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Hulda Garborg Lodge #49



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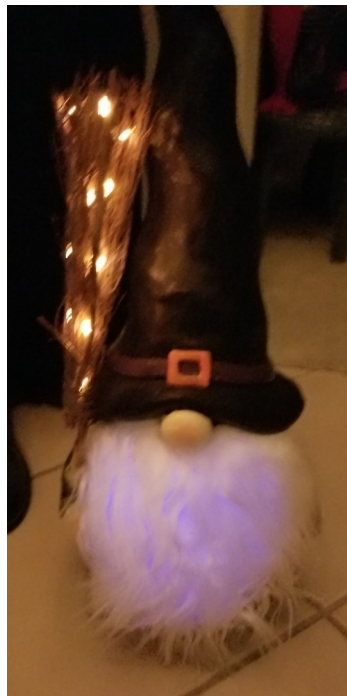
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We will be meeting on October 9th, Leif Erickson Day. I asked our Sister Kristine Ferstad Lane about how this day is celebrated in Norway. Her response was “probably not so much.” My first trip to Norway, in 1973, I met my cousin Leif Frandsdal. He took us for a ride in his fishing boat. I was taken by his beautiful black curly hair and piercing blue eyes. I decided then, I would name my son Leif! Actually, I truly fell deeply in love with Norway and I love her more now than I did when I was 22.

Our Sister Julie Watts has offered to present our October Cultural Program on a class she took at the 2021 Daughters of Norway Convention. “Writing our Family Stories.” She may



have us writing during her presentation. Sounds like fun. Each of us have probably wished to put our family experiences down, but don’t know where to begin.

Our Sister Kristine Ferstad Lane, our Cultural Director, will be presenting at our November meeting. She will guide us through the Advent period of Christmas in Norway. This sounds so special. The lead up to Norway’s favorite holiday, this may also give each of you some ideas for Christmas in your homes.

I’m looking forward to spending more time with you, my Sisters.

Left: Joy’s latest gnome.

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2nd Saturday of each month
Meeting 10:00 am

Happy Birthday!

Gratulerer med dagen!

♥ Erin 2 Oct. ♥ Joy 3 Oct.

♥ Laila 3 Oct. ♥ Christine B. 4 Oct.

♥ Danielle C. 5 Oct. ♥ Janna 14 Oct.

♥ Phyllis 17 Oct.

♥ Danielle A. 25 Oct.

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Leif Erikson Day

Submitted by Julie Watts

Our October meeting falls on October 9th this year, the date that was chosen to honor Leif Erikson. Leif was a Norse explorer and is believed to be the first European to land in America.

In the 1960's, remains of a Viking settlement were found in L'anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland that dates to circa 1000 CE. Leif Erikson is mentioned in the Icelandic Sagas as traveling to Vinland and Markland (believed to be in North America) in the fall. October 9th was chosen to honor him because that was the date the first organized group of Norwegians traveled to America from Norway in 1825.

In Norway today, school children learn about Leif Erikson but there is no specific day to commemorate him.

Above right: Leif Erikson, from the Scandinavian American Cultural & Historical Foundation



October's Program

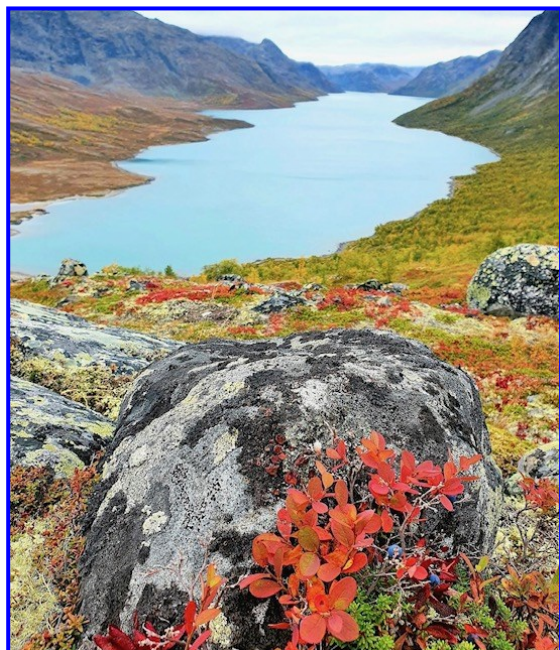
Writing Down Your Family Story

Led by Julie Watts

Based on the 2021 Convention Program by Gloria Reinertson Koll, author of Skipping Stones.

At our Saturday October 9th meeting at 11 a.m., we will talk about different ways to write down your family's story. We will explore and share different ways to save your family's history. This could be as simple as writing down some of your own experiences. Or maybe you have a special memory of a relative telling you a story from long ago.

Any effort we make to save these memories will, I'm sure, be treasured by our families.



Joy received this fall picture from Laila. They share the same birthday!!!!

New discoveries chip away at myths about Viking shipbuilding



The "Viking," a replica of the recently excavated Gokstad ship is displayed at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Recent archaeology has deepened understanding of other ship designs made for coastal sailing and frequent portaging.

By History News Network

In the midst of World War II, with the Nazis extolling their Viking heritage, the Swedish writer Frans G. Bengtsson began writing "a story that people could enjoy reading, like *The Three Musketeers* or the *Odyssey*." Bengtsson had made his literary reputation with the biography of an 18th-century king. But for this story he tried a new genre, the historical novel, and a new period of time. His Vikings are common men, smart, witty, and open-minded. "When encountering a Jew who allies with the Vikings and leads them to treasure beyond their dreams, they are duly grateful," notes one critic. "Bengtsson in effect throws the Viking heritage back in the Nazis' face."

His effect on that Viking heritage, however, was not benign. His story, *Rode Orm*, is one of the most-read and most-loved books in Swedish, and has been translated into over twenty languages; in English it's *The Long Ships*.

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"Seldom has anything been surrounded by so much myth and fantasy" as the Viking ship, notes Gunilla Larsson whose 2007 Ph.D. thesis, *Ship and Society: Maritime Ideology in Late Iron Age Sweden*, has completely changed our understanding of the Vikings' eastern voyages.

Like the myth of the Viking housewife with her keys, the myth of the mighty Viking ship is so common it's taken to be true. But the facts do not back it up.

But a third ship of equal importance for understanding the Viking Age was discovered in 1898, after Gokstad (1880) and before Oseberg (1903), by a Swedish farmer digging a ditch to dry out a boggy meadow. He axed through the wreck and laid his drain pipes. The landowner, a bit of an antiquarian, decided to rescue the boat and pulled the pieces of old wood out of the ground. His collection founded a local museum, but the boat pieces lay ignored in the attic—unmarked, unnumbered, with no drawings to say how they had lain in the earth when found—until 1980, when a radiocarbon survey of the museum's contents dated them to the 11th century.

To read the rest of the article go to www.rawstory.com/viking-ship/