

FREYA FORUM

Sons of Norway, Freya Lodge #6-062 Newsletter

May 2022

Ord fra Presidenten

Hipp, hipp hurra for Syttende Mai!

Please join us on Saturday, May 14 to celebrate Syttende Mai. Barbeque, games and celebrating Norwegian Constitution Day on the back lawn of Norway Hall. See the flyer on page 2 for RSVP information. **Please RSVP by May 10th.**

Thanks to the few who joined us for delicious potato soup and sandwiches in April. It was nice to sit and visit. I was gathering names of those interested in cultural skills as well as future programs. Please let me know if there are topics you are interested in learning more about.

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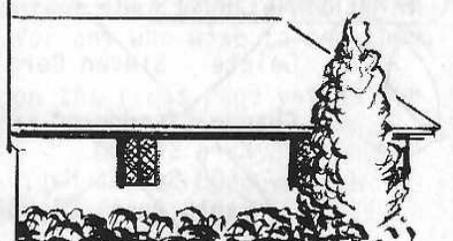
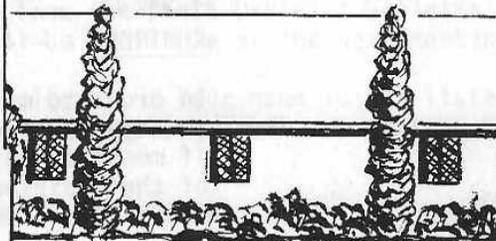
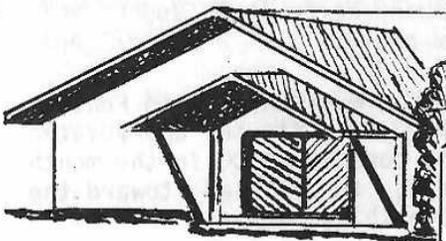
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If you plan to travel to the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, June 17-19, 2022 in Astoria, Oregon, be sure to stop by the new Astoria Nordic Heritage Park. The dedication ceremony for the new park will be the morning of June 17 preceding the Festival.

Further north in Seattle is the National Nordic Museum. You can also visit beer halls and other Scandinavian influenced shops.

Stay safe and well.

Lis Barca
President



Come and Celebrate
NORWAY'S NATIONAL DAY

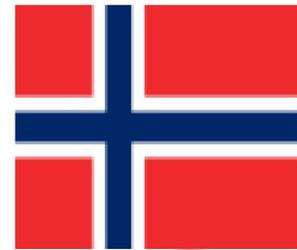
“SYTTENDE MAI”

on May 14th, 11AM - 1PM
on the back lawn at
NORWAY HALL
617 West Ninth Str., Santa Rosa



Dress in red, white and blue
and, if available, bring your
Norwegian flags

**CHILDREN AND
ADULTS
are gathering to
PARADE,
PLAY
and EAT**



11AM - Socializing, games, music
11:30AM - May 17 Proclamation, singing of
the National Anthem, Syttende Mai parade
Hot dogs, potato salad, chips and Norwegian
Bløtkake (Cream Cake)
Sing-a-long
Folk dancing
More games for children and adults

Payable at the event...
\$5.00/adults. \$8 non-member adults.
\$3.00/children under 14.
RSVP by May 10 via email at
RSVP@FreyaLodge.org or calling
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Welcome New Members!

Mary Antolini
Leona Biddle

Thanks for Renewing!

Janet Ekberg
Mike Fairchild
Robert Johnson
Seth Krogstad
Sidsel Moller
Lars Toennesen
Theodor Toennesen
Carolyn Tomberlin
John Tomberlin

Insurance News

Wishing everyone a happy May Day!

We are already five months into 2022.

Hope everyone had a beautiful blessed Easter with your families.

Most of you have done your taxes and paid your taxes!
You know there are avenues for you to be able to lessen your tax bill.

Sons of Norway has some wonderful tax free areas you can put your money.

If you want to know more I would be happy to help you.

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Scandia Book Club

The Bell in the Lake
Lars Mytting

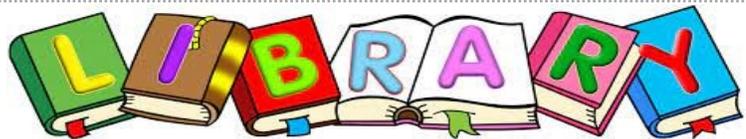
May 24 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

My Soul to Take
Yrsa Sigurdardottir

June 21 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433082734?pwd=NTVoRGd4UjRGeFgzbl0lGL0E4RGNIz09>

Meeting ID: 814 3308 2734
Pwd: Read



Browse the outside/inside library on Syttende Mai! Lots of fun children's books, too. See you there!

Fra Bookperson Heidi

Heidi Hochrein, Vice President

Social Director

Greetings from the Kitchen!

I am looking for a few good men and women to be on the Kitchen Dream Team for events, that includes decorations, cooking, serving, cleanup; there is always more that is needed, but I cannot do the events by myself.

If you are interested in becoming a team member for the Dream Team, email and let me know, michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com.



May 14th – Saturday:

Syttende Mai, BBQ and Picnic: I will need help in the kitchen, setup, breakdown, decorations and serving. Setup time is 9am.

August 20th – Saturday

BBQ Picnic: I will need people to help with setting up tables and canopies, Decorations and cooking. Setup time is 9am.

Please let me know if you can help with either of these two events: michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com.

The Traditional Norwegian Cooking Class has 4 more graduates earning all three levels for their pins in cooking. Congratulations to:

Marianne Moore

Jon Hermstad

Cheryl Malseed

Karen Larson

The next cooking class will start Fall / Winter of 2022, I will keep you posted on location and time.

See you in the Kitchen!

Michele Edler
Social Director

FRILUFTSLIV - Outdoor Life and Recreation Wildflowers - It's not too late!

Although the days are getting warmer and sunnier, it is not too late to find wildflowers in our outdoors. But don't wait. This last bout of rain has helped the wildflowers a bit, but their blooms will be ending soon. Some of the best places in Sonoma County to find wildflowers are our regional and state parks both inland and along the coast. Sonoma Valley Regional Park has 3 trails named for wildflowers, Foothill Regional Park has the Soap Plant Trail, so explore these. At Crane Creek Regional Park you will find wildflowers along the Creek, Lupine and Poppy Trails. At Tolay Lake Regional Park you will find wildflowers along the West Ridge Trail all the way to the end. At Taylor Mountain Regional Park you may encounter lupine, shooting stars, monkeyflowers and baby blue eyes. At Helen Putnam Regional Park you may find sun cups, hound's tongue, shooting stars and others. On the Kortum Trail along the coast you will find wildflowers later in the month. Jack London State Park in Glen Ellen also has many wildflowers along the trails. But don't wait to get out to find these local beauties.

Two resources that you might bookmark or download are:

- [inaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org). It is one of the world's most popular nature apps, iNaturalist helps you identify the plants and animals around you. You also get connected with a community of over a million scientists and naturalists who can help you learn more about nature!
- <https://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Microsites/Regional%20Parks/Documents/Pre-2022/Play/Documents/regional-parks-wildflower-guide.pdf>. Here you will find descriptions and photos of many of the county's wildflowers to help you identify and learn more about them.

Get out there soon before the blooms fade. And enjoy the array of colors that abound.

And if you have earned a Sports Medal, we hope to present it to you at our Syttende Mai celebration on May 14.

Congratulations to Cheryl Malseed who has earned silver and gold in *Idrettsmerke* for her many hours of dancing. Rich Sandwick and Susan Potter earned silver medals in *Gangmerke*.



Carol Brandstad Eber, Sports Director

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Welcoming Back Leona Hansen Biddle

Leona was born in Denmark 90 years ago. She and her late husband, Gordon, were members of Freya for several years, but after his death five years ago, she let her membership drop. Leona is still in contact with friends from those days... Unni and Lester Hoel, Anne-Marie and Richard Winterhalder and Pati and Don Simon (now members of Victory Lodge in Vallejo).

Our new member is a writer and has self-published her memories—"Christmas 1920". Other interests include playing bridge and croquet, walking, reading and listening to music (she is a member of Santa Rosa Symphony League).

Leona has three sons, five grandchildren and an 8th great-grandchild on the way. Most of the family members live in Seattle and Southern California.

Leona is engaged to Norm Claus. They have their own apartments in the Fountain Grove Lodge in Santa Rosa.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon, Leona and Norm. VELKOMMEN!

Siri Fenson, Membership Secretary

Karsten Warholm, Norway's 400 Meter Hurdler, Named World Athlete of the Year

Norway's very own Karsten Warholm was recently named the World Athletics Male Athlete of the Year by the International Athletics Federation. Along with this title, he also became the first-ever Norwegian to receive the award. Warholm was incredibly successful this past season as is evident by his performance in the Tokyo Olympics. He took gold in the 400-meter hurdles with an incredible time of 45.94 seconds. This time set Warholm's second world record in a one-month span. Even more impressive, World Athletics described the 400-meter hurdles as the "discipline with the sharpest competition in athletics in the 2021 season." When asked by World Athletics if he could lower the record even more, Warholm responded, "We've pushed the limit very far, but I'm always up for a new challenge." He will certainly be an athlete to keep your eye on in the coming years.

From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

Cultural Skills Program Pins to be Given out May 14

Several lodge members have been busy learning new skills and completing extensive reports for the "Judge" to judge. All those listed below, will be receiving their rewards during the May 14 Syttende Mai celebration. Please, plan to attend!

In **Rosemaling** there are five of us to be rewarded a Level 1 bar: Sandra Smith, Karen Larson, Becky Thompson, Pat Bonderud and myself, Siri Fenson. We took a 4-hour class in February, taught by Lotte Sather, to learn basic strokes and techniques. We painted a plaque and chose an "elective". Except for Pat Bonderud, we chose to write "what inspired us to learn" this beautiful Norwegian art form. Pat wrote about "items that are often rosemaled". You may have read her article and seen photos in the April Forum.

There are also four **Cooking Traditional Norwegian Food** bars to be handed out. They have been earned by Karen Larson, Cheryl Malseed, Marianne Moore and John Hermstad who thoroughly and neatly, with photos, completed their reports: "Cooking your Favorites", "Baked Goods & Desserts" and finally, "Meat and Fish Dishes". Also honored will be Michele Edler, who as the instructor, will receive Mentor pins.

Sandra Smith has successfully completed 3 levels in **Genealogy**. She created Ancestry Charts, Family Group Sheets, wrote family stories and resource lists. Quite a job and perfectly presented! She will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Mike Fairchild has not been painting or cooking to earn any rewards, but he has been a **SoN member for 30 years**. He is now a Golden Member and will receive a fine-looking pin on May 14. Mike's yearly membership fee is now reduced to half.

Congratulations to each and every one of you! We are very proud of your accomplishments!

Siri Fenson, Cultural Skills Program Director

Berkeley Nordic Center

If you missed the presentation "Is the American Dream a Nordic Reality?" with Robert Strand, executive director of Berkeley's new Nordic Center, the video has been posted to the OLLI YouTube channel. You may watch the presentation by clicking this link: [Is the American Dream a Nordic Reality with Robert Strand - Berkeley OLLI - Spring 2022 - YouTube](#)

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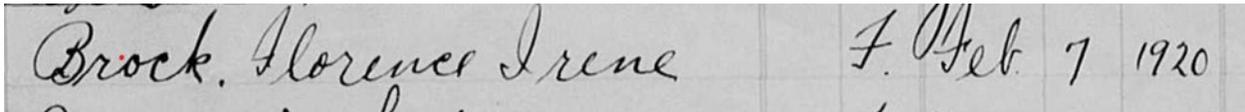


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Birth and Parentage of Florence Irene Brock

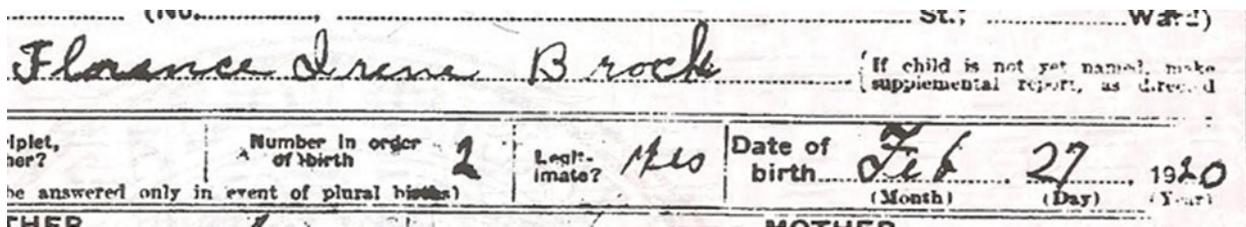
Florence Irene Brock was very likely born 7 February 1920 at East Pleasant Plains, Jefferson County, Iowa to Walter Lloyd Brock and Clara Belle Rains. Florence had always maintained that the date of 27 February 1920 on her official birth certificate was wrong. Five records pertaining to her birth were located and will be used to determine her actual birth date.

Two birth records exist for Florence and each were created in 1920 when she was born. The birth register at the court house in Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa lists 7 February 1920 as her birth date and was recorded 20 February 1920. It was reported by W. S. Parke of Brighton. Her parents are registered as Walter L. Brock and Clara Bell Rains.



A snippet of a handwritten document, likely a birth record, showing the name "Brock, Florence Irene" and the date "F. Feb. 7 1920".

Her official birth certificate provides all the same information as the courthouse register, however with a birth date of 27 February 1920. It was signed by W. S. Parke M. D., of Brighton (same person as in the courthouse register) and was recorded 31 December 1920. Recording a February birth in December allows plenty of time to create an error.

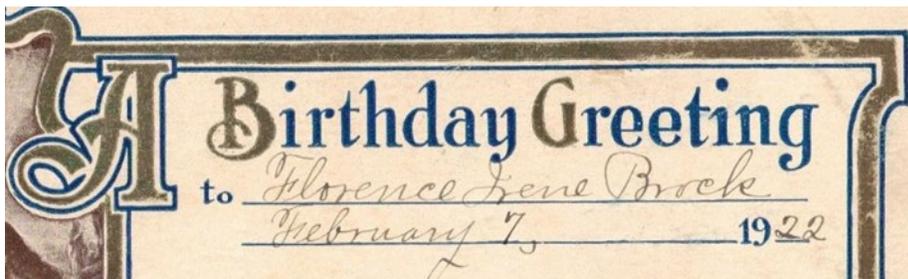


An official birth certificate form for Florence Irene Brock. The name is written in cursive. The date of birth is "Feb 27 1920". The number in order of birth is "2". The legitimacy is marked "legitimate". There is a note: "If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed".

Name: <i>Florence Irene Brock</i>		Date of birth: <i>Feb 27 1920</i>	
Number in order of birth: <i>2</i>	Legitimate? <i>Yes</i>	Date of birth: <i>Feb 27 1920</i>	
Number in order of birth: <i>2</i>		Date of birth: <i>Feb 27 1920</i>	

Another record pertaining to Florence's birth is a greeting from the Cradle Roll Superintendent at First Christian Church where she was a member. A handwritten date on the card is 7 February 1922. Cradle Roll was first created in 1877 and by the time Florence was born, were used in churches across the U.S. Churches were encouraged to keep a log of enrollees and their birth dates and children were enrolled at birth. The purpose was to include children from newborn up to three or four years of age in church activities. At their first birthday, the card was sent to parents but by age two, greeting cards were issued directly to the children. The date on this card indicates it was given to Florence on her second birthday.

First Christian church in Fairfield, Iowa has moved a couple of times since 1922. Their records are in storage and not easily accessible. The secretary has stated that cradle roll records have been found. Given the history of cradle rolls combined with the greeting card from 1922, it is quite likely the church had a record of Florence's birth at one time and celebrated her second birthday, 7 February 1922.



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Birth and Parentage of Florance Irene Brock—Continued

The next record to review was her marriage certificate. Her birth date on this record is 27 February 1920. It is very possible Florence would have needed her birth certificate to apply for a marriage license and likely would have used her official one. If not for that license, then for a driver's license or some form of identification. She might not have been aware that there were two versions of her recorded birth. If her official birth certificate was her proof, then her "wrong" birth date would have been used.

11a. NAME OF BRIDE—FIRST NAME FLORENCE	11b. MIDDLE NAME IRENE	11c. LAST NAME BROCK	12. DATE OF BIRTH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR Feb. 27, 1920
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At the end of her life, the birth date on her death certificate is 7 Feb 1920. The informant for the death certificate is her daughter, who would have known about the correct birth date. The first recording of her birth took place on 20 February 1920 (13 days after she was born on 7 February 1920), which would have made it impossible for Florence to have been born on 27 February 1920. Because of this fact, and supporting evidence contained in the death certificate, it is concluded that Florence Brock was most likely born 7 February 1920 at East Pleasant Plains, Jefferson County, Iowa to Walter Lloyd Brock and Clara Belle Rains.

1. NAME OF DECEDENT—FIRST GIVEN FLORENCE
4. DATE OF BIRTH, MM/DD/CCYY 02/07/1920

Walter Lloyd Brock and Clara Belle Rains were consistently named as the parents of Florence in her birth, marriage and death records.

Records used to prove the birth date and location of Florence Irene Brock and the identity of her parents:

- Birth register
- Birth certificate
- Birthday card
- Marriage certificate
- Death certificate

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