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May 2026



Board Meetings

Third Tuesday at 6:30

Zoom Board Meeting

All members are invited

Regular Meetings

September – May
4th Monday each
month at 6:00 PM

Columbian Hall

6794 Martin Way E
Olympia, WA 98516

Need directions?

Have a question about an upcoming meeting or event?

Contact Jim This
360-870-5820

Syttende Mai Dinner
Monday, May 18,
2026

6:00 PM

Fra Presidenten



Hei Hei:

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 18th. We will be celebrating Norway's National Day—Syttende Mai—with a no-host cocktail hour and dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Talon Grill, located at the Golf Courses at Hawks Prairie, 8383 Vicwood Lane in Lacey. \$10 per member, \$40 per guest. Contact me right away if you'd like to attend and haven't RSVP'd yet.

In addition to dinner, we will enjoy a performance by local artists Anna Abraham and Leslie Foley, both playing the nyckelharpa. Norwegian attire is encouraged.

Lefse-Making Night – Monday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m.

We're turning our regular meeting night into a special lefse-making event designed to welcome prospective new members. We've invited guests who showed interest in Sons of Norway at Norway Day, and we encourage you to bring a neighbor or friend who might enjoy joining our lodge.

We'll roll, grill, and sample fresh lefse—and everyone will go home with a delicious treat.

The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner. To ensure we have enough dough and ingredients for all participants, please let Betsy know if you plan to attend.

RSVP to Betsy by May 20:

Email: ebunky@hotmail.com

Text: (360) 789-8607

Remember also that the May meeting will be our last one before our summer pause. Our next regular meeting will be on September 28th. See you at the Syttende Mai dinner! Tusen takk!

Jim

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2026
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**Hovedstad Lodge No. 2-094
Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2026 6:00 pm**

LIGHT DINNER

CALL TO ORDER - The business meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. by President, Jim This.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Dianne Pfundt Ted Fosburg, the Troll Guy and his wife Helen and daughter Karen Fosberg, Laurel Backstrom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH MEETING - The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. Bob and seconded by John.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer Joanne Gray reported the checking account balance the end of February was \$7176.73. Trustee Kevan Hagen reported that our investment account balance the end of February was \$129,641.85. These reports were approved unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS (AS NECESSARY)

No negative findings nor any inaccuracies in any of the Lodge financial records reviewed for calendar year 2025. In our judgement all proper accounting policies, procedures and regulations were followed. Treasurer Joanne Gray is doing an exceptionally fine job and should be commended for her volunteer efforts.

Vice President – 98 members, grew by 2 so we have 100 members.

COMMUNICATION

Letter from Timberland Library was read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Norway Day

Total bake sale \$2,838, café \$7,056, door \$1,571, lobby door \$741 –Total \$12,206
quilt \$500

Scholarship Committee Report

1 application was received for \$2,500

Syttende Mai Dinner – May 18, 2026 – Talon Grill

Viking days that weekend and Ballard has an event.

Lefse Open House

May 25 invited for a lefsa making evening.

District Convention

May 28-30—Delegates, Betsy, Kevan, Linda

PROGRAM

Ted Fosberg, a fellow Sons of Norway member from the Mercer Island lodge. Ted will share the remarkable work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo, who has created six large-scale Troll sculptures here in the Pacific Northwest—and more than 100 others around the world. Ted donated his fee back to the Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD OF THE ORDER

SUMMER MEETING RECESS – RESTART ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

Trollhagen – adult heritage retreat Sept 18-20 \$160 2 nights lodging, Saturday and Sunday through lunch. First time attendee - Lodge will pay tuition. Lodge pays half tuition for future programs. Check District 2 website for more information.

Gave Ron a gift card and thanked him for his service.

Hovedstad Lodge Promotes Nordic Authors

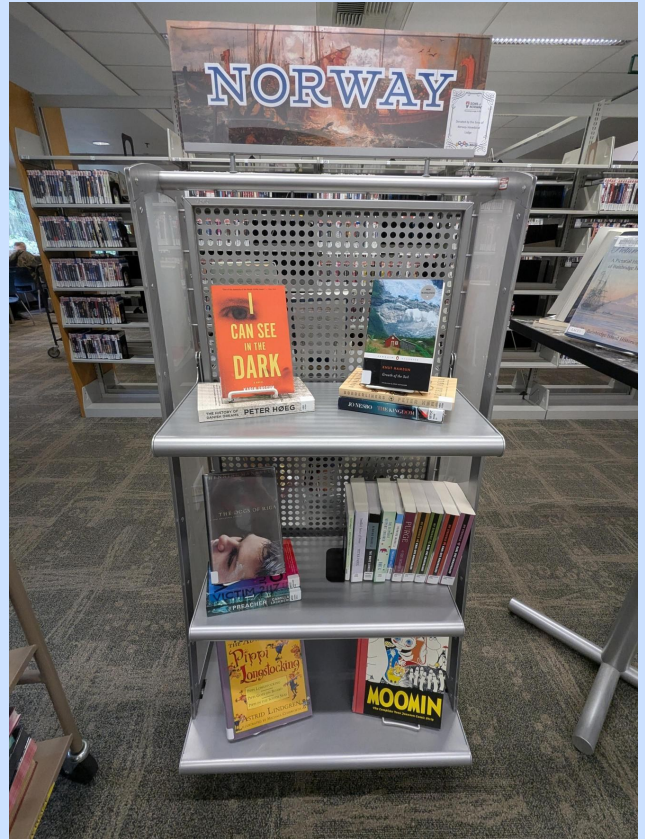
If you are a book worm, and are constantly looking for your next great read, may we suggest checking out fiction by a few Nordic authors? Timberland Library locations in the Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater area have been gifted a variety of fiction books penned by Nordic authors, thanks to a generous donation by the Hovedstad Lodge. They are now on shelves and available for check-out! You will find books by authors from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. Here are the books that were purchased with our donation, by country:

NORWAY:

Growth of the Soil, by Knut Hamsun
Mysteries, by Knut Hamsun
I Can See in the Dark, by Karin Fossum
My Struggle, Books 1-4, by Karl Ove Knausgaard
Spring, by Karl Ove Knausgaard
The Kingdom, by Jo Nesbo

SWEDEN:

After the Fire, by Henning Mankell
Faceless Killers, by Henning Mankell
The Eye of the Leopard, by Henning Mankell
The Dogs of Riga, by Henning Mankell
The White Lioness, by Henning Mankell
The Man Who Smiled, by Henning Mankell
Around the Year, by Elsa Beskow
Children of the Forest, by Elsa Beskow
Emily and Daisy, by Elsa Beskow
The Ice Princess, by Camilla Lackberg
The Preacher, by Camilla Lackberg
The Stonecutter, by Camilla Lackberg
The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren
Ronia, The Robber's Daughter, by Astrid Lindgren
The Fearless Little Farm Boy, by Astrid Lindgren
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, by Stieg Larsson



DENMARK:

Borderliners, by Peter Hoeg
Smilla's Sense of Snow, by Peter Hoeg
The Elephant Keeper's Children, By Peter Hoeg
The History of Danish Dreams, by Peter Hoeg
Out of Africa, by Isak Dinesen
Seven Gothic Tales, by Isak Dinesen
Victim 2117: A Department Q Novel, by Jussi Adler-Olsen

FINLAND:

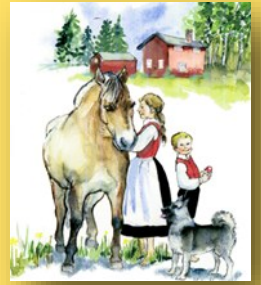
Moomin: Book One, by Tove Jansson
Comet in Moominland, by Tove Jansson
Purge, by Sofi Oksanen

ICELAND:

Cab 79, by Arnaldur Indridason

Norway Day 2026

What a great day! Folks from Olympia and the surrounding areas made their way to the Expo Center at the Thurston County Fairgrounds to enjoy the 18th annual Norway Day. They enjoyed the Norwegian Elkhounds, a beautiful Fjord horse that completely ignored her adoring visitors, and Vikings on the grounds. Inside, visitors enjoyed Scandinavian music, visited vendors featuring Scandinavian merchandise, enjoyed unique menu items at the Nordic Café, and made a fast trip to the extraordinary, delicious bake sale. The bake sale sold out in less than hour, much to the disappointment of those who came too late. In case you missed it this year, mark you calendar for Saturday, April 17, 2027 so you won't miss us!

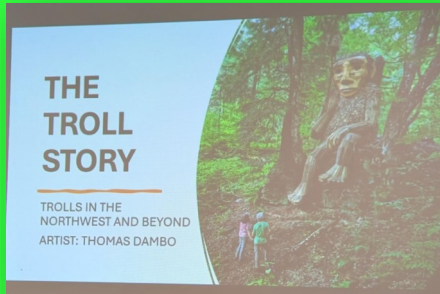


Contributed by Joanne Gray, Norway Day Chair



Learning About the Dambo Trolls

At our April lodge meeting, we invited Mercer Island lodge member Ted Fosberg to come and share his knowledge of the Pacific Northwest Trolls created by Danish artist Thomas Dambo. Ted told us about Dambo's fairy tale that he developed to incorporate many of the trolls he has placed around the United States, called the "Way of the Bird King". In the tale, he weaves his concern for our environment as he sends Little Oscar around to visit other trolls, learning as he goes, and eventually becoming King Oscar the Bird King, which is the troll that resides on Vashon Island. It was a fascinating and informative presentation.



Fosberg shared his multi-media story



Ted Fosberg, regaling us with the fairy tale "Way of the Bird King"



Little Oscar, who eventually becomes King Oscar the Bird King



Thomas Dambo's Troll-creating crew



Lodge member Line Anderson was the winner of a souvenir troll given away in honor of the Troll presentation

Quilt Ruffled Off to Benefit Chemo Care Project

Richelle Geiger is the lucky winner of this beautiful handmade quilt. Jane Howard, Prillar Guri member and quiltmaker donated the quilt with proceeds to be donated to the Chemo Care project sponsored by the Prillar Guri and Hovedstad Lodges. The project provides comfort products for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Richelle attended Norway Day where she purchased the winning ticket. Congratulations Richelle!



Mark Your Calendar

May 25 —Lefse Making, Columbian Hall, 6pm **(RSVP by 5/20)**

June 19-21 – Astoria, OR Midsummer Festival

www.astoriascanfest.com

July 12 — Border Festival Picnic, Blaine, WA, 11am

July 18 — Steak Fry at Trollhaugen, 10 am

September 28 — First Hovedstad Lodge meeting of the fall! 6:00 at the Columbian Hall



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Check out our website! <https://olysonsofnorway.org>



SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT 2



**DOREEN J PARKER HERITAGE
RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026**

Do you craft? Do you carve? Do you rosemaling?
Do you want to learn... **YOU are in luck!**

Come join us in the beautiful Cascade Mountains at Trollhaugen.
Some of the activities to choose from are Rosemaling,
Woodcarving and Hardangersøm
(Depending on instructors)

Registration fee of \$160 (\$170 after September 1st) Per Person
This includes all meals, class supplies and a bed
Mail checks made out to: Heritage Retreat
Paula Boerner
201 29th St
Hoquiam WA 98550

What to Bring:

Bring your bedding for a twin bed, shower supplies (towels & toiletries)

Don't Miss Out... This is the one and only heritage retreat this year. Your check will reserve this limited opportunity. Call a friend and let's set a goal of 25 plus campers!

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