

# The Posten

October 2020

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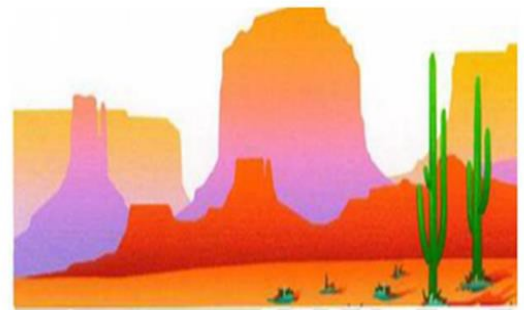
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# SONS OF NORWAY

## Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



### Co-President's Column

We are celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Sons of Norway (SON) this year. However, like most of our other celebrations during this time of COVID, the celebration is primarily virtual. The timing is almost ironic as the founding fathers of (SON) came together during a time of chaos to create an organization, comprised of Norwegian families and friends, that would take care of members during hardships. Many of our ancestors arrived from Norway in the 1880's and 1890's, just before the financial panic of 1893 occurred in the United States. Eighteen Norwegian immigrants living in Minneapolis were from Trondheim. They were familiar with a program in Trondheim where families made a small weekly financial contribution and the pooled funds were used to help those families who had un-planned needs. This model was quickly adopted, and Sons of Norway was founded.



A group of Norwegian men (our founding fathers) met to determine a means to protect one another and their families. Many of these men originated from Trondheim, where in exchange for a small weekly fee, members were given access to medical care. The immigrants built on this idea and started to develop Sons of Norway.



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*Velkommen*



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The purposes and goals of the Founders were to protect members of Sons of Norway and their families from the financial hardships experienced during times of sickness or death in the family. Over time, Sons of Norway's mission has expanded to include the preservation of Norwegian heritage and culture in our Society. We have grown since our beginning; we are now the largest Norwegian organization outside Norway.

Though COVID has resulted in the cancellation of our monthly meetings for the immediate future, I encourage you to reach out to one another and share your story. Why did you join SON? Where did your ancestors come from and what obstacles did they have to overcome? What heritage skill or talent have you engaged in during COVID? We will be offering a "Happy Hour" in early October (read more about it in this issue)

with appropriate social distancing and masks. We look forward to seeing you and learning how you would like to stay connected to Desert Fjord.

Finally, I want to assure you that Sons of Norway and Desert Fjord will persevere and remain a viable organization, long after COVID is gone. Think back on all that has transpired over the past 125 years of history and the impact those events could have had on SON – World Wars, Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, and more. Yet, SON is stronger today than it ever was. For those of you who have concerns regarding the impact on our membership from not holding regular meetings, I have some good news to report. Since April 2020, we have received 8 new members! People have visited our web site and the SON web site, see the value in becoming members and join online via:

[https://www.sofn.com/join\\_or\\_renew/](https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew/)

Ask your friends and family members to consider joining.

To learn more about the history of SON, check out this video on YouTube:

[https://youtu.be/v\\_eZDMuubQk](https://youtu.be/v_eZDMuubQk)

## Membership Matters by Sherrie Loomis, Membership Secretary



Christmas is rapidly approaching and during COVID, it's time to consider virtual gifts. If you have children or grandchildren, consider giving them a membership to Sons of Norway. Desert Fjord Lodge now has 18 Heritage members, children age 15 and younger. They receive the new Viking for Kids magazine, are eligible to attend our District 6 Camp Norge and qualify for a variety of scholarships and grants (Desert Fjord Camper-

ships and Scholarships, District 6 Scholarships and Camperships, Sissel and Roger Espeland Memorial Scholarship, and more) to assist with the costs of attending a College/University and heritage programs such as: Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13), Folkehogskule (ages 14-17), Oslo International Summer School, Norwegian Language Camp, and more.

Sons of Norway also offers a number of insurance and financial products for children. When purchased at a young age, the cost is very reasonable, and the policy provides protection at a time when little needs to be done to qualify for coverage. To learn more about the SON financial products visit: [https://www.sofn.com/financial\\_products/](https://www.sofn.com/financial_products/).

If you know someone who may be interested in joining Sons of Norway and Desert Fjord, have them visit our web site: [www.desertfjord.org](http://www.desertfjord.org). They can join directly via the

Sons of Norway: [https://www.sofn.com/join\\_or\\_renew/](https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew/) and select Scottsdale, Desert Fjord as their Lodge choice. Payment of membership dues can be made with credit cards on the secure site and we receive notice of new members so we can add them to our mailing list for the Posten and invitations to meetings.

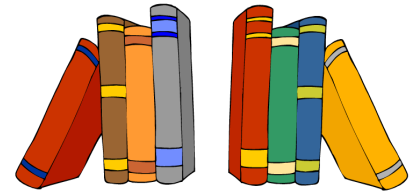
It is with sadness that we report the death of Lodge member Vernon Dahlke. Vern was a regular attendee at our Lodge events. He passed away on May 7, 2020 at the age of 90. He was born in Houlton, Wisconsin and was a graduate of St. Olaf College. He was a successful General Agent for Mutual of Omaha for Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.



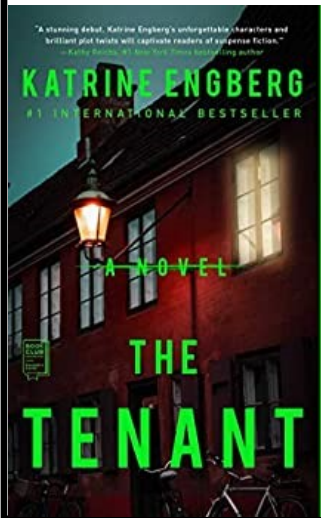
# LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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



This is an electrifying work of literary suspense from international bestseller author Katrine Engberg. A young woman is discovered brutally murdered in her own apartment with an intricate pattern of lines carved into her face. Copenhagen police detectives Korner and Werner are assigned to the crime. Very soon, they establish a connection between the victim and her alcoholic landlady who is writing a novel. The murder mystery story line of the novel parallels real life. The detectives must dig more deeply into the women's past. They need to discover the identity of the brutal puppet master pulling strings in this heart-stopping thriller.



*(A former dancer and choreographer with a background in television and theater, Katrine Engberg launched a groundbreaking career as a novelist with the publication of her fiction debut, **The Tenant**. She is now one of the most widely read and beloved crime authors in Denmark. Her work has been sold in over twenty-five countries. She lives with her family in Copenhagen.)*



*Desert Fjord lodge members make a difference in the world by involvement in community service projects.*

The lodge gets credit for community service. Janis Johnson and Phyllis Bergo have made masks to wear during this pandemic. Janis made 590! They also have been making pillowcase/ drawstring bags for Foster Children. Janis cut fabric to size for 30, Phyllis cut and sewed 20 this week in addition to 15 the previous month. With more families in crisis and more children being removed from danger they need a bag to put their belongings into and not just a garbage bag. There is a constant need. If anyone else wants to participate please call Phyllis 480-812-9762



# JAN PETERSON

## SCANDINAVIAN PAINTINGS



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 presented 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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# Desert Fjord Lodge Event!

*HAPPY HOUR .... the SCANDINAVIAN SPIRIT!*

on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 to 6 pm

at Ascension Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

7100 N. Mockingbird Lane

Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

*(Take Scottsdale Rd. to Hummingbird or Cheney, as Mockingbird is closed south of church. Please enter through South parking lot)*

- Bring a mask-covered smile!
- Please keep socially distanced (6') and bring the beverage of your choice!
- Also – if you want to bring a snack (no sharing), that's fine!
- Please click [here](#) to register for the event or RSVP to Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997.
- 28 people max.

*(donations will be received or a raffle held to help offset cost)*



**District Six President: Luella Grangaard**

District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii - Website: [www.sofn6.org](http://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



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Control+ Left Click on this link:

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

# October Birthdays

Sada Jean Reed	1st
Mary Jane Gordon	3rd
Mike Opoien	11th
Kristin L Hanson	12th
Logan Ronalds *	15th



Barbara B Richey	19th
Brian L Cummings	24th
Richard G Erickson	24th
Timothy Stanley Leeland	28th

\* Heritage Member

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*



## 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

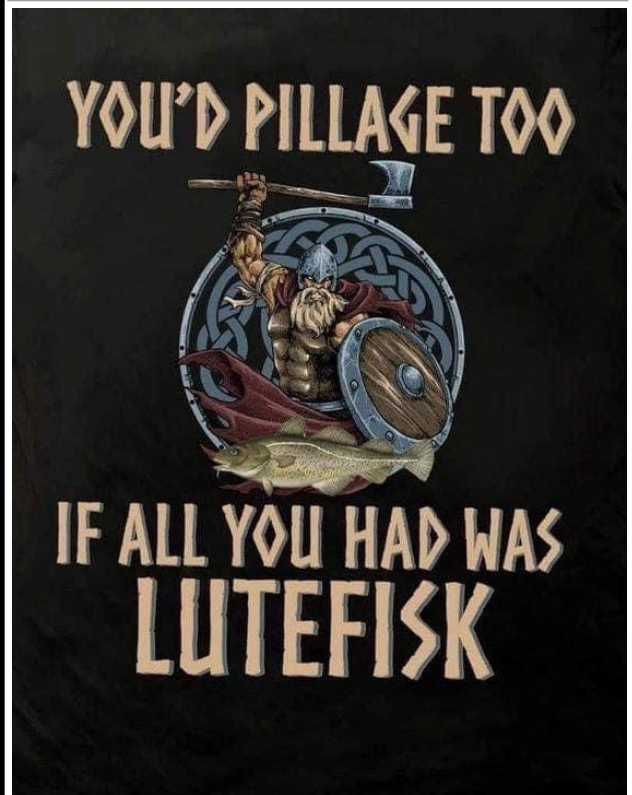
*(this is a story for those of us who have learned to be diligent about hand washing)*

A three year old girl stuck out her hand and said, “Look at the fly I killed, Grandma.”

Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, her grandmother thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with anti-bacterial soap.

After sitting the girl down to finish her pickle, the grandmother asked, with a touch of awe, “How did you kill that fly all by yourself?”

Between bites, she said, “I hit it with my pickle.”



### 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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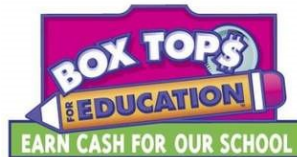
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Sons of Norway International Headquarters Website:

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

**Tubfrim - a Norwegian program that collects and sells cancelled postage stamps to raise funds to aid individuals who are handicapped. Just bring to any of our regular meetings; put your name on the bag or box so your name gets put into the drawing.**



<http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>