



Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Summertime! Sommertide! God Sankt Hans - Midsommer 2025

Hilsen fra Presidenten

As usual, there have been numerous activities at the Lodge over the last few weeks. Several meetings have been held to discuss plans and programs for the remainder of the year. Since we don't have a Cultural Director, I have assembled a small planning committee, and I can tell you that we have many new ideas we hope to share with you in the next few months.

We held a very informative joint Board meeting for LEBA and LEL, featuring a presentation by attorney Monica Langfeldt on establishing a 501(c)(3) organization for LEBA, which will enable it to receive tax-exempt donations. We will keep you informed about our next step in this process.

When you receive this issue of the Vikingen, we will have held our 14th of May membership meeting, featuring a presentation by our own Historian, Christine Anderson. We will have unveiled the new plaque for the Leif Erikson statue outside the Hall and selected our Man and Woman of the year for 2025/26. I will let you know in our next issue who that is.

The 17th of May will also be over, and we will have had our Open House and a visit from the new Norwegian Ambassador to the US, Anniken Huitfeldt, and a successful parade. Always hoping the weather will be good.

We are still celebrating the Crossings 200 (200th anniversary of the first recorded immigrants from Norway landing in America).

Our June meeting will feature an interactive session with keynote speaker Associate Professor Katharine Hanson, who will discuss the role of women in preparing for the journey across the Atlantic. Our members will prepare a smørgåsbord, featuring some of the foods we believe they brought with them. We will also have ice cream sundaes, as is our traditional part of the last meeting of the year. Please note that we will charge only \$10 per person for this event, and we hope to see a large number of kids.

The main event for the Crossings 200 will be held on Thursday, October 9th, 2025, Leif Erikson Day, instead of our regular meeting day, which would have been on the 8th. The reason for this change of date is that the replica of the sloop *Restauration* will be landing in New York on this special day. We are making this an evening of celebration and co-hosting with the Norwegian Commercial Club and the Bergen Sister City Association. Please mark this date on your calendar. We will have more information soon.

I want to extend a big thank you to our new caretaker, Mike Rife. There has been a lot for him to learn, but he is doing well and is a hard worker, so we are lucky to have him.

Ha en God Sommer!
Anne-Lise Berger
President of Leif Erikson Lodge 2001



June Leif Erikson Lodge Membership Meeting

11 June, Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM

As part of the Crossings 200 celebrations, a replica of the sloop *Restauration* has been built in Norway and will leave Stavanger on July 4, 2025, to recreate the original journey two hundred years ago. We will talk about preparations for this three-month journey. Our keynote speaker is retired Associate Professor Katherine J. Hanson from the Scandinavian Department at UW. Katherine J. Hanson has taught Norwegian language, literature, and culture at colleges and universities in Minnesota and Washington, most recently at the Creative Retirement Institute in Edmonds. She is currently contributing to "Vågespel", a podcast series featuring stories about women from Vestlandet who emigrated from Norway to the United States. Between 1825 and 1925, she prepared a course that she will teach at CRI this spring, entitled "Scandinavian Immigration to America, Land of Promise."

Our meal will be a smørgåsbord prepared by our members, inspired by the food that Norwegian emigrants brought with them on the *Restauration*. The cost is only **\$10.00** per person this month. Please **RSVP with the office by Monday, the 9th, at 206-783-1274**.

Join us for this fun and interactive evening, which will prepare us for the arrival of the reconstructed *Restauration* in New York on Leif Erikson Day, October 9, 2025.

We will also have our annual ice cream social after the meal is completed, and this, of course, will be complimentary of the lodge.

This will also be our last meeting before our summer break (no membership meetings in July or August).



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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Sons of Norway Cultural Mission:

Promoting and preserving 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.

Got stamps? You could win a \$1000 drawing!

Thank you to all who have collected stamps for TUBFRIM

Last year, we shipped 100 pounds, or 45 Kg, of stamps!

Please continue to collect them. There will be a drawing again at the next convention. Every pound of trim stamps gets an entry, so please include the name of the person who prepared the stamps. The drawing is for **\$1,000**. **\$500** will go to the lodge, and **\$500** will go to the lodge member who prepared the stamps. If only the lodge is listed, the lodge will receive **\$1,000**. This is only for lodges and members of District 2. Forever stamps are acceptable for the stamps we have received since the last convention and will receive before the next convention. Drawing entries will be made and taken to the next convention or the drawing. As a reminder, the stamp should be trimmed with a half-inch (1.27 cm) margin, and don't forget the lodge name. Entry for the **\$1,000** drawing can't be made without that information. Stamps can be mailed to Buffalo Lodge, PO Box 492, Buffalo, WA 98041. Stamps can also be given to district officers and Chris Hicks, International Vice Chair, or Bill Hicks, District 2 Vice President, at one of the District 2 meetings. **TUBFRIM** is still located in Nesbyen. It was founded in 1929 to help eradicate tuberculosis by using the profits from the sale of used stamps. Today, the profits help children and young people with disabilities and serious illnesses. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Beach, the District 2 coordinator, at 425-736-0555 or email beachplace21@comcast.net.



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

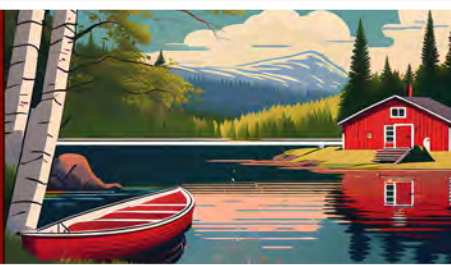
Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 98107-3134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe **Phone:** 206-783-1274 **Web page:** www.LeifEriksonLodge.org **Email:** leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net **Email:** LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net **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

NYHETER FRA NORWAY PARK



Sommertid på Norway Park!

By Erik Bjarne Witzøe

1963 Norway Park was established, drawing on the Norwegian tradition of mountainous woods and featuring a summer cabin known as a hytte. Norway Park in 2025 has also evolved to include a residential community and cabin visits. However, summertime activities continue with a hike along Nature's Trail, a swim in the lake, fishing, and a nice summer meal or cookout on the deck with family or friends. One big summer tradition in the Nordic countries is Sankt Hans-Midsommer, which has been celebrated at Norway Park since its inception, located on the lower lake area. Take time and enjoy the wonderful experience of the park before the days ween into autumn.

2025 Summer Camping Rates for Norway Park

Camping Rates: Tents \$20.00 per night, RV - no hookups \$25.00 per night, RV - with hookups \$30.00 per night. Berg Pavilion Rentals: Stockholders \$200.00 per day, LEL members \$400.00 per day (\$200 refundable deposit)

Sankt Hans -Midsommer 2025

Sankt Hans Aften (Midsommer) is the 21st of June 2025! An extra special treat this year with performances by Leikeringen, the Norwegian Ladies' Chorus, and Seattle Manskor. These performances will be added to the queue of activities at the lower park. Unfortunately, as feared, the enormous bonfire will once again not be able to happen, as the Skagit County burn ban will take effect days before the 21st. That said, we will be using multiple wood fire pits. The gate fee is \$5 cash for all attendees.

Annual Lake Mc Murray Fire Dept. Salmon Bake

A long summertime tradition at Norway Park returns on Sunday, the 29th of June, starting from noon until 5 PM. A complete Salmon meal for \$20 at the Lower Park at Berg Pavilion. Proceeds help nearby Lake Mc Murray firefighters.



Norway Park marchers in the 17.mai parade in Ballard.

Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2025

LERA - Norway Park

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Mount Vernon, WA 98274
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Norway Park Website: www.norwaypark.org

Craig & Olga Miller Craig@nextidea.io Olga@nextidea.io



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21 June - Saturday | Lower Park - Berg Pavilion

- 11 AM - 7 PM - Alletiders Kafe • 12 PM Prize | Cake Walk
- 1 PM - Barneleker - Kid's Field Games • 3 PM - 4 PM - Bingo
- 4:15 PM - Leikarringen Dance Group, Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle & Seattle Mannskor • 5:30 PM - Video DJ Andy
- 8:15 PM - Bean Count Winners • 8:30 PM - Raffle Drawings.
- 9:30 PM - Multiple small fire pits will be in use at dusk with S'more making.

Leif Erikson Lodge Members & their guests are invited
Admission \$5 (Children under 12 free)

Velkommen til Kaffestua!



Second Saturday Social



HALLO FRA KAFFESTUA!

WE ARE OPEN **Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-2pm**

ALL SUMMER !

No KAFFESTUA on July 4th

**There will be Saturday Kaffestua on
June 7, 10-2pm !**

No Saturday KAFFESTUA in July and August

**THIRD SUNDAY KAFFESTUA will take place
JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST**

ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?

Maybe you are doing a Spring or early Summer Cleaning and have found some wonderful **newer** or **lightly used items** that we can use for **LEL activity prizes!**

If you would like to have your items find a good and appreciative home, please drop them off at the LEL office! Place your items in a box or bag with a label

“For LEL Social Hour Prize Activities”.

Attach your name if you wish so the committee will be able to give you a thank you. Tusen Takk!



WHEN IS THE NEXT SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL HOUR?

***There will be a Second Saturday Social
one last time before Summer break
so don't miss it on JUNE 14th !!!***

Happy Hour will indeed be happy but more social, so it has changed its name. We will have 2nd Saturday Social Hour
at

**Leif Erikson Lodge - June 14th 2025
5:00 to 8:00 PM- 2245 NW 57 th St.**

Enjoy a 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. In the past we have had games like Mexican Bingo, Left-Right-Center, and Stump the Judges and they had prizes. Another freeby prize is the evening door prize at the end of the party.

Everyone gets one free ticket and the prize is unusual, interesting or useful.

Members and guests invited: 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. Come and get to know your fellow members.

See you there 14th and then again not until
September 14th .

Norsk Hilsen



17. mai hadde vi æresbesøk av den norske ambassadøren i USA, **Anniken Huitfeldt**. Hun talte på lunsjen i **Nordisk Heritage Museum**, og samlet alle de bunadkledde og stilte opp på bilde sammen. Etterpå besøkte hun oss på Leif Erikson Lodge. Anniken er snill og sjarmerende og snakket med alle mann. Hun har en lang historie som offentlig tjeneste, siste gang som utenriksminister fra 2021 til 2023. Hun har også hatt tre statsrådsstillinger i Jens Stoltenbergs regjering.

Takk Anniken for at du tilbrakte 17 mai med oss her i Seattle, og de er hjertelig velkommen til å besøke oss igjen når som helst!



Anniken sitter midt foran - National Nordic Museum luncheon - 17 mai



Anniken Huitfeldt

The Norwegian Ambassador to the United States gave the Leif Erikson Lodge an honorary visit on 17 mai !

*Read about it in the **Norsk Hilsen** article.*

Scandinavian Ornamental WOODCARVING with Mark Olsen at Leif Erikson Lodge

Learn traditional Scandinavian woodcarving techniques, tool sharpening, and design layout in this introductory course. Tool and wood selection will be covered. No experience is necessary, and wood material will be provided for the three projects. A basic set of woodcarving tools is available for those without their own set.

Call to enroll - 206 783-1274
1 class \$70 - 3 classes \$150
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Drop-ins Welcome



Trollhaugen



We have fun family and group activities planned for the day.

All activities will start at 10:00am

Dist. 2 invites you to a Horseshoe and Kubb tournament

There is something planned for all to enjoy.
Don't delay make reservations today!

Dinner Reservation - Bill Hicks 425/672-0194 or
Hicks1015@msn.com

Overnight reservation email trollhau@outlook.com

Remember say Steak or Salmon

Happy Hour
(BYOB)
2:30pm

Kids hotdog
meals
\$5.00 Donation
DEADLINE July 7, 2025

Dinner
3:30pm

Bibliotek



The LEL Librarians had a table at the Syttende Mai Open House, and many people looked through the books we had on display. Some members even checked books right there! Most of the books were related to Norwegian immigration or the Restauration, because of Crossings 200 this year.

We had a great time seeing you all! Hurrah!



The library's online catalogue officially opened up on May 17th as well! You can check out the library page on the Leif Erikson Lodge website, and click the button to see what we have added to the online catalogue so far.

We have over 600 books in our on-line catalogue and more are being added weekly!

Librarians, An-Magrih Erlandsen and Diana Malone, on 17th of May.

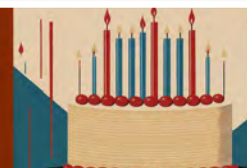
Leif Erikson Lodge Man & Woman of the Year!

Gratulerer! Tina Aure and Ozzie Kvithammer were chosen as Leif Erikson Lodge's Man and Woman of the Year. Featured at the left are Tina and Ozzie, each holding a bouquet of floral arrangements.

Mange Takk! We truly appreciate all the hard work at the lodge.



Gratulerer med dagen!



JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to all our members with June Birthdays!

Our youngest members are:

Anders A., Kari B., Nini E., Maxwell H., Weston C. W., Cruz M., Emmaline M., Lisle R., Frida T., Thorleif W-D., Cristopher W.,

Our members are:

Tove A., Kenneth B., Anne-Lise B., Catherine B., Machel B., Laura C., Anne S-D., Madeline D., Roger D., Paul E., Tor G., Petter-Anne H., Sonja H., Kathleen L., Stacy L., Kjerstin L., Arne L., Annika N., Elise S., Thor T., Per O., Erik W.,

Senior Members are:

Florence D., Donald F., Faith G., Randi J., K. Elise S.,

Our most Senior Members are:

Derek H., Tore K., Marilyn T.,

GRATULERER!

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

Gratulerer med Dagen!



LEL Past Presidents - left to right

Osbjørn Nordheim 1971, Randi Aulie 2001-2002, Russell Oberg 2007-2009, Doug Warne 2010-2011, Lee Ehrheart 2014-2015, Andrea Torland 2016-2017, Gail Engler 2018-2019, Bjørn Gjølmesli 1986-1987, (not pictured Seth Maristuen, 2020-2022)

Syttende Mai 2025 Photos

17.mai 2025 - Leif Erikson Lodge & Parade (Photo credit - Jeff Pond & Isabel Bartholomew)



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Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar Summer 2025

- 06 June - Fri. Library (Bibliotek) Every Friday, 10 AM -12 pm
- 07 June - Sat. First Saturday Kaffestua, 10 AM-2 PM
- 07 June - Sat. Norway Park Work Party 9 AM - 4 PM
- 14 June. - Sat. First & Second Saturday Library (Bibliotek), 10 AM-12 PM
- 14 June - Sat. Second Saturday Social (Happy Hour), 5-8 PM
- 10 June - Tue. LERA Board Meeting at 6 PM - Leif Erikson Lodge
- 11 June - Wed. LEL Board Meeting 5 PM at LEL
- 11 June - Wed. Membership Dinner Meeting, doors open at 5:30 PM
- 22 June - Sun. Sunday Kaffestua, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 21 June - Sat. Sankt Hans - Midsommer at Norway Park
- 29 June - Sun. Norway Park Salmon Bake - Lake Mc Murray Fire Dept
- 19 July - Sat. D2 Trollhaugen Steak Fry event. See ad for details. Page 5
- 02 Aug. - Sat. Sons of Norway D2 Golf Tournament - See the ad for more info.

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.

**Sons of Norway
District 2
Golf Tournament
August 2, 2025**

Join us at
White Horse Golf Course
in beautiful Kingston Washington
whitehorsegolf.com
10:00 am warm up, tee off at 10:30 am

To register contact Alisha: alishaanunson@gmail.com
or text 360-271-7302, by July 1, 2025 to reserve your spot.

Cost per player \$140*
please mail payment to Alisha Anunson at
2159 NE Norrland Ct
Poulsbo, Washington 98370
A confirmation email with directions
and payment receipt will be sent to you.

*price includes cart rental, and snacks for the course.