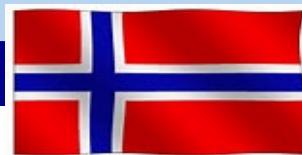


VIKINGEN



Hurra for Syttende Mai !



PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Våren er her, og det er vi alle glade for. Hurra, hurra!! This sunshine has been fantastic, I hope you have been able to enjoy the weather and get outside for some Friluftsliv. We have been spending a lot of time in the yard and garden and going for some nice drives around town. Soon it will be camping season and we will be spending our weekends in tents and around campfires.

I want to take a moment to recognize a lodge member who has been an amazing contributor over the years, Larry Helms. Larry's devotion to the lodge and always positive attitude are a shining example of membership and fellowship at its best. You likely know Larry from his delicious meals, with most of us addicted to his meatballs and gjetost chicken. Larry is stepping away from catering to focus on other interests but as a LEL member will still be around the lodge participating in events. When you see him, be sure to thank him for his service to LEL. Tusen takk Larry on a job well done. We wish you all the best of luck and might twist your arm to cook a meal for us in the fall.

This month we will be celebrating Leif Erikson Lodge's birthday, as the lodge turns 118 years young! We will be celebrating with cake and a toast of champagne or cider in the hall on Wednesday May 12th. This will be our first attempt at a "hybrid" meeting, with some folks meeting in the lodge and others joining via our usual Zoom meeting. As we move into the fall, we will continue to offer Zoom participation along with, hopefully, many more in person events. Please join us in whichever manner you are comfortable. Social starts at 6:00pm at the Lodge and Zoom meeting at 7:00pm.

In the May edition of the Viking Magazine, if you made it through to the District updates, on page 39 you will see a nice picture of our Lodge Queen, Liv Anna Olestad! Congrats Liv on being named Lodge Queen for another year! We wish you all the best and thank you for representing Leif Erikson Lodge. Also, in this month's magazine, you can find a great article about Bergen during World War II. Our sister city was one of the first places involved in the war and there are still remnants of the war there today.

Due to its proximity to Britain and access to the North Sea, Bergen became an especially important strategic location in the war.

At our April members meeting, we were entertained by a video and Q&A from Dave Ellingson, a man of many talents who talked to us about his kayaking adventure through the fjords of Norway. You can find the video and many others on his website at www.paddle-pilgrim.com. Dave is a member of the Edmonds lodge and a long-time supporter of Sons of Norway.

As I tell you each month, please reach out to myself or anyone on the board if there is anything we can do to help you get the most out of your membership with Leif Erikson Lodge.

-Seth Maristuen, President, Leif Erikson Lodge

LEL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE & IN PERSON

Please join us for our May 12, 2021 Business meeting, to be held in-person if you feel comfortable and also by Zoom. Use the information below to log in on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm.

Join us for a very exciting program with Madison Leiren who will talk about her Nordic mask making business Leiren Design. A social hour will start at 6:00pm in the Lodge. Dessert and coffee will be served; no dinner. Masks are required, and tables will be socially distanced.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: (253) 215-8782.

TIPS FOR USING ZOOM:

Download the Zoom app and experiment with it ahead of time to minimize futzing around the day of.

Log in at least 10 minutes before the meeting to get used to Zoom settings.

Please mute your microphone as otherwise we hear background noise like wind, dog barking. Adjust your device so you are visible to others.

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2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm

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Membership meeting.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 P.M. MASKS AND MORE WITH MADISON LEIREN!



Our May 12th, membership meeting will feature designer, Madison Leiren. Her presentation will include how her business, Leiren Designs, uses inspiration from her Nordic background and how she had to adjust her business due to the pandemic. She founded Norse Mask and these well-made masks are available at various stores including the Nordic Museum, Scandinavian Specialties and online. The interesting and entertaining presentation will also show scientific information how masks help to keep you safe in these challenging times and which masks are the most efficient.

For Leiren, Nordic design is closely connected to the beauty found in the nature she knows from Norway and her native Pacific Northwest. She takes inspiration from the trees and flowers, flowing blue waters and the fresh white snow of the northern landscape. It is reflected in the laces, crystals, and rhinestones in her bridal creations and one of a kind dresses. Perhaps, in the future, we could convince Madison to show some of her amazing and beautiful designs at a fashion show. Some of her creative designs can be seen on her website, leirendesign.com.

-JoAnne Rudo, Cultural Director

NORWEGIAN LADIES CHORUS OF SEATTLE: RESERVE YOUR FISH & MEATBALL DINNER NOW



The Norwegian Ladies Chorus Fish & Meatball Fundraiser will be June 6, 2021. Tickets for the dinner are \$30, to be reserved in advance. If you already bought a ticket, it's still good. If you'd like to buy a ticket for the dinner, please contact a chorus member or email norwegianladieschorus@gmail.com. Reserved dinners will be available for drive-through pick up on June 6, 2021 between 12 pm and 3 pm at the Leif Erikson Lodge. Live music for the drive-through will be provided by Sølje Sisters.

In addition to the dinner, there will be a silent auction and virtual live auction and program. The silent auction will be on Bidding Owl. There will be over one hundred wonderful items offered in the silent auction, including Norwegian sweaters, spa baskets, and collectibles. Bidding for the silent auction will start the week before the event.

The live auction and program will be on June 6, 2021 at 5 pm on Zoom. The Zoom link will be available on our web site at www.nlcofseattle.org. The live auction will include made-to-order kransekake and Thomas Kinkade artwork.

And don't forget to tune in to our virtual Spring Concert on May 14, 2021 at 7 pm. It will air on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-yRJT4MAVKuZ346sWwxkg>. Our program of spring and patriotic Norwegian music will be sure to inspire you for Syttende Mai.
-Juanita Holmes

LEL LIBRARY REOPENING

Hello! I am slowly getting settled into my role as Librarian. I am loving the books and am looking forward to when we can showcase more of our books at in-person meetings. Until then, I have two items to share:

1) Cookbooks!

Did you know there is a shelf of cookbooks in the library? If you would like to add Norwegian cooking to your list of quarantine hobbies, look no further! Bring your phone in and you can browse the books and take a picture of any recipe you like! Or email me and ask for a recipe and I will take a picture for you :)

2) Kaffestua in May

I will be able to work remotely at the library during the Kaffestua openings in May. I'll have the library open for you on Fridays in May from 10:00am-2:00pm. to check books out, return books, look at books, donate books, etc. It is a small space so with social distancing we will need to have a limited number of people in the library at one time.
-Ariane Westin-McCaw, LEL Librarian

A NOTE FROM KAFFESTUA



Hello all. We are busy making plans to open Kaffestua again. We are so excited! We have all missed our time together. Our goal is to start with opening on all Fridays in May with May 7th being our first day. We will possibly add Wednesdays to the mix for June. **This is all dependent on King County maintaining phase 3 and not going back to phase 2. This will also depend on our ability to have enough volunteers.**

Our hours will be from 10am -2pm. We ask everyone to arrive with a mask and leave it on until seated. While you are eating and drinking, masks can be left off. If you leave your table for any reason, we ask that you mask up again. Tusen Takk! For food service, our volunteers will serve guests, instead of guests serving themselves. All volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves and we will have a plastic barrier protecting the food.

This is a new situation for us, so please be patient and understanding as we attempt to do our best at opening up one of our Leif Erikson Lodge favorites! Looking forward to seeing you!

Lisa Greenough and Laurie Lund-Gonzalez

CELEBRATING SYTTENDE MAI AT LEL



For the second year in a row there will be no Syttende Mai parade in Ballard due to the ongoing pandemic. We will still be celebrating at Leif Erikson Lodge and Ballard, however. The Lodge welcomes everyone to celebrate Syttende Mai with a drive/walk-through dessert and coffee from 4:00-6:00 on Monday, May 17th. Blødtkake and krumkake are on the menu. Enjoy your treats as you listen to your favorite Scandinavian folk tunes by the Sølje Sisters.

Join in the Parade Walk starting at Scandinavian Specialties (6719 15th Ave. NW) where you can enjoy pølse and Solo. Between 5:00-5:30 walk on down to the Lodge for dessert. Bunads and flag waving highly encouraged! Continue your trek to Bergen Place for more flag waving and then to Skål (5429 Ballard Ave. NW) for refreshments and dedication of Bjarne's booth!
Skål og Gratulerer med dagen!

SPORTS DIRECTOR NEWS

Trollhaugen is open! Even though spring is warming up there is still LOTS of snow in the mountains. Good news about Sno Park Pass. Trollhaugen has secured a private parking area for members, so no need for the Sno Park Pass! Snowshoeing should be good for weeks to come. There are lots of well-marked trails taking off from the lodge. Snowshoe rental is only \$5.00. Trollhaugen is a good place to get to hikes and mountain biking in the summer. Make your plans now for summer fun. Trollhaugen website is <http://www.trollhaugensofn.com> or call the caretaker at 509-656-9997.

Be sure to check out sports medals. There is a new category for people who have earned all the sports medals and just keep going. And we have at least one member at Leif Erikson Lodge participating in this category so be sure to "zoom" to membership meetings for updates. Idrettshelt [ee-dretts-hellt] –the sports hero pin– is the 5th level within any sports medal category. Members must have completed the bronze, silver, gold and enamel pins in a sport category prior to starting on the Idrettshelt. Hederspris [hay-dersh-prees], the outstanding achievement award. This pin is for members who've earned bronze, silver, gold and enamel medals in any three sports medal categories. Find more information: https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming/sports_medal_program.

Thanks to all who participated in the Heritage Day Scavenger Hunt. If you are interested in getting the maps and clues send me an email. This is a "screen-free" hunt around Ballard for all ages. Start your walking sports medal this month with the Scavenger Hunt course.

*-Kathleen Lange, Sports Director
tatter59@me.com*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Hip hip hooray for the Norwegian Fjord Horse Experience. The Leif Erikson Lodge Youth Group has graciously been invited to the Grateful Pine Farm located in Monroe, WA. Please join us on Saturday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. This is an educational class to learn about the history and nature of the beautiful Norwegian Fjord Horses.

Come out and meet Tail and his horse buddies. This is an outdoor event with plenty of space for social distancing.

You must RSVP for this event to leyouthseattle@gmail.com or call Evelyn at her number below.
Tusen Takk,

Youth Directors
Evelyn Elliott **Kari VanSanford**
(206) 850-8212 leyouthseattle@gmail.com

NORWAY PARK NEWS

The LERA board approved the opening of the lower park for stockholders and LEL Lodge members for opening weekend of fishing in April. It was to be an experiment to see if we all could maintain the Covid rules of social distancing and masking while enjoying our beautiful property.

Your CURRENT Sons of Norway - Leif Erikson Loge # 2 membership card must be presented for access and maybe a drivers license to show who you are. Hopes are to have gate duty shared by volunteers, the caretaker and a paid summer employee.

Camping will be open on a first come first serve basis. Remember there is a \$5 per person for member day use; if camping, your fee covers park entrance for the people camping. A work party is scheduled for May 1. **RSVP to Doug Warne at 206-291-4330 so he knows how many tasks to set up.** There will be no lunch served so bring your own.

LEBA
LEIF ERIKSON BUILDING ASSOCIATION
Protecting Our Investment For Future Generations

Dear Member,

The year 2020 was a challenging one for all of us. LEBA was no exception. We saw our rental income reduced substantially as well as income from Kaffestua. In talking numbers, it was a \$54,000 reduction from the previous year.

To offset this significant reduction, we were forced to furlough Gary the caretaker in March. In addition, we reduced expenses to a bare-bones operation. I am pleased and grateful that you, our lodge members, have been most generous with donations to LEBA. Last year, our members contributed over \$82,000 which allowed us to pay our bills and still show a profit.

LEBA continues to be challenged in 2021 with around a 20% increase in taxes—around \$39,000! Additionally, we have very little rental income this year and are unable to forecast when the COVID restrictions will allow fall rentals and for Kaffestua to reopen. Last year, without your kind donations, we would have had a difficult time making this year's property tax bill. Many members are reviewing their wills and are thinking of leaving a Legacy gift to LEBA so that future generations will be able to enjoy our building.

Thank you for your continued support.

*-Osmund Kvithammer, President
Leif Erikson Building Association*

DISTRICT 2 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



Game on!

Join us for a low stakes horseshoe tournament that will take place the morning of the Annual Trollhaugen Steak Fry.

Registration Starts at 9:30 AM

Tournament Starts at 10:00 AM

Donation of \$5 is requested for snacks.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Laurie Berg: laurieberg.lb@gmail.com

To get your tickets to the Steak Fry, please contact:

Bill Hicks: (425) 672-0194

Hicks1015@msn.com

If you would like to stay for a night or the whole weekend, please contact the Trollhaugen Managers (509) 656-9997

Trollbau@outlook.com

July 17, 2021 Trollhaugen Lodge

Heading East on I-90 take Exit # 62 onto Stampede Pass Road.

Turn right at stop and continue for approx.1 mile.

Driveway is on the left.

Address: 314 Stampede Pass Road

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The following individuals made donations to our Lodge during March 2021. We thank them for their donations to our Lodge. With this help we are able to keep our Lodge going during this trying Covid time.

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IN MEMORIUM

Our sincere sympathies and condolences to Seth and Allison Maristuen and Thea Lynn Maristuen-Borg and husband Adam on the loss of Seth and Thea's father, Keith Maristuen, who passed away April 18, 2021, at age 68. It is a great loss to the family and our hearts go out to them.

DISTRICT 2 SON NEWS

Save the dates for the upcoming District 2 events.

July 17- Horseshoe and Kubb Tournament and Steak fry at Trollhaugen. Registration starts at 9:30am; tournament at 10:00. Call Bill Hicks for tickets. 425-672-0194.

August 14 - Golf Tournament at Sun Country GolfCourse in Cle Elum. Registration form will be in June Vikingen.

Winner of the D2 Virtual Ski tournament in February was Roger Young from Tordenskjold Lodge in Spokane. Roger is a Ski for Light Member and head chef at the salmon dinner that Ski for Light has at Leif Erikson Lodge. Congratulations Roger!

Be sure to check the D2 website for more details about these events.

<https://sonsofnorway2.com>

VELKOMMEN TIL NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Leif Erikson Lodge. We hope you will get involved in all of the activities the Lodge has to offer.

Nathan Torgelson transferred into the Lodge.

Reinstated Members: James Milton Bergstrom, Karen lone Bergstrom, and Luther S. Foley.

TUBFRIM

From the District 2 SON Newsletter

Thank you to all the lodges that collected stamps for Tubfrim, one of Norway's Special Projects that sells used postage stamps using the proceeds to help provide financial aid to help improve the quality of life for handicapped children and youth. What can your lodge do? Got Scissors? Got Time? Lodge members can clip the stamps off of envelopes or packages received in the mail, being careful to leave a ½ inch margin to protect the stamps. When they get a pound of stamps, they need to write their name, address, phone number, lodge and lodge number on a 3" by 5" card and place it with the stamps into a zip lock bag. Forever Stamps are acceptable. Please don't send stamps with damaged perforation, edges, etc. They will be thrown away. The cards are sent to the International Sons of Norway Office in Minneapolis and entered into a drawing for a trip to Norway. This is a simple and easy way to contribute to one of Sons of Norway charitable projects.

For Leif Erikson Lodge members, deliver your stamps to the LEL office. Call ahead to make sure someone is there to accept the stamps. 206-783-1274. Currently the LEL office is open on Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00.

JOIN US FOR THE CRAFTERNOON!

Crafternoon has resumed. Please join in the fun with whatever craft you are working on. Knitting, beading, painting, it doesn't matter.

You might learn something new or you can teach us a new trick. **Join us on Mondays from 2-4pm on Zoom.Us.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>. See you then!



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LEL CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2021

Partial reopening of in-person Lodge activities/events for May and June. Connect with us on Zoom for "virtual" events.

May 5 - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom Teleconference)

May 8 - Bothell SON Drive through pancakes-8:00am-1:00pm

May 8- Normanna Lodge(Everett)- drive through pancakes- 7:30am-11:30am

May 12 - LEL Membership meeting/7:00pm (Hybrid In-person and Zoom);Social-6:00pm

May 13-Leif Erikson Lodge's 118th Birthday

May 15 - Deadline for Vikingen

May 17 - Happy Syttende Mai!

May 19 - LEL Trivia Night 7:00pm (Zoom)

June 9 - LEL Board and Membership meeting at 6:00; Social at 7:00pm (In person if in Phase 3, otherwise on Zoom)

June 12 - Bothell SON Drive through pancakes-8:00am-1:00pm

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August 14- D2 Golf Tournament at Cle Elum

August 14 - Deadline for September Vikingen

(No newsletter in July and August)

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Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 215-8782.

Craft meeting via Zoom every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm.

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

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

SYTTENDE MAI 2021



SYTTENDE MAI AT LEIF ERIKSON LODGE

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Continue your trek to Bergen Place for more flag waving and then journey on to Skål Beer Hall (5429 Ballard Ave. Seattle, WA 98107) for refreshments and dedication of Bjarne's Booth!