

Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | God Vår! Happy Spring!

A Message From the Vice President

This month has been an exciting time at the lodge. The volunteers planning and working for Heritage Day on March 23rd have made a whole lot of progress and all will be ready. Our kitchen will be busy, vendors are scheduled to appear, and we will have quite a variety of entertainment performing. You might not get this Vikingen message until Heritage Day has already happened, but it is still noteworthy to state what we do as a lodge. With meetings, events for the lodge and the community, careful work with our members and lodge upkeep there are many hands making light and fun work.

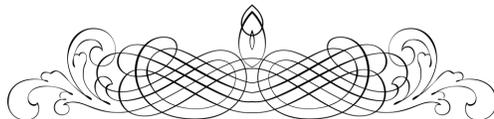
The membership meeting this month was very fun. JoAnne Rudo and Kathy Buholm arranged for a good night with Hawaiian music and plenty of flowery necklaces for everyone as we gathered for our annual 'Winter Denial' party and meeting. We enjoyed a fantastic dinner made by Malin for over 50 people. An impromptu parade featured everyone's favorite Hawaiian garb, and some were even competing for pineapples with lights to take home. Yes, they were real pineapples. I didn't win but Theresa and Beth danced a fine Rheinlender to Hawaiian music which helped Theresa our lodge treasurer win one.

We voted for and welcomed 9 new members with one able to attend in person. Thanks to Seth who led the meeting. Many volunteers, trustees, marshals and greeters were appreciated as everyone helped set up, serve and clean up.

17th of May-Constitution Day celebration is coming, and we can look forward to our lodge open house and the big parade. It is on a Friday this year so it should be especially festive. Again, we hope to see you at the lodge open house and please come down to march in the parade with us. Parking will be difficult so plan. There are many other lodges and Norwegian organizations also marching as well as many of our area's local schools. Parading with the lodge and Leikarringen down 24th Street and into old Ballard to end on Ballard Avenue has been one of my happiest things to do for many years now.

We still don't have a lodge president but thankfully Counselor Seth and Trustee Gail have hung in there helping us out so much. They have also been great to orient me to my new job. I am grateful to be part of a community who appreciates the values of Norway by promoting, preserving and cherishing Norwegian culture and traditions. This in addition to the friendships we have made, keep us having a great lodge.

Tusen Takk,
Ken Bartanen
Vice President



April Membership Dinner

Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM & 7:00 PM Meeting

April showers bring May flowers. Please join us for a delightful evening of food and with entertainment the Norwegian Men's Chorus, which was founded in 1898 ,will Sing our way into spring. We will also have a sing-along.

Chef Malin will prepare a lovely dinner of fish, lasagna with salad, bread and butter chips and strawberry crisp with vanilla whipped cream for dessert and a happy hour cocktail is included.

We will also announce the scholarship winners at our April meeting and there will be a secret spring giveaway this night that will delight everyone. See you at 5:30 on April 10. Thank you all for joining us for this special event.

Reminder! Make your reservations by **12 noon Monday, April 8 2024**, please, no Tuesday or same day reservations. Sign-up on the bulletin board, online or call the lodge: (206) 783-1274.

Hilsen,
Kathy Buholm
Cultural Director.



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 oss!

New Members to Leif Erikson Lodge

New member Applications- Justin Egbert, Amanda Bradley, Diane Sandvik, Darci Stewart, Kristi Ihrig, Kathy Qin, Derek Herman, Ryan Harrison, and Maggie O'Neil Members Transferring in- Julie Miller and Andrew Overland

Reinstated members - Kristen Jenkins, Kimberly Luke, Jose Torres, and Kari VanSanford

Ornamental Woodcarving Classes

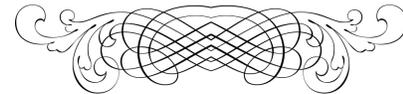
by Mark Olsen

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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Next Month! Syttende Mai 2024 | Celebrating 50 Years in Ballard

Vikingen

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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.



A Message from the LERA President

As I look out over our beautiful Lake McMurray, I think about spring and all our hope-filled expectations. Our days grow longer giving us more time to complete old projects and start new projects we have at Norway Park. The interior renovation of the Pavilion, the maintenance of our nature trails along with other smaller projects need our attention. We welcome you to join us in a Saturday work party. Experience our community, enjoy a warm lunch, and receive credit towards camping and RV rentals. We look forward to seeing you.

Happy Spring!
 Madeline DeLia
 LERA President

The *Fishermen's Breakfast* the 27th of April, Saturday at the Berg Pavilion 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM. The breakfast will be *Swedish Pancakes & Egg Kasserolle* with sides, coffee and orange juice. Contact LERABOARD4@NorwayPark.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
 By popular request, LERA Board Meetings will now be accessible on Zoom, beginning with the April 9th meeting. All Stockholders are invited to join, using the passcode **712860**.



The 2024 Syttende Mai Pin Sales Soon!



Syttende Mai is coming next month, also the 50th consecutive year in the heart of Ballard since 1974. The overall celebration has been in Seattle since 1889. The commemorative pin will be on sale at the lodge's office for \$10 soon. Also places in Ballard such as Pacific Mountain Bank, Secret Garden Bookstore, Scandinavian Specialties, Larsen's Bakery & Nordic National Museum.

New Foundation Director

I have just been appointed the Foundation Director of the Leif Erikson lodge.

My name is Jerry Thorsen and am the past president of the Seattle Norwegian Male Chorus and the past commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Edmonds. My new job description charges me with the responsibility of informing the lodge members and other interested parties of the availability of scholarships and grants through the Sons of Norway. Scholarships and grants are listed on the Website at www.leiferiksonlodge.org.

The grants are varied and can include such things as building maintenance and more. Scholarships are also varied to include summer studies in Norway. Interested parties should contact me at either jthorthor@gmail.com or by phone or text at (206) 819-9644.

Fraternally yours,
 Jerry Thorsen



Good times at our annual Winter Denial Party!



Our Membership Pin Award Ceremony is back!

If you are due, or overdue a Membership Pin, please join us on April 10, 7:00 PM at our Members Meeting. Call the office by April 8 noon, if you want to join us for dinner. We'd love to honor your years as a member at our lodge! Membership Committee.

HERITAGE DAY A BIG SUCCESS

We had a very fun and successful Heritage Day on March 23rd! Despite the rain on the Leif to Leif participants, hot coffee and waffles gave them incentive to finish the race and receive their “just desserts”!

Congratulations to all those participants! And thanks to Katheleen Lange and Seth Maristuen for organizing it! Many thanks to all the Heritage Day Volunteers for your help! There were over 80 volunteers who participated in Heritage Day. Some very ambitious and talented people did double, triple and quadruple duty - baking, singing, dancing, playing music, demonstrating or staffing a booth. There were many demonstrators including rosemaking, wood carving, card weaving, the famous bunad parade commentated this year by Joanne Graves, kranskekake, rosette and goro cookies, oh my! There was also a genealogist from Edmonds Lodge- thank you to Roberta Morrow.

One of our Librarians-An-Magrith Erlandsen-brought out Norwegian crime novels from the library just in time for Easter.

There was a little bit of everything to showcase our Norwegian culture. Many people commented it was a fun day!

Some of our other Committee Chairpeople were Sheila Bartanen, Joe Wassenhove, Kathy Buholm, Mark and Jan Quam, Lisa Greenough, Laurie Lund Gonzalez, Judy Gray, Chris Heins, Peter Nestingen. Thanks for your expertise and taking charge in your respective areas !

If you missed Heritage Day, you can join in the fun for our Open House on May 17 th or at the Fall Bazaar in October. Call the office to volunteer! As soon as we know the financial results we will let you know.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make our Heritage Day a big success!

Tusen takk!

Gail Engler

Heritage Day Chairperson

THE NORWEGIAN LADIES CHORUS OF SEATTLE

Under the Direction of Joseph To
Accompanied on Piano by Zhanhong Kuang

INVITES YOU TO

A SPRING CONCERT
An Ode to Nature

Dessert Reception Follows



Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
2400 NW 85th Street, Ballard
Suggested Donation \$15 at the door



Hilsen fra Kaffestua!



Hello from the Kaffestua!

**We are open Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00am - 2:00pm**

APRIL 2024 DATES:

We will be open all Wednesdays and Fridays in APRIL

We will have First Saturday Kaffestua on APRIL 6TH

We are actively

Seeking New Volunteers for the **Kaffestua**

If you know of anyone that would like to help once a month, please **call** or **text**

Laurie Lund - Gonzalez at 206-409-0153.

We would greatly appreciate it!



LEIKARRINGEN LIASONS

On Saturday, March 9, Leikarringen dancers with fiddler Bill Boyd performed a program for the Daughters of Norway, Esther Moe Lodge #39. This took place in Freeland on Whidbey Island at St Augustine's church which was a beautiful building in a gorgeous wooded setting with a view of the bay. They warmly welcomed us and treated us with coffee, tea and goodies upon our arrival and shared a delicious potluck lunch with us after our performance. A number of them joined our final langdans and everyone came into our circle at the end when we sang ' Lev vel.' Sharing our dance traditions and talking with these lovely ladies gave everyone a memorable day. The weather cooperated and didn't rain until after we returned via ferry to Seattle. We received a thank you note that reported later that afternoon there was a beautiful rainbow over the bay in Freeland. We are now practicing to ready our performance at the Lodge's Heritage Day, Saturday, March 23rd. Almost all of us will be dancing and many of us are also volunteering in various roles to support this special yearly event showcasing many Norwegian traditions and foods. We are performing at 11am and hopefully you will have come to the lodge for this celebration and see us dance for you.

**Respectively submitted,
Sheila Bartanen, President**

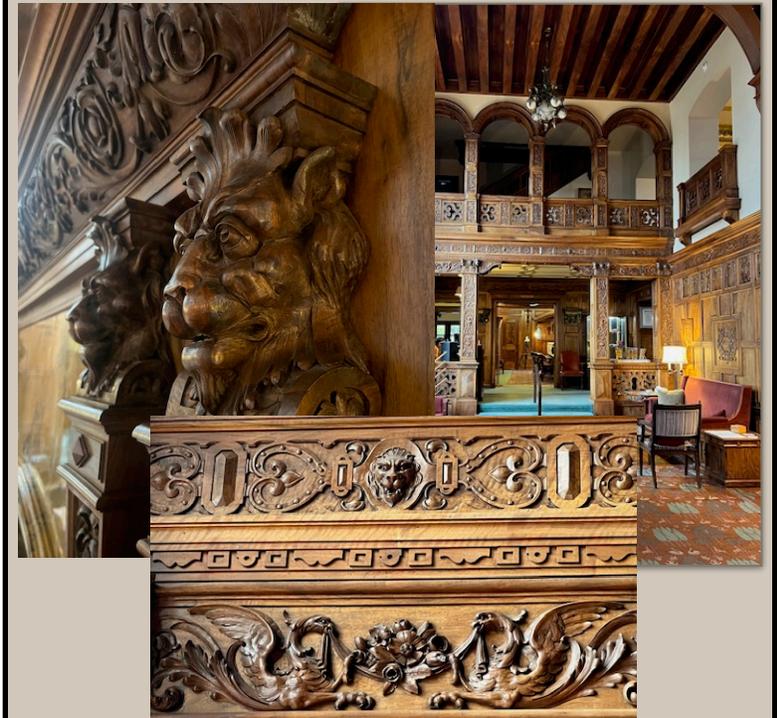


Hallo! Det har skjedd mye morsomt her i LEL i Mars! Vi hadde vinterfornektelsesfesten (Winter Denial party) og Heritage Day! Begge var godt besøkte arrangementer med god mat, musikk, dans og gode venner. Treskjærerklassen (Woodcarving class) til Mark Olsen, og LEL gjester, dro på ekskursjon til Leary Mansion på Capitol Hill for å se på de utrolig treskjæringene der. For mange år siden hadde Mark hjulpet med å reparere noen utskjæringer der etter en påsatt brann. Mark fortsetter sine treskjærertimer ved LEL på onsdager kl. 10.30am - 1:30pm i Norna-rommet, kom in og lære av mesteren! markcolsen55@yahoo.com
Husk at den 8. April skal det være en verdensomspennende formørkelse (Eclipse), og du kan se den i Seattle mellom 10:30am og 12:30pm!
I Norge skal det være en "partial eclipse" rundt klokken 8:45pm.



Mester treskjærer Mark Olsen (andre fra venstre) med sin treskjæringsklasse pluss LEL-medlemmer på ekskursjon til Leary Mansion på Capitol Hill.

Leary Mansion er åpen hverdager 9am - 5pm. Ring på forhånd vis du vil ha omvisning.



BIBLIOTEK

Next library hours are
Friday, April 5th from 11-1 pm
 during Kaffestua

It may have been a while since you visited the library here at the Lodge, so I thought I'd write up some general types of material we have that might be a resource for you or your family.

The categories that we have strong collections of include Polar Exploration, Norway II, Genealogy including Norwegian authors. If you are writing a research paper or just want to learn more about a subject, feel free to reach out to either An-Magrith or me and we can let you know if the library could be a resource for you.



we have strong include Polar Norwegian Ballard, during World War resources Bygebokker, Arts and Crafts, Norwegian

On a personal reading note, I finished Volume I of Kristin Lavransdatter. I'm excited to start Volume II. My reading goal for 2024 was to read some of the books that I've had in my house for many years but never got around to reading - so far so good! I am almost finished with a book with a local connection called "The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie". A primary setting of the book is the narrator's family run Danish diner in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle. It's a familiar setting and a fun premise - a great book to read if you're looking for something fun and local.

Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you in the library!

LEL LIBRARIANS
 Ariane Westin-McCaw
 An-Magrith Erlandsen



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.

Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!

YOUTH GROUP

Happy April from your Youth Directors. Our next organized event will be the Syttende Mai Parade on May 17th. The little red wagon will be packed with candy and ready to roll. For the past 8 years the Youth Group has handed out candy along the parade route. We supply the candy. All you need to bring is an empty little Easter basket or pail to carry the candy you will be placing in the hands of children along the route. We meet at 5:00 p.m. on the corner of NW 62nd & 24th NW. If you have children or grandchildren and wish to join us, please let us know. Everyone is welcome to participate in the fun.

Take a peek at our upcoming events for the next few months;



MAY 17th 2024 - Syttende Mai Parade
 5:00 p.m. @ 62nd & 24th NW

JULY TBD - Snoqualmie Tunnel Bike Ride

OCTOBER 9th 2024 - Pizza & Pumpkin carving
 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ LEL

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

Evelyn Elliott
 (206) 850-8212

Kari VanSanford
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IT'S HAPPY HOUR AND YOU'RE INVITED!

2nd Saturday Happy Hour at Leif Erikson Lodge
 April 6th 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)

Great prizes on the ticket

raffle table- \$1 each

There are also get-acquainted members and know each other. Mexican Bingo, and Stump the



some simple games so guests get to Some games like **Left-Right-Center,** Judges even have prizes!

Bring some finger food snacks for the food table and receive some free raffle tickets as a thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

Gary Lee Stewart was born on 2/25/48. He joined our lodge on 8/23/18. He lived in Seattle, Washington, and passed away on our last meeting date of February 14, 2024. Memorial of the LEL Educational Foundation.

Ida Jeannine Hunter Cochrell was born on 7/1/32 in Lewiston, Idaho. She graduated from Lincoln High School and attended the University of Washington where she studied art. In 1961, she married Charles Cochrell. They had three children. Charles died in 1964, and Jeannine was left to raise their three children on her own. She joined our lodge on 11/13/92. She would scold anyone who called her Ida. Jeannine Cochrell passed away peacefully on February 27, 2023, in Snohomish, Washington, at the age of 90, from multiple age-related complications. Jeannine is survived by her daughters Annmarie and Maureen, and son Kenneth; grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family requests donations to be made to the American Diabetes Association in Jeannine’s honor at diabetes.org.

Diane Elizabeth Brudevoll Baines, age 83, of Seattle, Washington, recently passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Born May 29, 1940. She was married to member Daniel Baines and the two frequently worked together on activities. Their organizations included the Ballard Masonic lodge, Shriners, the Seattle Mannskor (Norwegian Male Chorus) and some of Dan’s English groups. At Norway Park in the old days when the fish and chips & darts fest was big, Dan helped Ron Olsen set up the pavilion. Diane helped with publicity to the English participants and headed up the cooking of the dinner. She was part of our gang (which included Doug Warne and friends) for more than 60 years. Diane was also efficient in doing the dinners for Snosen Club Christmas parties after the guys gave up after a few years.

IN MEMORIAM CONT.

Dan will really miss her helpmate status and leaves a huge hole in his life after 50 years of marriage. She leaves a huge hole in the lives and activities of those who knew her. She often worked at the Center Table during the bazaar, active in the Helpmates who help with Seattle Mannskor events, and also up at Norway Park. Our sympathies to Dan and their son, Geoffrey, who is also a member of Leif Erikson Lodge. Memorial to the Seattle Mannskor.

Felix Valdez was born on September 25, 1926. He passed away in July of 2023 in Carlsbad CA. His wife, Elna Valdez, from Norway, passed away about 5 years ago. She was a member of Normanna Lodge 2-003. He was a lifetime member who joined in 1963. He was 97 years old.



Happy Birthday to all our members with April 2024 Birthdays!

Elisa A., Alyssa A., Daniel B., Heidi and Patrick B., Martin B., Sandra C., Christine C., Janet C., Jesse F., Gary H., Solveig H., Jill J., Andrew and Megan H., Knut K., Brad L., Joshua, Melissa and Steinar K., Heidi L., Bjorn L., David L., Astrid L., Genesis M., Kevin M., Anne Marie N., Nancy S., Margaret V., Randi V.

Special greetings to those who turn 90-something including Alice C., Leon K., Ivar H., Hazel H., Paul K., Erik J., Valborg N., Henry B., Norma L.

“Hurra for deg!”

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcoseattle.org
NEW SINGERS WELCOME

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45pm
At Leif Erikson Lodge, 2nd Floor

Zoom meetings led by Joseph To, Director

Contact: norwegianladieschorus@gmail.com

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Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar - April & May 2024

April 3 - Leif Erikson Lodge Board Zoom Meeting

April 8 - Reubens Brewery Tour- a tour of the brewery for LEL members on April 8th at 11:30AM. RSVP to Gwen Weinert at mweinert@msn.com

April 9 - LERA (Norway Park) Board Meeting at Bekkestua, upper park, 7:00 PM

April 10 - Membership Meeting -Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM

April 6 - Kaffestua Saturday 10:00 AM

April 6 - Monthly Happy Hour 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

April 13 - Bothell S of N Lodge, Drive-Thru Swedish Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 AM - Noon.

April 14 - Seattle Mannskor's 2024 Codfish Dinner & Fundraiser at LEL. 4:00 PM

April 14 - Norwegian Ladies Chorus, Spring Concert 3:00 PM, Our Redeemers Lutheran.

April 27 - Fisherman's Breakfast (*Swedish Pancakes with sides*) Norway Park.

May 17 - Syttende Mai 2024 at the lodge

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>

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& Fundraiser**

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Sunday, April 14 4pm
Leif Erikson Lodge
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