



SONS OF
NORWAY

Capital Viking

July & August Lodge Picnics

Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 p.m. & Saturday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Norway House, 3846 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA

www.norwaydc.org/directions

Both picnics will be held at Norway House, 3846 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA (www.norwaydc.org/directions).

For the July picnic, the Lodge will serve authentic Norwegian hotdogs, ice cream/toppings and beverages. Bring a side dish to share.

For the August picnic, the lodge will provide bar-b-que and beverages. Bring a side dish to share. There will be a discussion on the annual Bazaar to imple-

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ment improvements, finalize details and start a call for volunteers.

The picnics will be held rain or shine. If the weather is nice, bring your own lawn chair to sit outside.

If you are planning to attend one or both of the lodge picnics, please RSVP to programs@norwaydc.org by the week before. We need an approximate count in order to purchase the main course and drinks.

President's Message

Dear Members,

The Third District Convention was held in Albany, NY from June 11-15. The Washington Lodge sent three delegates: Susie Fosaaen, Gunnar Grotos and Burt Koske. Gunnar also served as the Parliamentarian for the Convention. We received a very warm welcome from the Delegates, and the 3D Board members at the convention.

One of the biggest topics discussed was: What will we do with the Land of the Vikings. LOV is currently shut down because of lack of funds. LOV does not have the funds to pay the taxes or the insurance. One of the problems is the lack of 3D members and Lodges going to LOV. Many of the delegates want to find a way keep LOV going. At the Convention Several Lodges and individuals made donations to help LOV of about \$14,000 by my last count. The delegates passed two resolutions to increase 3D membership dues by \$4.00 for the next two years to help LOV along until a final decision can be made. If a way is not found in the next two years to get LOV back on its feet, then the alternative will be to sell the property.

Our June meeting was an excellent presentation by Tim Boyce about Odd Nansen and his diaries, which were secretly written while being held in Nazi concentration camps in Norway and Poland during WWII. The diaries, *From Day to Day*, were published in English in 1949. The book has been

out of print since the early 1950's. But a few used copies are still available from antiquarian booksellers. Tim has been speaking to many of the SoN Lodges while trying to find a publisher to reprint the book.

I have a copy of the book, but I am only about halfway through. When I finish I will donate it to the lodge library. The published diaries I have read previously were less than memorable. However, Odd Nansen was a professional architect and very well-educated when arrested by the Germans and his diaries are very articulate and well written.



The history contained in his diaries must not be forgotten. Tim reported that he "might" have found a publisher for the Book. Hopefully it will work out.

Also at the June meeting, the Lodge approved a revised budget. This was to understand our finances so we could better evaluate and prioritize the

list of improvements and repairs to Norway House. The list of improvements and repairs follow on page 4. The list has not been prioritized and not all will be accomplished this year.

We have formed the Nominating Committee to nominate new Officers and Directors for next year.



Burt Koske, Susie Fosaaen, and Gunnar Grotos, our lodge's delegates to the Third District Convention.

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The Nominating Committee includes Ardis Morton and Susie Fosaaen. I encourage you to seriously consider accepting a position. The Lodge needs your support. For those of you who don't think you are ready to hold one of these positions, please consider serving on one or more of our committees. Serving as an Officer, Director or on a committee will give you an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the workings of the Lodge, get to know the other members, and have a voice and contribute to improving Washington Lodge.

Fraternally,
Burt Koske, President, Washington Lodge 3-428

Third District Board for 2014 to 2016

President	Mary Andersen *
Vice President	Peter Vatne *
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Zone 5 Director	Open
Zone 6 Director	Louis Olsen
Zone 7 Director	Dirk Hansen

** Executive Committee*

Below: the Washington Lodge banner at the Third District Convention.



Above: The new Third District Board for 2014-2016.

Norway House Improvements and Repairs

Improvements	Rough Estimate	Notes
Security		
Replace Locks on Doors	\$100.00	3 doors
Safety		
Lighting along front walkway/steps		
Handrail along front walkway		
Tree pruning		
Electrical wiring upgrade	\$500.00	one circuit not working
Convenience or Comfort		
Driveway re-paving (also for safety?)	\$2,400.00	
AC for upper level back room	\$200.00	
Improved lighting in main room	\$500.00	
Professional cleaning service when needed	\$350.00	per cleaning
Increase Current Functionality		
Lodge laptop to help track inventory	\$400.00	
Internet and TV/telephone connection	\$750.00	6 months @ \$125
Children's room storage and organization	\$650.00	
Replace vacuum cleaner	\$0.00	found free vacuum
Flat screen TVs (preferably 2)	\$900.00	one 46", one 60"
Future Functionality / Recruitment		
Redo lobby for young adult & teen ambiance	\$2,000.00	plus TV cost, see above
Aesthetics		
Remove wallpaper - Paint 2 rooms	\$0.00	hoping for donated paint & labor
Landscaping upgrades		
Upgraded furniture in main room to include welcome table, buffet server with storage for paper goods	\$1,500.00	
Periodic Building Maintenance		
Replace Deck Stairs		probably needed by 2016
TOTAL	\$10,150.00	

*a little in English...***St. Olav's Day – July 29th**

Why do we celebrate St. Olaf?

The main celebration of St. Olav's Day is on July 28th and 29th and in the Middle Ages it was common to begin the great festivals with a vigil.

St. Olav's Day is celebrated in memory of Olav Haraldson's death at the Battle of Stiklestad on July 29th, 1030. It was the last major battle of the great clashes for the Christianization of Norway.

Olav was buried near Nidelva (river) and Olav's church (Nidaros Cathedral) was built on that spot. Shortly after the funeral major miracles began to happen at the grave. Olav the Holy was revered as a saint by people from all over Europe, and after his death pilgrims came from many different countries to attend Olav's mass at Nidaros Cathedral. Still today many pilgrims travel to Nidaros Cathedral where St. Olav's remains are kept.

St. Olav has been celebrated with great fanfare throughout Scandinavia and those celebrations continue today. In the old days, Olsok was celebrated in much the same way as Midsummer consisting of among other things, big bonfires. Festivities were particularly important in Norway during the Middle Ages, but Olsok celebrations have continued to be important long after the Reformation.

The largest of the festivals in Trondheim takes place every year at the end of July. Olsok derives its origins from Olav's wake – which in the Catholic tradition meant that one would sit by the dead and pray for them throughout the night. Even after the Reformation arrived in Norway, which abolished midnight mass and the worship of saints, Olsok was celebrated in the folk tradition as a feast day. The St. Olav Festival is Norway's biggest church and cultural festival and every year people can experience both national and international artists.

*litt på norsk...***Olsok – 29. juli**

Hvorfor feirer vi olsok?

Hovedmarkeringen av Olsok skjer døgnet 28.-29. juli og i Middelalderen var det vanlig å innlede de store høytider med en våkenatt.

Olsok feires til minne om Olav Haraldsons død i slaget på Stiklestad 29. juli 1030. Det var det siste store slaget om samlingen og kristningen av Norge. Olav ble begravet ved Nidelva og det ble bygget en Olavskirke på stedet. Kort tid etter begravelsen begynte store underer å skje ved graven. Olav den hellige ble dyrket som helgen

av folk fra hele Europa etter sin død og pilegrimmer kom fra mange land til Olavsmessen i Nidarosdommen. Fortsatt går mange pilegrimmer til Nidarosdommen hvor Olav den helliges levninger nå blir oppbevart.

Olsok har vært feiret med brask og bram i hele Skandinavia og feires fortsatt. I gamle dager ble Olsok feiret omtrent på samme måte som Sankthans, blant annet med bålbrekking. I Norge var feiringen spesielt viktig i middelalderen, men Olsokfeiringen fortsatte å være viktig lenge etter reformasjonen.

Den største av festivalene i Trondheim finner sted hvert år i slutten av juli. Olsok kommer av Olavsvake, som i katolsk tid innebar at en våket og ba tidebønner gjennom natta. Til tross for reformasjonens forbud mot å helligholde alle helgener og holde messer nattestid, holdt Olsok seg i den folkelige tradisjonen som festdag. Olavsfestdagene er Norges største kirke- og kulturfestival og hvert år kan man oppleve både nasjonale og internasjonale artister.

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service



Lodge Calendar

July Lodge Picnic

Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 p.m. at Norway House
See page 1 for details

August Lodge Picnic

Saturday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Norway House
See page 1 for details

August Reading Circle

Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Norway House
www.norwaydc.org/reading
See page 12 for details

Sons of Norway Int'l Convention

August 20-23, in Jacksonville, FL
www.sonsofnorway2014.com/

Norw. Language & Conversation Group

Note: No classes in July - returning August 6
Every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Norway House
Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced classes.
See page 16 for details.
www.norwaydc.org/language

Norwegian Dance & Potluck (August)

Saturday, August 1, potluck 6:30 p.m., dancing 8 p.m.
6807 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912
Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings — see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Host phone just in case: Loretta & Tony 301-270-4925. Information/directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or contact Jenny at pi@xecu.net or 301-371-4312.

A Day of Genealogy

Saturday, August 9, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
44219 Airport Rd., California, MD
Sponsored by St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, Inc. Non-member registration \$35. Four Presentations: by the renowned lecturer Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL: (1) Determining age without a birthdate, (2) Autosomal DNA testing, (3) Making Sense of Tax Lists, (4) The Family Black Sheep. For more information: www.smcgsi.org.

Please note:

Nordic Dancers of Washington, D.C., Scandia DC, and the Norwegian Church Service are all on summer break through September.

Other Area Events of Interest

Norwegian Dance & Potluck (July)

Saturday, July 12, potluck 6:30 p.m. dancing 8 p.m.
3812 Denfeld Ave, Kensington, MD 20895
Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings — see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Note that this month's host has canine housemate. Host phone just in case: Sonia 301-503-7906. Information/directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or contact Jenny at pi@xecu.net or 301-371-4312.



Events Elsewhere

Nordic Fest

July 24-26, 2014, in Decorah, IA
The theme for the 48th Annual Nordic Fest will be *May the Norsk be with You!* Your whole family will enjoy delicious food, traditional crafts, a colorful parade, lively entertainment, sporting events and our Saturday night fireworks display. www.nordicfest.com

Scandinavian Fest (ScanFest)

Sunday, August 31, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Vasa Park, New Jersey
A full day of Nordic foods, entertainment, re-enactors, dancers, artisans, vikings with viking boats, special kids' activities, a Scandinavian marketplace ... much more For more information, visit: www.ScanFest.org

Preserving the Norwegian-American language

Growing up with a secondary language in the home was a common occurrence for European immigrant families in the US in the early to mid 20th century. Most second generation Norwegian-Americans who grew up with immigrant parents speaking Norwegian in the home are now in their 70's, 80's and 90's. English is their primary language today but when the occasion arises they can switch to Norwegian at the drop of a hat.

"Their language was the dialect they grew up with and they had no ties to our modern Oslo vernacular," says Janne Bondi Johannesen, Professor at the University of Oslo. She and her colleagues from the Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (The Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan) have traveled the states recording the Norwegian learned by those Norwegian-Americans who grew up speaking in the home. Interviews have taken place in largely Norwegian immigrant regions such as Wisconsin, North Dakota and Washington. Norwegian-Americans interviewees speak fondly of childhood memories and days gone by.

However, this is not the first time Norwegian researchers have come to America for this reason. Johannesen and her staff recently came across an old storage chest in their Oslo building containing dusty recordings from a 1931 trip to America with the same purposes. They were documenting Norwegian dialects back in the 30's and today, nearly 100 years later Johannesen is asking the same questions, "First of all we can find out more about how language is altered when it encounters a more dominant language. What changes and what doesn't?"

These researchers are trying to figure out how the Norwegian language evolved in America. As Norwegian in Norway adapted with the times and adopted new dialects and words, the Norwegian language that was brought to the US with the rush of immigrants did not evolve in the

same way. These video and audio recordings can reveal a lot about the development of the language in a society surrounded by English.

These Norwegian researchers are making it a point to preserve the language. It was not uncommon for 3rd generation Norwegian-Americans to not learn Norwegian at home. "The elderly who grew up with Norwegian as a solitary language often felt it tough when starting at an American school. This weighed in on their decision to only teach their children English," says Johannesen. But there is a new spark of cultural interest today. 4th generation

Norwegian-Americans are taking advantage of travel and study abroad. Learning a second or third language is becoming more prevalent and worthwhile. But for those 2nd and 3rd generation Norwegian-Americans who can still speak the language, work is fervently being done to record and preserve that distinctive Norwegian immigrant language.

If you are interested in learning Norwegian, you can visit the Sons of Norway Members website, click on Norwegian Language and explore by reading and listening to the Norwegian Language Resources.

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service



Spielberg to Direct Dahl Book

The works of beloved Norwegian-British children's book author, Roald Dahl, have made for several successful film adaptations, including "Mathilda," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "James and the Giant Peach" and "Fantastic Mr. Fox." In 2015 another of Dahl's books, "The BFG" (The Big Friendly Giant) will receive the Hollywood treatment under the direction of Steven Spielberg and the writing of "E.T." screenwriter Melissa Mathison. "The BFG" has enchanted families and their children for more than three decades," said Spielberg in a statement. "We are honored that the Roald Dahl estate has entrusted us with this classic story."

Dahl's family is keen to see the story of a young orphan girl who befriends a friendly giant brought to life. Luke Kelly, grandson of Dahl and incoming managing director of the writer's literary estate, says "[we] are both delighted that Steven

Spielberg will bring his inventive genius to directing the story of the BFG and that one of Roald's most beloved stories and characters will be brought to the screen in 2016 – a year when we will be celebrating Roald Dahl's centenary!"



Dahl's favorite amongst his own works, "The BFG" was originally published in 1982 and contains illustrations by Quentin Blake. In a humorous twist, Blake struggled to settle on the right style of shoes for the BFG to wear – in the end, Dahl sent him one of his own Norwegian sandals to inspire him. Today, the sandal is on display at the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in the UK.

To learn more about the Roald Dahl, read *Viking* magazine's Nov. 2012 feature article titled "Fantastic Mr. Dahl."

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Spread a Little Sunshine

Please keep our **Care Committee Chair, Debbie Fosaaen**, informed about members who are ill, undergoing surgery, recuperating, or homebound for an extensive period. We will send them best wishes from the lodge as a whole.

Our members care about each other and like to reach out to their friends who may need a little sunshine in their lives. Contact Debbie at care@norwaydc.org.



Norway is Prime for More Wind Power

Norway takes renewable energy and green technology very seriously. They are constantly looking for new ways to taking advantage of their natural resources and produce new kinds of energy. Wind power in Norway accounts for less than 2% of the country's power production. Hydro power is Norway's main source of renewable energy. However, offshore wind power along Norway's topographical coastline has been called the perfect place to install wind turbines. But it's not as easy as one may think.

Hypothetically, Norway could generate three times more energy for the country than hydro does. It must be said then, that hydropower produces nearly 99% of Norway's yearly power production thanks to the hundreds of waterfalls found throughout the country. And Norway is the sixth largest hydropower producer in the world.

Professor Tore Undeland, researcher at the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and the Norwegian Research Centre for Offshore Wind Technology (NOWITECH) says that, "Hydropower is cheaper than wind power, but most of Norway's hydropower resources are developed. If we want a greater share of renewable energy it must come from wind power." Undeland is examining offshore wind turbine generators in order to maximize their energy and best utilize their power. His studies make a strong argument for more wind power to be welcomed in Norway. "When it is windy we can reduce the use of hydropower and keep the water in the reservoirs," he says.

However there are disadvantages; the cost of offshore turbine developments is extremely high. Anders Skonhoft, Professor of Economics at NTNU says that, "Many people who appreciate the environment must bear the costs and risks when untouched nature is destroyed. This is what I call the social costs of wind power development." As wind turbines arise so do environmental issues. Large bird species are being killed by spinning turbines and high-voltage cables. Studies show that eagle populations have decreased in Smøla, Norway fol-

lowing their wind farm development. It is important to remember that although these wind farms have good objectives they can be extremely dangerous apparatuses.

Norway has a lot to think about. Prime Minister Erna Solberg is making it a point to keep Norway ahead of the game

in renewable energy. Just this year Solberg announced plans for the country to invest more of its \$840 billion sovereign wealth fund in renewable energy. Norway is working hard to meet its goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 30% from its levels in 1990 by the year 2020. With this in mind wind power technology is looking mighty promising.

Sources:

- Climate Progress: <http://tiny.cc/norway-energy>
- Science Nordic: <http://tiny.cc/norway-wind>

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service.

Photo: A wind turbine in Bjugn. Credit: [Marius Meyer via Creative Commons](#).



International Convention: Last Chance to Register!

This is the last month to register for the 2014 International Convention and Innovative Leadership Conference. If you haven't thought about it yet, now is the time!

From August 20-24, 2014, members from throughout the organization will be converging on Jacksonville, FL, for Sons of

Norway's largest event. During this time delegates and guests will meet to discuss important issues for the organization, its progress over the past biennium and learn about important leadership topics.

In addition, don't forget that the deadline is soon approaching for the 2014 International Folk Art Exhibition & Competition! This is a great opportunity for artists to show off their art skills by exhibiting or competing your art in Sons of Norway's largest folk

art event. Compete to earn a blue ribbon with your best piece of rosemaling, wood carving, knit mittens and more. Everyone who enters will receive a special certificate of participation. A People's Choice Award is



presented to the crowd favorite while the Best in Show is given to the judges' unanimous top pick.

To register for the convention, Folk Art Exhibition & Competition, or the Innovative Leadership Conference, visit www.sonsofnorway2014.com.

There you will find a link to download the registration form, which must be completed by all delegates and guests. This year's delegate package is \$299, which includes the President's Reception, Grand Banquet, all coffee

breaks, and luncheons on both days of the lodge meeting. Guests can use the form to register for all convention events, or just the items of the most interest via an a la carte style menu of options. Also, if you'd rather register for the Innovative Leadership Conference only, you can do so in the same place. Registration

fees are \$100 and that covers all costs

for the day-long event, including materials and a special lunch. Questions about registering should be directed to Kent Larson at kmlmal@bellsouth.net.

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Joyce Bierman Obituary



Long-time lodge member Joyce Elizabeth (Lear) Bierman passed away on June 8, 2014, just 17 days shy of her 85th birthday. Joyce is survived by her husband, Everett Bierman, and her large extended family, many of whom are members of the Washington Lodge.

Other family members who are also lodge members include Joyce's sisters Judy Kee and Janice Brown, her nieces Emilie Pade, Allison Malone, and Carolyn Figueiredo, and her nephew Brian Kee.

Joyce and her husband enjoyed attending Lodge meetings and the Christmas Bazaars. Her husband Everett was Honorable American Ambassador of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands under President Reagan.

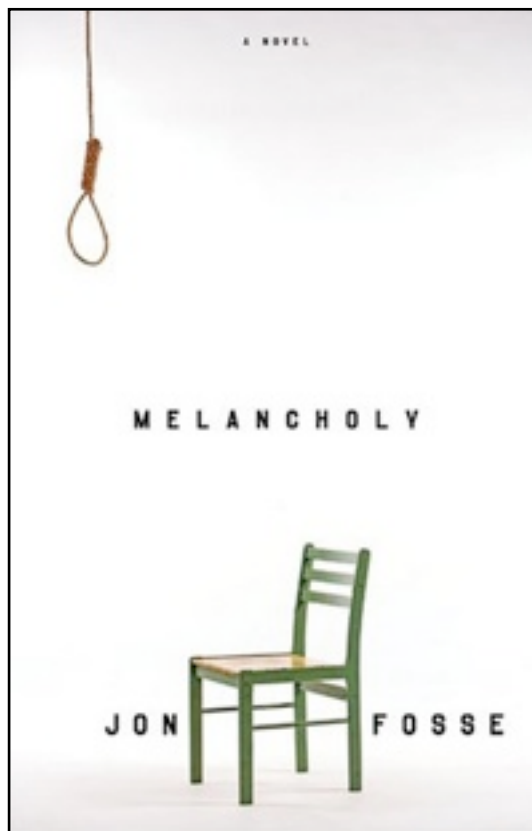
August Reading Circle Selection: *Melancholy*

Melancholy by Jon Fosse is the August selection of the Reading Circle.

We will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 19. We will probably meet at Norway House but, if you plan to come, please RSVP Christine Foster Meloni at reading@norwaydc.org and you will learn the exact location of the discussion.

Jon Fosse is one of Norway's major novelists and has been called "the new Ibsen." He received the Melson Prize for *Melancholy* in 2000 and was then awarded a lifetime stipend for his future literary efforts from the Norwegian government.

Melancholy is the story of Lars Hertervig, a young Norwegian from a poor Quaker family who becomes a painter after completing his art studies in Germany. Fosse focuses on the fragile consciousness of the artist which makes him vulnerable to everything around him but, for this reason, he is able to see the beauty and light in it all.



Norway's Constitutional Language Receives Update

After debate among Norway's three largest political parties, a proposal has been reached and approved to modernize the Constitution. Originally drafted in an archaic version of *bokmål*, the proposal updates the text to a more widely used version of bokmål as well as introduces another copy in Norway's other official language, *nynorsk*. The last time the Constitution language was evaluated and changed was in 1903.

The updates were set into motion in 2012 by a Constitutional Language Committee appointed by Norwegian Parliament and tasked with creating a report on the viability of updating the document. The ultimate goal of the linguistic evaluation was to make the Constitution more popular and accessible, using spelling, vocabulary and grammatical patterns that are more recognizable to modern readers.

The Conservatives (Høyre), Progress Party (Fremskrittspartiet, FrP) and the Labour Party (Arbeiderpartiet, Ap) previously had been at a stalemate, each supporting a different model for either changing the Constitution or leaving its language untouched. Amid concerns that uneven proposals would favor one of Norway's official languages over the other, agreement was eventually reached on a moderate bokmål update proposal provided by language professor Finn-Erik Vinje and a nynorsk proposal from law professor Hans Petter Graver.

"The decision will be historic," said Labour's Martin Kolberg, head of the parliamentary scrutiny and constitutional affairs committee. Nynorsk gets a status which it has never previously had."

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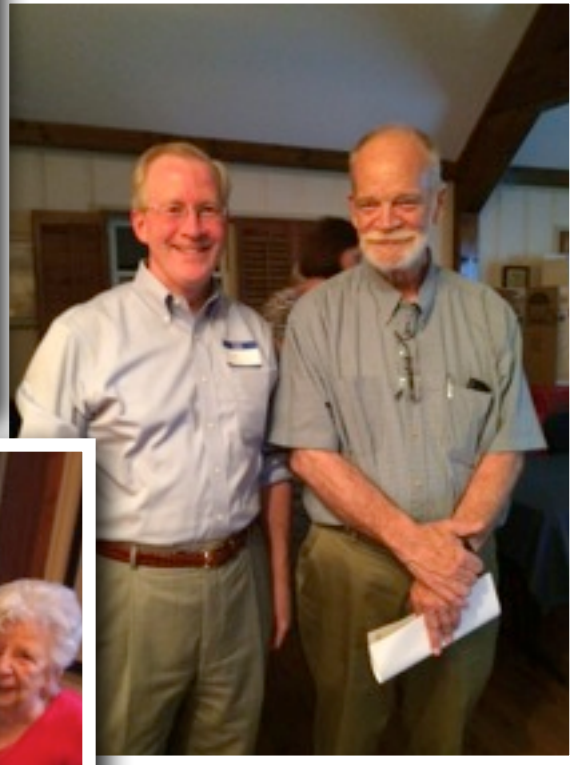


Photos from the June Lodge Meeting





More Photos from the June Lodge Meeting



Attention Parents: Lodge Youth Activities

Our monthly lodge meetings include youth activities. Parents, please RSVP before each meeting to youth director Annemarie McCaslin (youth@norwaydc.org) with your children's names and ages so that activities can be appropriately tailored.

The Minnesota Trilogy

By **Christine Foster Meloni**

Acclaimed Norwegian crime writer Vidar Sundstøl lived with his American wife for two years on Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior. He became enthralled with the history of the place, and was, in particular, struck by the deep attachment of the locals to their Norwegian roots. When he returned to Norway, he wrote his *Minnesota Trilogy*.

Our lodge's Reading Circle met in June to discuss the first book of the trilogy, *Land of Dreams*. Everyone agreed that the book was well written and had an



Seated, Greta Dahlman and Christine F. Meloni; Standing, Marie Hansen and Julie Burnett

intriguing story with an interesting cast of characters. Most felt that the copious historical information added to the book's appeal although some felt it was a bit too much at times.

The novel's protagonist is Lance Hansen, a police officer for the U.S. Forest Service. His job has always been quite easy as he deals primarily with issuing tickets for illegal fishing and camping. He has had free time, therefore, to pursue his real interest, local history. But at the beginning of the novel he discovers the badly beaten body of a Norwegian tourist, and his life is no longer so tranquil. Although the case is handed over to the FBI since the crime took place on federal land and a homicide detective from Norway is flown in to assist the FBI, Lance remains very involved in the investigation.

This book has been well received in Norway and the United States and has received several literary prizes. We are

eagerly awaiting the English translations of the remaining books in the trilogy. The second is due in September 2014, the third in September 2015.

Join Sons of Norway or Give a Gift Membership

Current Dues: Individual \$52.50

(International \$34.00 + District \$8.50 + Lodge \$10.00)

Spouse \$ 45.50, Youth: \$21.25, your children & grandchildren: FREE!

Children 15 years of age or under who have a parent or grandparent who is a Sons of Norway member may sign up for a free Heritage Membership. Youth ages 16 through 23 who have a parent or grandparent who is a Sons of Norway member may be a free Unge Venner member.

For more information or to sign up online visit www.norwaydc.org/membership. If you don't have internet access, call 800-945-8851.



Construction Begins on Oslo's New National Museum

Slated to be one of the largest cultural buildings in Europe, Oslo's National Museum at Vestbanen began construction in late March. Filling an entire block formerly known as Vestbanen station — located near the Nobel Peace Prize

Center — the goal of the museum project is to create a vital, national research and resource center for the visual arts. The museum will be home to art collections from The National Gallery, the National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

"We hope that it will have the same effect as the opera did. It is meant to become a museum that people can feel proud of and identify with, even if they are not part of the so-called "cultural elite," says, Audun Eckhoff, di-

rector of the National Museum. The new museum will also ac-

that interrupt the experience, but stimulate the audience to experience the art in new ways," Eckhoff told Aftenposten.

Completion of the building is scheduled for 2019.

To take a closer look at the plans for the building, be



commodate major international art exhibitions, welcoming exhibits that were not possible to display previously due to space and organizational constraints.

The museum will also experiment with displaying art in new and modern ways, such as utilizing digital tools. "The original works are the heart of every museum. Digital tools will not interrupt those who wish to have the pure, contemplative experience of art. However, we have an opportunity now to seize the options available to us. We do not want several technical gadgets

sure to check out these sources:

- Animation of the exterior design of the building: www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5sxuz3zPc
- Filmed opening address at the build site (in Norwegian): www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR1WZB5bA4M
- Facebook page for the project: www.facebook.com/prosjektnn
- Project information page: [statsbygg.no/ Byggeprosjekter/ Nasjonalmuseet/](http://statsbygg.no/Byggeprosjekter/Nasjonalmuseet/)

Courtesy Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Norwegian Language & Conversation Group

The language group meets on Wednesday nights with a Beginner class at 6 p.m., followed by Intermediate and Advanced at 7 p.m. The class moves at a slow pace so everybody can keep up, and you will have fun while learning Norwegian. **Please note: no classes in July. Returning August 6.**

Our teacher is Nina Brambini Smith, a certified Norwegian/English teacher (she has taught for years at State Department Language School) from Oslo. If you're interested in language classes, you can contact Nina at language@norwaydc.org.

Directions to Norway House

3846 Meredith Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030

**** Please park in the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot** (entrance directly across the street from the Norway House). On weekdays, you can't park on Meredith Drive without a permit.

From Beltway or I-66: Go west from Beltway on 66. Take Exit 60, Rt. 123 (Chain Bridge Rd.) south toward Fairfax. Proceed about a half mile. Turn right on Rt. 50 west (also Rt. 29, Lee Highway, and Fairfax Blvd.).



Stay in the right lane. Just after the 3rd traffic light, turn right on Meredith Dr. (which is between a Merchants Tire store and a Texaco gas station). Turn left immediately behind the gas station into the church parking lot.

From Rt. 50/29: Go west from the Beltway about 5.33 miles. After crossing Rt. 123 (Chain Bridge Rd.), stay in the right lane. Just after the 3rd traffic light, turn right on Meredith Dr. (which is between a Merchants Tire store and a Texaco gas station). Turn left immediately behind the gas station into the church parking lot.

From far western suburbs: From I-66 East, take Exit 52, Rt. 50, east, toward city of Fairfax. Proceed about one mile. Turn left at Fairfax Blvd., which is where Rt. 29 joins Rt. 50 (which itself angles left). Turn left after a Texaco station onto Meredith Dr. Turn left immediately behind the gas station into the church parking lot.

Metro & bus: From Ballston Metro station (on the Orange Line), take either the iC or iZ bus toward Inova Fairfax Hospital. The bus will go down Lee Highway/Fairfax Blvd. (Rt. 50/29). Get off about 40 min. later at Meredith Drive (after Warwick Ave.).

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