Vikingen



Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 Sons of Norway | Seattle, WA 98107



Hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære venner,

What a wonderful Autumn it has been, with beautiful weather and lots of activities at our lodge.

As I write this, we are already looking towards November. In the meantime, October is busy as usual, especially with our biggest fundraiser of the year, The Nordic Market, right around the corner on October 24 and 25. This is a lot of work to put on, and Christine Anderson has again offered to chair this committee. Our wonderful lefse crew has spent 4 days making lefse to be sold at the event. Many of you have brought items for our online "Bidding Owl," which opens October 18th, and our Silent Auction on the day of. We have reserved parking at the Banner Bank next door, so hopefully parking won't be too challenging.

I am really looking forward to our November membership meeting when we will be serving Lutefisk (with meatballs as an option for the faint of heart). We have invited members of several other Norwegian organizations so we can have a nice evening as we start the Holiday Season. We'll even be serving Norwegian beer and aquavit.

We have decided not to have a membership meeting in December because it always falls 3 days before our Julebord, and it is too much for our volunteers to put on two large events back-to-back. We hope you will come to our Julebord, where we serve all the traditional holiday foods, plus entertainment and dancing around the Christmas tree.

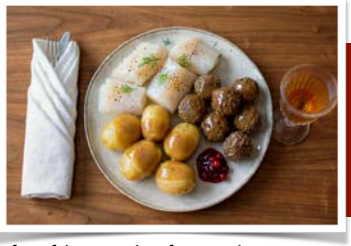
I keep talking about volunteers, but we wouldn't have such an active lodge without them. Unfortunately, many of our volunteers are aging out, so we are always looking for new members to step up. So again, please ask family members and friends if they would like to join our organization. There is so much camaraderie and fun in working with others as we keep our traditions and heritage alive for generations to come.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Anne-Lise Berger
President

Dinner & Membership Meeting for November 2026

11 November 2026 | Wednesday Social 5:30 PM | Dinner 6:00 PM | Program 6:30 PM Business Meeting 7:30 PM



Our November membership meeting has various events. We are sending invitations to the groups we support and/or sponsor, as well as others closely affiliated with LEL. These include the Norwegian Ladies Choir, Mannskor, Leikarringen, Norna, the Norwegian Commercial Club, and the Seattle Bergen Sister City organization, so it will be a fun, special night.

The program starts at 6:30 PM with a festive concert by the Norwegian Ladies Choir. The night will also include our annual memorial for members who have passed since November 2025. The Nominating Committee will present its final report, and we will elect our 2027 officers. There will also be a ***new member ceremony.*** Since there is no membership meeting in December, so we can focus on our Julebord, we will collect food and money for the Ballard Food Bank, one of the charities the lodge has supported for many years. Christine Anderson will sell the blue-and-white Christmas plates donated to LEL to enhance our collections or use as gifts. I have often put my Christmas baking on them for a unique, holiday gift.

Menu, Meny:

Choice of Lutefisk, Norwegian Meatballs or Vegetarian (Meat)balls
Boiled Potatoes with sea salt, butter, and parsley
Lingonberries, Brown Gravy
Green Pea Stew
Mixed Green Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing
Assorted Rolls and Sliced Breads with butter
Surmelkfromasj (Buttermilk Custard with Lemon Sauce)

Please sign up on the sheets at the lodge or call the lodge at 206-783-1274 by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 9th. The cost is a bargain: $30 for a wonderful dinner and a beverage of your choice, including two special ones. This promises to be a well-attended event, and it greatly helps our chef and our planning, so please register early and on time so we can be better prepared to welcome everyone.

Tusen takk! I look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Bartanen,
Social and 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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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 an extended period.



2027 Norwegian Calendars for Sale

Leif Erikson Lodge is selling special 2027 Norwegian calendars, just in time for the holidays. The price is $15.00 plus $7.00 for postage if you want it mailed to you. Mail a cheque, made out 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. Tusen takk!

The 2027 Nominating Committee

Sandi Conry, Ed Conry, and Ken Bartanen are busy recruiting returning board members and filling our vacancies.

The vacant positions are:

Vice President

Youth Director

Publicity Director

Foundation Director

We are also seeking 2 non-board positions for computer and tech support. I hope you'll consider joining our board for 2027 by choosing one of these important positions. We need you. We can provide descriptions of the position you are interested in. Just let us know. Thank you to our returning Board Members; we really appreciate it. Elections are November 11 at our Members Meeting.

Mange Takk!

Sandi,

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Sons of Norway Stated Mission:

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries.

Velkommen til Kaffestua!

Happy Fall from the Kaffestua!!

We are closed for Thanksgiving the last week of November, but we look forward to seeing you on the rest of our normal days.

WE ARE OPEN
November 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, and 21st.
Our hours are 10 am-2 pm



Please join us for some *KOSELIG* fall coffee, waffles, desserts, and open-faced sandwiches.

The cost (suggested donation) is $9.

See You Soon!

LEIKARRINGEN



Leikarringen is now in full swing mode with **practices at the Lodge** on **Tuesdays** from **5:00 - 7:00 P.M.** Over the past 30 days, we performed at Brittany Fairwoods assisted living in Woodinville and the 57th annual Salmon Days Festival in Issaquah. In both cases, we had a nice-sized, appreciative audience, and I was lucky to have a pleasant conversation after the Fairwoods performance with Tom (Tommy, as she called him) Stang's sister, Ingrid, a resident there. Now we have set our sights on being ready for performances on **November 14th** at **Tacoma S.O.N.'s Viking Days celebration** and repeat engagement at **Brittany Fairwoods** on **December 21st**. Busy times! In addition, many of us volunteered at the Nordic Market, bussing tables, washing dishes, helping prepare rømmegrøt and lapskaus, and tending the Leikarringen crafts sales booth. So, as mentioned above, our practices are on **Tuesdays, and all are welcome to come and join in, or if you prefer,** just enjoy some wonderful Norwegian folk dance tunes as provided by our musicians Bill and Nancy. Until next time, Ha det bra!

-Paul Everitt

SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL HOUR

Nov 14th will be the **Last Social Hour of the Year** as December 2nd Saturday is reserved to celebrate the LEL Christmas party. *Call the office regarding Christmas reservations.* **JOIN US** in the **LEL Kaffestua** from **5:00 to 8:00 pm** this coming **Saturday, Nov 14th !!**

It should be a good evening with a splendid door prize, free tickets, raffle drawing, lots of very nice prizes for the raffle and free prizes for a fun game of skill or chance! ***Bring a snack for the supper table and receive a raffle ticket as a small token of thanks.***

Hope you can join us for a fun evening!

Where else in Seattle can you get Supper and 2 Bar Drinks for $5 ?!

- Doug Warne



NEW MEMBERS:

Jens Kvalvik
Jessica Traux
Elizabeth L Irwin.
Jacque R Sigurdson.
Ron West.
Katrina J Sigurdson
Yris Lance.
Diana C Lance.
AnaKarina Lance
Roy C Martinsen.
Shelley M Martinsen.
Candace Miller
Travis M Berton
Catherine R Mutschler.
Tori King
Nicholas Dettorre
Elliott Dettorre
Thomas M Barcalow.

REINSTATED:

Randal Frivold

Cyrus, Devin, Jennifer, Joshua Holland

Arlene Ornes

OBITUARIES:

Anne Marie Johanson
Norman Arn
Åsta Erlandsen



Troll Saga

Nyheter På Norway Park

LERA - Norway Park 22128 State Route 9 Lot 220 Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Thanksgiving & Jul time arrives soon! - *Erik-Bjarne Witzøe (LERA Lodge Rep.)*

As daylight shortens and nights grow colder, the season of "koselig" arrives for residents and visiting stockholders of Norway Park, with glowing fireplaces, woolens, and a warm cup of coffee, like a good Nordmann. November is here, and so is Thanksgiving; what better way to celebrate than at Norway Park? As a child and as an adult, I spent a few Thanksgiving Dinners at the park- such cherished memories. Enjoy your Holidays!

SAVE THE DATE, LERA STOCKHOLDERS! NORWAY PARK JULEBORD, SATURDAY, THE 5TH OF DECEMBER:

4:30 PM--- SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS. HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SERVED, INCLUDING PICKLED HERRING. NO BAR – BYOB. ICE, GLASSES, POP FOR THE KIDS AVAILABLE.
6:00 PM--- A BUFFET DINNER, INCLUDING DELICIOUS AND TRADITIONAL SKINKESTEK (PORK), KJØTTKAKER (MEATBALLS), RØD POTETER, GULRØTTER (CARROTS), GRØNN ERTESTUING (GREEN PEAS), SURKÅL, RUNDSTYKKER OG SMØR, RIS KREM OG RØD SAUS OG SMÅKAKER.
7:00 PM--- FIRST RAFFLE. BIBLE READING. SINGING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
8:00 PM--- SANTA ARRIVES. MUSIC/DANCING WITH THOR - HAFFI HAFF
9:00 PM--- RAFFLE

— YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION —

Please make your paid reservation by returning the form no later than November 20th to BERIT SMITH, 22128 State Route 9, Lot 111, Mount Vernon, WA 98274 (360) 820-2625 (Mobile). {The form will be in the Nyheter.}

AN EVENING OF FAMILY ENJOYMENT IN THE BERG PAVILION IN NORWAY PARK FOR $18.00 PER PERSON.5 THRU 12-YEAR-OLDS - $10.00; UNDER 5 YEARS OLD, FREE.

Julebord! Saturday, the 5th of December | The Berg Pavilion









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Attention Boat Owners at the Lake!

It's that time of year again - to remove all your flotation devices from the lake area. Please have them removed by October 31st. That should give everyone enough time to pick up their boats, kayaks, and paddle boards.

Tusen Takk!

The Beach Committee

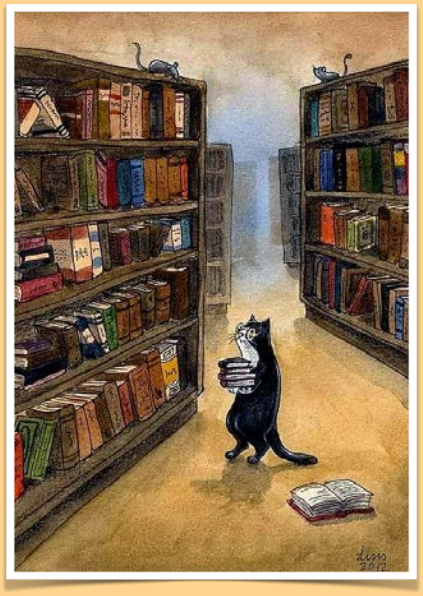
Bibliotek



Norsk Nyheter

Library hours are during Kaffestua,

so that means you may grab a cup of kaffe and come on down to the LEL basement and check out our ***koselig bibliotek*** where we have a rich selection of books in both **Norwegian** and **English**.



Our librarians, Diana and An-Magrith, are currently deciding which **contemporary Norwegian authors** to purchase for the library. Karl Ove Knausgård's works, Jon Fosse and Vigdis Hjorth are high on the list. If you have any suggestions vær så snill and visit us in the library and let us know!

- An-Magrith Erlandsen

Tusen Takk to everyone who came by the Book Nook during the Nordic Market!

BARNAS JULEFEST!



The Children's Christmas Party is fast approaching in December!

Get ready for Smørbrød, Cookies, Julenissen, Christmas Carols, Stories, and more!

The party will be held the day after Julebord, on **Sunday December 13th** from **3 to 5 pm.**

Mark your calendars!

- Barnas Julefest Committee

PÅ SOPPETUR !

It's mushroom picking season in Norway!

I Norge soppesesong er i full gang! Mushroom picking season is a big part of **friluftsliv** (outdoor life) and with the privilege of **"Allemannsretten"** (the right to roam) going på soppetur and exploring the land is not an issue as all Norwegians may freely pick wild mushrooms and berries for personal use on uncultivated public and private forest land. **Norges Sopp og Nytevekstforbund** (The Norwegian Association for Mycology and Foraging) provides free in-person inspection stations during autumn where certified experts check your basket to weed out toxic varieties.

One of the favorite mushrooms to find is **"Skogen's Gull"** the nickname for Golden Chanterelles is prized as a forest treasure. Other varieties are **Steinsopp** (Bolet), **Piggsopp** (Hedgehog mushrooms) and **Traktekantarells** (Yellowfoot). ***There is a strict golden rule, only pick and eat mushrooms you can 100% identify with certainty, as there are dangerous and lethal look-alike hosts!*** Always slice open mushrooms to look for insect larvae or worms and cook wild mushrooms thoroughly before eating.

- An-Magrith Erlandsen



"Skogen's Gull" ~ illustrert av Elsa Beskow 1874-1953



GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



November Birthday Greetings and Happy Birthday to all!

Our youngest members are: *Sybil C., Neva D., Sonja E., J. Cole H., Thomas and James K., Elliot H., Perrin H., Megan H., Adrian T., James V.,*

Our members are: *Tina A., Jon B., Debbie B., Stephen B., Linda B., Anita E., Terry G., Lisa G., Jason K., Krissi K., Carol L., Kenneth L., Stuart M., Kari V., Judy W., Christopher W., Gail E.*

Our senior members are: *Laila B., Diane E., Robert E., Sharon F., Irene G., Ingri J., Reidun K., Ingleiv M., Gretchen M., Michael N., Larry O., Kathryn P.,*

Our most Senior Members are: Kari K. and Borgny E., who are both centenarians!

GRATULERER!

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

Gratulerer med Dagen!



2026 Nordic Market & October Membership Dinner









Special Guest: Artist Jana Peterson







Bjarne Collects For the Ballard Food Bank

Our own troll now has a Halloween and Thanksgiving basket for the fall holidays! The red and green bin will be out through October (bring canned goods to the Nordic Market) and November in the entry until November 11. We will also collect monetary donations during program time in November because we don't have a business meeting in December. For the Ballard Food Bank, we are collecting canned goods, peanut butter, toothpaste, and child and adult diapers. For a more complete list, go to: www.ballardfoodbank.org/donation-details. Ballard Food Bank is located at 1400 N.W. Leary Way (across from Quest Church and kitty-corner from the former Office Max. They always need volunteers and donations throughout the year! Am hoping we can top $1,500 this year!



Save the Date | Lagre Datoen

November 7-8, 10-4: Tomte Holiday Market at the Swedish Club. Our Norwegian Ladies Choir is singing there at noon on Saturday.

Please note that the November 5th annual Norwegian-Swedish dinner exchange at the Swedish Club has been postponed due to their extremely busy schedule. We will coordinate and look forward to having this sometime in the first quarter of 2027. It will be more enjoyable for everyone at a less busy time.

November 14, 10-3: Finnish Bazaar at our lodge main room. Lunch, vendors, take-home Finnish specialty food, crafts for kids, and a program featuring the Finnish Choir and Katrilli, Finnish folk dancers. Three of our LEL members dance in this group. Our Leikarringen will also sell hand-crafted items.

November 14 and 15, 10-4: Viking Days at the SofN Tacoma Lodge. On the 14th, our Leikarringen will be performing. Additionally, our LKR craft group will also be selling their hand-crafted items.

November 21, 10 am: Our monthly baking class will be Werdens Bestekake, taught by Perdis Jacobson. The cost is $10, and you can take what you bake home. We time this so those who wish can enjoy lunch in our Kaffe-Stua during the baking.

November 20, 21, 22: Annual Julefest at the National Nordic Museum: See their website for all the information. Our Norwegian Ladies Choir and Mannskor will be singing on Saturday in the big hall.

November 26: Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

December 2: LEL Board annual Christmas party and gift exchange

December 6: 3 pm: Norwegian Ladies Choir Christmas Concert at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church followed by our great cookie reception.

December 12: LEL Julebord starting at 5 pm. For our annual Julebord: he hall will be fully festive and decorated, music by the Winter Band, very tasty appetizers, our fabulous, delicious dinner with many courses, no-host bar, dancing around the Christmas tree with singing as well, reading of the Night Before Christmas and, new this year, reading of a Norwegian Christmas story for the best of both worlds. The evening will be a truly memorable event to share with family and friends. Tickets are $75 each, and please register early, as we sold out last year. Call 206-783-1274 or sign up at the lodge.

November 13: 3- 5 p.m.: Our annual Children's Christmas Party features treats, dancing, fun, and a visit from Santa Claus! Our LEL, Seattle-Bergen Sister City organization, and the Karmøy Club host this well-attended event.

Gratulerer! Kari's 100th Birthday





We would like to welcome you to join us for Kari's 100th birthday celebration!

When:

Sunday, November 22nd

2:00 to 4:00 PM

Where:

Leif Erikson Lodge

2245 NW 57th St Seattle, WA. 98107

Refreshments will be provided

RSVP Appreciated:

Ellen Wall: {206)789-6416 or ellenmwall@comcast.net

or

Laurie McGibbon: {206)789-1447 or ltmcgibbon@comcast.net

Please no gifts. Cards or notes with your favorite memory or story of Kari encouraged.

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle

www.nlcofseattle.org

NEW SINGERS WELCOME

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45pm

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Hva Skjer? What's Happening? November 2026 Calendar

- 04 Nov - Wed. LEL Board Meeting 6 PM - 8 PM Zoom
- 07 Nov - Sat. First Saturday Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 07 Nov - Sat. First Saturday Open Library 10 AM - 2 PM
- 08 Nov - Sun. Barneleikarringen - Nordic Folk Dancing at LEL 2 PM - 3 PM
- 10 Nov - Tue. LERA (Norway Park) Board Meeting at Bekkestua, 7 PM
- 11 Nov - Wed. Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner & Member Meeting, doors at 5:30 PM
- 11 Nov - Wed. Last Day to Donate to Holiday Food Drive
- 14 Nov - Sat. Finnish Holiday Market at Leif Erikson Hall! 10 AM - 3 PM
- 14 Nov - Sat. Second Saturday Social Hour 5 PM - 8 PM
- 21 Nov - Sat. Third Saturday Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 21 Nov - Sat. Verdens Beste Kake Baking Class 11 AM
- 22 Nov - Sun. Barneleikarringen - Nordic Folk Dancing at SCC 2 PM - 3 PM
- 25 Nov - Wed. LEBA Board Meeting

Every Tuesday: Leikarringen Practice 5 PM - 7 PM
Every Wednesday: Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
Every Friday: Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
Every Friday: Open Library 10 AM - 2 PM

Ballard Health Club Silver Fitness class meets at LEL on Monday, Wednesday, Wed & Friday, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Contact Rachel for details. marianne@ballardhealthclub.com

Exercise class led by Audrey in the main hall on Wednesdays from 11:15 AM 12:00 PM. The 1st class is 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 Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge

