

The Posten

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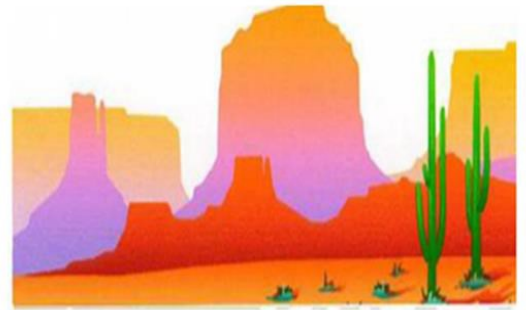
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Certainly these are terrible times in which we live. Maybe we should get in our boats and go back to Norway. No, I think the Viking way is to endure the hardship and encourage one another as best we can.

What about Desert Fjord Lodge? My Co-President, Jan Loomis, has relocated to Colorado. I'm ever so grateful for his many contributions to our lodge. He rebuilt a great website for us and organized the fabulous Scandinavian Viking Festival in 2019. We will miss him, but we wish him and Sherrie all the best in their new home much closer to family.

Desert Fjord has an on-going need for members to step up and take on leadership roles. Right now we need a Membership Secretary. (*see page 2 about that*) And we need a Vice President for the lodge. What is that? A Vice President works with the Membership Secretary to build lodge membership. Also, the VP is one who is learning the ropes, who is being groomed to become the next lodge president. Yes, there's some serious bit of responsibility that goes along with the position of Lodge Vice President. But don't let that scare you. You're a Norwegian and those kind are resourceful and able to take on a difficult task. Please consider it, approach me about this and make my day!

Please find on page 7 some mention about a new group that's being launched—Vikings in America. At the moment there's no cost to join. I know in these hard times that can hold a special attraction for a frugal Norwegian. Check it out—it's really true.

There's a great recipe I wanted to share with you, but I don't want to crowd the Christmas baking you're doing. So please look forward to my Crunchies recipe.

This Christmas may you find joy, peace and love as you share it with family and close friends. I like this quote from Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**: "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." God Jul!!



Velkommen

Ole and Sven in Hell

Ole and Sven died in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks, and went to Hell. The Devil observed that they were really enjoying themselves. He said to them, "Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?" Ole replied, "Vell, ya know, ve're from norderen Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy fer a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know."

The devil decided that these two weren't miserable enough and turned up the heat even more. When he returned to the room of the two from Minnesota, the devil found them in light jackets and hats, grilling walleye and drinking beer. The devil was astonished and exclaimed, "Everyone down here is in misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves." Sven replies, "Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry vhen da veather's dis nice."

The devil was absolutely furious. He could hardly see straight. Finally he came up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they've been cold all their lives. The devil decided to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature was 60 below zero, icicles were hanging everywhere, and people were shivering so bad that they were unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. The devil smiled and headed for the room with Ole and Sven. He got there and found them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They were jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil was dumbfounded, "I don't understand. When I turned up the heat you were happy; now it's freezing cold and you're still happy. What's wrong with you two?"

They both looked at the devil in surprise and said, "Vell, don't ya know, if hell iss froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl."

Membership Matters

A Membership Secretary wrote a column here to report about Desert Fjord members. Floyd Downs served in this capacity for many years—he did a great job of keeping track of our members. Sherrie Loomis took over from Floyd and we appreciate what she did for us, too. But Sherrie has relocated to Colorado ... now we need someone to take her place.

Each month Sons of Norway headquarters in Minneapolis sends an Activity Report to the Membership Secretary. This report shows new members, cancelled members, members who are behind in their dues and members who are suspended. The Secretary follows up with members who appear in the Activity Report.

In addition to working with this report and writing a column for the Posten, the Membership Secretary works closely with Desert Fjord's Vice President to bring in new members and build membership of the lodge.

This is not a difficult or time-consuming position in the lodge, but it's important to have someone serving the lodge to pay regular and special attention to our members. From the beginning Sons of Norway has cared for its members. Let us continue that proud tradition!

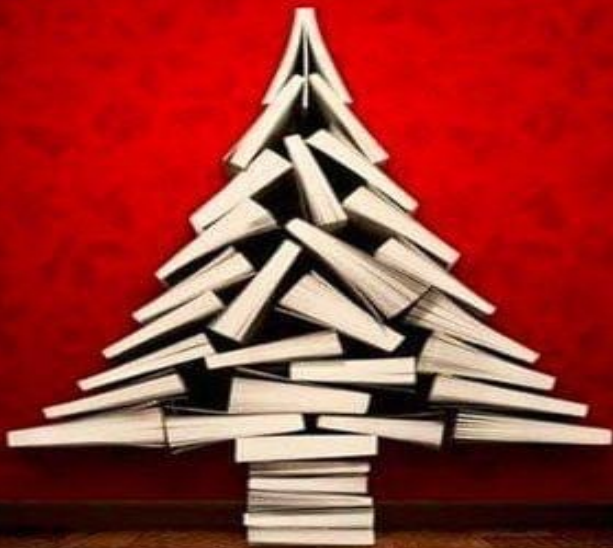
Perhaps one of you reading this would like to step up—become Desert Fjord's new Membership Secretary. It's an honor to serve the lodge and its members. Please contact me if you'd be interested to do this for Desert Fjord lodge. Thank you in advance!

Jonathan

Call me at (347) 801-3345 or send me an email at j.dav.walt@gmail.com



Happy Jólabókafloð!



IN ICELAND, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night **READING**. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How cozy and wonderful does that sound?

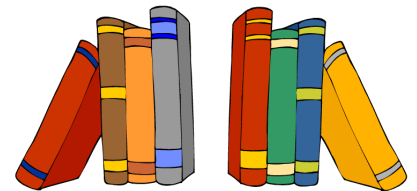
Iceland publishes **MORE BOOKS** per capita than any other country, and new books are typically published only during the Christmas season--the frenzy is called **Jolabokafloð**, which means **Christmas Book Flood**.

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LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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

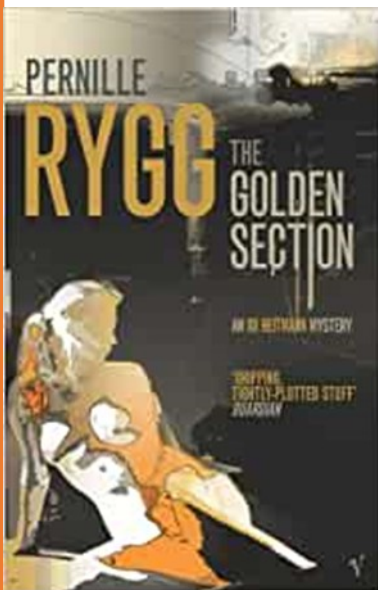


In ***The Golden Section***, psychologist Igi Heitmann is being stalked. In the suburb of Oslo where she lives with her cross-dressing husband and daughter, someone is spray-painting the walls of their houses. HEITMANN=CHILD KILLER, the graffiti says. Who would think like this and how do they know where she lives?

On a bitter winter's evening, Igi attends the opening of the exhibition of an avant-garde artist whose use of violent pornography has caused great controversy. A video is playing, showing a young man being strangled as part of a sado-masochistic sex game.

The video is real. The killing played out live to its unwilling audience. One of Igi's clients is accused of murder. Igi finds herself trapped in a postmodern nightmare. This book is the second novel featuring the rough, unconventional psychologist.

Author Pernille Rygg was born in 1963. She studied history and ethnology and for several years worked as a set painter for film companies and for the Norwegian Broadcasting Company.





PETRONA AWARD SHORTLIST 2020

PETRONA AWARD SHORTLIST: Six outstanding crime novels from Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have been shortlisted for the 2020 Petrona Award for the Best Scandinavian Crime Novel of the Year. The Petrona Award is open to crime fiction in translation, either written by a Scandinavian author or set in Scandinavia, and published in the UK in the previous calendar year.

THE COURIER by Kjell Ola Dahl, tr. Don Bartlett (Orenda Books; Norway)

INBORN by Thomas Enger, tr. Kari Dickson (Orenda Books; Norway)

THE CABIN by Jørn Lier Horst, tr. Anne Bruce (Michael Joseph; Norway)

THE SILVER ROAD by Stina Jackson, tr. Susan Beard (Corvus; Sweden)

THE ABSOLUTION by Yrsa Sigurðardóttir, tr. Victoria Cribb (Hodder & Stoughton; Iceland)

LITTLE SIBERIA by Antti Tuomainen, tr. David Hackston (Orenda Books; Finland)

There were 37 entries for the 2020 Petrona Award from six countries (Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Norway, Sweden). The novels were translated by 24 translators and submitted by 21 publishers/imprints. There were 13 female and 24 male authors.

This year's Petrona Award shortlist sees Norway strongly represented with three novels; Finland, Iceland and Sweden each have one. The crime genres represented include the police procedural, historical crime, literary crime, comedy crime and thriller.

The Petrona Award judges selected the shortlist from a rich field. The six novels stand out for their writing, characterisation, plotting, and overall quality. They are original and inventive, often pushing the boundaries of genre conventions, and tackle highly complex subjects such as legacies of the past, mental health issues and the effects of grief. Three of the shortlisted titles explore the subject of criminality from an adolescent perspective.

All of these books will be in our Sons of Norway Library by the time we start meeting again at the Masonic Lodge. Some really good reading!!!



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 gave 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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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

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Most post their monthly newsletter

on their lodge website.

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December Birthdays

Jonathan B Loomis	3rd
Brooklyn Port *	3rd
Russell Port	3rd
Jana Louise Peterson	4th
Neal S Sundeen	10th
Elizabeth A Berger	17th



Carol L Blackwell	18th
Julie L Westby	18th
Donald N Steinnes	23rd
Earl Fuchs	29th
David I Berger	30th
Phyllis Dahlk Bergo	31st

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!





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Go to vikingsinamerica.org to join. Please note that your password has to be at least 8 characters.

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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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