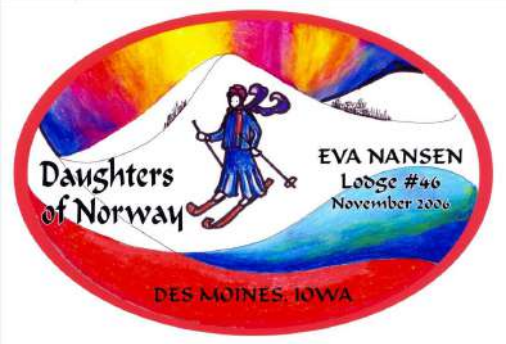
November 2026 Newsletter Eva Nansen Lodge 46 NO

1 message

Lee Ann Bakros, Communications chair <don.eva.nansen.lodge46@107948566.mailchimpapp.com> Sun, Nov 8, 2026 at 5:22 PM
Reply-To: don.eva.nansen.lodge46@gmail.com
To: Kirsten <dofnorway@gmail.com>

November 2026 Lodge Newsletter



What's inside:
Lodge anniversary; October photos; Taste of Norway; & more!

Programming

November Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026

6:30 PM: Social time including traditional Norwegian violin music from sisters Lynne Flater and Cindy Prior



7:00 PM: Program followed by business meeting
Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave, Clive

Program: 20th Anniversary of Eva Nansen Lodge

Learn about the history of our lodge and celebrate with cake

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Dates: Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month except November which is on the 2nd Tuesday. There are no meetings in June and July but June will have an activity.
- Times: 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Program followed by a Business Meeting
- Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave, Clive

All programs are on our Facebook page so you can share the events with interested friends.

Upcoming 2026 Programs

- Nov. 10, 2026 (note this is the 2nd Tuesday due to the election): Eva Nansen Lodge #46 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Dec. 1, 2026: Christmas Potluck

If you missed our October meeting, here's what you missed.

Suzanne Hull, director of ChristkindImarket, shared the history - and future - of the second largest holiday market in the US.



Taste of Norway: Over 1000 guests!















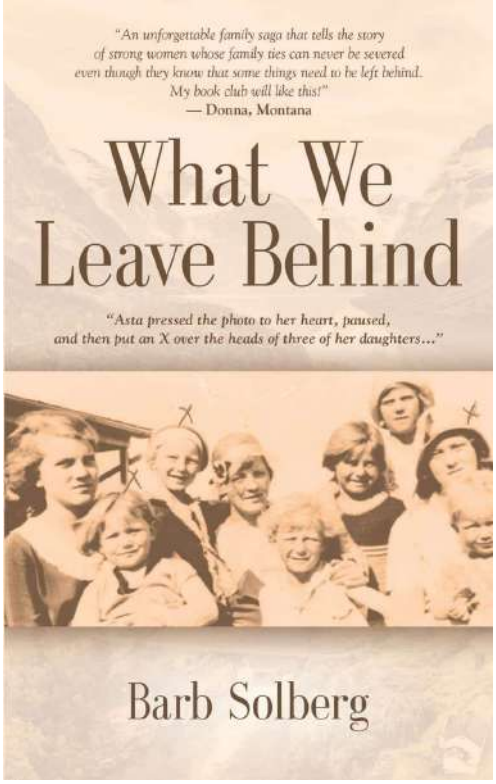






Scandinavian Book Club

Our Scandinavian book club will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Nov. 15, **at the Johnston Public Library, 6700 Merle Hay Rd**, to discuss *What We Leave Behind* by



Barb Solberg. The author will join us via Zoom.

NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION

The book club is open to members and non-members, and meets every other month at 2:00 PM on the third Sunday of the month. We are exploring possible new locations for our meetings.

- Nov. 15, 2026: *What We Leave Behind* by Barb Solberg

  Direct questions and suggestions to Lee Ann Bakros.

2027 Book Club Dates & Titles

Jan. 17, 2027: *The Weaver and the Witch Queen* by Genevieve Gornichee

Mar. 21, 2027: *Kristin Lavransdatter: The Bridal Wreath* (book 1 of the Kristin Lavransdatter series) by Sigrid Undset

May 16, 2027: *Heritage of Darkness* by Kathleen Ernst

July 18, 2027: *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman

Sept. 19, 2027: *The Bell in the Lake* by Lars Mytting

Nov. 21, 2027: *Snowblind* by Ragnar Jonasson

November Birthdays

Happy birthday from your lodge Sisters to you!

Ann Campbell



Lisa Chensvold

Joyce Friederich

Lisa Hamilton

Alexa Mithcell

Virginia Nath

Deb Schroeder

Amy Swanson

May your birthday and every day be filled with the warmth of sunshine, the happiness of smiles, the sounds of laughter, the feeling of love, and the sharing of good cheer.

Norwegian Minute



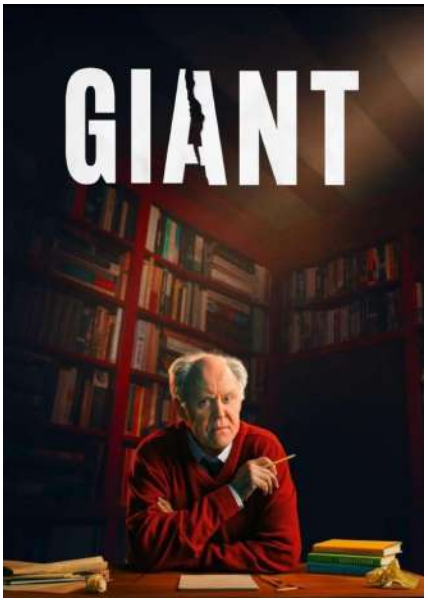


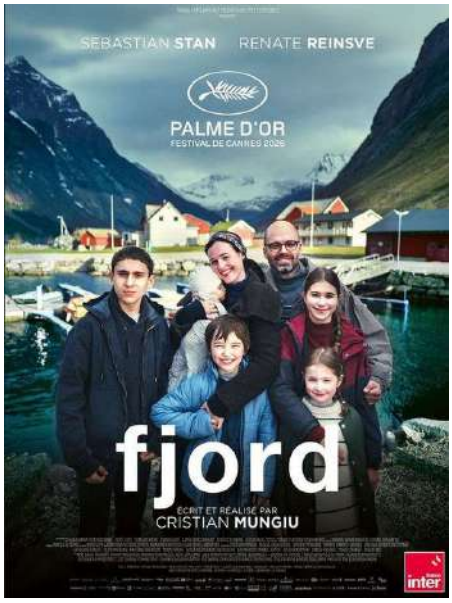
Royals in the News

King Haakon VIII presided over the ceremonial opening of Storting, Norway's parliament, on Oct. 2 (first photo). Crown Princess Ingrid Alexandra was at his side as his wife, Queen Mette-Marit, had a respiratory infection. The royals are still in mourning for King Harald V, so the Crown Princess wore black. *People* magazine reported that the

Crown Princess wore the Norwegian Amethyst Parure tiara for the first time that evening at the parliamentary dinner (second photo).

At the end of the month, on Oct. 28, the Crown Princess made her first solo audience as heir, greeting representatives from Operasjon Dagsverk. Operasjon Dagsverk is Norway's largest youth-run organization in which high school and middle school students volunteer with and donate their earnings to global development and education projects.





Norway in culture

Giant features John Lithgow as author Roald Dahl, who was of Norwegian descent. This is a film of the Broadway play for which Lithgow won a Tony and an Olivier (London's equivalent of the Tony) award. In the play, based on a true incident, Dahl is facing backlash over accusations of antisemitism. *Giant* will be at Jordan Creek's Cinemark Century theatre on Nov. 19 and Nov. 22, with tickets on sale now.

Fjord is now showing at The Varsity Cinema. It is the story of a deeply religious family from Romania (the religion is never named but is Christian) who finds themselves at odds with Norway's child-care system. It is a film that won the Palme d'Or (the highes award at the Cannes Film Festival) and has prompted much conversation.

Lodge Lending Library

Did you know your lodge has a lending library? We have more than 50 titles including fiction, mystery, mythology, children's books, history, rosemaling and hardanger designs, cookbooks, and travel booklets. We even have language and music CDs, a travel DVD, and a puzzle!

Each month, librarian Naomi Payer brings the items to the meeting so you can pick something out to take home.

Click here to see our list of items.

Want to check out an item or donate your item to the lending library? See Naomi Payer at one of our monthly meetings.

Bits and Pieces

1. Email November **newsletter articles** no later than Friday, Nov. 20, to Lee Ann Bakros
2. **If you know of a Sister who is ill, having surgery, or experiencing other health issues,** inform Sunshine Chair Alexa Mitchell.
3. Take a moment to LIKE us on Facebook and see what is happening.
4. View our Daughters of Norway's Lodge webpage. Members can sign in through the Members Page. The username and password is in our monthly lodge minutes. Contact Ann Hanigan Kotz for access to our lodge's private, member-only website.

Eva Nansen Lodge #46 2026 Officers

2026 Officers
President: Ann Hanigan Kotz
Vice President: Sheryl Farrand
Judge: (vacant)
Secretary: Kay Sacquitne

Financial Secretary: Danette Kobolt
Treasurer: Ann Campbell
Cultural Director: Rebecca Butler Mona
Marshall: Carol Lunde
1-year Trustee: Bev Rosenbeck
2-year Trustee: Irene Simonsen
3-year Trustee: Vanna Johnson

2026 Non-elected Positions
Communications: Lee Ann Bakros
Greeters: Cheryl Newsom, Lois Wergeland
iPad coordinators: Carol Lunde, Michelle Henderson, Mandy Kubik
Librarian: Naomi Payer
Musician: Lee Ann Bakros
Scribe: Lisa Hamilton
Sunshine: Alexa Mitchell



2026 Eva Nansen Lodge Officers: Vanna Johnson, Rebecca Butler Mona, Kay Sacquitne, Ann Hanigan Kotz, Danette Kobolt, Sheryl Farrand, Carol Lunde, Bev Rosenbeck, Irene Simonsen; not pictured Ann Campbell

---

About Eva Nansen

Lodge 46 was named in honor of famous Norwegian romance opera singer, Eva Helene Sars Nansen (born Dec. 17, 1859 in Christiania, Akershus, Norway, and dled Dec. 9, 1907 in Lysaker, Bærum, Akershus, Norway).

Eva was the youngest of 21 children



of Michael Sars and Maren Cathrine Welhaven. At age 28, she left for Berlin to study opera with a contemporary of Tchaikovsy. Eva knew Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and she performed his music beautifully.

Eva was relatively short but very athletic and became a pioneer in mountain and cross-country skiing. She was a smart and practical woman and realized the need for women to stop wearing only dresses while practicing the sport. Thus, she became the first woman in Norway to wear “trousers” while skiing!



Eva married ski pioneer, famous Norwegian explorer and scientist, Fridtjof Nansen on Sept. 6, 1889. They were a very “modern” couple, both continuing their individual vocations after their marriage. Eva not only continued to sing in operas at home and in other parts of Europe and Scandinavia, but she also gave lessons when at home.

At the age of 49 (1907), Eva sang a final concert in a well-received performance in London. Not long afterwards that same year, Eva died suddenly of pneumonia. That left her husband a widower with five relatively young children to raise: Liv (14), Kåre (10), Irmelin (7), Odd (6), and Åsmund (4).

Share Share

This is your official Eva Nansen Lodge 46 Newsletter emailed the first of each month to all Sisters.

STAY SUBSCRIBED.

All Sisters are welcome to submit news articles and photos to editor Lee Ann Bakros.

Our email address is: don.eva.nansen.lodge46@gmail.com

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

