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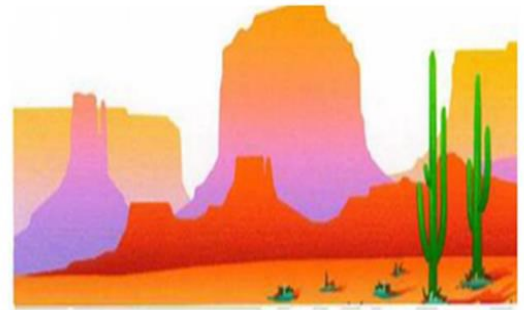
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column



This month we celebrate Scandinavian folkdancing at our lodge meeting. Several lodge members belong to the troupe that will bring our program, the *Scandinavian Folkdancers of Phoenix*.

These dances grew out of everyday life in the countryside, folk art that expresses joy. Come and enjoy watching the dancers. (I believe you'll have an opportunity to join them in a few of the dances.)

We just received word that our Agnes Stieler Endowment Fund earned sufficiently last year; we're glad we can offer a scholarship in 2024!

(Please see page 6 about that.)

I'm happy to include a tribute here to Jana Peterson's father. *(on page 9)* A noteworthy professor of architecture, he also left us some beautiful paintings of the Southwest. For awhile he was a member of our lodge, but certainly we should honor and recognize him as a Viking of distinction who lived and worked for many years in Arizona!

In April we're hosting a program by Christina Carleton who is Executive Director of Norway House in Minneapolis. Recently Norway House and The Norwegian American, the oldest and only Norwegian-American newspaper still in existence, have joined forces. The Norwegian American is now "Powered by Norway House". I'm sure we might hear about that as well as all the other activities and programs through which Norway House gives visibility to Norwegian culture here in America. It's exciting for us to have Christina come to visit our lodge!

Enjoy the beautiful Arizona weather—
enjoy your Scandinavian roots ...
Happy Easter, too!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

March 10th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ



The folk dancing group was started by members of the VASA Order of America in the early 1970's. The group's goal is to preserve traditional dances and costumes of Scandinavia. Primarily made up of Norwegians and Swedes, the group wears traditional costumes, and they always present a colorful performance. Bruce Carlson, director of the group, says "A wide range of traditional couple and group folkdances from the Scandinavian countries are demonstrated by the dancers. A wonderful benefit is that we also have a great deal of fun doing it! We invite you to make a few friends, get a little exercise and have fun along with us. Membership is open to anyone and all are welcome to come and dance or just watch." Please come and enjoy the colorful dancers. The dances range from child-like fun movements, to more intricately woven pieces. Examples of dances are Parisian Polka, English for Three Couples, Weaving Dance, Schottis, and more, including audience participation dances.

- Menu:
- Dessert
 - Coffee
 - Lemonade



Cost: \$10.00 (includes \$5 building rental fee)

- Please click [here](#) to register **by March 8th** or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684

Coming in April



Norway House:

It's Work and Vision

by **Christina Carleton**

Executive Director, 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.

COME HELL OR HIGH WATER !

One night, a torrential rain soaked northwestern Minnesota. The next morning the resulting flood waters came up about 6 feet into most of the homes there.

Mrs. Johnson was sitting on her roof with her neighbor, Lena, waiting for help to come. Mrs. Johnson noticed a baseball cap, floating near the house.

Then she saw it float far out into the front yard, then float back to the house; it kept floating away from the house, then back towards the house.

Her curiosity got the best of her, so she asked Lena, "Do you see dat der baseball cap a floatin' away from da house, den back again?"

Lena said, "Oh yeah, dats my husband Ole; I tole dat lazy-such and such he vas gonna cut da grass today, come hell or high water!!!!

Desert Fjord Reading Group Meeting for March

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

March 23 at 4:00 pm

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



Anne Holt is a renown Norwegian author of crime fiction.

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.

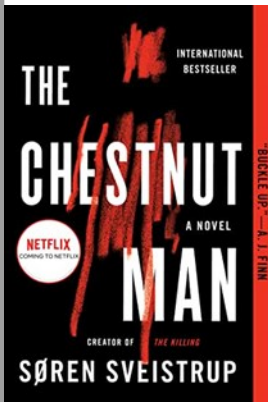
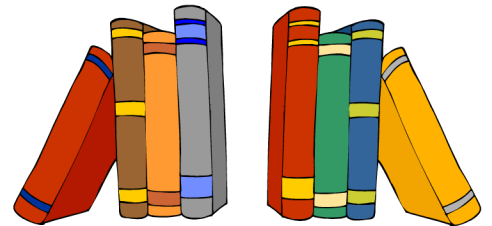
I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693; my email address is: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

The Chestnut Man

By Søren Sveistrup



A psychopath is terrorizing Copenhagen.

His calling card is a “chestnut man”—a handmade doll made of matchsticks and two chestnuts—which he leaves at each bloody crime scene. Examining the dolls, forensics makes a shocking discovery—a fingerprint belonging to a young girl, a government minister’s daughter who had been kidnapped and murdered a year ago.

A tragic coincidence—or something more twisted? To save innocent lives, a pair of detectives must put aside their differences to piece together the Chestnut Man’s gruesome clues.

Because it’s clear that the madman is on a mission that is far from over. And no one is safe.

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Søren Sveistrup (born 7 January 1968 in Kastrup) is a Danish screenwriter and author. His credits include *The Killing* and *Nikolaj og Julie*. His first novel, *The Chestnut Man*, was published in 2019 and adapted into a television series, *The Chestnut Man*, in 2021.

Sveistrup is considered a "household name" in Scandinavia

2024 Desert Fjord Scholarships

Education Committee: Nina Poe, Chair

Our lodge supports both arts and science education for grandchildren of Desert Fjord lodge members. This year Desert Fjord lodge is again fortunate enough to be able to offer a \$1,000 merit-based scholarship to members' grandchildren thanks to the Agnes Stieler Endowment Fund.

Last year Markus Gokan, one of Berit Miltun's grandsons, was awarded a merit-based scholarship of \$1,000. Markus is an honor student at UC San Diego where he is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with Special Control and Robotics. We continue to wish Markus the best in his academic career!

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.

Applications are now open for one (1) 2024 Desert Fjord Scholarship. Please note that there are no grants available this year.

*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 applications is March 31st, 2024. The applications can be emailed directly to Nina Poe, Committee Chair at npoe@rpoe.com.***

Agnes Stieler

Born: 18 March 1907

Died: 20 February 2003



Norway's Ice Flowers



When winter's grip tightens on Norway, particularly in the northern reaches above the Arctic Circle, the stage is set for ice flowers to bloom. Their emergence hinges on a unique interplay between elements. Primarily, they require extremely cold temperatures, typically below -20°C (-4°F). Additionally, calm, clear skies are key, allowing efficient heat radiation from the ice surface. These factors combine to create a phenomenon known as supercooling, where water remains liquid even below its freezing point.

Then, a trigger arrives, often in the form of a tiny speck of dust or salt. This microscopic "imperfection" disrupts the

equilibrium, sending a ripple of crystallization through the water. In an instant, the supercooled liquid transforms into ice, but not in the usual way. Instead of forming a solid sheet, the ice nucleates outwards in intricate branching patterns. These delicate tendrils, resembling the veins of leaves or flower petals, are sculpted by subtle variations in temperature and wind.

Some ice flowers resemble miniature snowflakes, while others unfurl like delicate lace, each one a unique masterpiece sculpted by nature. While captivating to the eye, ice flowers play a vital role in the arctic ecosystem. They provide crucial habitat for microorganisms and algae, forming the base of the food chain for larger marine life. They also influence gas exchange between the ocean and atmosphere, impacting global climate processes.

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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

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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March Birthdays

Gordon T Troan 1st
Berit Miltun 13th
Mary P Westby * 17th
Leif G Hollmann 18th



Annette R Hegland 22nd
Lynn Rudser Solie 22nd
Laurie Jean Peterson 26th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

Jack “John” Peterson, Emeritus Professor of Architecture, passed away on December 31, 2023, at the age of 94.



Jack was a leading architect, devoted educator, and talented artist. He joined the ASU faculty in 1963 and taught for 35 years. His legacy lives on in the Master of Architecture program which he helped to establish in 1985. While at ASU, Jack worked to establish a first-of-its-kind student and faculty exchange program with the University of Stuttgart in Germany and also recruited new students and faculty globally. This global vision and his innovative approaches to personalized transformational education, combining purpose and an entrepreneurial mindset, continue within the architecture program today.

Excellence did not stop at the boundaries of the university. Jack’s series of award-winning architectural practices, based in Arizona, were all-inclusive, involving both residential and commercial design. It also included many high-tech industrial facilities both in-state and throughout the U.S. He received many accolades and has been honored with awards by the American Institute of Architects. His designs for Sperry Space Systems (known today as Honeywell) were cited for a joint commendation for environmental excellence. Jack’s passion for serving others included an appointment to the Board of Regents at California Lutheran University.

After a lifetime of exemplary service as an educator and practitioner, Jack continued the pursuit of creativity through his paintings and sketches. Jack Peterson’s vocabulary drew upon three sources to express his ideas: verbal, skillful use of fine lines and brilliant colors, and his unique professional ability to think and create spatially. Utilizing these various techniques in his toolbox, he illustrated memorable places and spaces in his travels. The heads of our architecture program, Claudio Vekstein and Elena Rocchi, are coordinating with Jack’s family to organize a retrospective of Jack’s work to celebrate his legacy. The exhibition will open at ASU in fall 2024.

Jack was married to Diane Osby Peterson for 73 years and had three children, Jana, Mark, and Karsten. He was a resident of Paradise Valley for 59 years. He graduated with a Master of Architecture degree with Special Honors from the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, a degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in art and philosophy from St. Olaf College.

In honor of Jack, his family has partnered with the Arizona Architecture Foundation and ASU to establish the Jack Peterson Travel Scholarship. This travel scholarship is intended to help a student visit selected sacred places, spiritual spaces, and historic houses of worship, experiencing their impactful presence. Ultimately, understanding and sharing how people, communities, spirituality and architecture intertwine and enrich our lives. For more details on how you can help fund Jack’s scholarship, visit the Arizona Architecture Foundation website . The first Jack Peterson Travel Prize will be awarded in 2025.

A celebration of life was held on February 24 at 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Phoenix.

Please join me in extending condolences to Jack’s family, friends, colleagues, collaborators and students. His death is a tremendous loss to Arizona, ASU, The Design School, and the architecture field.

With gratitude,

Paola Sanguinetti

Director and Professor
The Design School

Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Arizona State University



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For more information, please contact me!

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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



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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/>

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

Nordic Midwinter



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