

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to all our volunteers at our 117th Annual Bazaar! It was a wonderful event with all the delicious food and many attendees and new vendors. We won't know the financial outcome for a few months but hope that it is a good one! This is our largest fundraiser and the Lodge relies on the income for the next year's programs, activities and operational expenses. Up next is the Leif Erikson Lodge Julebord on December 9th. See the article and flyer in this issue of the Vikingen. Our longtime Cultural Director, JoAnne Rudo, is Chairperson. Many thanks to JoAnne for six years of planning interesting programs for our membership meetings and other special events such as the Spring Tea featuring Laura Loge and two Overton Berry concerts. She might make an appearance or two after her tour of duty is done but she plans on doing some more traveling in her "free" time.

December 10th is the Children's Christmas party from 2:00-4:00. I hope you can join the festivities. Our Youth Directors, Evelyn Elliott and Kari VanSanford, will be taking on the Children's Christmas party next year but this year they will learn how it's all done from Bernice Chouery, who has been the organizer for many years. Thank you to Bernice for her many years of dedication and to Evelyn and Kari for their continued efforts to keep youth activities alive at our Lodge! Please join in one or both of these holiday events!

Other new faces and names will be the new Editors of the Vikingen - An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe. They both have artistic backgrounds and both are Lodge representatives to Norway Park. Welcome to them and many thanks for taking on this big job!

On November 8th we have lodge elections. We are still in need of the following positions to be filled: President, Vice President, Cultural Director, Social Director, Foundation Director, Secretary. Other Lodges are having similar challenges in getting leadership positions filled. It's probably a sign of the times, as other organizations I belong to are experiencing the same challenges. We ask that lodge members seriously consider taking on one of these positions. Contact myself, Seth Maristuen or Kathleen Lange.

It's almost Thanksgiving and time to count our blessings with all that is going on in the world around us. I hope everyone has a restful and peaceful holiday with family and friends. Try to do something good for someone else. Happy Thanksgiving!

Gail A. Engler Vice President Leif Erikson Lodge

MEMBER DINNER RSVP REMINDER

A reminder to make your reservations no later than October 30th, Monday at 5:00pm. Sign the list on the bulletin board, reserve online or call the Lodge: (206) 783-1274.

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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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MEMBERSHIP MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 MINI-TALENT SHOW

5:30 SOCIAL, 6:00 DINNER, PROGRAM 6:45

Move over American Idol and other talent shows—

The Lodge Has Talent! We begin the show at 6:15 with the Solje Sisters playing lively Nordic Music. When the talented Sisters finish, Doug Warne, our illustrious M.C., will introduce the following acts: Chris Varnes will sing accompanied by Kathleen Lange on the piano. Chris has a wonderful melodic voice and you certainly will enjoy his singing and Kathleen's piano skills.

Barbie Hull Varnes will be next with a video presentation of some of the many photos she has taken of the lodge activities and featuring lodge members. Don't be surprised if you see yourself on the screen.

The grand finale will feature Theresa Nilsen and her professional ballroom dance partner as they twirl around the floor. One of the dances will feature the always elegant Viennese Waltz. Theresa will be wearing a beautiful gown that she made glittering with beads and crystals.

Expect to hear humorous stories and jokes throughout the evening from Doug. Doug will also remind you about the Sons of Norway Foundation and the work that they are doing.

Malin, our chef, is also a talented lodge member. She has planned a delicious menu - Chicken with brown cheese, potatoes and vegetables, salad with apples and cheese, and for dessert, rhubarb and strawberry pound cake with vanilla whipped cream! Let us know if you prefer a vegetarian main dish. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, November 6 by calling the lodge, (206) 783-1274, sign up on the bulletin board list or online. Entertainment, a great dinner and even greater company, all for \$22.00!

-JoAnne Hardt Rudo, Cultural Director

HELLO FROM THE KAFFESTUA



November 2023 DATES We will be open most Wednesdays and Fridays. Our hours are 10am-2pm We are closed Thanksgiving week (Wednesday the 22nd and Friday the 24th) We also will have first Saturday Kaffestua on November 4th

VELKOMMEN NEW MEMBERS

Velkommen to the following new members who were approved for membership on October 11, 2023. Hailey Jensen, Jakob Jensen, Kyla M. Moore, Kellen R. Moore, Kenyon Moore, Kynlee Moore, Kruz Moore, Knight Moore, Jared Michael Sadonsky and Kevin James Schilling. Reinstated Members: Aase O. Aadland, Kathy Signe Buholm, Robert G. Johnston, Heidi Ein Pankratz, Janet L. Rosenmount, Monica Schilling and Bjarne Strangeland. Please get to know your fellow Lodge members by joining us in the many lodge activities during the year and perhaps volunteering at an event. Contact Ellen Beck, Seth Maristuen (sethmaristuen@gmail.com) or Gail Engler (englergail32@gmail.com).

Current members, please renew your membership and pay dues as soon as you receive your notice from SON. Norway Park residents must always maintain current LEL member-ship as a condition of their residing at Norway Park. -Ellen Beck, Membership Coordinator/Financial Secretary, ebeckster@gmail.com

GREETINGS FROM THE NORNA LADIES

Our group went on a "field trip" for our monthly gathering on May 9. We went to Molbak's in Woodinville to have lunch in their cafeteria and do some spring shopping amongst the plants and flowers.

We have one more meeting in June before our summer break. We are having a potluck lunch at the home of one of our members: Tuesday, June 20, at 11:30am. An email will be sent to our regulars to give them the location. If you are interested in joining us, please reply with an email to jdygry@comcast.net. Watch for the September Vikingen for our fall activities.

Enjoy your summer; stay safe and well; get some Vitamin D directly from the sun! Cheers, Judy Gray & Chris Hines Co-Presidents

SECOND SATURDAY HAPPY HOUR

Please join us November 11th at the Lodge for Second Saturday events! Bring a guest! Happy Hour in Kaffestua - 5:00pm - 8:00pm -In keeping with the opening of fall activities, Second Saturday of November is coming up very soon- on Nov. 11th. Cost is \$5 for a lite supper and two drinks. Bring a finger food to share for the table receive a raffle ticket or two. We also sell raffle tickets for \$1. We spend time eating, of course, but mostly we get acquainted with other lodge members and make new friends. Special Raffle if you contribute finer food to share ! Wine, beer, soft drinks, spirits ! Hope to see you. Bring a friend or two to mix it up a little. It's a fun evening!

November Movie - No movie this month. See you in January!

NOVEMBER CULTURAL TOUR

The Lodge Cultural Tour for November will be a tour of Pac Fish shipyard at 1:00pm. Date for the tour is unknown as this goes to print, but please email Gwen at mweintert@msn.com or call her at 206-290-5088 for the exact date.

We will meet at 12:30 in the south parking lot of the lodge and walk to Pac Fish. Please let me know if you would like to join us. My email is mweinert@msn.com and phone is 206-290 5088. Thanks! See you in November!





WOODCARVING CLASS

TRADITIONAL SCANDINAVIAN WOODCARVING CLASS WITH MARK OLSEN STARTING NOVEMBER 8

Wednesdays, November 8, 15, 29, 10:30-1:30: Traditional Scandinavian woodcarving class at Leif Erikson Lodge starts with a Charcuterie Board or cutting board (Skjærfjøl på Norsk). No experience necessary and includes the wood material. A basic set of carving tools is available to use for those without their own set. Basic woodcarving techniques, tool sharpening and design layout will be covered. Three class sessions, 3 hours per session / 9 hours total, \$125.00 plus \$25 material fee = \$150 total.

About Mark: In 1984, after attending a series of crafts classes on furniture restoration and ornamental woodcarving at Sätergläntan Hemslöjdens Gård in Insjön, Sweden, Mark spent the following 2 years training in ornamental woodcarving at Hjerleid Vidargaande Skole in Dovre, Norway (1985/86) and then under the guidance of master carvers Bengt Johansson and Jonas Carlsson in Tibro, Sweden (1986/87). Upon returning to the Seattle area, Mark worked with some local interior designers on custom projects such as the fire restoration at St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill. That led to the design and construction of mantels, doors and trim in the custom home market. To reserve your space call 206-330-5068 or email markcolsen55@yahoo. com.

GREETINGS FROM THE LEIF ERIKSON YOUTH DIRECTORS!





Happy Thanksgiving! It's time to count your many blessings and be thankful for your family and friends. Kari and I are thankful for our entire lodge family as well.

This Fall, the LEL youth have enjoyed making open faced sandwiches and carving pumpkins. And, by the time you read this, we will also have offered a fun troll project during the October LEL Bazaar.

Our next exciting event for the youth is the Children's Christmas Party on December 10 from 2:00-4:00pm. An annual cherished event at the lodge, it offers a taste of the Norwegian Christmas traditions such as dancing around the Christmas tree, singing favorite holiday songs, and eating delicious Norwegian Christmas cookies and sweet.

Here is a calendar of our upcoming winter events:

December 10, 2023. The Children's Christmas Party. (Barne Julefest) 2:00-4:00 p.m. @ LEL January 10, 2024. Making and signing Valentines Day Cards to send to our senior members. From 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ LEL February 3, 2024. Cross Country Ski Races @ Trollhaugen Lodge. 9:00 a.m.

March 23,2024. Heritage Day and the Leif to Leif 5K 9:00 a.m. @ LEL

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

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NORNA LADIES

Our ladies met twice since our last report: we had a potluck lunch on October 17, and a few of us got together to inventory and price our items for the Bazaar. We hope to have had a successful experience at the Bazaar – (and raise a lot of money) – so we can make sizable contributions to LEBA and the Lodge.

Our next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, from 11:30am to approximately 1:30pm. We will have a potluck lunch and make final plans for the Bazaar. We usually meet in the Norna Room but have requested to move to Kaffestua because of some scheduling conflicts.

For future planning, one more Tuesday meeting has been set for December 5 – our annual Holiday party and celebration. More details will be included in the upcoming Vikingen. Please consider joining us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your loved ones. Take care of them as well as yourselves.

-Judy Gray & Chris Heins Norna Co-Presidents

FINNISH BAZAAR

The Finnish Bazaar will be held at Leif Erikson Lodge on November 11, 2023 from 10-3. This is the first time they have been at LEL so we hope this is successful and the beginning of a new partnership. There will be Finnish food offerings for sale as well as Finnish items. They are also having raffles to win baskets. The Finnish and Swedish choirs will be singing and Katrilli will be dancing.

NORWEGIAN CALENDARS FOR SALE



Leif Erikson Lodge is selling special Norwegian calendars for 2024, just in time for the holidays. Price is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for postage if you want it mailed to you. Mail a check, made out to LEL, Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Calendars, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107. Supplies are limited so order now! Email Gail at vikingeneditor@gmail.com if you wish to purchase a calendar. **Tusen takk!**

NORWEGIAN GREETINGS

Hei Allesammen! Vi håper at alle har det bare bra. Det var mange som kom til oktober 11 møte. Håper at flere og flere kommer til november møte! Bli med, delta og kos deg! Ja, bare kom og ha en koselig kveld med oss. Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe!

Hello Everyone! We hope that everyone has everything just fine. It was a lot of members that came to the October meeting. We hope that even more come to the November meeting! Be with us, participate and have a wonderful evening with us.

Greetings from Ellen Margrethe

LEIKARRINGEN LIAISONS

Leikarringen crafters were busy for months to make our hand made Nordic themed offerings for the annual Bazaar. We had fun doing this, learned new things and were very capably led by Joe Van Wassenhove. We will have a report on our contribution to the Bazaar in the next Vikingen.

We are also preparing for some dance performances with the first being at the New Nordic Museum Julefest for the first time in a few years thanks to Covid and other changes. Look for us on Saturday. There are several other possibilities being considered and of course we will be dancing in December at the Norse Home, one of our favorite events.

We are also learning a new song dance taught by Beth Kolle so we are practicing our Norwegian singing and memorizing before learning the dance moves. Meanwhile we are learning some new dances, reviving some we haven't done for a while and keeping others in our current repertory. No matter what we are doing, new dancers or those who would like to explore that opportunity are always warmly welcomed.

Sheila Bartanen Leikarringen President



IN MEMORIUM

Blake Edward Hagen passed away on August 14, 2023, at age 50. He joined the Lodge on March 24, 2016. It was with heavy hearts that the family announced the death of Blake in Bellingham. Family and friends are devastated to have Blake depart so young. The memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Rannfrid J. Hodne passed away on May 17, 2023, at age 96. She joined the Lodge on July 12, 2000. She is the mother of Greta Fridlund, When the family moved to Shoreline, she was famous in the neighborhood for her Norwegian pancakes. She will be missed and remembered for her laugh, humor and abundant love for her family both in the U.S. and Norway. The memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Margareth O. Kaldestad passed away on August 19, 2923, at age 67. She joined the Lodge on March 25, 1996. She is survived by her husband John and sons Erik and Lars and by other family and friends. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Torleif Lister Samuelsen passed away tragically in an auto accident in 2023 at age 23. He joined the Lodge in November 2006 and was a scholarship winner. He will be missed by his family and friends. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Marit Rockness Thomson passed away on September 2, 2023 at age 82. She joined the Lodge on November 14, 1984 and was a Golden Member. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation





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REMINDERS

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.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OR ADDRESS ?

If you have a new phone number, email or address let us know. Email Ellen at ebeckster@gmail.com. You can also go to the SON website-www.sofn.com-log 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, you can email the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!!

Deadline for submitting articles to the Vikingen is the Saturday following the membership meeting. Send articles to the

ORDER LEL NAME TAGS

You can order your Leif Erikson Lodge name tags by contacting Bernie Bowers at Bernieb3@comcast.net. Nametags are \$15.00. Mail a check made out to Leif Erikson Lodge. Mail it to LEL, ATTN: Bernie, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please contact me if you'd like to use the library in November or December. Also, if you have books you'd like to donate, please contact me in advance with a list of books.

The library is short on space and I'm trying to focus the collection to books that are not available in other local libraries. Happy reading!

Ariane Westin-McCaw, LEL Librarian



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Address Service Requested

Please notify Ellen Beck of any changes in Name, Address, or Phone Numbers. Please also let her know of a death of a family member <u>ebeckster@gmail.com</u>.

LEL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

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- November 1 LEL Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm
- November 4 1st Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00am-2:00pm
- November 8 Social 5:30pm; LEL Dinner, 6:00pm, Program, 6:45pm;

Business Meeting/Elections – 7:30pm

- November 11 Second Saturday Events: No Movie; Happy Hour- 5-8pm
- November 11- Vikingen Deadline (for December)
- November 11- Finnish Bazaar at LEL; 10:00-4:00

November 11- Veterans Day

- November 14 Norna Ladies meeting, 11:30, Kaffestua
- November 15 LEL Trivia, 7:00pm, via Zoom
- November 21 Norna Ladies meeting, 11:30, Kaffestua
- December 6 LEL Board Meeting/White Elephant Christmas Party 6:00pm

December 9 - Second Saturday Events: Movie – 3:00pm (Norna); Happy Hour- 5-8pm

December 9 – Julebord; 5:00pm. \$50.00. RSVP to LEL or buy tickets on Brown Paper Tickets

December 10 – Children's Jule Fest; 2:00pm-4:00pm

December 13 - Social 5:30pm; LEL Dinner, 6:00pm, Program, 6:45pm; Business Meeting – 7:30pm (RSVP by Dec. 11th)

December 16 - Vikingen Deadline (for January 2024)

December 25 – God Jul!

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00-11:00. Contact Marianne for details. marianne@ballardhealthclub.com Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall, Wednesdays, 11:15-12:00. 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) 215-8782.

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

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