## Daughters of Norway AMW Lodge #52 April

## 2025

## Newsletter

### Daughtersofnorway#52@gmail.com







#### **Women in Sports**

Candice & I are once again doing a bit of change. We are incorporating a theme for a month. We are going to endeavor to do Women (we are a women's group) & then something more specific about certain women of Scandinavia & the US. This month we are going to focus on Women in Sports.



#### April Meetings

There will be a Board meeting on April 12 at 10:00am. Watch your email Reminder for log-in info on April 9.

Our Regular meeting will be April 19 at 10:00 am. At Faith Lutheran Church...926 W. 6th St., Junction City. A reminder will be sent on April 16.



Email:

daughtersofnorway52@gmail.com

Face Book: <u>http://wwwfacebook.com/groups/amw52</u> Email us with questions or comments. Check out our Face Book page. We try to post Scandinavian items often & we do post pictures of our in-person meetings.

2025 Newsletter Agnes Mathilde Wergeland Lodge #52 Willamette Valley, Oregon This may be viewed by the public



Tromso in April

The Great Viking Survey



vikingsurvey.org

Grand Lodge has asked that we participate. The University of Oslo has recently launched the Great Viking Survey, a wide-ranging study to explore how people across the world perceive and engage with the vikings as history and heritage, and to map the many ways in which contemporary media and academia shape these views. This online survey invites anyone, anywhere, over 18, to share their thoughts on the iconic viking warrior figure, as well as the enduring legacy and memory of the vikings in the modern world. In doing so, researchers will be able to shine an unprecedented light on the means and mechanisms that allow images and myths of the vikings to be shaped and spread in the public sphere. The Great Viking Survey is now live at vikingsurvey.org, and remains open until mid-May 2025.

April Celebrations

#### Stamps for the Wounded

https://www.stampsforthewounded.org/ Representative Shirley



<u>KEEP COLLECTING & SAVING THOSE STAMPS!</u> We will continue saving stamps for <u>Stamps for the Wounded</u> <u>Project</u>. You can bring them to the April meeting, the box will be <u>Birthdays</u>

Lynn Conley 20 Anniversaries

We have no April Anniversaries



near the near the door or just keep them until *next* October.

#### Celebrate Everyday

#### Information (Informasjon)

#### Got your Easter mystery reading?



Norwegians read more books than any other country (per capita). Average it's about 15 books a year. Perhaps it's because many months of the year are very dark and there is nothing else to do. In addition, books are not taxed in Norway.

During Easter in Norway there is a well-established tradition of crime fiction, known as "Påskekrim" or Easter crime. In fact, our daily cartoons are even written into short crime stories at Easter, and most of Norway's famous authors write crime fiction.

Our enthusiasm for reading is reflected in Norway's vibrant library life: even the smallest town often has a library of some kind. The Norwegian government also supports many reading initiatives and literary programs, further promoting a love of reading among its citizens.

**Check It** 

Jean: Nordic Easter

Out

Celebrations



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#### Thank You, Eldon!

Our Lodge wants to give a great big THANK YOU, to Shirley's husband



Eldon for the wonderful work he did for us. He replaced the knob & tightened the hinges on the door to our meeting space!

We can now easily lock & use the door to our room & we don't have to use the hallway one that didn't work well. Thank you to Shirley & Jean who donated the cost of the new doorknob.

#### **Danish Ladies Aid**

from Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter



Our Women's group isn't about being Danish, most of those who attend aren't! We honor the church's heritage, but it's much more about celebrating all women and cultures. Besides the support we give to the church and others in the community and beyond, it's also a time of fun, fellowship, and support of each other. Our 2024 fundraising helped us support these groups in sending \$500 each to: Meals on Wheels Junction City Senior Center God's Storehouse H.O.M.E. (Housing **Opportunities Made Equal) Egan Warming Center Health** with the delegation that the Norwegian painter Oscar **Enrichment for Low Income Pets Goldson Food Pantry** We would love to have you join us for our adventures in 2025, all women are welcome!

#### Norwegian Embassy News

#### Candice: Glima, History of and variations

history-by-torsteinn-einarsson and

#### Candice: Pesäpallo, history, game play. etc.





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https://www.facebook.com/NorwegianEmbassyinWashin gton



**Ambassador Anniken Huitfeldt** accompanied President of Parliament Masud Gharahkhani and his delegation to meetings on the Hill mid March. In addition to

meetings, the delegation also took a special tour of the impressive Capitol building. Ambassador Huitfeldt shared

> Member News (Medlemsnyheter)

Jean

Don and I wenttoWashington to see my sister and stopped at Karin's (Kae's daughter) store inYelm. She wasn't there, but gottomeet her husband. What a fun shop!

Carol





**Declaration of Independence** 

petroglyphs & sunning by the pool



formy hubby's 74th birthday.

old.....inwith the new

#### Marlene Turner



Visitors fromCanada...Steve"s cousin Larry & wife Kay visited on the 9th then we had a new refrigerator delivered fromNielsen Appliance on the 12th



#### Amey

I played for Irish ceili("kaylee") dancing around St Patty's Day. It was well attended and everyone had a greattime.Nice to continue a centuries-old tradition offiddling in a hallfor community dancing.

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It is with a heavy heart that I report our former member Marlene passed away last Sept.

(probably of dementia, she had been in a home for that reason). Randi called Jean to let her know, after recieving a call from Marlene's husband had let her know (he also told her a month after Marlene's passing he was diagnosed with lung cancer, so we need to keep him in our prayers). Marlene was dropped from our Lodge due to non payment of dues Dec. 2023. I would suspect she was in the home at that point & we had no way of contacting anyone to find out information. She will be honored at our April Meeting as a member should be...she was a member since Nov. 2011. She

was M<u>ember of the Month</u> for February 2022 if you still have it & want to read her story. M<u>emories</u> <u>Kae:</u> What I remember about Marlene was that she was an avid and wonderful gardener. When I think of Marlene, I think of flowers. She always had flowers.

**<u>Linda</u>**: Wow this makes me sad. Such a beautiful soul. She made the most beautiful rosette cookies and her rose decorations were exquisite! She and her husband would occasionally let me know when they were passing thru JC and we would meet at Abby's and catch up.

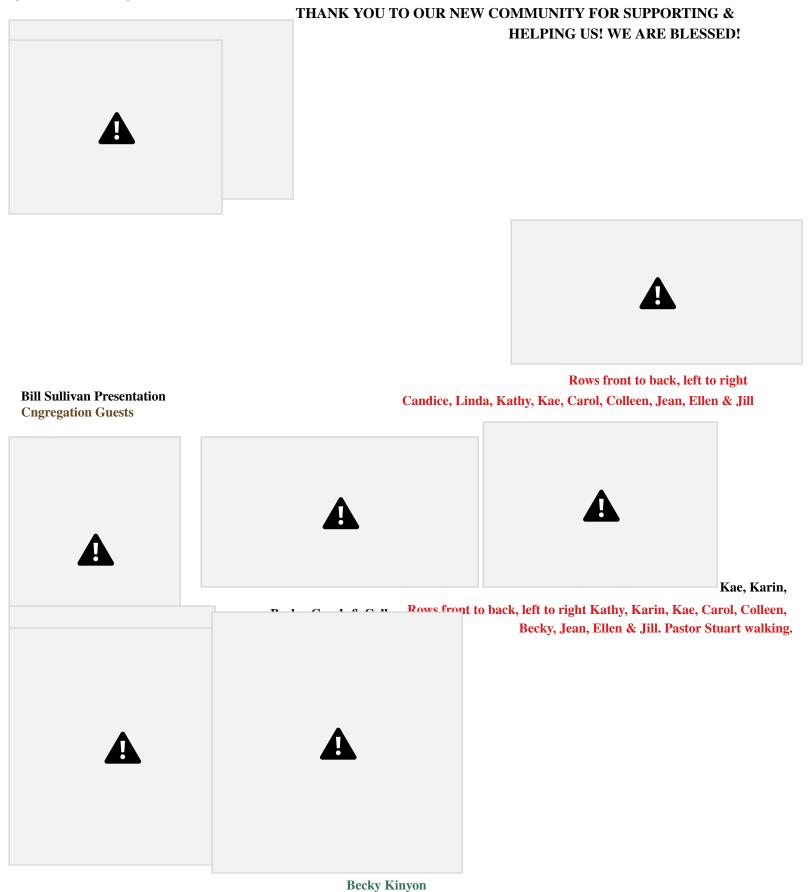
Jean: Marlene was always a positive person with a lovely smile & laugh, thought highly of her family including helping her daughter with the 4 children as the father has severe medical issues. She was always willing to make a lot of her beautiful & delicious Rosettes for Festival & they sold out quickly. Her rose decorations were magnificint. She also raised those cute hedgehogs & shared them with us at a meeting.

<u>Traci:</u> Marlene and her husband made tons of rosettes for us, even the last festival time when she hadn't sugared them yet. We all finished and boxed them in their beautiful Corvallis home they shared with their daughter's family.

#### Meeting Information (møteinformasjon)

#### March Meeting-March 15

We had a great meeting this month featuring author Bill Sullivan who spoke about his 4 Vinking Book series. What a wonderful speaker, great presentation! We were able to hold this in the church hall & had invited the congregation to join us of which we had 9! It turned out to be a long meeting due to Bill speaking for over an hour, but I seriously doubt there were many who wanted it to end sooner. We did have several members who brought cookies, Traci bought the coffee, Linda the tea. THANK YOU to all who donated & helped with the refreshments & Lamae who cleaned up afterward! We adjorned to our room for the business meeting. It was wonderful to see Becky Kinyon whom we haven't seen in ever so long we hope to see more of that glorius smile of yours Becky. We had 14 members & 1 visitor...Joan Koford who became another new member!! Our door prize was a lovely Rosemaled bag donated by Traci & won by Jill.





The Winner-Jill

#### New member Joan Koford with Lamae

#### **Door Prize-Rosemaled Bag 4** Culture (Kultur)



ken from Norway

This is Storgaten in Fredrikstad, March 12, 2025, with the House of Literature on the Right hai

side, during a brief winter return.

#### Our Sister Lodge https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/ Submitted by Amey

Anne Grimalden #34

in Cupertino, CA was founded in 1987. They draw members from throughout the San Francisco Bay area, and meet at a community center on the second Saturday of the month, skipping July. They start with social time and treats at 9:30, followed by a business meeting and cultural program. They have two interest groups (Rosemaling and Hardanger embroidery) and a writers' group (who has published 4 books and numerous short stories about the Norwegian-American experience). They do craft sessions throughout the year to prepare for their annual Julbutikk. One time, after a program on Quilting in Norway, each lodge member designed a quilt square with a favorite Nordic symbol or scene, and they were able to put together a full quilt.

#### Lodge Name

Literature on the Right hand Anne Grimalden (1899–1961) was a Norwegian sculptor, best known for her simplistic granite animals, three colossal sculptures on the Oslo City Hall, and figures on a nearby fountain. She was born on a mountain farm in Telemark, and the property is a museum with 250 of her sculptures and buildings from the 17th century. No current lodge member knows why she was chosen as their namesake.

#### Lodge Culture for April





Submitted by Linda



Kathy & Traci will be sharing highlights of their trips to Scandinavia last year.

VOTE!

#### Possible May/June Road Trip

We are considering 1 of 2 trips for a road trip on Sat. May 31 or Sun. June 1.

Are you interested in visiting the Oregon Garden? (Near Silverton.) We can carpool or rent a van like a previous trip. Entrance fee is \$12 for seniors & \$14 for adult. There is a restaurant on site & also a Frank Lloyd Wright house as well as a Tram if you have difficulty with walking. Hazella Bakery in Lebanon: we went June 2024, baked goods were wonderful & we had a good time. Car pool or 5 meet.

We will accept your vote, just send an email with subject line: <u>Roadtirp</u> to:



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#### Culture (Kultur)

#### **Women in Sports**

#### **Submitted by Candice**

This month we will take a look at the roles women have in playing sports in our six countries. We'll be taking a look at each country's national sport, if they have one, & discover great female athletes & their accomplishments. Also included is a list of some of the most notable female athletes throughout history & what they accomplished.

#### Denmark

Denmarks national sport is association football (soccor). In Jan. 2025 there was an important change for the Danish women's association football league, they have a new standard contract that includes a minimum wage, injury insurance, & pensions. Including youth contracts that include football & education. Before this players had full time status on modest income (of \$200 US dollars/month) yet had to be available at all times, now they can be part time or full time. Their pay does not equall the men's but will increase gradually to be equal by

2029. Also handball is an unofficial national sport as it was invented in Denmark. Handball is a fast paced sport requiring quick reflexes, agility & teamwork. It's played on an indoor court with 2 teams of 7 players. Goals are scored by throwing a small ball into the opposing teams net. The national team has won 3 olympic golds &1 world championship title &1 European Championship. In1997 they were the 1st women't team to hold all 3 simultaneously. They are the only team, men's or women's, to win the Olympic games 3 consecutive times earning gold in 1996,

#### Iceland

Iceland has no official national sport. However, Glima, is an extremely old and popular sport. Glima is a traditional wrestling style sport that has been around for centuries, since the Viking age. In this sport, the emphasis is on technique and balance. And it has been passed down from generation to generation.



#### Norway

#### 2000, & 2004.

In Norway the national sport Is cross country skiing. Cross country skiing is a high endurance sport. Its origin is from Scandinavia. Traditionally, people skied to hunt and gather firewood and as a means to maintain social contact. It evolves into a sport in the late 19th century. The Norwegian army units training includes skiing. It really became prominent when Fridtjof Hansen crossed Greenland in 1888. The Ski Festival began in1892 with attention focused on Nordic combined events. In1901 a separate cross country event was added. It has been a part of The Winter Olympics since they started in 1924. They started allowing women to participate in1952. In the 2026 olympics it will be the first time that men and women will race over the same distances across all twelve events total. (6 for men and 6 for women) Instead of a men's 15Km + 15Km skiathalon & a women's 7.5km + 7.5 km skiathalon there will be a 10Km + 10Km skiathalon for both, & instead of a 10k relay race for the men and a 5K relay races for the women both will participate in 7.5 K relay races.

Marit Bjørgen is a phenomenon in the sport. She started out as a sprint specialist. And then expanded to longer distances. In world championships she has amassed 29 metals, 21of them gold. She is just as prolific in the world cup. Taking the overall title in 2005, 2008, 2012 and 2015, winning 6 Crystal Globes and amassing 184 top 3 finishes including 114 individual wins, another outright record. She has participated in 5 different Olympics, in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. She didn't win an Olympic gold until 2010. But after 2018 she had accumulated15 medals 8 of which are gold. She is the most decorated Winter Olympian and the third most decorated Olympian with 15 medals.





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#### Culture- Women in Sports continued

#### **United States**

The United States has two unofficial sports, baseball and American football. Following is lists of American women who have contributed to furthering women in American sports.

**Babe Didrikson Zaharias**-mutliple sports-co-founded LPGA & was the first woman to qualify for the PGA Tour, 1945.

**<u>Billie Jean King</u>**-tennis-#1 tennis player with 39 grand slams & a record 20 WimbletonTitles & won the battle of the sexes.

**Diana Nyad**-swimming-at 64 years she swam 111 st miles from Cuba to Florida in 53 hours & was the 1 person to do it without a sharks cage for protection.

<u>Danica Patrick</u>-racecar driver-1 woman to win an Indy Race.

<u>Annika Sorenson</u>-is a Swedish-American golfer-only female to break 60.

Florence Griffith Joyner "Flo-Jo"-Track & Field-Holds

the record for the 100 & 200 meter races male & female.

<u>Gertrude Ederle</u>-swimming- 1 woman to swim the English Channel in 1926 which beating the men's record by nearly 2 hours. st

Janet Guthrie- racecar driver- in 1977 she was the 1 woman to compete in the Indy 500 & the Datona 500.

Jackie Joyner Kersee- Track & Field- 1 person to score over 7000 pts in the heptathlon.

K V Switzer- Running-in 1967 she was the 1 woman to run in the Boston Marathon with an official number, dispite the race director trying to physically remove her.

Jackie Mitchell-Baseball-1 female professional baseball player in 1931. In an exhibit game she struck out Babe Ruth & Lou Gehrig.

Lindsey Vonn-Skiing-she has had the most World Cup victories of any skiier & as of 3/23/25 she is the oldest female to win a World Cup medal. st

Mo'ne Davis-Baseball- 1 female to win a game in Little League World Series at 13 & pitched a shut out game. She was on the cover of Sports Illustrated &

had a registered fast ball at 70 mph in 2014. st Manon Rheaume-Hockey-NHL-1 woman to play in the NHL.

Nancy Liberman-Baseball-1 woman to become a head coach of a men's professional team of any sport.

Ronda Rousey-various types of fighting-1 UFC women's champion.

Pat Summit-Basketball-winningest coach of all in the NCAA history.

I want to recognize Fu Yuanhui of China-swimming- for breaking taboos in mentioning the menstrual period.

#### Sweden



Sweden has no national

sport but ice-hockey leads as a very popular sport with SDHL. The women's hockey league was established in 2007, there are currently10 teams. They have recently revolutionized women's hockey by introducing body checking. The players like it because it makes them feel more empowered. This boosts the game play and reduces its concussion rate. Sweden was the first country to introduce it starting the 2022-23 season. Although this has been introduced in Sweden it does go against the rules plus stratgizing in hitting & fielding. Superpepsis is the of hockey's world governing body. It remains banned by the International Ice Hockey Federation for women's games. As of this last month the team got the qualification team. The league prides itself on separate but equal for Olympics with a perfect record.

#### Finland

Finland's national sport Is Pesäpallo. The sport Pesäpallo age of 29. She started playing at age 6. 7was introduced in 1922 by the creator Lauri "Tahko" Pihkala who was a Finn studying in the US who happened

Recipes (oppskrifter)

#### A Scandinavian Easter

Instead of giving you one recipe this month, I've decided to try something different. I will hit upon Easter

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to watch the 1907 Red Sox baseball game. He created a unique Finnish sport requiring players to master many skills at once by combining elements of traditional US baseball with his own distinct rules & techniques. A professional league was started in 1930. It is taught early on in schools. It is the same as US baseball in the hitting of the ball, runnning bases, & scoring runs but different in the field layout, pitching & game play. The layout is an L shape with 3 bases in a zigzag pattern, and bases spread at different angles. The ball is pitched vertically with the pitcher standing next to the batter & tossing the ball straight up. Game play emphasizes tactics & adaptability, national league. The most popular team sport in the country, by attendence numbers is played by the women's tournaments by male & female players. Aino-Kaisa Mantere is one of the top & oldest women players at the

traditions in Scandinavia & share some links for recipes of some traditional Easter food. All of the Nordic countries have 3 main foods used at Easter; Lamb, Eggs & Fish. Then you can also include chocolate in some form.

<u>Danes</u> celebrate with a smørrebrød called "Påskefrokost" which includes all of the above. They also do an interesting egg called <u>sun eggs: https://restaurant-flammen.dk/en/nyheder/kettys-recipe-for-solaeg</u> eggs-cured-in-salted-water/

<u>Finnish</u> usually enjoy nice leg of lamb dinner with <u>Mämmi</u> (a rye pudding) for dessert. <u>https://www.196flavors.com/mammi/?srsltid=AfmBOop2OyzFeToMWv</u>

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<u>Swedish</u> mostly enjoy a fish type Smorgesbord including pickled herring, Gravlax, & <u>Jansson's Temptation:</u>

https://www.food.com/recipe/janssons-temptation-swedish-potato-and-anchovy casserole-196655

<u>Norwegians</u> mostly enjoy lamb but oranges rate #1 preferrably with some chocolate! Norway, a country of approx. 5 million people, consume more than 20 million oranges on Easter weekend! They use some of those in this lovely <u>Easter Cake</u>: <u>https://nordicdiner.net/easter-cake-and-how-norwegians-spend</u> easter/

<u>Iceland</u> is mostly about lamb & chocolate eggs. The small handful of companies that prepare the eggs start production right after Christmas & churn out over 1 million of the confections in time for Easter. Take into consideration that there are just 350,000 Icelanders & you start to get just how important these eggs are to the season. A popular Easter dessert in Iceland is <u>Skyr Cake</u>, made with skyr (Icelandic yogurt & can be purchased in the US) & often decorated with chocolate eggs. <u>https://modernwifestyle.com/skyr-cake-recipe-alternative-cheesecake/</u>

Judy's Recipe Corner CARROT CAKE

#### Cake:

1 1/2 cups oil
2 cups granulated sugar
2 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
4 large eggs
3 cups raw, finely grated carrots 1/2 cups walnuts, chopped

1.Preheat over to 350 degrees. Here is what you will need for my carrot cake:

#### Frosting:

1 (8 oz.) pkg cream cheese (softened)
2 Tbs. butter
1 (1 lb.) box of confectioner's sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup walnuts, chopped (2 cups if you press them around the outside layers of the cake like I did)









2. Beat oil and sugar together in a mixing bowl. Sift together all of the dry ingredients. Stir half of the dry ingredients into the oil and sugar mixture.

3.

Add the other half of the dry ingredient alternating with the eggs, mixed in one at a time. Mix well after each addition. Add the vanilla, carrots and 1/2 cup nuts and mix well.

4.

Pour into 3 9" cake pans lined with parchment or wax paper and sprayed well with nonstick baking spray. You can also bake this in 2 9" baking pans or in a 9"x13" pan. You will need to increase the baking times. 5. If using three 9" pans, bake for 25-27 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

6.

Prepare cream cheese frosting while cakes cool. Beat the cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer until

fluffy. Add in the confectioners sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth. Mix in the chopped nuts, unless you are  $\aleph$  pressing them around the sides of the cake. This takes more nuts, so you will need about 2 cups.

(Hjernemat)

# JOKE OF THE MONTH

Sports Crossword

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**Denmark Did You Know** 



#### Brain Food

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The Easter Bunny arrived late: The tradition of the Easter Bunny bringing treats and hidden eggs to Danish children only became popular in the 1930s after spreading from Germany. Before this, gifts were brought by the Easter Cuckoo.

#### **Empathy** Submitted by Traci I didn't know it could be taught! But you sure know when someone lacks it.



focus

on learning dance step techniques, rather than dance choreography.

These are stand-alone classes. This means that you do not have to attend them in any certain order, you can pick and choose what works for you. Please feel free to invite your friends and family.

Here is a list of the classes that are currently scheduled:

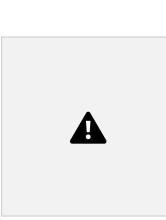
4/2/25-Advanced- Jenkka & FinnishPolkka
4/9/25-Basic-Schottische
4/16/25-Advanced-Springar
4/23/25-Basic-Waltz
4/30/25-Advanced-Gangar
See FebruaryNewsletter for full schedule thruJuly

#### **Tri-County Performing Arts Academy Dinner Theatre**

https://www.facebook.com/events/10085298444833457

#### Come join us for a fabulous evening and entertainment with a great dinner by local Chef, Jeff Peterson!

When: April 24, 25, & 27 Time: 6:30 Where: The Hall at FCC 1250 Nyssa St Junction City, Or 97448 Who: Ages 5 through Adults



nt, "The very own Reluctant advanced Dragon'' ensembles-Show **Country Mill Stoppers** Submitted by and Encore Linda will be https://www.camascountrymill. performing com/new-events the April 8-Lunch & Learn at the awesome, schoolhouse - Queen Bee sweet Musical

TCPAA'S

Tickets: \$25.00- call 541-636-6766 to pick your seats,<br/>reserve a table, and pay for your tickets.April 12-A play: The Humbling of Th<br/>April 13-Family Easter Celebration<br/>April 13-Laululle – A Celebration of I<br/>Seator of I<br/>April 13-Laululle – A Celebration of I<br/>April 3-Laulule –

Cream Sundaes for Dessert. Nordic



for April

https://www.nordicnorthwest.or

g/upcoming-events

Go to website for more info, tickets, etc. April 11-Nordic Spring Branches April 12-Fogelbo Family Tours

#### Entertainme

April 12-A play: The Humbling of Thor April 13-Family Easter Celebration April 13-Laululle – A Celebration of Finnish Art Song April 18-Lewerentz Divine Darkness April 21-Swedish Roots in Oregon Genealogy Sessions May 3-2025 Nordic Nights Gala & Auction Apiary April 29-Lunch & Learn at the schoolhouse - Rivers Dahlias See website above for more info & sign-up.

Submitted by Traci

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#### Upcoming Events (Kommende arrangementer)



The Sloop Restauration arrives in North America-October 9, 2025



https://crossings.norwegianamericar





#### https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/events/list/

April 4: Sailing into Spring Grove

April 24: 57th Annual Dakota Conference

April 24: "The Patchwork of our Ancestors' Lives" Stevne

April 26: Giants in the Earth: The Norwegians in the Dakota Territory

April 27: NAHA's "Giants in the Earth" Opera Tour

April 27: Rick Steves: "Travel with a Norwegian Sensibility"

April 27: Giants in the Earth: The Norwegians in the Dakota Territory

April 27: Nordic Chamber Music: Norway — Musical Migration

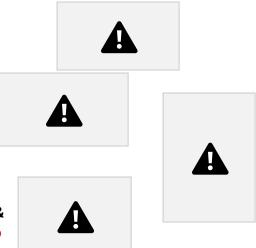
Check the above website for more information including places, times, & prices. Sorry to say all but the last one takes place in the mid-west. Also we

do have the book "Giants of the Earth" in our Lodge Library.

#### Convention-"Hasten to the Heartland" https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/ Sioux Falls, SD - July 17-19, 2025



You should all have recieve the email Kae sent on Feb. 9 with all of the convention information including registration, classes, trips, meals & apparel. It is all also in the Dotre magazine, as well as the Daughters website (above).



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#### Apparel:

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#### **Grand Lodge Raffle**

The tickets for the Grand Lodge raffle are available from Kae. You do not have to be in attendance to win. They are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. See list of prizes & pictures in the February newsletter, on the website or in the

Lodging:

Dotre.

#### In Addition to Convention Nordic Fest-July 24-26, 2025 Submitted by Traci

NordicFest is in Decorah, Iowa right after convention. Decorah is where my Norse ancestors settled before going up to Minnesota, so I'm going and will model the bunad in their bunad show and the Vesterheim has asked me to volunteer one day there as well!

I'm visiting my MN relatives after convention ends and then driving down to Decorah. So if anyone wants a ride to the Twin Cities that Sunday and/or down to the fest later in the week, feel free to join me. I'll rent a car. Check with Traci. Any discussions/preferences are welcome!

And I'm trading bunads with my mother in time for convention. Instead of wearing my blue Trondelag, I'll wear hers from our family strand that came from Vegli in Numedal between Oslo and Berg

#### Kathy's Afghan

Kathy is donating her afghan to help our treasury. It will be up for Raffle on our butikk table at Convention. See the ad in the next 2 editions of the Dotre magazine.



#### HappyEaster

God påske, Glad påsk, God påske, Hyvää pääsiäistä, Gleðilega páska A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THE NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH...TUSEN TAKK 12