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President's Message



November 2018 Vikingen. *Hilsen fra Presidenten.* September seems to have sped by so quickly. I am glad we are having some nice, warm autumn days. The winter rains and gray clouds will be upon us soon enough! If it's October it must be time for the Bazaar; it is just one week away. Thank you to the many Volunteers who make it happen year after year. Besides Scandinavian

Specialties, we have some new sponsors this year for the main raffle prizes, including the Hotel Andra, Seattle Symphony and Skal. We were hoping that Skal would be open so we could go there to celebrate after the Bazaar. However, their Grand Opening is now set for November and we will celebrate then.

The Ski for Light dinner on September 22nd was very well attended. Erling Berg and Roger Young did a great job in getting all the volunteers together to prepare a delicious salmon and cod dinner. Special thanks to Erling who insisted on going through with the dinner in spite of the loss of his dear wife Hjordis, who passed away just a few weeks prior. By popular demand, Randi Aulie will once again chair the Lodge Julebord on December 8th. She is, however, seriously hoping that someone will take notes and shadow her this year as she prepares for this special occasion, in hopes that someone else will take over next year and carry on this special Norwegian holiday occasion. Look for more information in the December Vikingen.

The remodel of the Norna Room is mostly complete and it looks beautiful! Many thanks to all who have made donations and contributed their labor. A special thanks to Tom Bergland from Leikarringen for installing the cabinets. Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter about the Nov. 4th event to celebrate its completion and also for surpassing the GoFundMe goal.

A new member orientation was held on October 13th, the first of several to be held throughout the year. The goal is to reach out to new members and inform them of lodge activities and how to get involved. Thanks to Bill, Ellen, Seth and others for helping with this first meeting.

There will be a baking class on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10:00-2:00. Sign up in the office. We will make Christmas cookies and another special dessert. Cost will be \$10.00.



Pumpkin Carving

We will hold elections at the November membership meeting for vacant LEL Board positions. Megan Knight, Seth Maristuen and Chris Varnes are on the Nominating Committee and are working on filling the vacancies. Thank you to all those who have served but who will not be returning next year; your contributions and participation are greatly appreciated. Mange takk!

As we enjoy these warm Indian summer days and move into the holiday season, let's try to slow down, take a deep breath, enjoy the season and try to be more patient and understanding of one another. As our Counsellor advises each month, "May peace and harmony prevail throughout the Lodge".

Til vi møtes igjen.

Faternally,

Gail Engler, President, Leif Erikson Lodge

NORWEGIAN GREETING

Hei Dere!

Det er høst nå og vi har fått regnvær i byen og snø i fjellene. Jeg liker høst. Det er vakkert når trærne skifter farger, og hvis det regner, kan vi gå med paraplyer! Liker dere høst?
Hilsen fra Ellen

Hello All!

It is fall now and we have had rainy weather in the city and snow in the mountains. I like the fall. It's beautiful when the trees change color, and if it rains, we can use our umbrellas! Do you like the fall?

Greetings from Ellen

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Leif Erikson Lodge Presents:



NOVEMBER 14 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING

Join us for our monthly membership meeting and dinner. We will begin with social hour at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:00. This month's dinner will be an Eastern European menu featuring Romanian pork and potato stew with mamaliga, accompanied by salad and dessert.

This month we will be joined by Radost, performing dances from Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania. Established in 1976, Radost has earned a reputation as one of the top ethnic performing ensembles in the Pacific Northwest. You can learn more about our guests at www.radost.org.

In addition, we will have elections for the Leif Erikson Lodge Board, and we will also have a Memorial for those members who have passed. Youth activity for November will be a movie and popcorn party!

We hope to see you there!

Call the office or RSVP to LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net



November Dinner & Members Meeting

Social 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Radost Dancers

Business Meeting
7:30 pm

Elections for 2019 LEL Board

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Membership Meetings:

2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm
(or as announced)

The **Vikingen** has been published since 1945
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was founded on May 13, 1903.

NEW MEMBERS

- Pam DeHart
- Christine Ann Lea
- Gary N. Haugland
- Alice J. Haugland
- Anika Hoffman
- Kaleb Jenkins
- Daniel Raymond Morrison
- A. Stella Ayers-Hopkins
- Cheryol Lee (Rostad) Ayers
- J. Luke Hopkins
- Ava Simon Hopkins
(Heritage Member)
- Elvis Cassius Hopkins
(Heritage Member)
- Levi Nashville Hopkins
(Heritage Member)

REINSTATED MEMBERS

- Laura Renee Aunan
- Cheyenne Nora Gillooly
- Christiana Maria Heins
- Kristi H. Hoagland

COME TO THE NOVEMBER 4TH PARTY

It's a party to celebrate the end of an amazing fundraising effort to repair and upgrade Leif Erikson Hall with an art auction of the work of Astrup and Tveteraas! Sunday November 4, 3PM!

Sunday, November 4, 3PM: Astrup and Tveteraas with wine and cheese, tea and goodies! Discover Norwegian artists Nikolai Astrup and Vilhelm Tveteraas. Join in the opportunity to buy some of Astrup's black and white numbered lithographs made from original woodcuts and original woodcuts by Tveteraas. Rare opportunity for us in the United States. Another of the limited numbered lithographs is shown this month, Inger Grimsbo, Old Jolster Girl, in our enews which will be available for purchase during the event! The other works will be on our website www.leiferiksonlodge.com. Lori Ann Reinhall, President of Seattle-Bergen Sister City, is our guest speaker who has visited the exhibit of Astrup's work in Bergen! Celebrate your contributions to GoFundMe, too. A great thank you for our GoFundMe donors! Donations accepted at the door.

Vilhelm Tveteraas (18 April 1898 – 4 January 1972) was a Norwegian printmaker, painter and illustrator along with being a dentist! He is particularly noted for his woodcuts. Some of his work is in the National Gallery of Norway, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the National Library in Paris France, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. We have two color woodcut framed pieces, Fire par l'artistedone in 1962 and Farm and horse (Gaard og hest) 26 of 45 done in 1967. arm and horse is a great complementary piece to Dawn exhibited at MOMA.

Nikolai Astrup (30 August 1880 – 21 January 1928) We have seven black and white lithographs in a collection reproduced from woodcuts by Nikolai Astrup, who died at age 47 in 1928. Much of his work was done around the area of Jolster. Most of his art is held by private collectors and some of his paintings have sold for \$500,000 at auction! The lithographs were authorized by Dagfinn Astrup, his son, in 1955 to be made from woodblocks. Only 24 woodcuts were translated into lithographs. They were printed by Eugen Pettersen who was head of the lithographic workshop at the National Academy of Arts and Crafts. His work has been described as Tolkienesque and is well known in Norway, but not the rest of the world so it is a rare opportunity for his to even see his work here. In 2016, his first exhibition outside of Norway was in London with works shown mostly from private collections. The KODE museum in Bergen is currently showing Astrup's, Out of the Shadows.

CODFISH DINNER

The Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, Seattle's oldest chorus, is pleased to announce our annual Codfish dinner and concert. This years party is slated to be held on Sunday November 11th at the Leif Erickson Lodge in Ballard, 2245 NW 57th St. Social begins at 5 pm with a no-host bar. Dinner at 6pm and a performance by the chorus after dessert around 7-7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$25.00 and are available from chorus members or by dropping by the lodge during office hours, phone# 206-783-1274. Or online at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3630696>)

Please come join us for what is always a fun evening with good friends, good food and good music!

The chorus is celebrating our 129th anniversary this year! The proceeds help the chorus remain a contributor to the nationally recognized Scandinavian community here in Seattle.

Howard Slauson,

NMC President, Ph: 425-329-9826



Beginning with the 2018 summer season, **Leif Erikson Recreation Association** (also known as **Norway Park**) will charge a \$5 day use fee for all Lodge Members and Member guests. Norway Park will have a camp host at the beach gate collecting day use fees, camp fees, and checking membership status. Current membership card (Lodge 2-001) and valid photo ID must be available at all times while at the beach. Lodge members are limited to a maximum of 10 guests within a group. Larger groups are welcome and possible with advance arrangements and pavilion rental. Visit Norway Park website for additional information: www.norwaypark.org

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Nomination Committee-Megan, Seth and Chris! We have spent September and October connecting with Lodge Board members new and old, to confirm the slate for 2019. We are grateful for all those who have served on the Board in the last year, and pleased so many of you have elected to continue. Board service is a great way to contribute to our Lodge. We have some key positions left to be filled and would love to hear of those who might be interested. The following roles are still open: Vice President, Social Director, and Greeters (2). Additionally, our Cultural

Director, Ariane, would love someone to assist her throughout the year and learn the role. The LEBA board also has some openings to be filled as there are several vacancies. They are specifically looking for members with technical skills such as a building contractor, electrician or plumber.

Please reach out to Megan Knight (meganknight77@gmail.com) or Seth Maristuen (sethmaristuen@gmail.com) and we'd be happy to discuss these open roles with you.

- Megan Knight

FROM THE CULTURAL DIRECTOR

There is so much going on, culturally speaking, at the lodge this fall. I would like to thank Lee again for organizing a sandwich making workshop in early October. I dropped by to introduce the Cultural Medals program. Sons of Norway awards cultural medals are in a variety of categories, including Norwegian traditional cooking. The sandwich making class was a great way to start the program. I'd also like to thank Gail for organizing a cookie making class on Saturday November 3. More info to come about that, but if you are interested in learning some Norwegian cookie recipes, then make sure to save the date. This class is also a great step toward achieving the Traditional cooking cultural medal.

I hope to see lots of members at our membership meeting on Wednesday, November 14. We have a terrific cultural program lined up. Radost Folk Ensemble will be dancing for us. Radost is a folk dance ensemble with a repertoire of dances from Eastern Europe. They have been performing since 1976. I have seen them perform before and I can't emphasize enough how much of a treat this is to have them come to our lodge to perform for us.

Our December meeting will feature Christmas songs sung by the Norwegian Ladies Chorus. It will be a fun way to experience the holiday spirit. I hope many of you will join us for that. Thanks!

- Ariane Westin-McCaw

2ND SATURDAY KAFFESTUA REPORT - OCTOBER 2018

Laurie Lund-Gonzales and Lisa Greenough were our hostesses today and provided a lovely spread, including homemade cookies and pumpkin chocolate chip cake. The Sutters, who are 2nd Saturday regulars, came from West Seattle to enjoy lunch and socializing. They will all be helping out with Ditt og Datt next Friday. A Ditt og Datt work party was going on in the basement and they enjoyed lunch at Kaffestua. Geniologist Are Gustafsen was available to answer geniology questions, and President Gail Engler divided her time between her question and answer table at Kaffestua, the sandwich-making class being held upstairs, and preparing for new member orientation. It was a lively day at the Lodge! Please join us next month, November 10th, and get in on the fun!

- Nancy Hiraoka

SEAHAWKS IN BERGEN??!

Did you catch the article in the Seattle Times Sports section on Saturday? I did, because anything with "Norwegian" catches my eye! There is a team in Bergen named the Åsane Seahawks! They play in the Elite Series and play 11-man football. They also have a link to Seattle. Their present coach, Sam Strickland, played football at Nathan Hale. He is living in Norway because of falling in love and marrying a former international exchange student from Norway while attending Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California.

This is community based American football. The Åsane

Seahawks was started by a Norwegian exchange student, Torstein Bakken, who attended Forks High School, and happened to see a Seattle Seahawks game in 1985. He fell in love with the experience. Now they have about 100 players across different teams – under 13, under 15, Division II and Elite Series. The Åsane Seahawks played in the 2017 Norway national championship, losing to the Valerenga Trolls!

Last week Torstein Bakken attended the Seattle Seahawks game against the Oakland Raiders, in Europe, calling the experience "the cherry on top of one of the great sundaes of my life."

"Many thanks to Bjorn at Scan Specialties for donating his expertise, time and sandwich ingredients to make our Lodge sandwich making class a success and fun for all who attended and enjoyed making sandwiches and eating lunch together.

Please stop by Scan Specialties for lunch or just shopping and thank Bjorn for his support!"



NORNA LADIES ACTIVITIES

Our next gathering will be a potluck lunch on **Tuesday, November 13**, at 12noon, in the Norna Room. Bring a favorite dish to share, and think about inviting a friend, too. Norna took part in last month's Bazaar - displaying and selling our famous hand-make crafts: embroidered dish towels, refrigerator towels, wash cloths, scrubbies, and knit sweaters, hats, and socks. Our traditions continue!

Judy Gray & Diane Adams, Co-presidents



A little Viking enjoyed the October Bazaar!

KAFFESTUA KROKEN (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018)

Fall has arrived!!!! No better time to come in and join your friends in *Kaffestua*!

The café is open and welcoming, and we're happy to serve you Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. For a donation of only \$5.00, it still remains the best place in Ballard to get a wonderful lunch, along with friendly conversation -- and live music, usually on Fridays. There's always a fresh pot of coffee brewing, with great traditional open-face sandwiches, heart waffles and yummy sweets to be had. And, if you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact Diane Aronsen, who is looking forward to hearing from you. Please call her at 206.783.4491 if you have any spare time to help, or if you could be available on-call. Thanks!!

Visitors

Visitors from Oregon, Kansas, Georgia, Canada, and California stopped in for some friendly conversation and lunch.

Volunteers Over the Past Couple of Months at Kaffestua Include:

Linda Pye, Gail Engler, Judy Browning, Reidun Totland, Irene Kleiveland, Marilyn Fuller, Ellen Beck, Beth Kolle, Karen Sheldahl, Bjarne Varnes, Diane Aronsen, Magne Erga, Valborg Nordbo, Magni Hinsee, Helga Moen, Laurie Lund Gonzales, Gunn Marit McArthur, Perdís Jacobsen, Connie Hofstad, Claire Sagen, Kathleen Lange, and Lisa Greenough. *Tusen takk to all volunteers!*

People Who Recently Donated Food Items and Whose Names Were Listed in the Book:

Gail Engler, Diane Aronsen, Pat Bjorkelo, Larry Johnson, Claire Sagen, Magni Hinsee, Gary Folkstad, Vidar Warness, Gunn Marit McArthur, Kathleen Lange, Marilyn Fuller, Pauline and Thor Olsen, Helga Moen, Odd Moen, Joann Graves, Judy Browning, Irene Kleiveland, Eric and Beverly Wold, Reidun Totland, Norma Larson, Perdís Jacobsen, Sonja Adams, Valborg Nordbo, Ellen Beck, Karen Sheldahl, Lisa Greenough, and Laurie Lund Gonzales.

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Our Very Talented Musicians Who Recently Entertained Us:

Trygve Bjørndal on accordion, and Thor Olsen on guitar

Music makes a difference. Thank you so much!

- Bernie Bowers

MANGE TAKK TO ALL OUR MANY DONORS TO GOFUNDME

Mange takk to all our many donors to GoFundMe. We have met our goal of \$96,000 and have exceeded it. We are now over \$101,589! Yeah! The fundraising started on September 28, 2016! Now two years later, you can pat yourselves on the back for helping with our building improvements! We have two fundraisers, Ski for Light and the Sandwich Making Class, where the totals have not been received yet. These will be in the next newsletter with a final total for the fundraising program which wraps up Sunday, November 4, 2018, when we have our party and art auction!

It has been a busy summer at Leif Erikson Hall from cleaning the building, raising funds, and spending lots of funds! We got a number of rooms cleaned for the annual cleaning, but not all! We can always use more help with this. An inventory will be completed this year so we made an effort to remove items no longer used. These were then placed in our Treasures sale in July during Seafoodfest. We had a busy sale on Saturday and were able to make some room for more items in the Ditt og Datt sale at the bazaar.

We started the Norna Room remodel in June with a demo of the room with lots of volunteers. Just when we finished cleaning the room and preparing it for the new floor, the 3rd floor hot water tank decided it was time to leak. We were so lucky we had people in the building when this happened! We now have a new tankless water heating system. New flooring and lighting were put in—the room can now be used for small dance workshops! The new cabinets, counters, and kitchen area are finished with glass for the display cabinets provided by Einar and Anna Marie Johanson. Tom Berglund, who dances with Leikarringen and was also one of the chefs for the Viking Dinner, did this finishing work. We'll be showing off this room during the bazaar! We look forward to having a Smart TV and some evenings of watching movies, but also having a up-to-date rental space for small groups. Many thanks to Katrina Sharpe Svasand who created the design plan for the Norna Room.

The repair of the exterior cracks in the stucco went smoothly. Luckily, there wasn't significant water damage as there was with the scupper projects. Thanks for being patient with us as kaffestua had to be closed for two weeks. We look forward to getting the exterior painted next summer. The painting was done 18 years ago by Kjell Myraas. Hopefully, we will be fortunate

enough to have the same longevity this time around! LEBA hasn't met formally all summer. At the end-of-the-month meeting, we will get a better idea of where to use more of the GoFundMe funds throughout the building. New carpeting in the building is one goal!

Tusen takk to all those who helped with the big clean! Sandra Conry (who was cleaning the pantry when the hot water tank on the third floor started leaking down to the 2d floor pantry saving us from extensive damage!), Carol Ollestad, Gail Fahey, Christine Anderson, Karen Abelsen, Gail Engler, and Chris Varnes. Outside Gwen Weinert and Gordon Jackins were busy working in the front and back yards. Downstairs preparing for the Treasures Sale were Bernice Chouery, Claire Sagen, Kathleen Lange. Helping with the hot water heater clean up, etc--Gary, our vigilant caretaker; Peter Nestingen; Mark Quam; Christine Anderson; and Gail Engler. Helping paint and preparing the Norna Room for lights: Mark Quam, Gail Engler, Judy Gray, Gwen Weinert, Christine Anderson, Howard Slauson and Andrew Bruce. Howie installed all new lights, plugs and switches in the Norna Room—a wonderful improvement. Many thanks for Kaffestua being open for our workers.

We are still looking for a landscaper as now is the time to start putting in new plants for the fall. We need something simple for us to take care of, yet looks beautiful and represents Norway in some way. We are also looking for a coordinator to take on small repair projects that can be done by a crew of members and friends once a month. This will ease up the work done in June and keep our building looking great. If you are willing to lead a small group of volunteers to complete such repairs as the railing on the small fence by the driveway, caulk the sidewalk to prevent weeds from growing in the cracks, etc.

Contributors to GoFundMe

Jon and Susan Hanson, \$2000

Norwegian Commercial Club, \$1000,

Helping assist with Leif Erikson Hall upgrades

Anonymous, \$50

Sigmund and Torborg Eriksen, \$500

Odd and Helga Moen, \$100,

In memory of Hans Tofting

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Anonymous, \$1200

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 Sissel Peterson, \$25
 Olav Esaiassen, \$500
 Arne Lysholm, \$50
 Irene Gansmoe, \$100
 Irving Haug, \$200
 Reiten Enterprises, \$250
 Robert and Susan Forseth, \$50
 Treasures sale, \$466,
A weekend of fundraising at Seafoodfest
 Dennis and Diane Johnson, \$100
 Estelle Brousseau, \$100
 Jodi Jamerson, \$25
 Georg Kjonsvik, \$75,
In memory of Norma Larson
 Anders and Jakob Straume, \$100,
In memory of Odd Nordbo
 Odd and Greta Justad, \$50
 Beth Kolle, \$200
 Kirsten Qvigstad, \$25
 Solveig Lee, \$50
 Treasures sale, \$116.55,
Additional sales from Seafoodfest
 Viking Dinner Silent Auction, \$448
 Viking Dinner, \$2108.31
 G. Robert and Oddny Johnston, \$500



Magni Hinsee celebrated her birthday at our October Members' Meeting. We thank her for all of her many hours of volunteering and supporting the Lodge!

NORWAY PARK NEWS

The LERA caretaker (360-982-0534) advises advance notice from those requesting gate access at the lake. Please keep in mind that Tuesday and Wednesday are his days off.

GREAT NEWS !!



Bill Nelson
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NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3RD

Baking class, 10:00-2:00

Call LEL office to RSVP. Cost is \$10.00

NOVEMBER 4TH

Art lecture; celebration of Norna Room
completion and GoFundMe

NOVEMBER 7TH

LEL Board meeting

NOVEMBER 10TH

Second Saturday -Kafestua

Chat with the President

Genealogy

Happy Hour

NOVEMBER 14TH

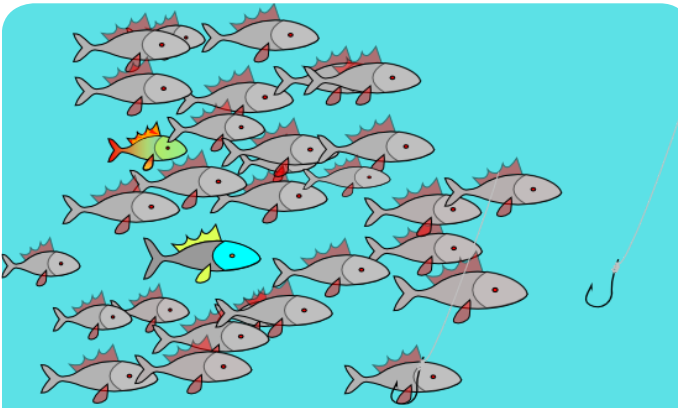
Membership meeting

DECEMBER 8TH

Julebord. Cost -\$35.00

DECEMBER 9TH

Children's Christmas party



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