

Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Leif Erikson Day 9th of October 2024

Vice President's Message for October



It is great to be back from our busy summers as lodge membership meetings begin again. A good time to meet with friends and to share in our interest in Norwegian heritage while promoting the mission of our lodge. We had a fun one in September with learning about rescue dogs, hearing about the summer camp at Trollhaugen and a wonderful, if sad, going away celebration for our retiring caretaker Gary DeLeone. Gary has done so much for us beyond his caretaker duties in the many years he lived up on the third floor and tended to our lodge functions. We will surely miss him and he promises to come back in about 5 months to visit. Happy trails to him and his wife Susan.

Our next major function is the Leif Erikson Bazaar on October 26 and 27th so be sure to save the date. The planning committee has already been working hard for this event which is our major lodge fundraiser and is also our 118th annual bazaar. Come out and share in the fun where you can meet friends and invite your neighbors to a decorated welcoming place in our lodge. We can all find delicious food, tasty special Norwegian treats, wonderful vendor offerings, raffles, on-line and silent auctions and even shop for Christmas. This annual event is a big support for our cause of promoting and retaining our Norwegian heritage and culture while maintaining our exceptional building and meeting place.

Also please come out and volunteer to lend a hand if you can. There are many opportunities to get involved. Come to the next lodge meeting, talk to someone in the office or contact me to help with some of the preparation work and for the festivities on October 26 and or 27th. Getting involved is a great way to get to know fellow lodge members as well as supporting the work of our lodge.

Also coming up is the lodge officer election in November. There are open positions on the board and the nominating committee is looking for perspective officers. This is important because having more voices brings in more ways to work for our common goals as well as being part of our lodge leadership. Our lodge has been going a long time now. We can make that continue with our great membership.

Tusen Takk!
Ken Bartanen

Leif Erikson Day Member's Dinner & Meeting

*Social 5:30 PM | Dinner 6:00 PM / Program 6:45 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM*



We've discovered Leif Erikson Day lands on the 9th of October, which is also our monthly Member's Dinner and Meeting on this particular Wednesday. So join us for this event in theme and Nordic spirit, whether a viking costume or just your koselig wool sweater.

For our dinner menu, we will have a lovely three course salmon meal, catered by Alison, one of the owners of the classic Ballard Lock Spot Cafe. For reservations, please sign-up on the clip board located on the bulletin board, across from Kaffestua, or you may call 206-783-1274. It is imperative to have reservations in by Monday the 7th, noon.

For your musical entertainment, Skandia Kapell will perform their inspirational traditional Nordic music. It wouldn't be Leif Erikson Day without Keynote Speakers Kristine Leander from the Leif Erikson Foundation and Jerry Thorsen - Foundation Director. Velkommen til oss!

Kathy Buholm
Cultural Director

Sons of Norway Cultural Mission:

The promotion and preservation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries. Leif Erikson Lodge is committed to complying with this mission in all that we do.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Leif Erikson Lodge acknowledges our lodge stands on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people past and present, and honors with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish people.

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LEL Lodge Rep. Doug Warne

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Hallo fra the Kaffestua!

October 2024 Dates

We will be open all Wednesdays and Fridays during the month from 10 AM - 2 PM

1st Saturday Kaffestua will be on the 12th

this month due to other commitments, 10 AM - 2 PM

NEW! 3rd Sunday Kaffestua is the 20th, 10 AM - 2 PM

Information submitted by Kaffestua crew.



New Phone Number, Email or Address?

Let us know! Email Wendy at LEL.memberships@gmail.com. Or go to the SON website - www.sofn.com and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for a longer time period. If you have a new email, contact the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net.

Vikingen

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 981073134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe **Phone:** 206-783-1274 **Web page:** www.LeifEriksonLodge.org **Email:** leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net **Email:** LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net **Membership Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following Membership meeting. The Vikingen has been published since 1945. Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903.

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter let us know at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net or call the LEL office and leave a message; 206-783-1274.

Not receiving the e-news? Sign up for e-news by emailing leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. This email comes out several times a month and provides an update to Lodge events and activities, as well as links to the Vikingen, renewing your membership and volunteering at the Lodge.



News from Norway Park for October 2024

Report from Erik-Bjarne Witzøe

As the first autumn leaves gently fall, the fading memories of Sankt Hans, picnics, swimming, and fishing still bring a smile of summer's experience. It's time to get your favorite Norsk sweater out of storage with the cooler evenings ahead, and before you know it, the December Julebord is here.

The Nødvendig (the red washroom building) lower park recently had an emergency with a sewage backup in August during a rental event. The cost, totaling \$4,100 to hire a plumber out of urgency, was able to get the system up and running after guests panicked. It's always a good reminder to be conscious about what is being flushed.

The Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WSDFW) has notified LERA that the second phase of the culvert, the stream in the lower park, must be completed. Therefore, the LERA Board overwhelmingly approved the reinstatement of the Lower Park Stream Committee to work in tandem with the state. The committee will be spearheaded by Bjørn Lunde, who diligently worked on it over the past decade. A date for the second phase is imminent, and an update will be published.

The Berg Pavilion paint project is well underway. Colors are being mixed, and supplies are being purchased. The first batch is dipped by paint brushes and rollers, which soak up paint in trays. We are still looking for volunteers with flexible scheduling. Contact Madeline at jasne@comcast.net. The project will continue until October.

Takk skal du ha to Grace Schroder and family members for a painting update on Bekkestua. We are grateful for all the work our members volunteer for at Norway Park.



Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2024

LERA - Norway Park

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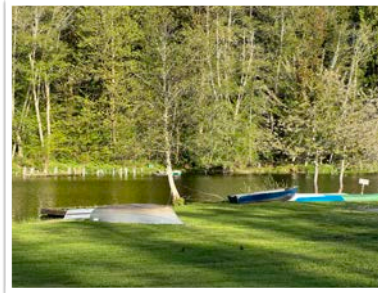
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REMINDER: Boat Storage: Any boats that have been on the ground most of the winter should be removed. Norway Park is a recreation association so we should allow small boats by the boat dock area during the summer. The caretaker is asked to weed-trim around the boats, but is not expected to move them in order to mow. Any boat left at the beach should be marked with lot# of the owner. Boats can be stored down the trail at the end of campground as long as they are stuffed in the brush and at your own risk, the only issue is they are out of site and could easily be stolen since out of sight. Any boats left at the beach after Labor Day weekend will be donated to the Lake McMurray Fire Department for their fundraising of the building repair and new fire truck. *THIS MEANS BY THE LAKE AND ON THE TRAIL, Tusen takk for your cooperation!*

BIBLIOTEK

The library at the lodge accepts many Norwegian/Scandinavian-oriented book donations from generous and thoughtful members. We receive quite a lot of books by the contemporary Norwegian author, Jo Nesbø! As you know Nesbø is the master of the Norsk Krim genre, and is the best-selling Norwegian author of all time. His works have been translated into over fifty languages and have sold millions worldwide. The books are page turners with interesting characters and unique plot twists interspersed with the right amount of action and comedy, such as the famous Harry Hole detective series. Many of his books have been made into movies including The Snowman 2017, Headhunters 2011, Occupied 2015, The Hanging Sun 2022, Exit 2019, Jackpot 2011. However, Nesbø himself claims that his favorite genre is **HORROR** and as a child he was always telling ghost stories to his friends. Since it is the **Halloween** season a good book to settle into late at night would be one of his only true horror books published just last year called "**THE NIGHT HOUSE**", which is also available to listen to on **audible.com**!



Our library hours are currently by appointment only.

Contact one of the co-librarians;
An-Magrith Erlandsen or Ariane Westin-McCaw

Norsk Hilsen!



Det har vært kongelig norsk bryllup! Den 31. august giftet den fraskilte prinsesse Märtha Louise 53, mor av tre, med en yngre amerikansk mann Durek Verret, 49, aka; Shaman Durek etter å ha vært forlovet i to år.

De hadde tre dagers bryllupsfeiring i Geiranger på Vestlandet. De tillot imidlertid ikke lokale norske medier å dekke bryllupet, da de hadde solgt rettighetene til det britiske Hello magazine. Det ble ikke mye feiring i gatene i Norge ettersom landet har vært delt om prinsessens valg av ektemann. Hvis du husker landet var også delt da prins Haakon giftet seg med alenemoren Mette-Marit i 2001, men det har blitt et flott partnerskap som har gitt oss den søte fremtidige dronningen Ingrid Alexandra og den kjekke yngre prinsen Sverre Magnus. Så hurra og gratulerer at Märtha endelig har funnet en livslang følgesvenn å dele resten av livet sitt med.



YOUTH GROUP

Happy Fall! This is one of our most favorite seasons of the year. I think everyone loves colorful leaves, cooler weather and Pumpkin Spice everything. It's that time of year for one of our most popular activities.

The Youth Group will be **CARVING PUMPKINS** on **October 9, 2024!** We will meet in the **Kaffestua** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

For supper the children will be served pizza and a drink. The lodge will provide the pizza and pumpkins. This is a fun multigenerational event, and we strongly encourage Parents and Grandparents to join us.

We look forward to seeing everyone for Pizza and Pumpkin carving!



**Take a Sneak Peek at upcoming events.
 December 15, 2024 - The Children's Christmas Party.**

As always, if you have any questions please call or email us.

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Come on get Happy! Skål på deg!

Submitted by Doug Warne

The 12th of October will be an opportunity to meet members you don't know well or have never met. We hope to see you all from 5 PM to 8 PM this monthly 2nd Saturday. New members are particularly invited, and guests are always welcome. Happy Hour is from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. It is an easy time in a small, informal setting to get acquainted with members who are new to you or the Lodge.

Tickets for the first drawing at about 6:00 PM are obtained by bringing something to share on the snack table. Entry price to the event is still only five dollars for snacks and two drinks (*coffee, pop, wine, beer, or spirits*). Regular Raffle tickets are a dollar, and we have some very interesting things for prizes. Each month there is some free game with some very nice prizes. We have played Left - Right - Center, Mexican Bingo, and "Stump the Judge. Hope to see you all from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the monthly 2nd Saturday, October 12th.

Farvel! Farewell Gary & Susan!



Mange takk! Many thanks to Gary & Susan De Leon for the many years serving as caretakers at Leif Erikson Lodge. From what we understand, they will be residing back in the Philippines, in retirement. They were recognized at the September meeting and the last day of their service to our lodge is the 1st of October. Best wishes to Gary and Susan.

Leikarringen Liaisons

Our regular dance practices began September 10th and please remember, **All Are Warmly Welcomed!** We practice on **Tuesdays** in the lodge meeting room from **5-7 pm** and are lucky to have live music to accompany our dancing from fiddler Bill Boyd and Nancy Morrison on recorder.

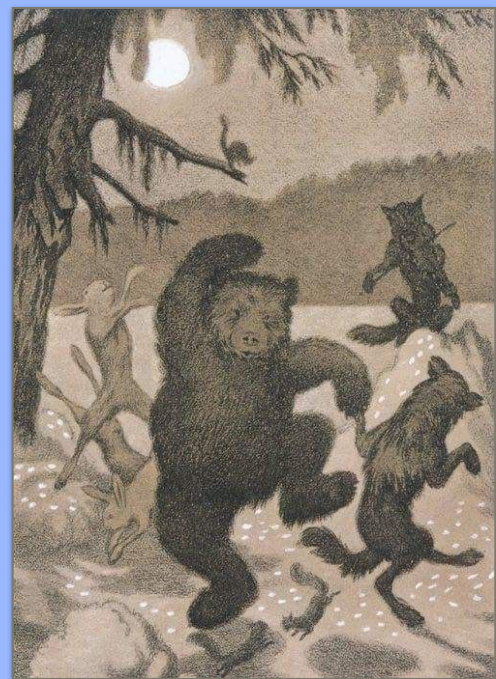
The first Tuesday of each month is our party night towards the end of our practicing and gives us more chances to socialize with friends old and new.

We are currently working hard on making our crafts for sale at our **LKR table** for the Lodge's **Bazaar on October 26 and 27th**. We are also so lucky to have wonderful bakers that make many of our cookies offered at this event and many volunteers to cook and staff in the kitchen, serve, cashier, set up and take down tables, bus the tables and all the many needed duties to make this lodge function a success.

We are happy to be a part of the lodge to support it and in turn which supports us as well in so many ways.

In addition to practicing and performing, we are getting ready for our next big function which is our **65th Anniversary Party**. Please save the date for this important event on **Sunday, February 23rd** from **1pm - 5 pm** in the Lodge meeting room. *More information to come!*

- Sheila Bartanen, President



Theodor Severin Kittelsen (1857-1914), *Dans i måneglans*

The Annual Leif Erikson Lodge Bazaar 2024



Our biggest event of the year will soon be here! It's a great time to meet up with friends and relatives and meet new people! We have some favorite vendors returning, including Judy's Painted Treasures, Blue Ice Jewelry, Kristine's Wheat Sheaves, Stolthet Aquavit, Pat and Tammy's jewelry and children's clothes, and some new vendors, too. Norna, Ditt og Datt, and Book Nook have some great deals. Try out your chances in Tombola and the spot raffles. Lots of prizes to receive! Look for your Big Tickets in the mail if you bought raffle tickets in the past!

Donations of filled baskets for our center table, vintage, gently used items, books, and Nordic items are needed in many areas of our Nordic Market and Bazaar. There will be raffles, Tombola, gorgeous center table baskets, silent auctions, an online auction, Nordic vendors, Norwegian delicacies, rømmegrøt, beautiful smørbrød –open-face sandwiches, and lots of coffee! Join us on October 26 and 27 at Leif Erikson Hall.

BIG TICKET RAFFLE

Our BIG Golden Raffle Tickets will be mailed soon, or you can pick up tickets in the office on Wednesdays or Fridays (10 AM-2 PM), or you can order them by mailing in your check to:
Leif Erikson Lodge Bazaar, 2245 NW 57th St, Seattle WA 98107. Tickets are \$20 each.

- 1st Prize:** \$1000 cash prize (you can buy a plane ticket to Norway or ?)
 - 2nd Prize:** \$500 Seattle Symphony with a stay at Hotel Andra in Seattle
 - 3rd Prize:** \$300 gift certificate for Scandinavian Specialties
 - 4th Prize:** \$199 value for Skål Beer Hall Lifetime Mug Club Membership
- Our drawing happens around 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 27.

BIDDING OWL ONLINE AUCTION FOR NORDIC MARKET AND BAZAAR

Our online auction opens on October 20 and lasts until October 26. Find artwork, including several from Yngvar Sonnichsen, who is one of the painters of the murals, mountain retreat, a week's stay in Kauai Hawaii, pontoon boat ride, gift cards, and many special vintage and other Norwegian/Nordic items to bid on. New items are being added almost every day. You can donate to the lodge, building renovations, get your limited edition Vinland mug, and/or car wash tickets.

Here's the link

<https://new.biddingowl.com/LeifEriksonLodgeBazaarSeattle2024> or you can use the QR code to get to the site.

Article submitted by LEL Bazaar Committee.



BAZAAR

NORDIC MARKET 2024

Sons of Norway • Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 • The 118TH Annual Bazaar

26 October - Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

27 October - Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM

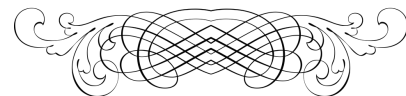
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Ornamental Woodcarving Classes

by Mark Olsen

Classes at Leif Erikson Lodge - The Norna Room

Beginners: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248104>

Continuing classes: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6248065>

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Leif Erikson Lodge Memberships & Passings

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 Ava Olels (Child)
 Jared Sadowsky
 Tandi Sadowsky (Spouse)
 Stephen Wickleder



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Rachel Helgevold from Edmonds lodge
 Makaela Black from Central

Obituaries:

Caroline Rasmussen
 Hazel Marie Hamlin Hamilton
 Einar Gregory Fallmyr
 Marilyn Eldora Fuller
 Trygve Johan Bjørndal
 Norman I Ness
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Friends & Relatives of Members of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001

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October 2024 Birthday Greetings

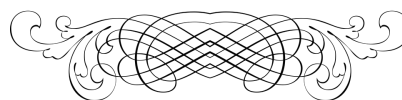
Happy Birthday to all our members with October birthdays! Carol G, Lisa G, Unni G., Koll H., Magni H., Qing H., Steve H., Jon J., Beth K., Helga M., Eric N., William Z., Patricia K., Ronald B., Patricia B., Noreen J.

Our youngest members are Nathan E., Emily B., Decatur E., Sylvie H., Lerris H, Annabelle K., Caiden L., Aurora L., Emma K., Einar P., Lucy P., Tess S.,

Our most senior members are Helen K., Sally R., Gunnar U. Our most senior member for October is Gerd J. Gratulerer!

We're sorry we can't list all the Birthday celebrants as there is just not enough room in our newsletter!

Gratulerer med dagen fra oss!



Hurra for deg! Lodge members birthdays celebrated at the September meeting. Birthdays from July - September 2024.

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Please notify Wendy Forselius of any changes in Name, Address, or Phone Numbers. Please also let her know of a death of a family member LELmemberships@gmail.com

Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar of What's Happening -Hva skjer

- 03 Oct.** - *Wed.* **Board Meeting** (Zoom) at 7:00 PM (Link emailed to board members)
- 05 Oct.** - *Sat.* **Ski-For-Light Dinner Dance.** Bothell Sons of Norway (See Media Post)
- 08 Oct.** - *Tues.* **LERA Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM at Bekkestua (Norway Park)
- 09. Oct.** - *Wed.* **Pumpkin Carving** for all ages in the Kaffestua! 6 - 7:30 PM
- 09 Oct.** - *Wed.* **Leif Erikson Day Membership Dinner & Meeting.** Doors at 5:30 PM
- 12 Oct.** - *Sat.* **First Saturday of Kaffestua** - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 12 Oct.** - *Sat.* **Happy Hour** in Kaffestua - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 26 - 27 Oct.** - *Sat. & Sun.* **LEL Bazaar** - Nordic Market - (See Media Post)

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Contact Marianne for details. marianne@ballardhealthclub.com
Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall Wednesdays 11:15 AM 12:00 PM. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that. LEL Zoom information:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189> Meeting ID: 915 582 1189; Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 2158782.

Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities. www.leiferiksonlodge.org
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