

The Posten

February 2020

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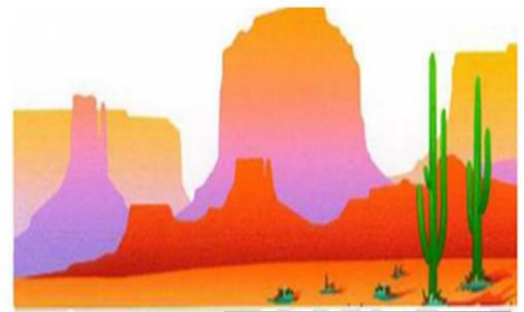
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



Co-President's Column

At our January Heritage and Cultural meeting, Zone Director Benny Jo Hinchey installed our lodge officers. Nina Poe and Jana Peterson have both been installed as Cultural Director—they are Co-Cultural Directors of our lodge, guiding the programming at our meetings. Jan Loomis has been installed as President of the lodge and I was reinstated in that office ... Jan and I are Co-Presidents, sharing the responsibility. It would be great if one of our members would step up to be lodge Vice President! Our lodge Treasurer, Janis Johnson, has graciously agreed to continue her good work for one more year.

I am pleased to announce that Nancy Zine has become our new lodge Librarian. We wish her well as she works with our great library. Please give her your support by checking out books and other library resources.

This month our program is brought by members who had a wonderful time last year at Camp Norge's Camp Oldfjell. This camp for older folks might be just the getaway you're needing later this year! And our menu by Shannon features torsk. Some proceeds from this meal are a fund-raiser for Desert Fjord. Come, enjoy the program and meal with us. Invite a friend, bring a neighbor.

Please find more information about our second Scandinavian Viking Festival on pages 5-6. Many members need to get involved ... there are many ways for you to play a part—this is good for you and good for the lodge!! Working together is healthy and builds the Viking spirit.

Find 2020 Scholarship information from Nina Poe, Chair of Desert Fjord's Education Committee—page 7. Think of someone who might be a worthy recipient!

Velkommen

Business Meeting at 4 pm, Sunday, February 9th

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—February 9th at 2 PM
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Program: Camp Oldfjell *at Camp Norge!*

Four of our Desert Fjord members camped, studied, laughed and had a great time in Alta, California when they attended Camp Oldfjell 2019. Come and hear from them as they give us a program telling about their experience there. (see page 4)



Menu :

- Torsk (Cod fish) with butter/wine sauce or Meatballs
- Potatoes and vegetables
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea and Water

Price:

Adults—\$20.00

Children \$10.00



Reservations: Via the link [online](#) (click "online")
or call Lynn Solie by February 7th!

(612) 250-6997

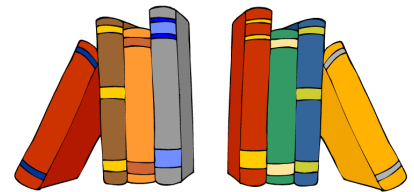
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(the online registration now offers a "no meal" option ... you can pay \$5.00 to attend the meeting only)

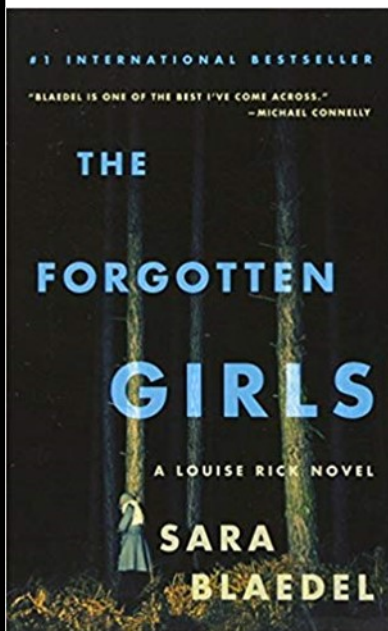
LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Janis Johnson

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



The body of an unidentified woman has been discovered in a remote forest. A large, unique scar on one side of her face should make the identification easy, but nobody has reported her missing. Louise Rick, the new commander of the Missing Persons Department, waits four long days before pulling off a risky move: releasing a photo of the victim to the media, jeopardizing the integrity of the investigation in hopes of finding anyone who knew her.



The gamble pays off when a woman recognizes the victim as Lisemette, a child she cared for in the state mental institution many years ago. Lisemette was a "forgotten girl", abandoned by her family and left behind in the institution. But Louise soon discovers something even more disturbing: Lisemette had a twin, and both girls were issued death certificates more than thirty years ago.

Louise's investigation takes a surprising when it brings her closer to her childhood home. And as she uncovers more crimes that were committed--and hidden--in the forest, she is forced to confront a terrible link to her own past that has been carefully concealed. Set against a moody and atmospheric landscape, THE FORGOTTEN GIRLS is twisty, suspenseful, emotionally intense novel that secures the Danish author, Sara Blaedel, a place in the list of great thriller writers.

A Glimpse of Camp Oldfjell 2019



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary

There's never been a better time to become a Sons of Norway member. Individuals join for \$60; families join for \$95. New members receive the ten-page guide, "**Genealogy Tips and Hints**". When you join today, bring your special family stories, memories and traditions. You'll be warmly welcomed to our extended family of like-minded members. Let's get to know each other!



- Gain exciting insights into your family history. Live and share the many appealing Nordic values and customs.
- Discover how to pass along cherished traditions and ways to provide a cultural legacy for future generations.
- Your family may include members from a melting pot of Scandinavian and other countries. All are welcome to the Sons of Norway family! (Yes, we eagerly welcome Swedes, Danes and all who have an interest in Nordic culture and traditions.)

Joining online is easy at www.join.sofn.com. Remember to select Scottsdale and Desert Fjord Lodge. We look forward to greeting you at our next meeting!



Scandinavian Viking Festival 2020

◇ Saturday, March 28th ◇

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

(please save the date!)

~ Volunteers Needed ~

for

2020 Scandinavian Viking Festival

We'll be celebrating our heritage along with hundreds of fellow Scandinavians at our March 28th festival in Scottsdale at the United Methodist Church. We've already booked Ole and Lena Live for an afternoon performance of "Ole Runs for Office", a musical comedy.

We've extended invitations to a wide variety of Scandinavian organizations and vendors and have received inquiries from several vendors who plan on attending. We had over 20 vendor/displays at last year's event and can support twice as many this year. We had over 400 attendees last year and expect over 600 this year as we move to a Saturday with expanded hours and a venue with more parking.

We need your help to make this event possible and successful! We need individuals ...

- to coordinate the vendor process
- to assist with the theatrical production
- to coordinate ticket sales
- to bake cookies
- to assist with sales in the boutique
- to lead crafts for children, and more.

Please consider helping out and call (602.617.7542) or email Jan Loomis (jan@jloomis.com) to express your interest in helping. Tusen Takk!

March 28, 2020

Scandinavian Viking Festival

The Saga Continues

Featuring *Ole and Lena Live* in a performance of:
"Ole Runs for Office"
A two-act musical within a comedy.

Celebrate and explore your Viking roots!

Experience the sights, sounds, skills, dance and tastes of Scandinavia. Scandinavian Dancers, Viking Cruises, Blacksmith, Music, Rosemaling, Genealogist, Children's Crafts, Cookies, Lefse, Gift Boutiques, Vendors and more. Free and open to the public.



Ole and Lena Live!

The lovable, dim-witted Scandinavian couple of Ole & Lena have come to life in the comedic stylings of the internationally known husband and wife team of Michael and Julie Bateson. General admission performance begins at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each plus fees. Visit our web site listed below for ticketing information.



Desert Fjord Sons of Norway

Scottsdale United Methodist Church 4140 N Miller Rd

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 10 am to 3 pm

www.desertfjord.org

Find us on Facebook @desertfjord

2020 Desert Fjord Scholarships

Education Committee: Nina Poe, Chair

Our lodge supports both arts and science education for grandchildren of Desert Fjord lodge members. In addition, our Lodge can award grants to our members for participating in cultural and educational events.

Last year Nicholas Bergo, grandson of Phyllis and Ed Bergo, received a merit-based scholarship of \$1000, to support his junior year at UC Santa Barbara. Nick is majoring in Pharmacology with a goal to be a medical doctor.

Jackson Loomis, grandson of Jan and Sherry Loomis, received a grant that went towards the expenses of Camp Trollfjell at Camp Norge last summer. Cultural Co-Chair Jana Peterson received a grant to attend Camp Oldfjell 's "Folkehogskule for Voksne" last September.



Agnes Stieler
Born: 18 March 1907
Died: 20 Feb 2003

The awards are 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.

We recently have included the possibility of awarding grants for any member, young and old alike, for Scandinavian culture education that will benefit our lodge. We believe that Agnes Stieler would have wanted us to do that.

*Applications are now open for 2020 Desert Fjord scholarships and grants. Information and forms are available on our website www.desertfjord.org. Contact the education committee or any lodge officer for assistance on how to apply. **Please note that the deadline for Scholarship and Grant applications is March 31st, 2020. The applications can be emailed directly to Nina Poe, Committee Chair at npoe@rpoe.com.***

District Six President: Luella Grangaard

District Six is made up of the following states:

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

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

Zone Seven Director: Benny Jo Hinchey

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

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

Alex Boemark



February Birthdays

Amelia L Berger 3rd

Hiro Cummings * 15th

Hiro Liev Cummings * 15th



Sharon R Peterson 17th

Lois J Sakkas 18th

Solomon A Isaacson * 26th

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

* Heritage Member

Desert Fjord Business Meeting
4140 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ
January 12, 2020

Meeting: The Desert Fjord Business Meeting was opened by Jonathan Walters at 4 PM.

Attendees: Jana Peterson, Ross Berg, Nina Poe, Janis Johnson, Jonathan Walters, Jan and Sherrie Loomis, Ed Bergo, and Berit Miltun.

Secretary's Report: The November 2019 Business Meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Janis, seconded Jan and unanimous vote by attendees. New lodge officers have been reported to SON.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was discussed by Janis. \$2,100 is set aside for the District Six convention in 2020. The Treasurer will create a draft budget for the Board to review.

Cultural Report: Jana and Nina are anticipating a special speaker for this year and will need additional budget to do this. The current \$100/speaker policy is not utilized every month and this creates additional budget dollars. We will ask the Masonic Lodge Secretary if April 19th is available. Changing the monthly meeting from Sunday afternoons to Saturday noon is still under discussion. Should this be researched?

Membership: Sherrie said that there are currently 120 members and this number has held steady over the past 3-6 months. Janis will check and see that we have made the \$25 SON foundation contribution for Reidar Gabrielson.

Social Report: The February Torsk dinner will be priced at \$20 per person. Berit will get a bid from Shannon for this fund-raiser meal. This event will include the Boutique. It may be possible to connect this February date with the traditional Norway Winter Holiday.

Viking Scandinavian Festival: March 28^h 10 AM to 4 PM is the date and time of this event. That will take the place of the March Lodge meeting. The Scandinavian Dancers will perform at 11 AM that day. Tickets for Ole and Lena Live will be \$10/person and they'll perform from 2 PM to 4 PM. The Lodge will need to make cookies etc. to sell at this event. Berit will ask Shannon if she wants to make cookies (or what?) to sell. Janis will ask the church Boy Scouts if they want to prepare hot dogs and ___ to sell that day.

District Six Convention: Desert Fjord is allowed four voting delegates. We have been asked to contribute cookies and also help staff tables. A list of official delegates and alternates must be submitted by April (date?).

Boutique Report: Ali proposed a budget of \$1,200 to purchase items for the first six months of 2020 and a total of \$2,000 for the entire year. There will be 4-5 sales events in 2020, more than in 2019.

New Business: The **Posten** needs to get out earlier each month. Jonathan will set the 20th as the official date to submit articles.

The Education Committee consists of Nina Poe (Chair), Gordon Peterson and Paul Lindbloom. Jan will clarify the official membership with all Committee members. The deadline for scholarship applications will be March 31st 2020. The application form will be available on our Lodge website. Nina will contact the Foundation Director to determine the amount of income generated by our two foundation funds. This will help set a limit to the scholarships and grants awarded in 2020. Scholarship recipient, Nick Bergo, will be asked to make a short presentation at one of the fall Heritage and Culture meetings. His grandparents will contact him.

The Business Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Bergo, Acting Secretary



Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

- Co-President:** Jan Loomis— (602) 617-7542
- Co-President:** Jonathan Walters— (347) 801-3345
- Secretary:** Phyllis Bergo (480) 812-9762
- Treasurer:** Janis Johnson— janisjoan41@gmail.com
- Auditors:** Dirk Walter and Floyd Downs
- Counselor:** Ed Bergo
- Co-Cultural Directors:** Jana Peterson, Nina Poe
- Desert Fjord Boutique:** Ali Berg-Anderson
- Distribution:** Janis Johnson
- Education Committee (Scholarships & Grants):** Nina Poe, Paul Lindbloom, Gordon Peterson
- Foundation Directors:** Gordon Peterson, Paul Lindbloom
- Greeters:** Georgiann Crouse, Norman Jenson, Jr
- Librarian:** Nancy Zine
- Marshals:** Knut Haldorsen and Peter Flanders
- Membership Secretary:** Sherrie Loomis—(480) 786-4232
- Posten Editor:** Jonathan Walters
- Publicity Director/Public Relations:** Janis Johnson
- Reservations:** Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997
- Social Directors:** Berit Miltun— (480) 966-2009, Nellie Lokken
- Sunshine:** Dawn Walter— (480) 860-9192
- Trustees:** (1yr) K Haldorsen; (2yr) P Flanders; (3yr) Norm Jenson
- Tubfrim:** Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas
- Webmaster:** Jan Loomis

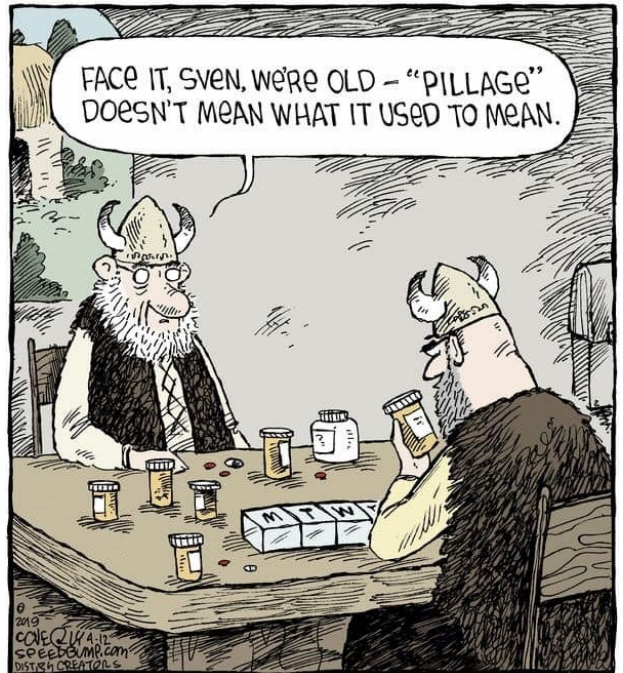
Dreams

Lena was taking an afternoon nap. When she woke up, she told Ole, “I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?”

“You’ll know tonight,” he said.

That evening Ole came home with a small package and gave it to Lena.

Delighted, she opened it and found a book— “The Meaning of Dreams”.



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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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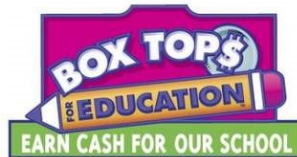
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Sons of Norway International Headquarters Website:

<https://www.sofn.com/>

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