

Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Happy Thanksgiving Day 2024

A Note From the Vice President

October has brought many shades of color, and the lodge is also actively making changes. The membership meeting was a wonderful night. Skandia Kapell and Kristine Leander spoke about Leif Erikson on Leif Erikson Day, and Jerry Thorsen spoke about fundraising for the Sons of Norway Foundation. This Foundation provides scholarships and grants to people applying for continuing education and other honorable causes. Kathy Buholm had done a fantastic job setting up and arranging the scheduling and even brought the lingonberries. We are fortunate to have our members working together as we change with the seasons. Diana Malone and Carol Smith received Tusen Takk awards for their dedicated service. Gail Engler received an award from Christine Anderson for her tireless work, particularly as Vice President in 2023. The Man and Woman of the Year pictures are up in the hallway, with John Knudsen and Theresa Nilsen holding the honors for this new season.

Our annual Bazaar is now finished. Thank you very much to everyone who helped make this event successful. All our volunteers did an outstanding job, which shows what teamwork can accomplish while we enjoy ourselves.

The holidays are approaching, and we can have some great times catching up at Kaffestua, which can help by being a place to pause, check-in, and catch up. Please volunteer to help if you can spare a Wednesday and Friday, the second Saturday, or the new third Sunday, which focuses on learning Norwegian.

The nominating committee will announce the officer nominations for our November voting. It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President this year.

Mange takk!
Kenneth Bartanen



November Membership Dinner & Meeting

13th of November, Wednesday

*Social 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, Program 6:45 PM,
Meeting 7:00 PM*

Dear Friends and Norwegians, November is the month of the Thanksgiving holiday. I asked my dear friend Signe, 96, "What is your secret to a long and positive life?" She said, "Always count your blessings!" So, during this month of Thanksgiving, I hope we all remember to count our blessings: family, friends, home, Norwegian heritage, and all the goodness in our lives.

We will celebrate November with a beautiful Roast Pork Loin Dinner paired with delicious sides and a touch of lingonberry, graciously catered by Acorn Catering Service. The Katrilli Finnish Dancing group will entertain us with a blended cultural dance mix of Baltic and Nordic styles. So please join us for this lovely event. Be sure to make your **reservations by noon on Monday, November 11th. See you there!**

Hils!
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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Velkommen til Kaffestua



Greetings from the Kaffestua!

We will be open most **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**
in November from **10-2pm**.

Our only closures are for Thanksgiving.

No Kaffestua on November 27th and 29th

Also **First Saturday Kaffestua** will be **November 2nd**.

In addition, we have **3rd Sunday Kaffestua** on

November 17th



Hope to see you there!

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.



Troll Saga

NORWAY PARK



Hva Skjer? What's Happening at Norway Park?

by Erik-Bjarne Witzøe

The Berg Pavillion renovation project has been well underway this past month, and the final touches will be nearing soon, in time for the Norway Park Julebord on the 7th of December. The color scheme is being updated in warm Nordic colors, and the new central pendant lighting is being installed and coordinated with new wall sconces. A big mange takk to all participants from the lodge to stockholders in the park, starting with LERA President Madeline DeLia, who has rallied up many volunteers, including Amy Johansen, Bjørn Lunde, Steve Baily, Gail Engler from the lodge, Arne Voie, Greg Rasmussen and Erik-Bjarne Witzøe, who spearheaded the pavilion makeover. Madeline has also coordinated the paint and supplies purchase for this undertaking

Norway Park Julebord 2024

Saturday the 7th of December in the Berg Pavilion starting at 4:30 PM. For info, contact Berit Smith at officemanager@norwaypark.net or 360-820-2625. *The Deadline is the 21st of November.*

Volunteer Steve Baily painting beams and poles a darker brown to match the central wood core.



The initial construction of the Berg Pavilion in the late 1960s.



Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2024

LERA - Norway Park

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Currently, the interior of the Berg Pavilion is transforming into warmer Nordic colors.



D2 Scholarships Winners

District 2 scholarship winners!



Hudson Stiefel 2-004 University of Idaho	Arne Grette 2-131 Dartmouth College	Annika Berry 2-001 TBD	Hanna Persson 2-046 University of Oslo International Summer School	Kayla Hanson 2-015 University of Oslo	Maddie Maier 2-015 San Francisco State University	Aislinn Nilsen 2-029 University of Portland
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THIS COULD BE YOU IN 2025

No age limits exist, but you must be a Sons of Norway member or a close relative to be eligible.

To apply, go to the Sons of Norway website, www.sofn.com click on the foundation tab, scroll down, and click on Scholarships.

Also, 6 Sons of Norway grants are available: 3 for heritage and culture and 3 for humanitarian purposes. Grant information is also available on the Sons of Norway Website.

The foundation would also like to appeal to the membership for donations, large or small. Donations help pay for the scholarships and grants listed above. If you need help or more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Foundation Director - Jerry Thorsen, at jthorther@gmail.com

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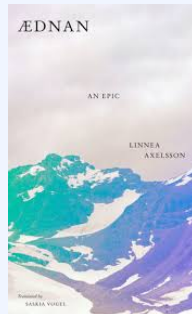
Greetings from the library! As we approach the end of the year, I'm starting to look back at my reading for 2024. I had a goal to read some books that I'd had on my pile. I was able to read two books that I've had for a few years now, Kristin Lavransdatter I and II by Sigrid Undset. Additionally, I read a few other Nordic themed books including the audiobook of The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie by Rachel Linden and Norwegian by Night by Derek B. Miller, which was a gift from my son.

I feel a sense of accomplishment for reading books that I had owned for several years. Anyone struggling with a pile of books (or piles!) that they haven't gotten around to reading might try starting with a simple goal. I enjoy passing on books to friends or family after I've finished reading, but the Nordic ones I donate to the Leif Erickson Lodge library, or will leave in Kaffestua for anyone to take.

I hope the library helps encourage your reading, whatever it might be! Please reach out to me or my co-librarian An-Magrith if we can assist you with something in the library.

Looking ahead to 2025, I would like to complete the Kristin Lavransdatter trilogy, and read another book I bought this year but haven't yet read:

Ædnan: A Novel in Verse
by Linnea Axelsson



CRUISE ON THE HURTIGRUTEN

Dear SON Members, neighbors, friends, dancers;

Once again the Port Angeles SON Lodge #27, Scandia Hall, has organized a trip to **NORWAY**, this time in **April 1-12, 2025**. Plan to arrive at least two days earlier and stay one day later. You are invited to join us on a **Hurtigruten cruise onboard the Polarlys, Polar Light**. The cruise will stop at a number of different ports starting and ending in Bergen. Cost depends on whether you want indoor or outside cabin; price based on double occupancy.

Airline flight is on your own; get more information and details from Gay Knutson. Act now while airfares are low.

Please email Gay Knutson at gay.knutson2014@gmail.com for more information.



Leikarringen Liaisons

The successful Bazaar is over and I am happy to report that all of our 21 active dancers participated. We planned, cooked, baked, donated the materials to craft the items for sale, donated to the center table raffle, helped in the kitchen, served food, bussed tables, set up, decorated and took down the event. Whew! And several dancers said they had fun doing this work with friends. The Lodge supports Leikarringen in many ways and we are grateful to be able to return that support to the Lodge.

Save The Date: Leikarringen will celebrate our **65th anniversary on Sunday, February 23, 2025**. It will be from **1-5pm** at our **Leif Erickson Lodge**. This **FREE** event will be a celebration as we bridge our past, present and future. We will offer a light supper and delicious desert choices baked by our talented dancers. There will be time to reconnect, look at photos and share our history. A program will have live music from several groups, a Leikarringen dance performance and plenty of time for community dancing.

We hope to see you there!



Please RSVP by February 14th using text or voicemail to 206-612-0053 or email to kbarten@msn.com
Submitted by Sheila Bartanen, President

A flyer about the HURTIGRUTEN cruise is on the LEL bulletin board and a Hurtigrutin book is in the office!





Happy Hour

YOU'RE INVITED!

2nd Saturday Happy Hour at Leif Erikson Lodge
November 9th - 5:00 to 8:00 PM - 2245 NW 57th St.



Lite supper, including 2 drinks for only \$5
There will be Regular bar drinks including wine, beer and soft drinks. (and coffee if requested)
Bring some finger food snacks for the food table and receive some free raffle tickets for the food provider's raffle as a thank you.

Great prizes for the main raffle \$1 each ticket.
There are also some simple, free, get-acquainted games so members and guests get to know each other. Some games like Mexican Bingo, Left-Right-Center, and Stump the Judges even have prizes.

Members and guests: Members just drop in.
Guests are most welcome and sign in on the guest list to keep us legal with the WSLCB. Bring a friend.

Here's a Special invitation.

"Come and get to know your fellow members. Where else in Seattle can you get lite supper and 2 drinks for \$5?"

Stop by for a good evening of conversation and meeting members and guests. Volunteer for an hour of bartending or clean-up when you arrive.

It helps to lessen the load.

There will be no Happy Hour in December because of Julebord.

Norwegian Calendars For Sale

Leif Erikson Lodge is selling special Norwegian calendars for 2025, just in time for the holidays. The price is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for postage if you want it mailed to you. Mail a check to LEL, Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Calendars, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107. Supplies are limited, so order now. Call the office at 206-783-1274 to reserve your copy. Tusen takk!

YOUTH GROUP

We had a great time for our October Pizza and Pumpkin Carving event! A multigenerational activity, we ended the evening with many spooky and cute Jack O' Lanterns!

Coming up at the end of the month, October 26th & 27th, is the annual bazaar. The Youth Directors will be on hand each day with some fun crafts for the kids.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: the FINAL EVENT of the year will be the **Children's Christmas Party, December 15th, 3-5 pm.**

The entry cost will be \$2 for a child and \$10 for an adult.

We will be singing around the Christmas tree, eating delicious, traditional sandwiches and desserts, and enjoying a raffle and a visit fra **JULENISSEN!**

We are looking for Volunteer Bakers to provide Favorite Traditional COOKIES for this event!



Contact Evelyn (206) 850-8212 or Kari (lilyouthseattle@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.



IN MEMORIAM

*A FAREWELL TO OUR MEMBERS and FAMILY MEMBERS
MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE*

Shirley Mae Salmon, also known as Cookie (what a great nickname) was born on November 13, 1924 and passed away just before her 100th birthday on September 5, 2024. She was a Lincoln High graduate. As so many women of her generation, she worked in the shipyards as part of the war effort. Shirley was seen at our Educational Foundation crab feeds and Happy Hours. She joined our lodge on April 9, 2014. She leaves behind a son, Richard Furman, and daughter Christine Clements; grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Gail Narice Olsen, September 11, 1948 - September 15, 2024. She was married to Tore Olsen, the son of George and Hjordis Olsen, long time members of the lodge who all preceded her in death. Gail joined the lodge on April 9, 1997. She is survived by her daughters Jessica Olsen Apodaca (LEL Educational Foundation) and Nora Olsen; son-in-law Aaron; and grandsons, Anders and Tristan, along with several sisters. Anders is the Royal Prince for the lodge.

Barbara Tallman, January 16, 1933-September 27, 2024: grandmother to members Heidi Larsen (President of the Educational Foundation), Erica Larsen, and Bjørn Larsen, Jr. Mother to long time member Nancy Larsen (Bjørn).



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Discover two new social activities at the lodge!

Join **Nordicrafts**, a monthly crafting club where you can bring your projects and connect with fellow members over coffee and brunch. We will meet every **First Saturday in Kaffestua**, from **10am to 2pm**.

Or if you're interested in learning and improving your Norwegian, join **Norsk Practice**, a language exchange group. Enjoy delicious food, conversation, and the opportunity to practice ordering in Norwegian. We meet every **Third Sunday in Kaffestua**, also from **10am to 2pm**. *For more information on either group, contact Diana Malone.*

Sincerely,
Diana Malone



NORDIC EXCHANGE DINNER

Join us on **November 21st** for our annual Nordic Exchange Dinner, a valued tradition between the Swedish Club and the **Leif Erikson Lodge** of the Sons of Norway! Each year, we take turns hosting this fun evening, showcasing our cultures and fostering connections. This year, the Swedish Club will welcome our friends from the Lodge for a delightful evening featuring a classic Swedish meatball dinner.

The evening begins with the bar opening at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, and the last call at 9 PM. Leif Erikson Lodge members will enjoy free admission, while Swedish Club members can attend for \$25. (Remember, when the Lodge hosts, our members get in for free!) Enjoy live folk music as we celebrate our shared heritage and the spirit of camaraderie.

Reservations can be made online or by calling 206-208-1090 to secure your spot. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase the Swedish Club and connect with fellow Nordic enthusiasts!

Norsk Hilsen!



Norsk Treskjæring

I Norge er treskjæring en dekorativ kunstform som har en lang historie tilbake til vikingtiden (ca. 800 - 1050 e.Kr.).

Nivået på kvaliteten på de tidligste eksemplene på treskjæring fra denne tiden tyder på at treskjæring allerede i vikingtiden hadde en sterk tradisjon. Derfor, det ser ut til at mesteparten av treskjæringen som ble utført under vikingtiden ble laget av utdannede kunstnere.

Ettersom tiden gikk og verktøy ble mer tilgjengelig for de utrente i håndverket, som bønder, ble treskjæring mer utbredt blant folks hverdag. Foruten Norges ikoniske stavkirker, ble treskjæring brukt til å utsmykke funksjonelle gjenstander som smørfat, skåler og kasser, samt hus og låver. Motivene til dyr og planter, så vel som geometriske design, blander seg ofte og utvikler seg som mennesker

kom i kontakt med nye stiler innen treskjæring.

I dag har treskjæring blitt et mer raffinert håndverk og en sjelden kunstform. Mens tradisjonen fortsetter, er det ikke lenger vanlig å se treskjæring

påvirke alle aspekter av våre daglige liv. Snarere er treskjæring igjen hovedsakelig praktisert av utdannede kunstnere, i stedet for den vanlige mannen.

Det er heldig vi har treskjærmester Mark Olsen på Leif Erikson-logen som underviser i klassisk norsk treskjærerkurs.

Sjekk ut klassen under denne artikkelen.

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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Gratulerer med dagen!

NOVEMBER Bursdagshilsen

Happy Birthday to all our members with November birthdays!

Tina A., Stein A., Linda B., Anita E., Rick E., Janet F., Irene G., Lars G., Betty J., Stuart M., Heather P., Carol S., Karl S., Thomas S., Eric T., Marc T., Tairyn T.,

Our youngest members; *Siri A., Silja C., Neva D., Chase E., Megan H., James K., Thomas K., Katie K., Sarah M., Daphne R., Katie S., Lydia S., Soren S., Adrian T., Lee Roy S.*

Our most senior members; *Arlene B., Kari K., Solveig L., Willard L., Ingleiv M., Larry O., Harry S., Borgne E.*

GRATULERER



Gratulerer med Dagen!

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

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcoseattle.org

NEW SINGERS WELCOME

Rehearsals: **Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45pm**

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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

- 02 Nov. - Sat. Nordi-Crafts. Kaffestua 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. (Every First Saturday)
- 02 Nov. - Sat. KAFFESTUA. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 06 Nov. - Wed. LEL Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 PM
- 09 Nov. - Sat. Happy Hour. Kaffestua 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
- 12 Nov. - Tues. LERA Board Meeting (Leif Erikson Lodge) 6:00 PM
- 13 Nov. - Wed. Membership Dinner & Meeting 5:30 PM Social, Dinner 6:00 PM.
- 17 Nov. - Sun. Norsk Practice. Kaffestua 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. (Every third Sunday)
- 17 Nov. - Sun. KAFFESTUA. 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
- 29 Nov. - Wed. Leif Eriksen Lodge Trivia Night 7 PM ZOOM MEETING 915 582 1189
- 21 Nov. - Thurs. Nordic Exchange Dinner - Swedish Club, reservations 206-208-1090
- 14 Dec. - Sat. Leif Erikson Lodge - Juleboard (See media for details)

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
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge>



Julebord

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 14, 2024 • LEIF ERIKSON LODGE
5:00 PM SOCIAL & APPETIZERS • 6:00 PM DINNER

TICKET PRICES: \$60 General & \$20 for children 12 and under.

MENU: Appetizers, Traditional Norwegian Christmas Dinner & Dessert.

CASH BAR: Upscale Wines, Craft Beers, Hard Ciders, Aquavit, Spirits & Soft Drinks.

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music, Singing & Walking around the Christmas Tree.

SILENT AUCTION: Featuring Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, Knits & a variety of goods.

TICKET PURCHASE: Send checks to Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St. Seattle, WA 98107 (No service charge) or charge at WWW.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM
Last day for reservations is December 11, 2024, Wednesday.

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