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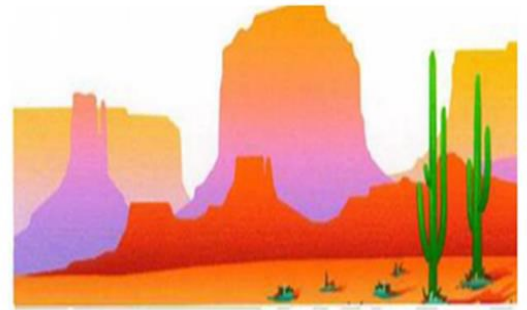
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Many years December gets too busy to make a lodge meeting feasible. This year might be the same, but we wanted to have a Julebord; sadly, our place to meet was unavailable on the two dates that could work for us.

Don't despair! We're welcome at the AZ Norseman's **Jultrefest** December 8th ... a fun event for young and old alike. *Details for this on page 6.*

Then go to Overtro Fjell's **Scandinavian Fest** December 14th. Enjoy the baked goods and Scandinavian gift items there. This is a great fund raiser for the Mesa lodge and it deserves our support. (Attending the **Scandinavian Fest** qualifies for our Attendance Contest—one more bonus for you) *Details on the next page.*

Desert Fjord hasn't done anything recently to encourage members to pursue the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. There are more than ten skills to choose from. Each one consists of three levels of skill-specific activities that can be completed on your own or as part of a lodge group or class. FYI—our lodge's Viking Book and Wine Club plans to tackle the SON Literature Cultural Skill. To find out more about the Cultural Skills Program click here: [Cultural Skills](#)

Check it out ... this could be the beginning of a New Year's resolution for you!

Throughout this busy but blessed season may you have special, memorable moments with family and friends—with or without the lutefisk and lefse!



Velkommen

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!



Many of us don't realize the wide range of benefits we've tapped into by joining Sons of Norway. I invite you to click on the tab below to discover some things you may have missed or overlooked:

BENEFITS

The Benefits of Membership

When you get to the point where you're curious about your Norwegian ancestry, an important next step is to join Sons of Norway—get involved with others who are on the same journey. Be it Viking music, literature, folk dance, cuisine or something else that's grabbed your attention, you've embarked on a quest that promises to open up the treasures of your unique culture and heritage.

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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 or my email address: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

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Scandinavian Fest

Sat., December 14
10 am to 2 pm
Free admission

Our saviors Lutheran church
612 S. Ellsworth (between Broadway and Southern) - Mesa, AZ

Enjoy Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Finnish gifts and décor. Rosemaling, Hardanger, Gnomes, Scandinavian items and gifts for purchase. And much more!!

This is your place to get delicious homemade baked goods just in time for the Christmas holiday. There will be a wide selection of Norwegian specialties such as lefse, krumkake, almond cake, cookies, bars, breads, and much more.

While you're there you will also find pølse in lefse, rømmegrøt, hjertevaffer (heart waffles), etc to enjoy with your coffee!

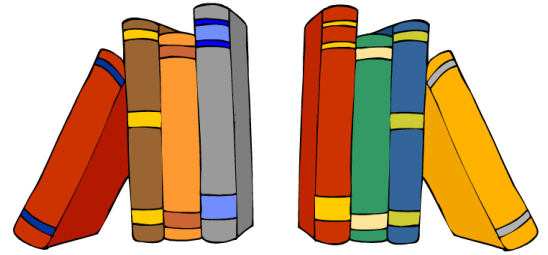


LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

Black Ice

By Carin Gerhardsen



In the snow-covered silence of Swedish midwinter, a terrible accident and a deadly secret draws several strangers together...

January in Gotland. The days are short, the air is cold, and all the roads are covered in snow. On a deserted, icy backroad, these wintry conditions will soon bring together a group of strangers with a force devastating enough to change their lives forever when, in the midst of a brief period, a deadly accident and two separate crimes leave victims in their wake.

Four years later a single phone call is all it takes to bring back the terror of that day and to set in motion a plot for revenge. For Sandra it started as an unremarkable wintry day of shopping followed by a kind gesture from a stranger. For Jeanette it began with the thrill of an illicit rendezvous with her lover. Both women had driven past the same icy ravine, but only one was in the car that caused a deadly crash, and only one left a man to die alone in the snow.

Each carried a secret from that day, a secret that, if revealed, could connect them to a larger, more terrible transgression... And there is someone out there who knows the whole picture, and who would rather kill than allow it all to come to light

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Born in Katrineholm, Sweden, **Carin Gerhardsen** is a Swedish author of crime fiction. Originally a mathematician, she worked as an IT-consultant before becoming a full-time writer. Her mathematical knowledge is visible in her novels, which contain advanced calculated intrigues. Her popular book series *The Hammarby Series*, circles around Detective Inspector Conny Sjöberg and his team solving cruel and brutal murders in the southern parts of Stockholm. In 2012 her first novel in the series *The Gingerbread House* was released in America by the publishing house Stockholm Text.



Jul Bazaar 2024—some of us worked while others ate a great lunch, browsed the vendors' tables and took advantage of a beautiful day in Phoenix ... enjoying some conversation on the outdoor patio.

District Six President: Lis Barca

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

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/>

December Birthdays

Jonathan B Loomis 3rd
Jana Louise Peterson 4th
Elizabeth A Berger 17th
Carol L Blackwell 18th
Julie L Westby 18th



Donald N Steinnes 23rd
Neil Heggem 25th
Earl Fuchs 29th
Phyllis Dahlk Bergo 31st

*** Heritage Member**

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

Reasons to attend the Desert Fjord lodge meeting.....

Besides interesting programs, good food and
wonderful fellowship with friends,
now there is another reason to attend.

~Attendance Contest~

For everyone who attends four out of the regular lodge meetings their name will be entered into the Attendance Contest. (during months when lodge



meetings aren't held, other contest-qualifying events will be announced in the Posten)

At the April meeting, two names will be drawn and those 2 lucky individuals will have their Sons of

Norway membership paid for one year.

(Membership dues have gone up to \$84 for individuals, so this is a great deal. If a winner is part of a family membership, the \$84 will go towards the family membership total.)



Sons of Norway introduced a new annuity product recently called the *Multi-Year Guarantee Annuity*. You can choose either a 3, 5 or 7 year annuity where the interest rate is guaranteed for either 3, 5 or 7 years. The minimum guaranteed rate is 3%, the 3 and 5 year annuity current rate is 4% and the 7 year annuity current rate is 4.10%.

Other features:

- Protect your principal and gains during market volatility
- Take advantage of tax-deferred growth potential
- Position your assets to keep pace with inflation
- Have access to penalty-free withdrawals
- Receive guaranteed income for life
- Pay zero fees

Please contact me for additional details

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NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2024

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's Scandinavian Noir

(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)

December 7th at 4 pm

Jana Peterson's Home:

5901 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

RSVP (480) 326-2927

This month we're embarking on the Sons of Norway
Literature Cultural Skills journey. Please come and join
us!



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Bringing snacks is optional

Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Posters?*
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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Highlands Ranch, CO 80130
303-324-5381 (c)



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

- *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/>



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Mission Statement:

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate our relationship with other Scandinavian countries.

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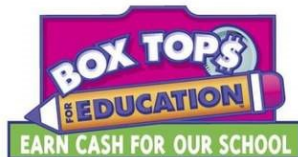
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