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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Greetings! Writing this on my way to Norway. Hoping the stormy weather will subside by the time I arrive.

What a great turnout we had for our picnic at **Steve Rosenthal's** home. 30 people in attendance; thank you Steve for letting us use your home.

Thank you to everyone that supplied salads etc. Thank you to grill-master **Fred Hymans** and assistant **Joann Lindelof**.

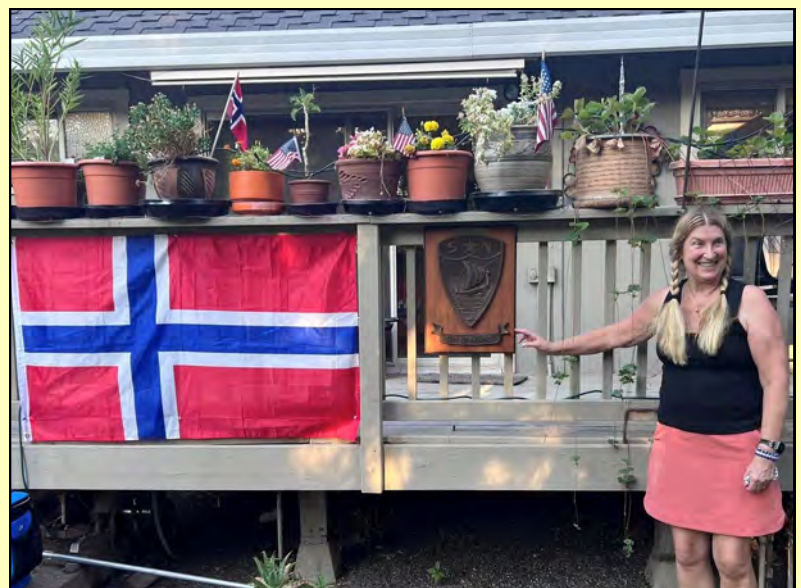
In June/July I spent two weeks at Camp Trollfjell Folkehøgskule teaching Norwegian to a great group of teenagers. Enjoying it very much. **Eric Malme** and his younger son, **Kylan**, were cooks for the same two weeks. Tusen takk.

Sadly, we lost our current Vice President and my best friend, **Donna Gordon**, last month. Condolences to daughter **Kristi**, son-in-law **Sean** and grandson **Wyatt**.

Don't forget to join us on **October 10th**, when our campers come to tell about their experiences at Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule.

Hilsen **Tove-Lise**

Noelle Buer pointing to one of the thousands (maybe millions) of awards the lodge has received over the years.





Zones 1,2 and 3 invite YOU to our "Jewel in the Sierras" for the "Gathering of the Clan"!

Spend the weekend, or just a day with us for a great time! We'll have fun activities for everyone, and good food provided by some of our local lodges. All of the meals will be served in the Heritage Hall. Visit campnorge.org for complete details on our meals. Pay online or mail in the form. Meal registration deadline is August 25.

		Adult	Child		Adult	Child		Adult	Child
Saturday	Breakfast	\$7.00	\$3.50	Lunch	\$8.00	\$4.00	Dinner	\$15.00	\$7.50
Sunday	Frokost	\$10.00	\$5.00	<i>(Served at 10:00 AM)</i>			Dinner	\$15.00	\$7.50
Monday	Breakfast	\$5.00	\$2.50	<i>Child price is for 12 & under, 5 & under eat for free.</i>					



Activities include: pickleball, karaoke, a horseshoe tournament, hiking and more! Activities for kids will include: games, play-set and swimming pool fun!

Help support Camp Norge!

Please bring items for our silent auction.

To make room reservations, reserve a RV or tent site, send Susan Winje an email at campnorge2@gmail.com or call her at (530)389-8000.

Visit campnorge.org for pricing and a listing of accommodations.



Special Fall Afternoon Lodge Meeting:

Enjoy a Summer's-End BBQ Afternoon!

Learn what some of our youth did at camp!

Sunday, September 10th, 1:00 till about 3:30



Come and enjoy a meal and camaraderie with fellow lodge members and guests after a short lodge meeting and presentations by our lodge-sponsored youth on their summer activities at our District 6 Camp Norge youth camps. Enjoy a full BBQ dinner prepared in part by a catering service and provided by the lodge at a very modest charge! (Our summer youth campers are invited to demonstrate craft projects and tell about their

camp experiences! This is always entertaining and it showcases our members of tomorrow.

When: Sunday, September 10th, 1:00 till about 3:30
Where: Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Hts.
Meal plans: BBQ entrée, salads, desserts and all the related "fixin's" provided by the lodge.
Reservations: Required, with payment, by Tuesday, Sept. 5th, please, so that we know how much food is needed. See form below, and see you there!

✂ **BBQ Reservation principal name or names, phone #, and e-mail:**
(Only one name necessary)

Number of persons _____ @ \$5 = \$ _____

(Age 12 and under, no charge)

(CAMPER YOUTH DEMONSTRATORS-NO CHARGE)

Mail to President Tove-Lise Miller, 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742 (tovelise@aol.com 916-364-8704)

PICNIC PHOTOS

President Tove-Lise described the lodge summer picnic in her front page letter. Here are some photos: The gathering; Fred Hymans and Joann Lindelof grilling; pool guppies. For the first time ever, some adults actually ventured into the pool. More photos taken by Arlene Kozub on Facebook.



SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



negotiate power prices or else the projects won't

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

2023 Schedule:

Labor Day weekend Kretstevne at Camp

Norge.

Sept 10 Camper Show and Tell BBQ

Sept. 30—Oct 3: Camp Oldfell at Camp Norge

Oct 10 Regular Meeting

Nov 18 Vikingfest

Dec 9 Julebord

NORWEGIAN FIRM—

WIND POWER PROBLEMS

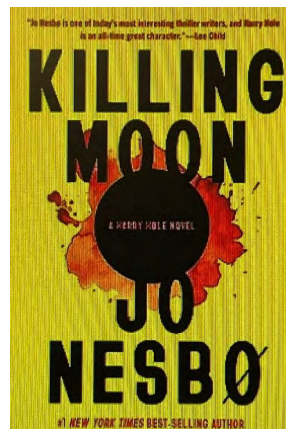


“At the moment, we are seeing the industry’s first crisis,” said **Anders Opedal**, chief executive of **Equinor**, a major Norwegian energy company.

Equinor and BP are supposed to be developing three wind farms off the coast of New York to power around two million (!) homes, but they told the state that it will need to re-

get financing. The Wall Street Journal notes that the holdup of these projects, which would generate 11.7 gigawatts of energy, or enough to power more households than exist, say, in the state of Texas, likely pushes 2030 offshore wind targets out of reach for the Biden administration and European governments.

Jo Nesbo’s Latest Book...



KILLING MOON

489 pages; translated by **Seán Kinsella**

Another **Harry Hole** book. Harry has been fired from the police force and is in Los Angeles, mostly drinking. He goes back to Oslo to take a private detective assign-

ment. Bad things happen to wealthy people, and the police are unofficially happy, sort of, that Harry is investigating.

Amazon says “Brilliant rogue police investigator Harry Hole is back, this time as an outsider assembling his own team to help find a serial killer who is murdering young women in Oslo in the next novel in the internationally best-selling series.” \$13.99 on Kindle.

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NORWAY'S WEATHER

Recently—bad. Torrential rains and flooding.

On August 10th, storm and subsequent flooding caused a camper trailer and a home to wash away in the mountain town of Hemsedal. A few days before that, days of heavy rain caused landslides and floods in southern Norway. A dam on the Glåma River, Norway's longest and most voluminous, suffered a partial hydroelectric dam failure.

President Tove-Lise, who is in Norway visiting relatives and friends, recently wrote "Road situation is very difficult with mud slides and flooded bridges. Train is not going all the way (to her sister's house). They might put in buses in some places."



Dick Tracysen

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Hard to believe, but we will need to nominate officers for 2024 soon. We surely need some new people for many positions because some of our existing officers should be sitting in rocking chairs by the fire, smoking their corncob pipes or knitting or petting g the cat. Indeed, many are more than willing to give up their positions to younger folks (even people in their 60s are "younger" when it comes to

this matter). Would you believe we have officers holding multiple positions who are in their 80s? They still remember phones without dials, let alone buttons. They went to movie matinees on Saturday afternoons to watch Groucho Marx. Now they can't even balance their checkbooks—what is a checkbook, you ask? And you want them making decisions about MONNEEE? Implementing AI apps? Sparring with insurance matters? Figuring out the mysteries of the much *admired and revered Home Office*? Really, your conscience will bother you if you don't volunteer. You won't be able to sleep at night. Your spouse will come to hate your Sons of Norway-shirking that is brought on by your guilt. Your kids will..., well I don't know—my kids are not kids. Here are the current officers, all of whom are competent, but for HOW LONG???

President	Tove-Lise Miller
Vice President and Membership Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	Stephen Rosenthal
Social Committee	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales, Judy Hales
Cultural Director (Tsar)	Stephen Rosenthal
Scandinavian Festival Committee	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Norm Hales
Foundation Director	Vacant
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal (on probation)
Public Relations	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustee(s)	Betty Williamson
Youth Director	Eric Malme
Facebook Manager	Arlene Kozub
Website Manager, Zoom contractor	Terje Miller
Book Club Shepherd	Noelle Buer



Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2024
Tuscany Suites & Casino: Las Vegas, Nevada
June 21 - 23, 2024

The Norwegian Folk Art, Handicraft, & Digital Program Exhibition

We want to showcase what you are creating in the expanded Norwegian Folk Art Exhibition. Whether you are an expert or a beginner, allow us the opportunity to admire your work! The items must be completed in the two years since the last convention. The following are traditional Folk Art categories that have been showcased for many years at our conventions:

1. **Rosemaling**
2. **Weaving w/Norwegian design**
3. **Hardanger embroidery**
4. **Klosterson, diamantsom, other traditional needlework w/ Norwegian theme**
5. **Hand knitting w/Norwegian design**
6. **Crocheting and tatting**
7. **Figure carving w/Norwegian motif**
8. **Relief carving w/Norwegian motif**
9. **Chip carving**
10. **Bentwood/tine box or other woodworking w/Norwegian motif**
11. **Other media w/Norwegian theme: photography, painting, felting, or kolrosing**

12. **Viking**

Included this year is a new category of anything Viking. Use your vision to create a fun entry. This category could be a combination of 'Viking' and one of the above categories – knit a Viking silhouette into a Norwegian sweater, carve a Viking ship, stitch Odin onto a quilt, etc.

13. **Digital/Virtual Cultural Program**

We will again have a Virtual Cultural Program category following a successful initial program at the 2022 Convention. This could be a PowerPoint or video program of Norwegian, Scandinavian, or Viking interest. This category favorite will receive the coveted 'Olaf' award.

And let's not forget about our youth! Youth up to age 18 are invited to display their work as well. Many youths are learning about and creating Folk Art at Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule. If you have youth in your lodge, please volunteer to bring their entries for all to see and appreciate. We will have separate People's Choice awards for the youth.

The traditional Norwegian Folk Art Exhibit is a **very important** part of our Conventions. We celebrate the People's Choice winners, applaud all entrants, and encourage and appreciate all beginners. Entry information and forms will be available the first of next year, but . . . the time to get started . . . is NOW! We are looking forward to seeing your entries in Las Vegas.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

GO TO THE DISTRICT 6 WEBSITE

AND SPECIFICALLY TO

<https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell-registration-2023/>

Saturday, September 30 through Tuesday, October 3

THERE IS AN AMAZING LIST OF COURSES! GO TO

https://sofn6.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Camp-Oldfjell-Catalog-__17JUL2023-REVISION.pdf

Half session, Saturday and Sunday \$140.00

Full session, Saturday through Tuesday \$235.00

The Camp Oldfjell fee covers classes and meals. Material fees are paid directly to the instructors. Lodging fees are separate.

Meals are included in the registration fee. Meal service starts with dinner on Friday and concludes with breakfast on Wednesday.



Camp Oldfjell is held at:
250 Canyon Mine Rd.
Alta, CA 95701

Check in for Camp Oldfjell starts on Friday evening at 4 PM, or you can check in during breakfast.

Soft drinks will be served to those under the age of 21.

(NOTE: THE ABOVE LINKS ARE NOT ACTIVE. YOU HAVE TO COPY AND PAST INTO YOUR BROWSER.)

A PLETHORA OF COURSE CHOICES AT CAMP OLDFELL!

Here is the impressive list of courses being offered at Camp Oldfell:

Norwegian Cooking

Rosemaling

Knitting

Hardanger Embroidery (Full)

Tea Towel Embroidery

Viking Astronomy, Navigation & Stargazing

Norwegian Klostersøm

A Nordic Viking “Skald” (Oral Storyteller)

Norwegian Folk Dancing

Viking Wire Knitting and Lucet

Viking Apron Dress

Viking Pocket Purse

Wine and Painting

Chip Carving

Hike: Donner Pass and Summit Tunnels

Campfire and S’mores in the Meadow

Axe Throwing

Mead Stein Painting and Consumption Contest

Koselig Timer Norwegian

Woven Hearts

Needle Felting

Movie Night

See flyer of previous page and also go to

[https://sofn6.org/wp-content/](https://sofn6.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Camp-Oldfjell-Catalog-17JUL2023-REVISION.pdf)

[uploads/2023/07/2023-Camp-Oldfjell-Catalog-17JUL2023-REVISION.pdf](https://sofn6.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Camp-Oldfjell-Catalog-17JUL2023-REVISION.pdf) to see the detailed catalog.

P.S. –One of the courses listed here is a “ringer.” You will have to read the catalog to determine which one.



74th Rosemaling Seminar

September 23-24, 2023



Onya Tolmasoff’s project is a cheerful Os design on a charcoal background.



Karen Nelson’s project is a graceful Telemark design on a charcoal background.

Make your reservations for Penny’s Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge NOW! The cost of the seminar is \$140. Our teachers are Karen Nelson and Onya Tolmasoff. We will be painting a basswood cracker box with turned spindle handles on each end. The box, made by Lusk Scandia Woodworks in Coon Valley, Wisconsin, measures 12” long x 6” wide x 5” tall. Classes are open to adults, 18 years and older. Class size is limited to twenty-one (21) students per class. A short wait-list will be established, once classes meet the limit. NOTE: If you have been wait listed but do not make it into class, your check will be shredded, not returned. STROKE CLASS: Karen will be offering a stroke class from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The cost of the class is \$5, payable directly to Karen.

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer and the registration form.

<https://www.campnorge.org/site/rosemallng/>

Please note: the color of the images may not reflect the true colors of the projects!

A tribute to Edna by Carol Francis...

EDNA MAE JOHNSON, 63-YEAR MEMBER OF SONS OF NORWAY, PASSES AWAY

July 25, 1927 – August 4, 2023



When I joined Sons of Norway in 1980 at the lodge on Darina Avenue in North Sacramento, I immediately became friends with **Knute Johnson**, originally from Bygdøy near Oslo. He had entered the United States as an adult and retained a charming Norwegian

accent, speaking nearly the same dialect I learned as an exchange student. We always spoke Norwegian but he was quick to introduce me in English to the love of his life, his wife Edna. That he adored her was evident, that it was mutual I saw quickly in her eyes and proud smile.

They met at a USO dance at the Kansas City Army Depot where they both worked. He had an Old World charm and impeccable manners; she was very much the lady, always well dressed with nicely coffered hair and a sincerely happy countenance that reached her eyes. Knute had come to the United States at eighteen, learned English and then completed his high school diploma and college degrees. He was sixteen years her senior, recognizing a princess when he saw one despite her lack of royal birth. She in turn recognized his potential, as he was already an Army Sergeant.

Edna was the youngest of six children born to Henry and Nellie Mae Samples. They lived on a small farm near Quincy, Hickory County, Missouri, in a time and place without electricity and running water. Her older siblings and parents worked constantly on their farm which was foreclosed upon during the Great Depression and prolonged drought of the 1930s. Edna started her education in a one-room school-

house near her home, walking to classes. After losing the farm, her family moved a half mile to the former home of her grandfather. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer in 1939, dying in February 1940.

Her older siblings left home by 1944, with her four older brothers joining the US Navy. Her older sister Reva moved to Kansas City to work for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Her father Henry wanted all their children to finish high school, and so she attended Weaubleau School in Weaubleau, Missouri. Losing her mother at age thirteen was hard enough, but she was also in a tough position being the only child left at home with her farmer father. She happily embraced her new step-mom in December 1943 when his father married a widow, Susan McLerran.

During 1944 her life changed when she left home to escape the hard farm life, joining her sister Reva in Kansas City. Here she found work at a US Army Quartermaster Depot, where her job was to receive the personal belongings of soldiers killed overseas and get these shipped to their families. On the bright side, she met Knute, and they married in Kansas City, Kansas, on March 2, 1946.

They moved to Sacramento because Knute had been through there once, and liked

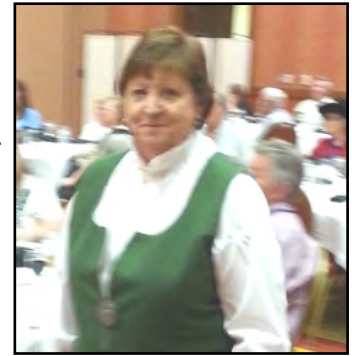


Edna receiving her 50-year pin in 2014 from then International President Marit Kristiansen at the lodge's 85th anniversary dinner.

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VP DONNA GORDON SUCCUMBS

Long-time contributor to the lodge and current Vice President, Donna Gordon, passed away this past July 28th. She had been a member for 31 years and had contributed greatly to lodge activities. She is survived by her daughter and lodge member **Kristi Mattes, son-in-law Sean Mattes, and grandson Wyatt Mattes**, also a lodge member. Memorial arrangements are pending and we should have additional information soon.



(Edna Johnson, Continued from page 10)

the then small town. The family prospered with three children, **Norma, Stanley, and Les**, and they enlarged the family home on Knight Way several times.

Once the children were a little older, they joined Sons of Norway, Roald Amundsen Lodge, where Knute enthusiastically played his accordion and helped with fish dinners. Edna took Norwegian lessons, and was active in Viking Sisters providing Norwegian home-made cookies well into her eighties. The family visited Norway many times, including seeing both families when Edna's brother was stationed in Norway with NATO.

Edna outlived many of her friends in the lodge, but remained close to **Gwen Lokke**, eleven months younger than she, celebrating their birthdays in June and July together. They had this younger friend –me– who occasionally joined them, but more often talked with them on the phone or exchanged emails and Christmas greetings with them. Writing this made me understand why she wanted to stay in the lovely home she shared with Knute, who brought so many smiles to her eyes. They are together again.

Her family is holding services on Sunday, August 27th, at 12 noon at East Lawn Cemetery, 4300 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento. The family is requesting RSVPs as a meal will be served, to Les Johnson 916-383-7900 or lesjohnsonconsults@sbcglobal.net. Cards may be sent to 7791 Dutra Bend Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831. Gwen Lokke is in frail health at age 95, and I will be working as a historian on the Northwest Passage with **Hurtigruten**, but we both send greetings for the celebration. With such fond memories, **Carol Francis**. *(Slightly abridged and modified by the editor. Carol's final version can be obtained from her, and it contains names of ancestors and other information which was deemed less relevant to our general readers.)*



TAKE A "FLIGHT!"

Photo courtesy Ægir Brewery.

Skål! Norwegian Beer Brewing Old and New

Two travel options:

Aug. 1 - 9 or Aug. 9 - 17, 2024

Tour Leader: Rolf Svanoë,
Coordinator of Tours to Norway

Join Vesterheim's first ever beer tour. Norway has a rich home brewing culture. We will visit six microbreweries on Norway's West Coast. At each one, we will have a beer tasting and learn about their local brewing traditions and philosophy.

At Voss, we will learn about the old-world tradition of ale bowls (*kjenger*) from a renowned expert Sverre Strandenes. An ale bowl is more than a drinking vessel. It represents some of the best Norwegian folk art and craftsmanship, an important part of Norwegian cultural heritage used in social and ceremonial roles.

Pulpit Rock Brewing in Decorah, Iowa, and Lervig Brewing, in Stavanger, are collaborating on a beer in 2023. Pulpit Rock is named after a local geographic feature in the Decorah Driftless region. It is also named after the world-famous Pulpit Rock in Norway (*Preikestolen*). On a free day in Stavanger, we will visit Norway's Pulpit Rock! You can hike there or see it from below by ferry.

You will not want to miss this tour. Not only will you get to taste some of the best beers in Norway, but you will experience Norway's scenic beauty and learn about an important part of its history and culture.



Traditional *kjenge*. kjenge.no.



Pulpit Rock In Norway.