

Get in Touch with  
Your Heritage...



### Members Enjoy Daughters of Norway

"The camaraderie that develops among the members of a lodge and other Daughters of Norway lodges is a rewarding and gratifying result of belonging to our organization. Women with similar interests and common ancestral bonds have much to share!"

*Florence Buck, Washington  
(Grand Lodge President, 1984-1986)*

"I enjoy the fellowship with women of similar back-grounds who want to learn more about the history of their ancestors and the culture of Scandinavia. The special programs each month such as language lessons, cooking demonstrations, genealogy, rosemaling, needle arts, and crafts are very informative and beneficial to learning about our heritage."

*Sharon Knudsen, Iowa*

"I joined Daughters of Norway to learn more about my Norwegian heritage. Little did I know that the organization would provide me the opportunity to meet so many talented women as well as develop lifelong friendships."

*Karen Libke, Minnesota*

### You are invited to JOIN US!

Develop Lasting Friendships  
While Learning about Your Heritage



Telemark Bunad



Lom Stavkirke



Rural Norway



Kransekake

### DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

*Founded 1908, State of Washington*



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### DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY





# Learn More About. . . .

## Daughters of Norway

In the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many Daughters of Norway lodges formed throughout the United States, but over the next years, with economic difficulties, many had few resources to continue. Some disbanded in the 1930s and 40s, and the lodges of the Midwest Daughters of Norway merged with Sons of Norway in 1950. The "Daughters of Norway on the Pacific Coast" declined the invitation to merge, and since 1950 has been known as the Daughters of Norway. The women retained their independent organization with the same purpose as its founding in 1908: to preserve and share a knowledge of our Norwegian heritage with our children and our communities, and to build among our members a strong support system and bond of friendship.

The wish of Nordic-American women to seek out the traditions, history, and culture of their ancestry has grown stronger in recent years, resulting in the formation of many new lodges. The institution of a new lodge in Minneapolis, MN in 2010 was not only exciting, but historic - a lodge once again exists where the first Daughters of Norway lodge was established in 1897! Active lodges can be found in WA, OR, MT, CA, NV, SD, IA, MN, and ND. The Daughters of Norway today is as strong, vibrant, and supportive as it has been for more than a century!



## Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge Executive Board and Committees oversee the organization's Biennial Conventions, Endowment Fund, Scholarship Program, and *Døtre av Norge* news magazine.

## Lodges

The ever-increasing interest in heritage continues generating new lodges throughout the Midwest, Mountain, and Pacific States. The future could include lodge development and expansion in the eastern half of the United States - wherever women have interest in starting a lodge. Daughters of Norway lodge members and Associate members can be found in the United States, Canada, and Norway.

## Activities and Classes

Informational Programs and Sewing Classes - Folk Costumes, Bunads, and Viking Clothing

Holiday Banquets, Parties, Smørgåsbords, Julefest (Christmas)

Folk Dancing

Genealogy

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Musical Programs - Traditional Folk Music, Classical, Modern, Hardanger Fiddle

Language Classes

Royalty

Cooking Classes - Traditional and

Contemporary Foods, Breads, Kringle, Lefse, Krumkake, Rosettes, etc.

Needle Crafts - Tatting, Hardanger Embroidery, Knitting, etc.

Beading

Heritage Festivals

Field Trips, Cruises

Visual and Literary Arts - Rosemaling Painting, Book Clubs

Contemporary Culture

Volunteer Work in the Community

*And so much more!*

## Fairs and Festivals

Lodge Sisters host and participate in community events, fairs, festivals, and shows, such as the celebration of *Syttende Mai*, *Sankt Hans Midtsommerfest*, *Julefest*, and many others.

## Membership and Benefits

- New members are always *Velkommen*. Women at least thirteen years old and of Nordic birth or descent, or women who have a spouse of Nordic descent, or a relative of Norwegian descent, are eligible for membership.
- Members receive the bi-monthly news magazine, *Døtre av Norge*.

## Contacts and Further Information

Women interested in learning more about the Daughters of Norway, joining the Daughters of Norway, or helping to establish a lodge are invited to visit our website.

[www.daughtersofnorway.org](http://www.daughtersofnorway.org)



Hardanger Embroidery

*Lenge leve Døtre av Norge!*  
Long Live Daughters of Norway!