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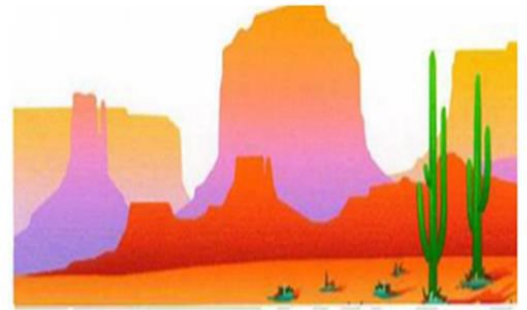
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Here we are, poised on the brink of the Christmas holiday—can you feel it? We're going to get into the action as a lodge with our November meeting:

- The **Desert Fjord Boutique** will be there to offer you an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.
- Our very own Berit Miltun will bring us a program telling of her experiences growing up with Christmas traditions in Oslo!
- And we're asking all who join us to bring a dish to share for our **Holiday Potluck**.
- You're also invited to participate in our lodge's **Bake Sale**—details on page 3.

And there are other events to choose from as you prepare for the holidays. A couple of these are local—the AZ Norseman's Jultrefest (page 8) and the Swedish Christmas Market (see page 7), while Tucson is holding their 42nd annual Nordic Scandinavian Fair. Now you have advance notice—please go mark your calendar so you can enjoy some of these things coming up!

Whatever your plans for the holidays, we hope you can come and spend a couple hours with us in November. This will help you get in the Scandinavian spirit for the holidays! Invite a friend or neighbor to come along. They don't have to be of Norwegian or Scandinavian lineage—our customs, traditions and heritage are something special, something to be proud of and shared!

And whatever else we do, let's pause and give thanks for the richness and beauty of our Viking culture, brought to these shores from a beautiful land far away. With friends and family may you have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

November 12th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Program: Our own Berit Miltun, who originates from Oslo, will speak to us about her childhood experiences of Norwegian Christmas celebrations.



Menu: Norwegian Holiday Potluck

Bring a dish to share

Plates, cups, cutlery (provided)

Coffee and Lemonade (provided)

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 of this defrays building rent)

- Please click [here](#) to register **by November 10th** or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684



The Desert Fjord Boutique

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Will be open at our November meeting—please come prepared to do some of your Christmas shopping!

Desert Fjord Bake Sale

- Please prepare and bring baked items for sale at our November meeting.
- Please plate your baked items; pricing will be done at the meeting.

(It hasn't yet been determined how the proceeds will be used; surely they'll go for a worthy cause.)

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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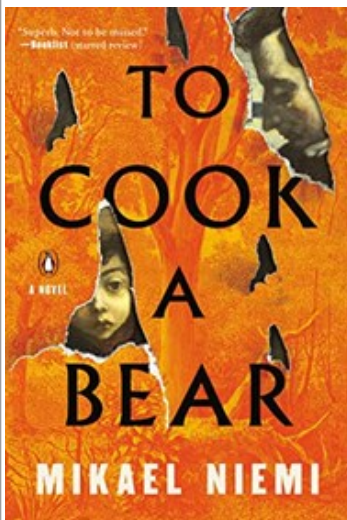
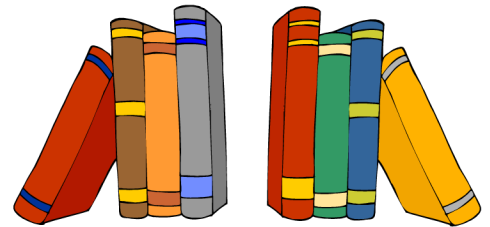
If your contact information changes, please let me know. Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected. I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693; my email address is: lcripley@gmail.com. (You

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

To Cook A Bear

By Mikael Niemi



Jussi, a runaway, becomes Laestadius's faithful son and disciple, and the two set out on botanical treks filled with philosophical discussions where Jussi learns all about plants and nature; and also how to read and write and about spirituality. But their quiet days are interrupted when a maid goes missing in the forest. When she is found dead, the locals suspect a predatory bear is at large. The constable is quick to offer a reward for capturing it, but Laestadius sees other traces that far worse killer on the loose. After another maid is severely injured, Jussi and the pastor work to track down the murderer, unaware of the evil that is closing in on them. For it is revivalist times, and impassioned faith spreads like wildfire among the locals. While Laestadius's powerful Sunday sermons grant salvation to farmers and workers, they gain him enemies among local rulers, who see profits dwindle as people choose revival over alcohol.

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A Swedish author born in 1959, Mikael Niemi grew up in Pajala, a town in Lapland inside the Arctic Circle on the Finnish border. His father's first language was Meänkieli, the local variety of Finnish, but Niemi was raised with his mother's first language, Swedish. His maternal grandmother was Sami. Many of his books contain some Meänkieli language. Much of the inspiration for his writing comes from his own upbringing.



Desert Fjord's Scandinavian Noir

(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)

Novembr 18th at 4 pm

Jana Peterson's Home:

**5901 E Hummingbird Lane,
Paradise Valley, AZ**

RSVP (480) 326-2927

Book this month: *The Ice Beneath Her*

by Camilla Grebe

Bringing snacks is optional



Hello everyone!

My purpose in writing these articles in the newsletter is to make you aware that you have someone that you can contact if you have some questions relating to your financial situations, goals, "etc".

I do not charge any fees. I try to inform you as to what Sons of Norway has to offer with regard to financial products.

Here is one idea ... it's not new as I have talked about it before. It's a Christmas gift for your grandchild or great-grandchild ages 17 and under. It's a Single Premium Life Insurance policy – either \$10,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000 face amount. It covers the child until age 26 at which time your grandchild or great-grandchild has the option to convert it to a permanent policy.

To learn more, please give me a call.

Len Carlson FIC CLU

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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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Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

November Birthdays

Norman C Jenson	3rd
Shirley M Berg	4th
Karl K Haldorsen	6th
Dawn Grove	9th
Michael J Osland	9th
Heather L Kalin	13th



Nicholas J Bergo	14th
Janet Peterson	19th
Madeline Levell	20th
Olivia D Loomis *	21st
Mary A Steinnes	29th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

DECEMBER 2 • 10AM - 2PM



Swedish CHRISTMAS MARKET

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY SWEA ARIZONA

Arts and Crafts

Traditional Swedish ornaments
Swedish homemade baked goods
Fishpond and craft activities
Dance around the Christmas tree
Tombola/Raffle

Café SWEA

"Fika" Coffee with open
face sandwiches, pastries,
Glögg and gingersnaps.

Lucia Choir

at 12:30pm
followed by
Jultomten.

Donation

\$1 for adults
Children under
age 12 free.



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Educational
Association, Inc.
supports education
through scholarships
and various projects
with Swedish
connections.

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NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church | 9424 N. 7th Ave.

FREE Admission

Come celebrate the holiday season with one of our most popular events – the annual *norsk Juletrefest*! Join in on the fun with singing and dancing around the Christmas tree, kids' crafts, raffle prizes, traditional Norwegian *julegrøt*, tasty sweets, and more.

A special North Pole visitor will have treats for the children!

Please bring your favorite Norwegian holiday food or dessert to this potluck event. See you there – *God Jul!*

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Desert Fjord Resources

Looking for information on future meetings, events and Postens?

Desert Fjord web site: <https://desertfjord.org/>

If you are looking for some wonderful Scandinavian recipes, check out:

Sons of Norway web site: <https://www.sofn.com>

As members, we have access to a free, in-depth genealogy club that meets monthly via zoom:

Anthony G (Tony) Hjelmstad, Slektforskningklubb / Genealogy Club



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Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com <https://www.fjelldalen.com/>

Genealogy Club (District 6)

Our Desert Fjord Lodge hosts a monthly Book Club meeting in Jana Peterson's home. Members gather to read and review Scandinavian books with an emphasis on murder mystery's. 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

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/>

**Tucson's 42nd Annual Scandinavian
Nordic Fair
and "Julemarked" Christmas Market
Saturday December 2, 2023 9am to 3pm**



Tucson's 42 Annual Scandinavian
Nordic Fair and Christmas Market
Grand Marshal is
Erin Christiansen from KOLD TV
channel 13



General information about Tucson's 42nd Annual Scandinavian Nordic Fair, Julemarked (Christmas Market)

Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 2nd, 2023 – 9am to 3pm

Streams of the Desert Lutheran Church,

5360 E Pima St, Tucson, AZ 85712

The Grand Marshall of Nordic Fair 2023 will be Erin Christiansen

from KOLD TV 13, Erin is of Danish Descent.

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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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