SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

We had a short meeting, so we mostly finalized important aspects of the holiday bazaar. **David Elliker-Vågsberg** and **Sofia Brenner** did a cultural presentation on hardanger fiddle. David had an informative handout about each tune they played (some for listening, some for dancing). It used to be in Norway that you were supposed to only play music from your region, but as all Norwegian music has become more popular, it is more acceptable to play across borders. David explained that it is popular in Norway to do something fun for a year after high school, and many people go to folk schools where they study music or a traditional craft.

Please fill out the member profile questionnaire. You can turn it in at any meeting. Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By now all of you should have received your Daughters of Norway bi-monthly magazine. I enjoyed reading about various activities our sister lodges are planning or have done. I thought our lodge report was outstanding and did you notice it was two pages with great pictures! This issue was like being at convention, as there were so many pictures that included people I met there. I have a much better appreciation for the Daughters of Norway organization and am amazed there are lodges over 100 years old. We have seen the amount of coordination necessary to hold one event a year. To see Norwegian history passed down via lodge membership is a tribute to the foresight of that handful of women who decided to meet in Washington State. Here Here Ladies, I tip my hat to you. To our wonderful members, I salute you for attending our monthly meetings and helping us grow. Remember it is election time!

Mange takk,
Linda

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OCTOBER MEETING PREVIEW

We need your presence at our October meeting, as we have very important details to announce, and we have officer elections! We must fill a quorum (half our membership) in order to hold elections, and as we don’t have meetings in November or December, this is our only chance.

**Ellen Costello, Amey Herman** and **Carol Nielsen** will talk about their experiences in Iceland for the cultural presentation (with a slide show). Three Scandinavian items will be raffled.

This is our last lodge meeting before the bake sale in November. You can sign up for volunteer shifts, pick up pea soup mix, baggies and labels for your baked goods, and flyers to advertise the event. If you are planning to bake for the event, you must tell Jean Payne, Shirley Bailey or Amey Herman. Recipes are in this newsletter. If you are a vendor, you must pay for your table space by November 1. Please read the separate handouts about the event. With your help, we’ll make the event a success!

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Even though we will take a break from meetings in November and December, we will still have a newsletter in December because of the many Scandinavian holiday events in our area. Please submit all items to be included by Sunday November 30. The January newsletter will come out just before the next meeting, as usual.
JUST STAMPING AROUND

This is the stamp Sue Scott made for our lodge. The date (2011) on the image is for the year we were installed. The lodge will have several stamps so we can use them on official correspondence and other materials. Talk to Sue if you’d like one for yourself ($10).

AUTHORS CORNER UPDATE

Jill Arnold says September and October are always busy for her, so she doesn’t have any reading suggestions until January.

NORDIC FEST IN WASHINGTON

Nordic Fest was held Saturday October 11 from 10am-4pm in Edgewood, Washington. It was put on by Embla Lodge #2. It was interesting, the crafts and entertainment were held in the gym at a junior high school.

The entry hall had the raffle items and the cafeteria had baked goods (most sold out). The main food was done by the Scandinavian Café from Portland.

The ladies were very nice putting on the event. It started out a little slow but it got better and we were tired by the end, but it was fun. We were set up next to a Sami tent and display, which was very interesting.

This is a report from Sue Scott, who participated in the fair. Entrance to the event was $2, and free for children until 12. They also did hourly drawings (tickets $1). There was live music and dancing. Talk to Sue if you’d like to hear more about her experience or see her pictures.

CRAFT CORNER

Want some simple craft ideas to decorate your house for fall in a Scandinavian way? Check out the website www.shelterness.com. Some sample projects are shown on the right. You’ll find them under the page “12 DIY Scandinavian fall crafts for home decor”.

Next month we’ll have a craft project from Finland recommended by Sue Scott for winter decorations or your Christmas tree. Happy crafting!

HAPPY LEIF ERICKSON DAY!

October 9 is celebrated among Scandinavian-Americans in recognition of the Icelandic explorer’s importance. Wisconsin was the first official state to make it a legal holiday in 1930, and by 1956 it was celebrated in 7 states (and Saskatchewan, Canada). Since 1964, every US President is supposed to officially announce the holiday every year, honoring the many Americans with Nordic heritage. In 2012 it became a legal holiday in Las Vegas, possibly the last place many Scandinavians would go......
These are the recipes for the lunch we are providing at the holiday bazaar.

**NORWEGIAN PEA SOUP** (8 servings)

8 cups water  
3/4 cup diced celery  
3/4 cup diced carrots  
package of peas  
package of spice mix

Stove Top Directions: Bring water to a boil. Add all ingredients. Simmer 1 hour.  
Crock Pock Directions: Put all ingredients in crock pot, and cook on low 6 hours or on high 2-3 hours.

You can pick up dry soup packets from Jean Payne, to which you only need to add water, a carrot and a stalk of celery. Use a plastic liner bag and a crock pot. **Only make soup on Friday November 14.**

**NORWEGIAN RYE BREAD** (2 pound loaf)

3 cups bread flour  
1 cup rye flour  
2 1/2 teaspoons yeast  
4 teaspoons corn meal  
3 tablespoons sugar  
4 1/2 teaspoons butter  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons caraway seed

Put all ingredients in the bread machine in the order suggested by the manufacturer and bake on the **regular** cycle.

Note: There is a large amount of flour in this recipe. If the dough seems dry (check about 5 minutes into the cycle) or the machine sounds like it is struggling, add water 1 tablespoon at a time. The dough ball should feel like a baby’s behind.

**PEPPERNUT COOKIES** (makes 300 cookies)

1 cup packed brown sugar  
1 cup room temperature butter  
1 egg  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cardamom  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1/2 teaspoon white pepper

Cream together butter and brown sugar, stir in egg until well mixed. Add baking powder, baking soda and spices, and mix well. Add flour to form stiff dough. Pinch off pieces of dough and roll into 1/2” thick snakes on a floured board. Using kitchen shears or a sharp knife, cut each snake into 1/2” long pieces (about the size of a hazelnut). Place pieces on an un-greased cooked sheet, separating slightly. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 375°.

Be sure to tell Jean Payne, Shirley Bailey or Amey Herman whatever baked goods you plan to provide for the bake sale.
RESEARCHING YOUR NORWEGIAN ANCESTRY

This is an article Carol Gohn wrote for Jill Beatty, to include in official DN literature. Carol is currently researching the Gutterud family for the new North Dakota lodge and the Ruud family for Ruud in Vancouver lodge.

There are many websites that you can use to research your Norwegian ancestry. Particularly useful are the Norwegian digital archives of christening, confirmation (age 15-17), marriages, immigration and death. You should match up by name and location to census’s of 1801, 1865, possible 1875, 1885, and 1900/1910.

Do not assume that what you have found is correct until you verify by immigration, family names, farm and area names, birth and death similarities justified by the Norwegian archives and census. Additionally the Mormon website Family Search can provide information of American Ancestors, albeit difficult to use,

For about 23 dollars a month you can become a member of Ancestry.com and that can be useful. It does take some time to be able to learn how to use this website. The information there does not show living relatives which are marked living. The census for America provided on Ancestry is very useful in finding your relatives. You still have to be careful because many people on Ancestry just link and add information of other people without justifying authenticity. There can be many Ole Olson’s, Han Hanson’s and Anders Andersons, and so on. In addition last names can be the name of the farms they immigrated from, i.e. my ancestors had the last names of Hovde and Strandbakken until they decided to go with their original last names. You should start your tree with yourself and add parentage then grandparents, search for census to verify information. Census only goes from 1850-1940. You can search for other family trees that may be helpful but start with most current information first as 1800 information can be difficult.

Children in Norway were always given the last names of their father’s first name added with sen/son. Example my name should have been Carlson as my father’s first name was Carl and as a female it would have been Carlsdatter or Karlsdtr. In addition on the 1865 census matching the farm to the area may help.

Example check Oppland, then enter Hovde for farm name, and enter first few initials of last name.

When researching in America I use the Find a Grave website (www.findagrave.com) and enter first initial and last name and area they may have died which does help some if an unique name. Spelling can be a problem and you may have to go through variations.

Remember to give yourself time to do this research, sometime it takes weeks or months to match all the pieces of your family. I have been working on my family tree for years and still find more information. This is why I leave my tree on Ancestry.com and go back and look at for new hints. I’ve found may cousins and distant relatives.

You can always email me at cngohn@comcast.net and I will attempt to assist you. I have been doing Norwegian research for many years and do this freely, albeit I may ask for small monetary assistance for the paper, ink and thumb I may provide. My father never got to see his ancestry of Norway and in helping others (i.e. my sisters and brothers of the Daughters and Sons of Norway clubs) I’m hoping to give back to our Norwegian ancestors...

Maybe you ancestors knit ?