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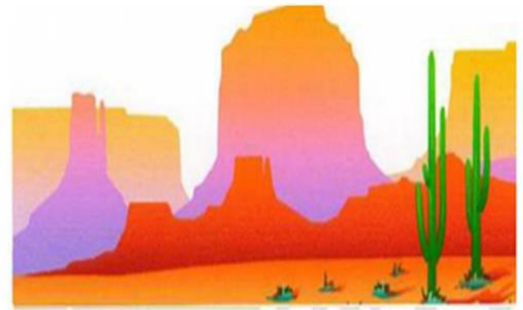
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



Co-President's Column

"Do you want to build a snowman?" is the question asked by Anna and Elsa in the animated Disney movie, Frozen. The movie setting is the mythical Norwegian inspired kingdom of Arendelle. Anna and Elsa created the magical snowman Olaf, who has child-like innocence and a wise-cracking sense of humor. Olaf is pictured here, between Jan and Sherrie Loomis.

Sherrie and I have answered the question posed above, and we are moving to Windsor, Colorado the end of November where we'll be making more snowmen than possible in AZ. We join with Olaf in waving goodbye to all of our friends and members of Desert Fjord, where we have been engaged in lodge activities for the past 20 years. We will miss all of you and sincerely appreciate the Norwegian fellowship and support that you have shared with us these many years. We will relish the memories of meals shared and stimulating presentations and discussions about art, culture, music, travel, history, genealogy, and more.

There are too many people to thank for all they did to make us feel welcome and for sharing their talent and leadership skills that made Desert Fjord such a great lodge. We were blessed to have worked with these leaders who have passed away – John Lovell, Hal Onsager, Sharon Clunk, Ralph Hjelmstad, Roger Espeland, Anker Miltun. We have enjoyed working alongside Ed and Phylliss Bergo, Jonathan Walters, Janis Johnson, Ross Berg, Floyd and Elizabeth Downs, Berit Miltun, Dirk and Dawn Walter, Ali Berg, Lois Ripley, Jana Peterson, Nina Poe, Lois Sakkas, Shirley Ouren, Georgiann Crouse, Shannon Prondzinski and many more. Without these people, the lodge could not exist. They put in the extra work and effort to make sure meetings and events are useful and enjoyable for the rest of us.

We encourage you to get engaged in lodge leadership and activities. It's a great way to develop long-lasting friendships and it gives you an opportunity to engage in your Norwegian heritage in even deeper ways. Though we are moving, we will remain active in Sons of Norway. The Colorado lodges are also in District 6, so we hope to see our Desert Fjord friends at future District conventions. We can no longer invite you to what had become our annual, "Picnic in the Pines" in Payson anymore. However, we'd welcome you to Colorful Colorado to stop in for some Norwegian hospitality if you're ever in our neighborhood. Mange takk and farvel.

Jan and Sherrie Loomis



Velkommen

Heritage Meeting—November 8th at 2 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

7100 N Mockingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

(Take Scottsdale Rd to Hummingbird or Cheney, as Mockingbird is closed south of church due to construction. Please enter through South parking lot)

Popcorn and a Movie: ***DRONE OVER NORWAY!***

Bring a mask-covered smile! Please keep socially distanced (6')

- Please click [here](#) to register for the event or RSVP to Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997.



Minnesota Winters

Ole and Lena farmed in southern Minnesota, adjacent to the Iowa border. One day a man came to Ole and Lena's farm to survey their property. After he finished, the surveyor met with Ole and Lena and said, "I surveyed your property, but I found a problem. All these years you thought your farm was in Minnesota, but my results show your farm is in Iowa."

The surveyor looked at Ole and Lena for a response, but instead of them being upset, they looked pleased.

"I thought you would be upset," said the surveyor. "Why do you both look so happy?"

"Well," said Ole, "I'm so glad now. I didn't think we could stand another one of those terrible Minnesota winters!"

Membership Matters by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary



Christmas is soon here and during COVID, it's time to consider virtual gifts. If you have grandchildren, consider giving them a membership to Sons of Norway. Desert Fjord Lodge now has 18 Heritage members, children age 15 and younger. They receive the new Viking for Kids magazine, are eligible to attend our District 6 Camp Norge

and qualify for a variety of scholarships and grants (Desert Fjord Camperships and Scholarships, District 6 Scholarships and Camperships, Sissel and Roger Espeland Memorial Scholarship, and more) to assist with the costs of attending a College/University. In addition, there are heritage programs such as: Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13), Folkehogskule (ages 14-17), Oslo International Summer School, Norwegian Language Camp, and more.

Sons of Norway also offers a number of insurance and financial products for children. When purchased at a young age, the cost is very reasonable, and the policy provides protection at a time when little needs to be done to qualify for coverage. To learn more about the SON financial products visit: [https://](https://www.sofn.com/financial_products/)

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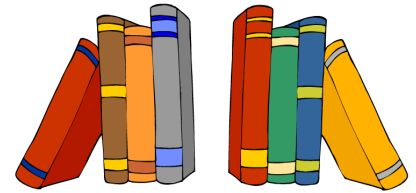
If you know someone who may be interested in joining Sons of Norway and Desert Fjord, have them visit our web site: www.desertfjord.org. They can join on the Sons of Norway website: https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew/ and select Scottsdale, Desert Fjord as their Lodge choice. Payment of membership dues can be made with credit cards on the secure site and we receive notice of new members so we can add them to our mailing list for the Posten and invitations to meetings.



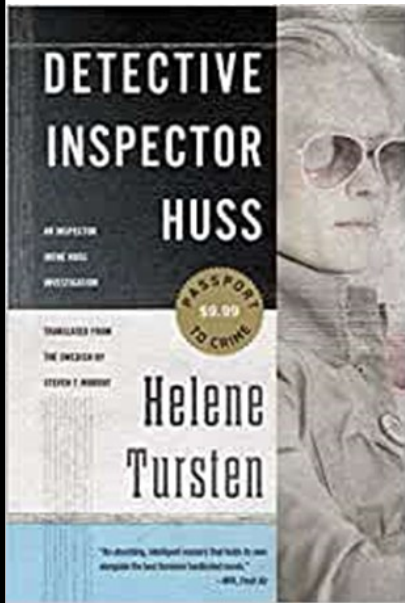
LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

(highlighting one of the books available in our great Library)



One of the most prominent citizens of Goteborg, Sweden, plunges to his death off an apartment balcony, but what appears to be a "society suicide" soon reveals itself to be a carefully plotted murder. Irene Huss finds herself embroiled in a complex, high-stakes investigation. As Huss and her team begin to uncover the victim's hidden past, they are dragged into Sweden's seamy underworld of street gangs, struggling immigrants, and neo-Nazis, in order to catch the killer.



(Helene Tursten is a Swedish writer of crime fiction. The main character in her stories is Detective Inspector Irene Huss who is a wife, mother and homicide detective. "Detective Inspector Huss" is the first in an 8-book series which takes place in Sweden. Before becoming an author, Tursten worked as a nurse and then a dentist, but was forced to leave due to illness. During her illness she worked as a translator of medical articles.)



Desert Fjord lodge members make a difference in the world by involvement in community service projects.

The lodge gets credit for community service. Janis Johnson and Phyllis Bergo have made masks to wear during this pandemic. Janis made 590! They also have been making pillowcase/ drawstring bags for Foster Children. Janis cut fabric to size for 30, Phyllis cut and sewed 20 this week in addition to 15 the previous month. With more families in crisis and more children being removed from danger they need a bag to put their belongings into and not just a garbage bag. There is a constant need. If anyone else wants to participate please call Phyllis 480-812-9762



JAN PETERSON

SCANDINAVIAN PAINTINGS



Cost: \$27.95 for members (\$5.00 donation goes to Desert Fjord Lodge)

This is a book that portrays an evolution: when I was a girl, fascinated by traveling and camping in beautiful Arizona, Colorado, and Mexico, I was motivated to love the ever-changing skies and mountains. After receiving gifts of viewing famous museums, ballet performances, intriguing architecture, taking thousands of dance lessons, using art books and materials, I yearned to dance and create. This early training led me further into the enduring study of art and dance and ultimately, a career where arts are an integral part of my life profession as a practicing artist, dancer, and college and elementary teacher.

During those wonderful and fruitful years, adventurous international college classes, curiosity, and friluftsliv led me to explore Europe and my ancestral homeland, Norway. More extensive travels and exhibits throughout Scandinavia presented preternatural opportunities for my camera and paints. These adventures deepened my appreciation for the astounding work of so many creatively-inspired people; they applied their wondrous gifts and shared them for the ages to come. For me, reliving and reviewing all their creations has been an almost surreal experience.

Now I must share my visual impressions of some of the world's great Scandinavian landscapes and their magical impact. I have a great sense of relief that now these inspirational paintings may serve as a witness to some of the magnificent joys of this world.

Jan Peterson

Paradise Valley, Arizona, 2020

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District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii - Website: www.sofn6.org

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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.

OTHER CONTACTS

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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
Judith O Miles	23rd
Kari A Jay	26th
Nancy J Zine	26th
Dirk P Walter	28th
Mary A Steinnes	29th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

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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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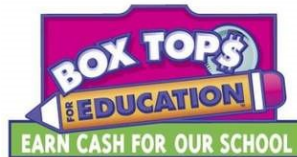
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