

The Posten April 2024

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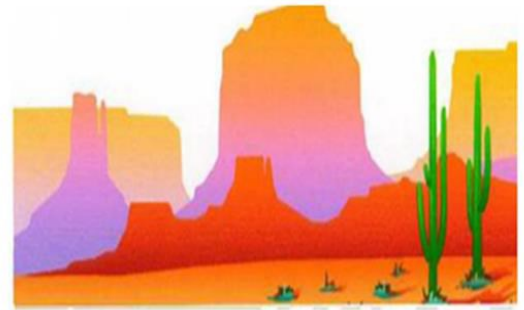
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

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President's Column

We're excited to have a special program this month about Norway House, brought to us by Christina Carleton who is their Executive Director. Do you have to live in Minneapolis or visit the Twin Cities to take advantage of what Norway House has to offer? And what is so great about Norway House? Who are they and what do they do? What future plans do they have? Come and get answers to these questions and more! This is a great chance to find out how Norway House is impacting the Norwegian American community—giving visibility to our culture and our heritage. How exciting is that!!

Don't forget about **AZ Norseman's Rekefest** (Shrimpfest)! Find details on page 3—please note that RSVP is required by April 11th. I've been to this a couple times—an annual fun outdoor event enjoyed by all who come.

I'm thrilled that we have two delegates from Desert Fjord to attend the Sons of Norway District 6 Convention this June in Las Vegas, NV—Mark Alexander and Stephanie Ronalds. Our thanks to you, Mark and Stephanie, for agreeing to go as our delegates! They have each received \$450 from Desert Fjord to help defray expenses. They will vote on our behalf during the District 6 Business Meeting. We wish them well and hope they have a great experience at the convention!

I came across an important Norwegian I had never heard about before, the person who gave Norway its own written language. I think you'll find it interesting reading about this fellow ... meet Ivar Aasen on page 8!

And if you have nothing to do a week after Easter and a week before our April meeting, come meet with us at the Viking Book Club on April 6th. We're focusing on Anne Holt, "the godmother of modern Norwegian crime fiction". Experience the joy of spring!

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

April 14th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ



Program: *Norway House – it’s Work and Vision*

by Christina Carleton, Executive Director of Norway House

Norway House is situated in the heart of Minneapolis; Norway House is a cultural center dedicated to celebrating Norwegian heritage and fostering cultural exchange between Norway and the United States. The building features contemporary architecture with Scandinavian design influences, creating a welcoming and modern atmosphere for visitors. Norway House hosts various events, programs, and exhibitions highlighting Norwegian art, culture, language, and history. Visitors can explore a gallery showcasing Norwegian artwork, participate in cultural workshops, enjoy traditional Norwegian cuisine, and discuss contemporary issues relevant to Norway and the Norwegian-American community. Norway House serves as a vibrant and inclusive space where people from all backgrounds can come together to learn, connect, and celebrate the rich tapestry of Norwegian culture.

- Menu:
- Dessert
 - Coffee
 - Lemonade

Cost: \$15.00 (includes \$5 building rental fee)



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



Saturday, April 20 | 5:30 PM

Arizona Norseman is pleased to host your favorite event: *Rekefest* – our annual Norwegian Shrimp Fest. We import our shrimp direct from Norway and spend an evening on the lawn enjoying the delicious springtime meal *rekesmørbrød*, or open-face shrimp sandwiches. Of course, we won't forget to round off the meal with a delicious Norwegian dessert of strawberries and ice cream.

This event is **BYOB** so bring your favorite beverage! Anyone is welcome. There will be hot dogs for the kids or anyone who wants to be a part of the fun, but isn't a fan of seafood.

Admission

- \$27.50 Adults
- \$12 Children ages 6-12
- \$5 Students (with valid ID)
- Free for children ages 5 and under

Location

At the home of Erik and Valerie Ringnes
6262 W Louise Drive, Glendale, AZ 85310



RSVP before Thursday, April 11th!
Buy tickets online or send checks to Shirley

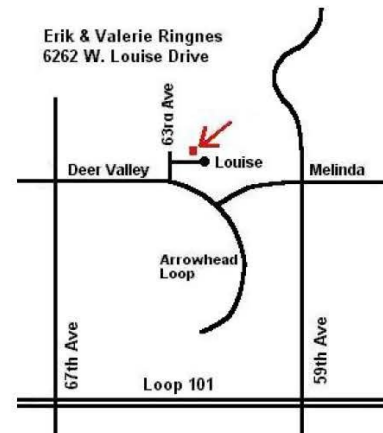
Online: <https://aznorseman.ticketspice.com/shrimpfest-2024>

E-mail: souren@cox.net
Phone: 623-972-4884
Send check written out to Nordmannsforbundet to:

Shirley Ouren
10635 N 103rdAve
Sun City, AZ 85351

Name(s): _____

Total included: \$ _____



Desert Fjord Viking Book Club Meeting for April

Join us (we're a friendly bunch) at Jana Peterson's home in Scottsdale:

5901 E Hummingbird Lane
Paradise Valley, AZ

Call Jana for directions at (480) 326-2927

April 6 at 4:00 pm

We'll discuss any of
Anne Holt's books along with
Wine and Munchies



"Anne Holt is the godmother of modern Norwegian crime fiction." – Jo Nesbo

Some of the books she has written are:



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.)

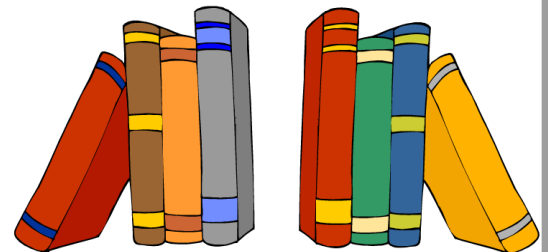
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A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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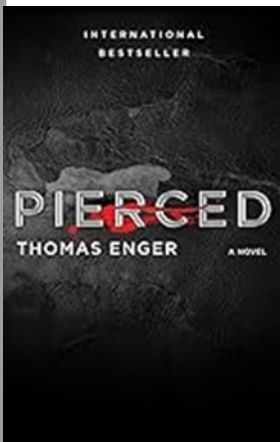
(Henning Juul Book 2)

By Thomas Enger



The acclaimed author of *Burned* is back with more heart-stopping suspense in a gritty and thrilling sequel that pits Norwegian crime reporter Henning Juul against an international crime ring.

If you find out who set me up, I'll tell you what happened the day your son died. That is the message crime reporter Henning Juul—back at work after being terribly burned and scarred for life in a fire that killed his son—receives from a jailed extortionist named Tore Pulli who's been convicted for a murder he claims he didn't commit.



Truth has never meant more for Henning Juul. And when Pulli is found dead in his prison cell—an apparent suicide—Juul decides to dig deeper. He knows the murders Pulli was convicted of do not bear his signature, and he's convinced that Pulli would never have taken his own life. Striking up a fragile partnership with Iver Gundersen, a journalist now living with Juul's ex-wife, Juul uncovers an internal power struggle in the gang world, where the desire for serious money is destroying the traditional, honor-based hierarchy. Uncovering more questions than answers, Henning soon realizes that he has to find not one but several killers . . . ruthless murderers who have never been more dangerous than they are now.

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Thomas Enger is a Norwegian writer and journalist. He grew up in Jessheim, but is now living in Oslo with his cohabitant and two children. He is a trained journalist and worked for Nettavisen for nine years.



Bruce Carlson, Troup Leader

A few pictures taken at Desert Fjord's March Program—we were treated by the Scandinavian Folkdancers of Phoenix. For a few dances, the audience was invited to participate.

(many thanks to Ed Bergo for taking these pictures and then sharing them with us!)



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

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

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

April Birthdays

Ross H Berg 1st
Chase H Loomis * 2nd
Elizabeth Lenci-Downs 12th
Heather T M Loomis 13th



Jean Tanner Harney 23rd
Erik Knudsen 24th
Astrid Hanson 27th
Ed Bergo 29th

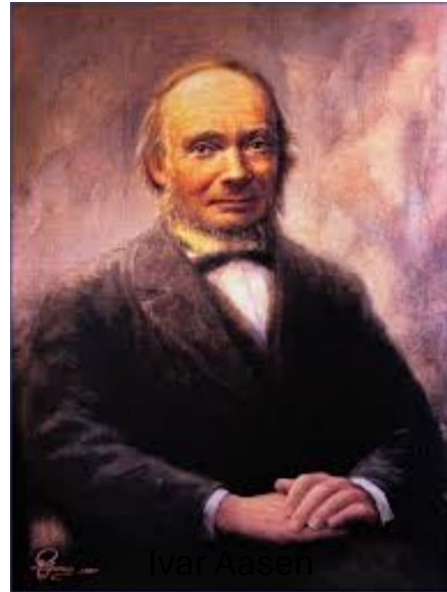
* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

Meet the man who gave Norway its own written language!

No one else has done more for Norwegian cultural heritage than Ivar Aasen, the scientist who laid the foundation for a New Norwegian written language. He was also the poet who wrote the well-known lines "Between hills and mountains along the sea", which are the opening words to the poem "Nordmannen".

When Ivar Aasen (1813–1896) grew up in Ørsta and Volda on Sunnmøre in the early 19th century, Norway did not have its own written language. Danish dominated, and it had been that way for several hundred years. From the age of 29, he worked full-time so that Norwegians would also have their own written language.



Most written languages in the world either start from one dialect in one area or from common features between several dialects. Ivar Aasen thought the latter was the most democratic. His starting point was that most people should be able to write as close as possible to their first language, so that one did not have to make a detour about Danish.

Norwegian culture has been governed from several places in Norway, not from one cultural centre. Both the art, the ideas and the money have come from several parts of the country. Aasen continued to work in this tradition. He studied the spoken language of people in Norway and came up with the written language we today call **Nynorsk**.

Ivar Aasen's work was scientific. Language professor Tove Bull calls Aasen the greatest Norwegian linguist and the founder of modern dialectology in Norway. Aasen scrutinized the Norwegian rural dialects from all over the country and looked for order, system, coherence and differences. But it wasn't just spoken language that Aasen looked at; he collected fairy tales and legends, noted clothing and manners and documented Norwegian proverbs and Norwegian naming customs.

The goal of a Norwegian written language led Ivar Aasen on journeys through the country from Lindesnes in the south to Tromsø in the north. Altogether, he traveled as far as a car trip from Ørsta to Cape Town and back. That made him one of the people who knew Norway best in the 19th century.

When he died on 23 September 1896, Nynorsk had been equal to Danish for eleven years, but no one had yet completed primary school in Nynorsk. It only happened the following year, in 1897 – in Bygland in Aust-Agder and Modalen and Osterøy in Hordaland. Aasen also got to experience reading the first New Norwegian newspapers and books. Almost all New Norwegian literature was nevertheless published after he died.



It's been a while since I have talked about what a **Financial Checkup** is.

People's personal and financial situations change over time. This means that your financial goals change.

- Are you accumulating enough money over time?
- Are you a conservative investor or a risk taker?
- When a loved one passes away, can the survivor maintain their current standard of living?
- Do you have enough Life Insurance?

These are just a few of the questions that I go over when I complete a financial checkup.

I encourage you to give me a call or email me to set up a time to visit with you about your financial needs.

I mentioned in my last article a new product called **LegacySure**, a new FINAL EXPENSE policy – a policy designed for people ages 45 to 85, face amounts from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Please contact me to see if this new product is right for you – thank you!

Len Carlson FIC CLU

(651) 253-1943

or by email at:

len.carlson253@gmail.com

Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Postens?*
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



Fjelldalen Lodge #6-162
9078 Greenspointe Ct.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130
303-324-5381 (c)



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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/>

This page will be a permanent fixture in our newsletter. If you have something to add, please let us know!



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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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