a plan to interest more persons of Scandinavian heritage to become members of Desert Fjord Lodge.

We are sorry to be losing Joyce Kranzfelder who is moving west and transferring her membership to Sol Byer Lodge in Sun City. But, of course, we are pleased that this move will bring her nearer to her family members living in that vicinity. And Sol Byer Lodge will be happy to gain her as a new member.

As I’ve mentioned before, 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 email messages may be deleted or allocated to spam. This includes telephone number changes. We’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. Please note Sherrie’s contact information above.

I can be contacted at Desert Fjord monthly meetings, by e-mail at lenci.downs@cox.net or by phone at (480) 816-3875. I will not forgo membership issues but I’ll rely on Sherrie Loomis to attend to them from now on. Thank you, Sherrie!

November Birthdays

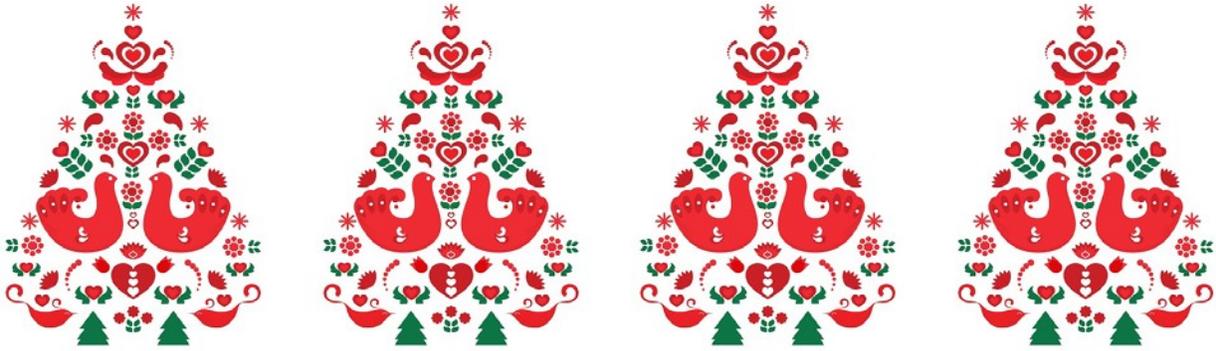
Norman C Jenson Jr	3rd
Shirley M Berg	4th
Karl K Haldorsen	6th
Michael J Osland	9th
Heather L Kalin	13th
Nicholas Jacob Bergo	14th
Janet Peterson	19th



Madeline Levell	20th
Olivia D Loomis *	21st
Joyce Olive Kranzfelder	23rd
Judith O Miles	23rd
Kari A Jay	26th
Dirk P Walter	28th
Mary A Steinnes	29th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

*Saturday, November 10, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
1500 W. Maryland Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona*

NW Corner of 15th and Maryland Avenues

FREE ADMISSION

The Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden invite you to their annual Jul Bazaar on Saturday, November 10th. Antiques and vintage treasures, collectibles, rosemaling, handcrafted arts, books, music and movies are among your shopping choices.

And while you shop, enjoy the many Scandinavian food booths offering yellow pea soup and rye bread, homemade frikadeller, lapskaus, lefse, waffles, cookies, pastries and more.



Sponsored by Valleywide Scandinavian Cultural Lodges and Clubs.

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OVERTRO FJELL LODGE 6-153



LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

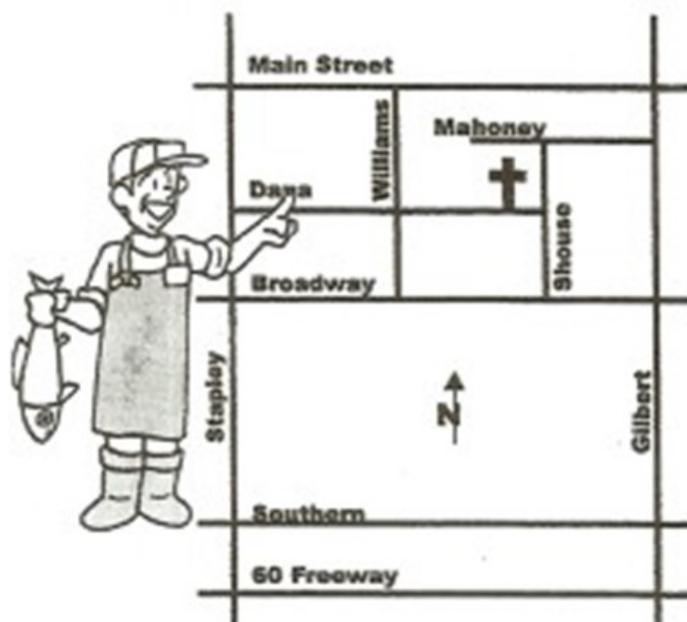
Saturday, December 1, 2018

Scandinavian Music by Sylvia and Carl

TICKETS: \$20.00
Seating's: 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm
Location: St. Peter Lutheran Church
1844 E Dana St, Mesa, AZ
West of Gilbert & So. of Main

MENU

Lutefisk & Meatballs
Potatoes & Gravy
Carrots Pickled Beets
Lefse
Rice Pudding
Coffee



Join Sons of Norway
for only \$40.00
(a discount of \$20)

after paying \$20
for Lutefisk Dinner

Pay for Membership at Door
(Applies for new members only)

Bake Sale

For information contact: lutefiskmesa6153@gmail.com. Make check out to "Sons of Norway" and mail to: Benny Jo Hinchey, 4690 E. Sierrita Rd, San Tan Vly, AZ 85143, along with the serving time you would like to attend and a self addressed stamped envelope. Also enclose your email address. Please order tickets early as servings do sell out.

Desert Fjord Business Meeting

4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

October 6, 2018

Meeting: Jonathan opened the meeting shortly after noon. The business meeting started with almond cake being served by Janis.

Attendees: Janis Johnson, Arlys Medicott, Jan and Sherrie Loomis, Floyd Downs, Jonathan Walters, Ed and Phyllis Bergo.

Secretary's Report: The September Business Meeting minutes were approved with a minor correction.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance is \$2,408.37. Money is being set aside in savings to cover future expenses for the District Six convention in 2020. We are doing well because we have been cautious in our spending. Jonathan suggested a 50/50 raffle to raise money in upcoming H&C meetings. This will begin in October. The additional money will be needed for the special events like March 24, 2019.

Desert Fjord Task Force: Jan Loomis reported on the progress of planning for the March 24 event. The Stoughton Dancers are secured for that date. They bring their own musicians, so we may need some performance lighting. The Task Force is looking into having a photo booth, a well-known author or a genealogist to speak, face painting, food demos, chip carver, arts and crafts displays etc. Jan has the name of a prominent Ancestry.com genealogist (from Luella Grangaard) as a potential speaker. We have reserved space with the Masonic Lodge for that Sunday. We anticipate the event will run from 2-5 PM. Facebook ads for this event as well as printed notices to the Lutheran churches should be among the ways to promote it. Save the date flyers should be given out at the Jul Bazaar in November.

Membership: Floyd gave a report on membership from June to Sept. Active member's figures have gone from 133 to 124. He and Ross arranged a luncheon meeting with JoAnn Nelson. Her husband Clarence, former head of our library, recently passed away. He will email new membership lists to Jonathan and Phyllis.

Library: Arlys said that the more current books show activity in being checked out, but older books do not. Jonathan suggested a book display at the March event. Another suggestion was to give away or sell off the older books to make the library more manageable in size. Arlys will review these options.

Programming: The current PA system has been updated with some new wiring and should work for Jana's presentation in October. Jackson Loomis has a 4-minute video on Camp Norge to show at our next H&C meeting. The presentation will further introduce Camp Norge to our lodge members. Floyd Downs mentioned the PBS travel log about the building of the Scandinavian Railroad as a good program.

Old Business: Laura was commended on her job as Posten Editor. She announced that she will be the Editor for one more year and that we need to find her replacement. Jonathan will contact members who might serve as Board Secretary. He will also begin to put together a Nominating Committee. Jan will announce these current positions on our Facebook page.

New Business:

- Janis, Sherrie and Jan previewed the Sheraton in Mesa on the N. Riverview for the 2020 District Six convention and attended a business meeting that followed. This facility appears to be appropriate.
- A discussion was held on offering regular genealogy meetings for our lodge as well as Mesa. Janis will ask her genealogy group for a speakers list.

Meeting was adjourned by 1:20 PM. The next Business Meeting is scheduled for November 3rd.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary



Happy Thanksgiving

District Six President: Luella Grangaard

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, AZ

Overtro Fjell 6-153 - 3rd Saturday

at 11:00 am, St Peter Lutheran Church,

1844 E Dana Ave, Mesa, AZ

Sola 6-168 - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm,

Faith Lutheran Church,

2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, AZ

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd Saturday at

11:00 am, Elks Lodge, 10760 Union

Hills Dr., Sun City, AZ

LODGES IN OTHER STATES

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

Most post their monthly newsletter

on their lodge website.

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Webmaster: Jan Loomis

I want to start this article by saying thank you. I am so thankful for each of you in this wonderful organization for all of your efforts in preserving culture and being leaders in your community.

I want to also post my email:

laurakuegemann@gmail.com

... for anyone who wants to send me anything (like a list of Scandinavian Humor).

As it's the month of Thanksgiving I urge you all to take a few minutes and reflect on what and who you are thankful for. We all have family, friends, coworkers, and pets in our lives that make us better people. As someone who works in assisted living, I never take any days for granted because we never know which Thanksgiving we'll be saying "I wish they were here," instead of "Oh Lord, she's in the wine again!"

God Bless!

Editor Laura



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Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

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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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