



FREYA FORUM

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Ord fra Presidenten

Our Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner is coming up quickly. Get your tickets while you can. You must purchase via PayPal, but you don't need to have a PayPal account. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Tusen takk to Else Bratlien, Marit Barca and helper extraordinaire Joan Byrd for all their work putting on the Julebord. I heard nothing but compliments about the food and your efforts.

Godt nytt år alle sammen!

Fraternally, Lis Barca

**MEATBALL
& LUTEFISK
Dinner**

SATURDAY, JAN 14TH

ADULT MEMBER: \$30
NONMEMBER: \$35
CHILDREN (6-14) : \$13

DOORS OPEN: 4 PM
MUST RSVP, ONLY 60
TICKETS AVAILABLE

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**SONS of
NORWAY**

Welcome New Members!

Christian Ellingson
Heather Nelson
Hollis Nelson
Verna Nelson

Thanks for Renewing!

Tor Allen
Kerrily Beaton
Donald Bent
Ashley Eib
Vanja Flak
Jeremy Ginsberg
Tor Grotting
John & Susan Hiatt
Heidi Hochrein
Karen Larson
Pamela Provenzano
Philip Rhodes
Edward Tollefson
Beverly Torres

Insurance News

I would like to Wish Everyone A Happy New Year!

Sons of Norway has introduced several new Insurance Policies to meet the needs of their members. They now offer insurance for members with medical issues that don't qualify with other companies.

If you are interested, give me a call.
530-263-6565.

Our annuities are staying the same as last three years regarding interest rates. You never lose your money — our Annuities grow your money.

Thank you,
Adrienne Lincoln

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Scandia Book Club

The Historians
Cecelia Ekback

January 17 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433082734?pwd=NTVoRGd4UIRGGeFgzb0IGL0E4RGNIdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 3308 2734
Pwd: Read



Social Director

Greetings from the Kitchen!

Happy New Year!

2023 brings us more events. First up is a lodge favorite, Lutefisk and Meatball dinner January 14th Saturday @ 4pm.

I will be needing help:

- Cooking starts at 10am and serving at 4:30 ish
- Kitchen crew / prep and cooking
- Serving crew
- Cleanup crew / dishes and kitchen clean up



Please let me know sooner than later if you can help in the kitchen:

Michele 707-331-3817 or michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com

Traditional Norwegian cooking class: Last one for awhile

We will be having our zoom meeting to go over what is required and where and when we are meeting. Also going over all the other important info as well about the class and pins.

Please email me if you are interested in taking the last class for a while. Please email me at: michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com. I have taught 3 (this will make 4 in a row) and I am getting burned out, so take advantage of this.

I will email everyone the link and password for the zoom meeting and when I will be holding it. See you in the class.

Remember whenever you can, volunteering will be greatly appreciated! Just 2 hours of your time will help save our lodge from the complete burnout of our hard-working board!

See you in the Kitchen!

Michele Edler
Social Director

FRILUFTSLIV

Outdoor Life and Recreation

Rich Sandwick and I enjoyed an easy guided walk in December at the new and developing Petaluma River Park. Other Hiking Vikings were unable to join us due to weather, family and other constraints but asked for another hike in January. So here is what is planned.

Saturday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m. the Hiking Vikings will meet at Crane Creek Regional Park to explore the trails through meadows and oak woodlands. And let's see how much water is running in Crane Creek after all the rain. This creek is a favorite of my granddaughters for exploring and wading. There are 3.5 miles of trails that run through rolling terrain and two trails (Creek and Lupine) are wheelchair accessible on compacted gravel. For those Vikings who want a little exertion Fiddleneck and Hawk Ridge Trails will take you to the top of the hill for great views. The trails may be muddy after all the rain, so wear good shoes/boots.

The park is located east of Sonoma State University up Pressley Road. From Petaluma Hill Road take Roberts Road and then Pressley up the hill. Parking is \$7 or free for park members. I will bring coffee and treats for us after the hike. If it is raining that day, give me a call to see if we go. Heavy rain will probably cancel the hike because the trails will be muddy and flooded.

And what a surprise to run into Rich and Else Marie on a hike at the preview day at Mark West Creek Regional Park. I am hoping to get us a hike there even though the park is not yet open regularly to the public.



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Genealogy

Sometimes records aren't where we expect them to be.

Probate records are an important genealogical record group. They can give us a look into our ancestors' lives in a very different way than decennial census records, vital records, etc. They may include a household inventory of items to be sold. They may include all the names of the decedent's children, married daughters' names, spouses of sons, and possibly the decedent's in-laws revealing the spouse's name and siblings.

Probate records may not always be found online at Ancestry, My Heritage, Family Search (catalog), or other genealogical sites. However, it is expected to be able to find how to locate them in the Family Search Wiki for the location you are researching. An unexpected example of a recent research problem for me was Marshall County, Illinois. I have become used to easily finding records (kind of) and this was not the case.

From a drop-down menu on Ancestry's searchable catalog, Marshall County wasn't even listed.

**Illinois, U.S., Wills and Probate Records,
1772-1999**

Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from the options below.

County

Choose... ▾

Notes

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name
Probate	Day Month Year Location
Any Event	Day Month Year Location

Such was the case for FamilySearch. Marshall County wasn't listed .

 FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Illinois Probate Records, 1819-1988 ▾

County				
Alexander	Franklin	Jo Daviss	Massac	
Brown	Gallatin	Johnson	McHenry	
Calhoun	Greene	Kankakee	Menard	
Champaign	Hamilton	La Salle	Mercer	
Coles	Hancock	Livingston	Montgomery	
DeKalb	Henderson	Logan	Morgan	
De Witt	Henry	Macoupin	Ogle	
Effingham	Jasper	Madison	Piatt	
Fayette	Jersey	Mason	Pope	

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Genealogy ~ Continued

There was a note in the FamilySearch wiki for Marshall County, Illinois. "Original estates and wills are held in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk." The departments listed on the website for Marshall County did not include probate. A probate department was not found anywhere on the website.

Departments

- Assessor
- Highway
- Probation
- Recycling
- Zoning



I finally had no other option than to call. I spoke to the clerk of the court and learned that in this particular county, using the phone is what has to be done. This experience serves as a great reminder that *most* genealogy records are not found online, even though it might seem like it.

Submitted by Pamela Stutrud Groth

Crown Princess Donates Unique Garment

In June 2022, Crown Princess Mette-Marit attended a dinner for the opening of the new National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design in Oslo. The dazzling pink dress she wore for the event was both symbolic and personal.

When the pandemic hit, the princess borrowed a loom to fulfill a long-standing fascination with weaving. As she practiced, the idea for a dress came together. She enlisted Norwegian luxury designer Peter Dundas to co-design a modern garment that paid homage to traditional crafts.

Previously, Mette-Marit had visited Aurora Verksted, a workshop for people with differing abilities located in Bærum, near Oslo. The community employs around 100 artists with and without disabilities who practice traditional techniques in ceramics, textiles, clothing, graphics and painting in an atmosphere focused on creativity and joyful connection.

The fabric of the pink woolen dress has a weaving pattern based on a Telemark rug, and ornate embroidery along the arms and hem.

In July, the crown princess and several artists from Aurora Verksted were present to donate the dress to conservators at the National Museum. Director Karin Hindsbo told NRK that the dress is "a unique piece of fashion history."



Photo Credit: Annika Byrde / NTB

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Foundation Update

High school seniors and current college students- it's time to start thinking about 2023!

If you are a member of Sons of Norway or have a parent or grandparent who is a member, you can apply for a scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

There are a variety of scholarships available for college, trade schools, and study abroad, from \$1,500 to \$20,000+.

Go to the Sons of Norway Foundation website at <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>

to find out if you are eligible to apply. When you find one or more for which you qualify, read the Overview, Who Can Apply, and View Guidelines.

Here are a few suggestions for your scholarship application:

1. Treat the application as if it is a job application. Be thorough in completing all of the requirements.
2. Make a list of all the application requirements and check them off when completed. Then, double-check before submitting to be sure that it is complete.
3. Read and study the Criteria section of the application. In your essay, you are asked to address six key points. Use specific, experiential examples when answering these key points, especially your connection to Sons of Norway.
4. How did you find out about the Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship and/or what do you know about the Sons of Norway Foundation? Demonstrate that you've done research beyond a simple Google search.
5. Emphasize your involvement in community or school volunteer work.

We are excited to bring these opportunities to you! We believe you have the potential to be an excellent candidate. Applications are due in several months and we hope you get started now to create a compelling application!

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NORWAY**

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Sons of Norway
is to promote and to
preserve the heritage and
culture of Norway,
to celebrate our relationship
with other Nordic countries,
and to provide quality
insurance and financial products
to its members.*