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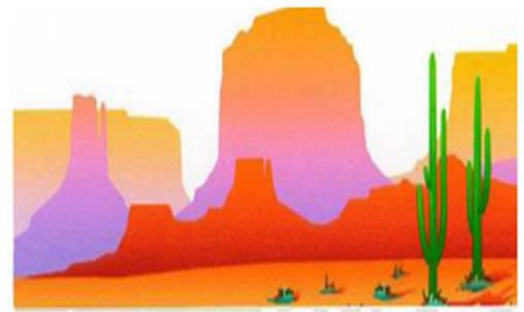
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**2531 N Scottsdale Rd**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85257**



## SONS OF NORWAY

### Desert Fjord Lodge

*Established 1984*



## President's Column

Now we have another opportunity to touch the life of Norwegian immigrants. Our program is by Vesterheim Museum's Collection Manager, Jennifer Kovarik. How fitting during this year when we're marking Norwegian Immigration's bicentennial—Crossings—that we spend a few moments looking at what they brought with them in their shipping trunk. I'm sure this will also give us pause to consider what they left behind, what they couldn't bring with them. This program will be truly special as we catch a glimpse of the immigrant's heart and soul ... I hope you can make it and that you can bring along a friend or neighbor!



This month District 6 is presenting Zoom Member Seminars. Each year these are held to keep us up to date with all that's going on with Sons of Norway at every level. This seminar is open to all members. Please try to attend as I believe you'll find something of value there and you can participate in the comfort of your home. FYI—Desert Fjord is part of Zone 7, but if the March 15th seminar time isn't convenient feel free to go to one of the other seminars. *(Find relevant details on page 4.)*

Also, this month the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers are coming to our area. They were last here in 2019. I hope you get a chance to see their performance in Mesa. I believe they're scheduled to perform in Sun City as well, but I have no details about that. *(see pg 7)*

May you find a way to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful Arizona spring weather. And may you find a way to take advantage of one or more of the offerings this month to help you engage with Norwegians in the Valley, keeping the Scandinavian spirit strong to bring a positive influence to others in the community!

*Velkommen*<sub>1</sub>

# Heritage and Cultural Meeting

March 9th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

## Program: *Trunks, Hands, and Hearts:*

What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States

by Jennifer Kovarik, Collection Manager

Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, IA



### Menu:

- Light refreshments including flatbread and cheesecake.
- Coffee will be served.

Cost: \$7.00 (includes \$5 building rental fee)

• Click [here](#) to register **by March 7th** or 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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*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](mailto:lcripley@gmail.com). (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)*



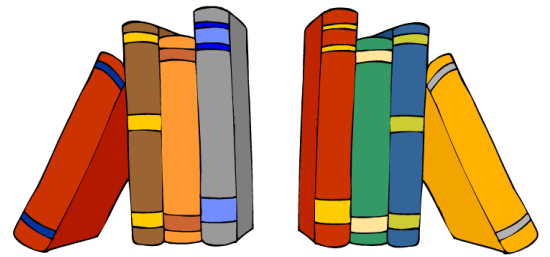
## **LIBRARY CORNER**

A Book Review by Jonathan Walters

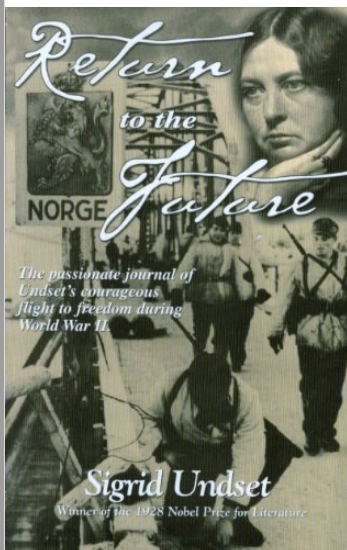
*(please speak to Janis Johnson if you wish to read this book)*

### ***Return to the Future***

By Sigrid Undset



“...can it surprise anyone that we hate with full and passionate hearts the strangers who now destroy with lawlessness, the country which we have built up with law through thousands of years?”



In 1940, Norway was ripped apart by the enormous and brutal invasion of Nazi Germany. The peace-loving Norwegian citizens were unprepared mentally and militarily for the relentless assault which devastated their country and their souls.

In this dark and bleak chapter of their history, it was hope for the future and the courage to stand up against evil that sustained author Sigrid Undset and mobilized her and many other Norwegian citizens to actively participate in the underground resistance movement.

Her son Anders died in fighting the Germans. Her son Hans joined Undset who had fled to Sweden. Together, they made the perilous journey across Russia to Japan, and finally to the United States. Her story of pain and courage depicts the sights, sounds and human frailties of life, her passion for freedom, and her vision for an unknown future.

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**Sigrid Undset** (1882–1949) was a Norwegian novelist and essayist and a convert to Catholicism. Her work is renowned for its realism and poignancy, and she is best known for her three-volume novel **Kristin Lavransdatter**. In 1928, Undset was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.



## Sons of Norway District Six 2025 Zoom Member Seminars

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### All Members Welcome!

*Each Zone Director will provide updates for the indicated Zones, but any member can attend any of them.*

Monday, March 10 at 6:00 PM PDT      Zones 1, 2, 3

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 PM PDT      Zones 5, 6

Saturday, March 15 at 4:00 PM PDT      Zones 7, 8

Topics include:

- Sons of Norway Overview and Resources
- News from the International Board of Directors
- Governance and Benefits of Sons of Norway
- Cultural update: Crossings 2025
- 2026 Convention
- Zone Updates

**Please RSVP for Zoom link and additional information:**

<https://sofn6.org/2025-member-seminars/>



### **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



**"Like" us on Facebook to receive interesting Desert Fjord Lodge and Sons of Norway, District Six news-feeds.**

Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

# March Birthdays

Gordon T Troan	1
Berit Miltun	13
Mary P Westby	17



Leif G Hollmann	18
Laurie Jean Peterson	26

**\* Heritage Member**

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*

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Please contact me for more details.

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# *The Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers*



**SAT., March 22nd**  
1:00 pm  
Leisure World  
Rec 1 Ballroom



**FREE - No Admission Charge**  
Please use the Power Street  
Entrance, as the Guard Shack  
will direct you from there.



**908 S Power Rd, Mesa, AZ**

*(Please ask at the gate for directions to Recreation Center 1 Ballroom)*



# Desert Fjord's Scandinavian Noir

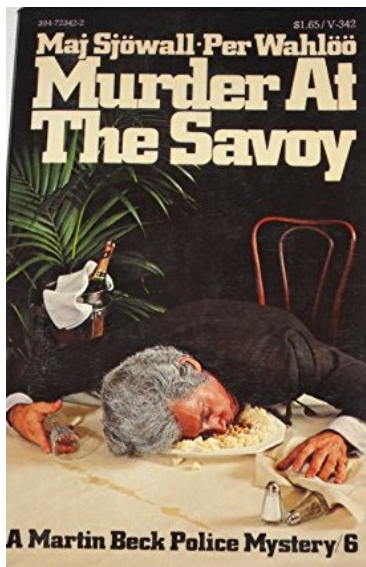
*(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)*

**March 29th at 4 pm**

***Jana Peterson's Home:***

**5901 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ**

**RSVP (480) 326-2927**



Work continues on our Sons of Norway Literature Cultural Skills pins. Also, we're discussing Murder at the Savoy by Swedish authors Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö. Please come and join us!



*Bringing snacks is optional*



# 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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9078 Greenspointe Ct.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130  
303-324-5381 (c)



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- *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/>

Norwegian  
Immigrants  
on their way  
to America  
... on the SS  
Hero in 1870.



## Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

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**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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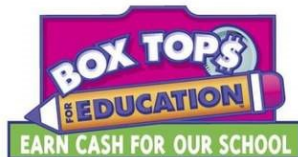
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