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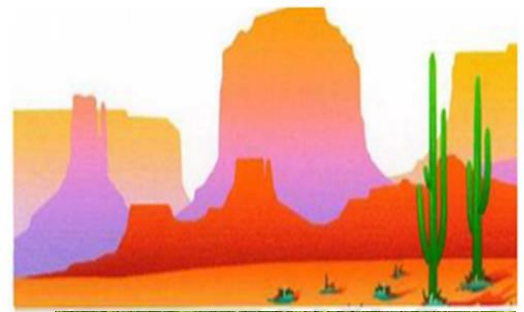
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Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

I hope you each had a good summer, visiting family or friends, enjoying the outdoors and/or traveling about. The selfie here was taken at Highlands Ranch, CO where the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Phoenix were invited to perform at the Scandinavian Mid-summer Festival the end of June. We had a great time again being part of that event!



Our program this month will be brought by Jana Peterson. She takes us on a picture tour of several wonderful museums in Scandinavia. I think after you see her program, you'll want to go and visit these museums yourself. What she shares with us will whet your appetite for more of what these museums offer! There is no charge this month and we're going to enjoy some homemade Norwegian Krumkake (don't tell anyone about that!). Please come join us for a delightful afternoon!

Right now we have some serious business in front of us after the summer hiatus. Some feel Desert Fjord cannot continue as we are; others want to lead a rebirth of the lodge... more volunteers needed. Which will it be? That's what we must soberly consider. Then we must decide the future, committing ourselves to support whatever outcome is chosen by you, the members. You could be a part of the lodge's future ... you could step up (volunteer) and make a difference beginning now!

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

September 14th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Program: VISIONS OF NORWAY'S PAST...THREE VIKING MUSEUMS IN SCANDINAVIA

BY JANA PETERSON

Viking World in Keflavik



Lofotr Vikingmuseum in Borg



Vikingskiphuset in Oslo

Our cultural director (also dancer in The Scandinavian Folkdancers of Phoenix) will present a PowerPoint about 3 Viking museums, with informative additional museum information, including the moving of the Oslo Vikingskiphuset museum. Come join us...dress like a Viking, if you like, and learn about YOUR heritage!

Menu:

- Traditional Norwegian dessert item: Krumkake!
- Coffee and lemonade will be served.

Cost: No charge

- Click [here](#) to register **by Sept 12th** or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684

Membership Matters by Lois Ripley, Membership Secretary



Recently a couple of our members died—Lois Sakkas and Shirley Ouren. We will talk about these dear ones next month in this column.

You never know what interesting and delightful people you'll meet when you come to Sons of Norway! Come ... meet with us, exploring the remarkable Scandinavian culture we share.

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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: lc Ripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

Syttende Mai 2025 at Stillman Ramada, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. We had beautiful weather and a very good turnout at this event hosted by AZ Norseman and Sons of Norway. We sang the Norwegian national anthem "Ja, vi elsker dette landet". We had a parade around the park to the music of marching tunes. There was a Speech of the Day about the significance of this day for Norwegians and also how Norwegian Constitution Day is celebrated in Norway. We had a wonderful,, delicious potluck. There were children's games. And, finally, there was ice cream for young and old alike!

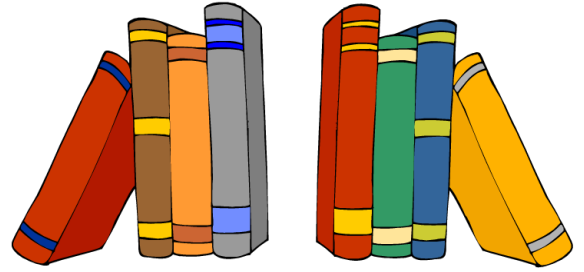


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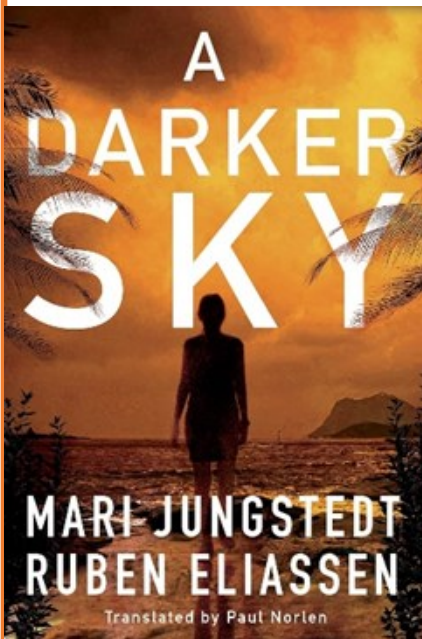
A Book Review by Janis Johnson

A Darker Sky

By Mari Jungstedt and Ruben Eliassen



Murder is killing the mood at a yoga tourist destination.



As dawn breaks on the Canary Islands, a fisherman discovers a woman lying dead on the rocks nearby, her body arranged like a piece of art. To solve the case, Chief Inspector Diego Quintana gets unexpected help from Swedish journalist Sara Moberg, who runs the Scandinavian newspaper on the island, as well as from handsome former investigator Kristian Wede. But not even that can stop the killer from striking again.

As the death toll rises, the mood darkens, and Sara and Kristian race to find the killer before another tourist falls prey. But who's the culprit—an island local with a grudge against the tourists, a visitor on the run from trouble in her home country, the womanizing local yoga instructor, or the person they least suspect?

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Born in 1962, **Mari Jungstedt** is the author of the beloved, bestselling crime series featuring police detective Anders Knutas. Since the 2003 release of *Unseen (Den du inte ser)*, the first novel in the series, she has been recognized as part of the elite group of Swedish crime writers.

Praised for her intelligent plots, fast pace and excruciating suspense all set on the exotic island Gotland, her books have already sold more than 2.2 million copies in Sweden alone and three million copies worldwide. They have been translated into more than fifteen languages and adapted into German television shows with over five million viewers per episode.

Bestselling author Mari Jungstedt and award-winning author **Ruben Eliassen** are the duo behind the dark and dramatic Canary Islands Series. Eliassen has published seven books in the award-winning Phenomena series, whose movie rights have been sold to an American film company

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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September Birthdays

Jan B Loomis

17th

Ali Berg Anderson

18th



Richard L Westby

30th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

2025 Desert Fjord Scholarships

Education Committee: Nina Poe, Chair

We had two scholarship applicants for the \$2,000 that is available from the Agnes Stieler Endowment this year, so each of them will receive \$1,000. We are proud to support the educational endeavors of these two fine young men – congratulations to Markus and Jackson!!

Markus Seza Gokan, a senior studying mechanical engineering at University of California, San Diego. Markus will graduate with his Bachelor's Degree in June, however he has been accepted to continue his education at UCSD to pursue a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Jackson Bjorn Loomis, a high school senior, has been accepted to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he will pursue a double Bachelors' Degree in Musical Theatre and Graphic Design. Jackson has already completed 29 college credits mainly through Minnesota State College Southeast Technical.

The award is provided by the Agnes Stieler Endowment Fund. Agnes was a charter member of Desert Fjord and a strong supporter of education and a strong believer in the preservation of our Norwegian culture. We are thankful to her for remembering our lodge and all members.

Agnes Stieler

Born: 18 March 1907

Died: 20 February 2003



Promise-keeping



Keeping your promise to your loved ones. Many people face unanticipated expenses after the loss of a loved one. Dealing with these expenses and the emotions of a loss can be very stressful.

The average cost associated with a funeral may exceed \$8,500. Funeral expenses include memorial services, use of a funeral home, a casket and headstone or cremation. Other costs you may encounter include medical bills, credit card debt, flowers and memorial cards.

Without life insurance, families may struggle to come up with the funds they need to provide the service befitting their loved one. Life insurance can help with these expenses and minimize the stress of this phase of life.

Sons of Norway offers a life insurance policy that is permanent and guaranteed. With this coverage you will have guaranteed level premiums for life. The approval process is quick and easy with a few basic questions and will not require a medical exam.

Ask me about the LegacySure plan!!

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THE SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS OF PHOENIX
invites you to join them! All ages...it's fun!
If interested, please call: 480-326-2927



PS We practice twice monthly at The Beatitudes. Have performances, too!

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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- *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/>



Desert Fjord's Scandinavian Noir

(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)

September 14th

Following the Heritage and Cultural Meeting

RSVP (480) 326-2927

Work on our Sons of Norway Literature Cultural Skills is being submitted to qualify for our pins. Also, we're discussing books we've read over the summer. Please stick around and join us!





Fall In Arizona

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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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