

# VIKINGEN



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is upon us, officially on September 23, 2023. Are the tree leaves starting to turn color, is there a chill in the morning air? Sure signs the next season is on its way. Or is it? With climate change factors factored in, Mother Nature may just be teasing us. No matter the weather or temperature, get outside and enjoy it! As they say, there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.

We are busy preparing for the 117th Bazaar, coming up on October 28th and 29th. The hours are 10:00-4:00 on Saturday and 11:00-4:00 on Sunday. We need many volunteers to make it happen so please raise your hand and call the office or email myself, Seth Maristuen or Christine Anderson, the three Co-Chairs of this year's Bazaar. If you have never helped with the Bazaar, it is a lot of fun. Baking cookies, cakes, lefse, cashiering, and open-faced sandwiches, selling spot raffle tickets are some of the jobs available. How would you like to help? Help is also needed prior to the event with processing the main raffle tickets and setting up. The Seattle Symphony and Hotel Åndra are teaming up once again to offer a prize package for the main raffle. In addition, our friends at Scandinavian Specialties and Skål will provide two of the main raffle prizes. Check your mailbox for the raffle tickets which you will have by the time you read this in the Vikingen. Tickets will also be available to buy at the Bazaar. Please see the Bazaar article elsewhere in this newsletter for other highlights. Thank you to everyone working on the Bazaar, our main fundraiser for the year, providing funds for cultural programs and activities and everyday operational expenses.

Please thank Magni Hinsee and Valborg Nordbo when you see them, for 23 years working in the Kaffestua. They are both retiring from volunteering at Kaffestua. I am sure they have many stories to tell! Kaffestua used to run Monday through Friday, now it is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-2:00. Thank you to Laurie Lund-Gonzales and Lisa Greenough for keeping Kaffestua going and for all their terrific work. I am sure they welcome new members who want to make smørbrød, vaffler and other delicious culinary creations in Kaffestua.

We have lost another of our longtime lodge members recently. Marit Thomson passed away recently; she volunteered for many years at Heritage Day and the Bazaar. She and Carol Lindgren teamed up to staff the Immigrant trunk at Heritage Day and run the center table at the Bazaar. Marit always had a smile and something positive to say whenever she spoke to anyone. She will be sorely missed.

In November we hold elections for LEL Board positions. There are several vacancies including President, Vice President, Cultural Director, Trustee and Foundation Director. Some of the Board members in these positions have been diligently performing their duties for many years and it's time to give them a break. Our nominating Committee will be looking for replacements. Interested LEL members should contact myself, Seth Maristuen or Kathleen Lange if you would like more information about the vacant positions.

We look forward to seeing you at our October 11th dinner, cultural program and business meeting. Radost returns as the program and Malin will prepare a delicious Fall dinner! Don't forget to RSVP by Monday, October 9th.

**Gail A. Engler**  
Vice President, Leif Erikson Lodge

### MEMBER DINNER RSVP REMINDER

A reminder to make your reservations no later than October 9th, Monday at 5:00pm. Sign the list on the bulletin board, reserve online or call the Lodge: (206) 783-1274.

### 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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 Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**RADOST PERFORMS!**

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



RADOST

We are going south of Norway for an exciting performance of dances from Croatia, Bulgaria and Hungary. Radost means "Joy" in all the Slavic languages. The dance group has been performing throughout the NW since 1976 and many of their shows have been sold out. The Radost Folk Ensemble brings color, energy and ethnic culture in their performances. We have been fortunate, in the past, to have Radost perform at our lodge and every time they are here, members ask when they can return. Don't miss their program which is filled with vitality and joy. There even may be an opportunity for the lodge members to do a couple of easy Balkan line dances.

In keeping with the Balkan theme, Malin will be serving stuffed bell peppers, along with a fresh salad with herbs and berries, bread, butter and baked apples with almond paste and whipped cream, coffee and tea all for \$22.00. Let Malin know if you want a vegetarian main course.

The program and dinner will give you "radost" or joy and that is a very good thing! Please make your reservations by Monday, October 9 so we know how much food to prepare. Call the lodge, (206) 783-1274, sign up on the bulletin board or online in the e-news.

**JoAnne Hardt Rudo, Cultural Director**

## SECOND SATURDAY AT THE LODGE

Please join us October 14th at the Lodge for Second Saturday events! Bring a guest!

**October Movie** - 3:00pm - 4:30pm – “Caspar”. In the Norna Theater. Snacks provided.

**Happy Hour in Kaffestua** - 5:00pm - 8:00pm - In keeping with the opening of fall activities, Happy Hours of the season are the second Saturdays of September, October and November. Second Saturday of October is coming up very soon- on Oct. 14th. 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, soda, spirits! Hope to see you. Bring a friend or two to mix it up a little. It's a fun evening!

## VELKOMMEN TIL NEW MEMBERS

Velkommen to the New Members voted on September 13, 2023: Kathy Signe Buholm, Leigh-Ann Davis and Robert Davis, Chika Sumeeta Eustace, Jared and Lisle Randall, Linda Marie and Donald Adams Flynn, Matthew Warren and Jacob Zachery Heinck, Bonnie Loraine Katsandres, Matthew Scott Lemire and Pamela Mae Pfeifle, Carmen Lopez and Riley Swanson, Antoinette and Scott Luchessa, Roy Eign Madsen, Jack Maddex, Megan Mooney, Dylan and Kevin Munro, Raymond B. Nioly, Annika, Karsten and Rick Nye, Heidi Eian Pankratz, Alexandra Plastino, Janet L. Rosen Mount, Monica Schilling, Carson B., Christopher and Malia Williams.

**Reinstated:** Curt Kolar, Cora Olson, Ashley JoAnn Thostenson.

**Members Transferred into Leif Erikson Lodge:** Leigh-Ann and Robert Davis, Brent K. and Jessica Sjolseth and Avery and Theo Zimanek.

**Affiliate Member:** James Wraalstad

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](mailto:sethmaristuen@gmail.com)) or Gail Engler ([englergail32@gmail.com](mailto: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 membership as a condition of their residing at Norway Park.

**Ellen Beck,**

**Membership Coordinator/Financial Secretary**

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## LEIF ERIKSON BAZAAR

Join us on October 28 and 29 for our fantastic Bazaar and at our baking parties and more! We have lots of prep work to make our bazaar successful! It is our biggest event of the year and our biggest fundraiser! We need ideas to attract more people from the local community. There are some changes in our offerings this year! Please contact the office or email: [Leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net) to volunteer. There are many opportunities for volunteers including kitchen, baking, parking lot staffing, cashiering, spot raffles, Ditt og Datt. Help is also needed prior to the Bazaar to process raffle tickets which will be mailed out by September 1st.

There are three Co-Chairs this year. Gail Engler, Seth Maristuen and Christine Anderson. New people are needed to help out either volunteering or being in charge of an area. We are also looking for donations to our online auction. We already have a weekend getaway at the beach, a weekend getaway at the mountain and some special vintage items. Looking for a boat trip around the sound, dinners, and other special events such as tickets for football games, basketball games, Kraken tickets, etc.! We also are in need of books and silent auction items which can be brought to the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10AM-2PM. Just call the office or email us. Many hands make light work! Thank you for helping!



## NORWEGIAN GREETINGS

Hei Allesammen! Tusen takk til alle som kom til v(a with a circle above)r 13. september møte. Det var fantastisk! Vi hadde det koselig. Det var program, riktig godt mat og møte! Vi fikk 32 nye medlemmer.

Vi sang til dem som hadde bursdag og mange var der fra før møte og kvelden begynte og var der også da vi gikk hjem. Husk å ble med, delta og kos deg!

Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe! Hello Everyone! thank you to all who came to our 13th of September meeting. It was fantastisk! We had a great time. There was a program, really good dinner and a fine meeting. We voted in 32 new members.

We sang to those with birthdays and many were in the Lodge from before everything got going until we all went home. Remember to be with us, participate and have a good time!

***Greetings from Ellen Margrethe***

## LEIKARRINGEN LIAISONS

Dance practice has started under the wonderful leadership of our dance director Beth Kolle and our dance coordinator Elaine Everitt. We learn new dances, practice our recent favorites so we keep them in our active memories and reach back into our dance archives to bring back past dances. We always welcome new members and those wanting to drop in to check out what we do. Now is a good time to consider coming to a practice on Tuesdays from 5-7pm at the Lodge. We would love to see you!

Our crafting committee has been working to make and prepare our contributions to the upcoming Bazaar. We are also baking and signing up to volunteer to help make this annual event a success.

It is such a privilege to be able to do worthwhile activities, keep Nordic traditions alive and meaningful in our current times and do this with the great friendships these activities have created. And we have such fun too! See you at the Lodge.

***Sheila Bartanen, President***

## JOIN OUR GOODIES2GO JULEFEST TEAM OF BAKERS!

Julefest Goodies2Go, the National Nordic Museum bake sale of homemade Nordic cookies and other goodies, is looking for new bakers for 2023.

Never baked before or a new or inexperienced baker? The Goodies2Go team is offering cookie baking classes, September 17 and October 15, with easy-to-bake and delicious recipes.

Bakers acknowledge that, in exchange for the free class you may be asked to bake for Leif Erikson Lodge events, such as their upcoming Bazaar on October 28-29. Tusen takk!

If you or a family member or friend is interested in baking with the Goodies2Go team, or interested in the cookie baking classes, please contact team member Sharon Lucas at 206-525-4482 or [Sharon.Lucas@comcast.net](mailto:Sharon.Lucas@comcast.net). Enrollment is limited and classes will fill up fast.



## 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](mailto:vikingeneditor@gmail.com) if you wish to purchase a calendar. Tusen takk!

## IN MEMORIUM

**Harold Duane Drevecky** passed away on August 12, 2023, at age 90. He joined the Lodge in September of 2008. Learning and education were always important to Harold. He was encouraged to enter the Army to gain access to the GI Bill and proudly served as a field medic in the Korean War. He received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and then a Master of Science from the University of North Dakota. In 1963, he came to Seattle and started a 39-year engineering career with the Boeing Company, where he was well-regarded for his knowledge, experience, and ability to find solutions to even the most difficult problems. He is survived by his wife and world travel companion Luella, two daughters and sons-in-law: Emily (Greg), and Becky (Brett), and Craig (James), and his brothers and sisters Bob, Joanne, Theda, Jim and Nancy. He was a proud Grandpa and Papa to his grandsons Matthew and Collin. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

**Mary L. Ovstedal** passed away on August 9, 2023, at age 93. She joined the Lodge in 1956 and was a Life Member. More information may be published as it becomes available. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

## FROM YOUR FRIENDLY LIBRARIAN

Greetings from the library everyone! Please reach out to me if you'd like to visit the library in October - I am happy to make an appointment and meet you there. Fall is a great time to settle into a good book - I'm just wrapping up "Victoria's Daughters" by Jerrold Packard. If you are interested in European Royal History, this book is a fascinating account of Queen Victoria's daughters and the various royal families they married into. Thanks!

**Ariane Westin-McCaw, LEL Librarian**  
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## LEIF ERIKSON DAY PROGRAM

Why do we celebrate Leif Erikson Day in October? Join us at Leif Erikson Hall on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 1PM for presentations by the Lori Ann Reinhall, Editor of the Norwegian American newspaper, and Gordon Strand from the Friends of Bergen Place in Ballard. Learn the significance of the sailing of the Restauration from Norway to New York in 1825, its relationship with the celebration of Leif Erikson's discovery of Vinland around 1000AD, and how Bergen Place serves as a reminder of the relationship between Seattle and its sister city Bergen. Its dedication in 1975 was the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Restauration. 2025 is the Bicentennial of the arrival of the Restauration, the first organized immigration ship crossing from Stavanger Norway to New York! Entertainment includes sea shanties from around 1825 and more, delicious Norwegian open faced sandwiches and special refreshments--all for just \$10. Hope to see you there!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ebeckster@gmail.com)**. You can also go to the SON website-[www.sofn.com](http://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](mailto: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 Vikingen Editor at [vikingeneditor@gmail.com](mailto:vikingeneditor@gmail.com).

### ORDER LEL NAME TAGS

You can order your Leif Erikson Lodge name tags by contacting Bernie Bowers at [Bernieb3@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## Leif Erikson Lodge Trivia Night



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## LEL CALENDAR - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

- October 4** - LEL Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm
- October 7** - 1st Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00am-2:00pm
- October 7** - Ski for Light Salmon/Cod Dinner; 6:00pm. \$30.00. RSVP to Bothell SON.
- October 7** - KoriNordAmerika (Norwegian) concert at Ballard First Lutheran, 7:00pm
- October 8** - Leif Erikson Day Program at LEL, 1:00pm. Speakers, treats, coffee
- October 9** - Leif Erikson Day
- October 11** - Social 5:30pm; LEL Dinner, 6:00pm, Program, 6:45pm; Business Meeting- 7:30pm (RSVP by Oct. 9th)
- October 14** - Second Saturday Events: Movie - 3:00pm (Norna); Happy Hour- 5-8pm
- October 14** - **Vikingen Deadline (for November).**
- October 17** - Norna Ladies meeting, 11:30, Kaffestua
- October 18** - LEL Trivia, 7:00pm, via Zoom
- October 28-29** - **117th Annual LEL Bazaar; 10-4 Sat. and 11- 4, Sunday**
- 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 - 7:30pm
- November 11** - Second Saturday Events: Movie - 3:00pm (Norna); Happy Hour- 5-8pm
- November 11** - **Vikingen Deadline (for December)**
- November 14** - Norna Ladies meeting, 11:30, Kaffestua
- November 15** - LEL Trivia, 7:00pm, via Zoom

**Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class is meeting at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00-11:00. Please contact Marianne for details. [marianne@ballardhealthclub.com](mailto:marianne@ballardhealthclub.com)**  
**Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall, Wednesdays, 11:15-12:00. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that.**

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