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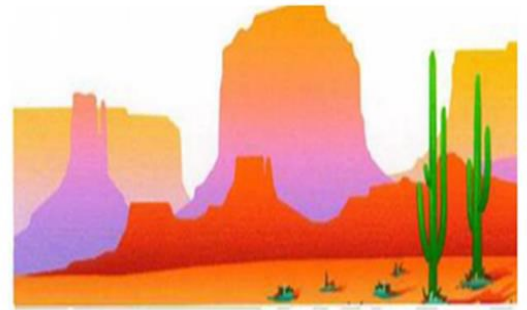
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Desert Fjord Lodge

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President's Column

We haven't scheduled a Heritage and Cultural meeting for November. In lieu of that, we want to encourage members to attend the Jul Bazaar in Phoenix. Ali Berg Anderson will have our Boutique open there. Also, we plan to have information available for anyone interested to join as a Sons of Norway member. Those of you who attend—please plan to have lunch together with other lodge members. This is a qualifying event for our recently announced Attendance Contest, so please make your presence known—sign in with the Desert Fjord Boutique table! (see page 8 for Jul Bazaar details)



We had a great celebration of Desert Fjord's 40th Anniversary last month. Thank you to all who played a part and helped in the affair. The cake and ice cream was delicious! Beyond that, our program presented by the Norwegian American Newspaper's Editor-in-Chief was very apropos. She shared some about the newspaper, but mostly we heard about plans to celebrate next year the bicentennial of Norwegian immigration to North America. We put the word out to other lodges in the metro area, but it was pretty late notice. I feel it was a shame some of them couldn't be with us. You'll be hearing more about the Norwegian Immigration Bicentennial observance, so please stay tuned! On page 4 you can find some pictures taken at our Anniversary.

Details about a couple Vesterheim Museum presentations that have been arranged by District Six are on page 9. One of the live Zoom presentations is happening very soon, while the other is next February. I hope some of us can take advantage of one or both of these programs. Vesterheim is doing some very important work keeping our Norwegian heritage alive and accessible.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

Velkommen

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

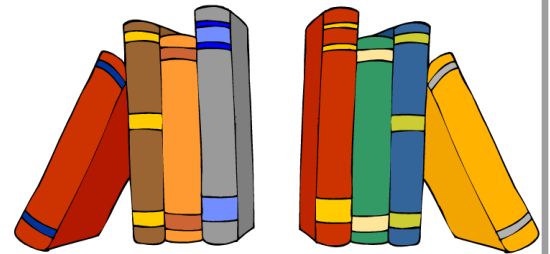
I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693 or my email address: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

LIBRARY CORNER

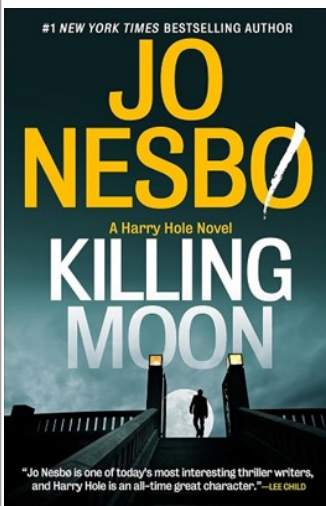
A Book Review by Jan Johnson

Killing Moon

By Jo Nesbø



THE HUNT IS ON AND THE POLICE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. Two young women are missing, their only connection a party they both attended, hosted by a notorious real-estate magnate. When one of the women is found murdered, the police discover an unusual signature left by the killer, giving them reason to suspect he will strike again.



THEY'RE FACING A KILLER UNLIKE ANY OTHER. And exposing him calls for a detective like no other. But the legendary Harry Hole is gone—fired from the force, drinking himself to oblivion in Los Angeles. It seems that nothing can entice him back to Oslo. Until the woman who saved Harry's life is put in grave danger, and he has no choice but to return to the city that haunts him and track down the murderer.

CATCHING HIM WILL PUSH HARRY TO THE LIMIT. He'll need to bring together a misfit team of former operatives to accomplish what he can't do alone: stop an unstoppable killer. But as the evidence mounts, it becomes clear that there is more to this case than meets the eye...

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Before becoming a crime writer, Nesbø played football for Norway's premier league team Molde, but his dream of playing professionally for Spurs was dashed when he tore ligaments in his knee at the age of eighteen. After three years military service he attended business school and formed the band Di Derre ('Them There'). They topped the charts in Norway, but Nesbø continued working as a financial analyst, crunching numbers during the day and gigging at night. When commissioned by a publisher to write a memoir about life on the road with his band, he instead came up with the plot for his first Harry Hole crime novel, *The Bat*.

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**

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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Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

November Birthdays

Norman C Jenson	3rd
Shirley M Berg	4th
Karl K Haldorsen	6th
Dawn Grove	9th
Michael J Osland	9th



Heather L Kalin	13th
Nicholas J Bergo	14th
Janet Peterson	19th
Olivia D Loomis *	21st
Mary A Steinnes	29th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

40th Anniversary Celebration—October 13, 2024



Enjoyed with cake, ice cream and champagne



Sons of Norway District 6 Convention—Las Vegas, NV in June 2024



Hi Folks,

I had the pleasure of representing our Lodge in Vegas at the bi-annual SON Convention along with Jonathan and Jana! We discussed and voted on the issues, but none were controversial.

What was meaningful to me was sharing my experiences in both my Lodges and hearing others' experiences from theirs. We had some great meals, snacks and Lots of Lefse! I was also drafted and enjoyed wearing the Elvis mask for the Vegas Lodge. These events connect us with our Brothers and Sisters in SON.

Tusen Takk for the opportunity to represent you!



Mark Alexander

As a Delegate from Desert Fjord Lodge, I thought I'd share a few highlights from our SON Convention in Las Vegas. It was truly great to mingle with many friends I've met in the past, mostly from Camp Oldfjell and other camps I've gone to, such as bunad-making and rosmaling. Visiting and eating meals with friends, even going to Cirque du Soleil were fun. There were many vendors (I being one), and even a bunad/Viking parade. The lectures were informative, from Valkyries to Viking women, and the heritage meeting ideas were great. I would definitely return...and the next convention will be in Sacramento, with a visit to Camp Norge!

Jana Peterson

My experience at this SON Convention wasn't as a delegate of our lodge, but it gave me a chance to get better acquainted with Desert Fjord's delegates—I drove both ways and gave Jana along with her artwork a ride. On the way we had ample opportunity to discuss many things that concern us about Desert Fjord. I shared a room with Mark in Vegas. One night we went shopping for toppings to go with the lefse to be enjoyed during our coffee break the next day. Mark had also made krumkake to have at our coffee break. Mark shared a video with me from a Grand Canyon rafting trip he had just finished. The convention was held at the Tuscan Suites Hotel. The food they served - I was impressed! This was the first time I came to convention as a Zone Director. There were special meetings I attended as a member of the District Board. I chose to serve another two years as Zone 7 Director. There were many informative sessions apart from the business meetings. Lots of Norwegians!

Jonathan Walters



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**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR
YOUR CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN !!**

I'm referring to SONS OF NORWAY'S unique policy called **VIKING VOYAGER**, a term policy that can be converted to a permanent policy at age 26 regardless of their health. Here are the policy features:

- Issue ages 0-17
- Face amounts
 - \$10,000
 - \$15,000
 - \$25,000
- Mode of payment
 - Annual
 - Single Payment
- Conversion option
 - To age 26
 - Convert to three times the face amount
- Sample Single payment
 - Age 0 - \$504
 - Age 10 - \$475

Please call me for more details!

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Desert Fjord's Scandinavian Noir

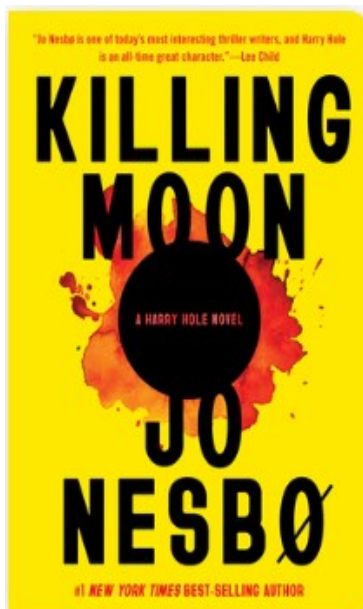
(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)

November 16th at 4 pm

Jana Peterson's Home:

5901 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

RSVP (480) 326-2927



This month we're reading the latest Harry Hole novel by Jo Nesbø. Please come and join us!

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Bringing snacks is optional



Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Church of the Beatitudes

555 West Glendale Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85021

SW Corner of 7th Avenue and Glendale Avenue

Parking is located off of 7th Avenue

FREE ADMISSION

The Nordic countries of Finland, Norway and Sweden invite you to their annual Jul Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, 2024. Lena and Ole's Gifts, antiques and vintage treasures, collectibles, rosemaling, handcrafted arts, original paintings, prints & jewelry and Christmas decorations are among your shopping choices.

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

There will also be a Craft Table where you can learn how to make your own Scandinavian Woven Heart! The pattern and felt needed will be provided for a \$5 donation.

Sponsored by Valley Wide Scandinavian Cultural Lodges and Clubs.

This event qualifies for Desert Fjord's Attendance Contest announced in the October Posten.

Presentation #1

Topic: *Sacred Symbols: The Folk Art of Norway*

Date: November 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm Pacific / 7:00pm Mountain / 8:00 pm Central Time

Speaker: Laurann Gilbertson, Chief Curator

Program Description: Learn about the many symbols that have come down from ancient times and how they were used in Norway in the nineteenth century. Many of the symbols, used on textiles, wood, horn, and other materials, fall into one of the following functions: good luck, fertility, protection, and linking the human and spiritual worlds.

Request Zoom link here: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-sacred-symbols/>



Presentation #2

Topic: *In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States.*

Date: February or March 2025 – watch for announcement.

Speaker: Jennifer Kovarik, Collection Manager

Program Description: Between 1825 and 1980, nearly one million Norwegians left for new lives in America. Consider the reasons for leaving, what they brought, and where they settled. Explore the immigrant experience through stories associated with artifacts in Vesterheim's collection.

Request Zoom link here: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts/>



Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, IA presents two Zoom presentations for District Six !!

District Six has arranged for two live Zoom presentations from the Vesterheim Museum. You may join these presentations from your home via computer or smart phone, invite a group of friends for a watch party, or organize a watch party at your Lodge. We are limited by the number of connections (computers), not the number of viewers, so watch parties will allow more participants. If you are unable to attend the live presentation, a recording will be made available.

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
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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
[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/>



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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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