



FREYA FORUM

Sons of Norway, Freya Lodge #6-062 Newsletter

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Ord fra Presidenten

The 2024 District Six Convention will be held June 21-23, 2024 in Las Vegas. We need to identify delegates to represent Freya Lodge at the meeting. The lodge pays the registration fee and will subsidize the travel and lodging costs. Please let me know if you are available and interested in attending.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming member workshops. Sunday, February 18 at 2pm and/or Wednesday, February 21 at 5pm via Zoom. These workshops provide information on the organization and give attendees the opportunities to ask questions.

Please reach out if you need the Zoom links or are interested in attending the convention.

Fraternally, Lis Barca



Join Us for a NORDIC VIKING "SKALD" ORAL HISTORY STORY TELLER

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 AT 1:00PM

Craig Dill, of Victory Lodge in Vallejo, will discuss the History of Storytelling and tell a short story of the creation (the Norse version!)

\$5 per person includes snacks and juice/coffee

RSVP by 2/20/24: 707-579-1080 or RSVP@FreyaLodge.org

**NORWAY HALL
617 W 9TH ST, SANTA ROSA**



Raven 'refresh'

We're looking for anyone interested in helping to get Raven (our longboat) cleaned up and repaired. As it's been covered in the back (under the tent) for some time, we're not sure how much work will be needed to get her back to her former glory. We do need to replace the tires on the trailer and the Raven will likely appreciate a glamorous new paint makeover.

Hopefully, after her spring cleaning, she will be parade ready and we can participate in the Rose Parade which is returning on May 18, 2024. The theme of "Trek Thru Time" is ideally suited for our Viking ship. We are also looking for someone willing to tow the boat for the parade.

Please reach out to Cathan Potter if you are interested in helping with the refresh. He can be reached at 707-843-0033 or Cathan.potter@gmail.com.



Lefse makers wanted!

Beginning in April, we will be gathering at the lodge each month to make lefse.

Our goal is to have plenty of lefse available for the customers of the Vikingfest bakery.

If you are interested in learning/helping, please reach out to Else Bratlien at 707-528-7162.

The date/time will be determined by the participants and Else.

Coming to Nordahl Hall!!!

Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers

March 27, 2024

Performance times are 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Dinner at 5:30



Come and experience the energy and enthusiasm of the dancers from Stoughton Wisconsin as they perform authentic Scandinavian dances and music.

* A donation will be taken at the event to defray expenses

Please RSVP if you will attend the 5:30 dinner, to javpier@aol.com

Sons of Norway Nordahl Grieg Lodge 6-52, 580 West Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA

Genealogy Workshop



Instructor Kirby Aasen and workshop attendees: Siri, Sean, Carolyn, Max, Carole, Phil, Barbara, Hal, Linda, Nancy, Sandy, Dan, Lucinda and Jim

Freya Lodge members working on their ancestry “Fan Charts”

Instructor Kirby Aasen, former president of Vikings of Lake Lodge in Kelseyville, travelled in the pouring rain to Norway Hall on Saturday, January 13th to help fourteen of us set up our Ancestry Fan Charts. Our 18”-wide half-circle or fan shaped charts had room for seven generations. A generation is considered somewhere between 20 and 30 years.

Although the outside was quite gloomy, Norway Hall was, for about three hours, a happy and “bright” place. Several participants were helped to find links for doing further research.

The following genealogy sites are recommended by Kirby:

<https://www.ancestry.com> - this is my main genealogy site

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/> - this free and also works well

<https://media.digitalarkivet.no/> - this the site for the digital archives in Norway they have church, census & court records

<https://www.sveinaage.com/digitaliserte-boker/> - this the site for farm books (bygdebok) it requires a Norwegian IP address which a VPN will give you

<https://www.findagrave.com/> - useful for burial information with a lot of genealogy info also

<https://norwayheritage.com/> - this site has a lot of info on immigrant ships and some passenger lists

<https://www.newspapers.com/> - You can find a lot of fun and useful info here but it's not free

Siri Fenson, Cultural Skills Director

FRILUFTSLIV Outdoor Life and Recreation

Let's hope for a day without rain. Last month was canceled because of the weather, though some of you may have headed out for the guided hike anyway, not letting the rain stop you like a good Scandinavian. **Please let me know if you will be joining us hikers in February, so I can keep you updated.**

For February let's see what birds are coming in to the county for spring. We will join Winging It Wednesdays at Foothill Park in Windsor. Contact me if you would like to carpool.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Meet in the parking lot. 1351 Arata Lane, Windsor

This will be a leisurely walk for all levels. These outings are designed especially for older adults to enjoy nature, each other's company and our unique avian friends found at each park. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair. For more information, contact Michelle Karle at communityengagementprograms@sonoma-county.org.

Please bring water and snacks. Dress in layers for the weather. Most programs will happen rain or shine, but may be canceled during heavy rains or extreme temperatures. Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon advance request. Parking is \$7 or free with a Regional Parks membership pass.

** Regional Park passes are available to borrow from the Sonoma County Library



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Welcome New Members!

John Daugherty

Thanks for Renewing!

Nicolas Atchison

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Thorleif Atchison

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David Borge

Colin Duncan

Katherine Duncan

Lars Egede-Nissen

Heidi Hochrein

Karen Larson

Solina Larum

Beth Lewis

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Ned Lewis

Trudy Macchia

Cheryl Malseed

Donald Moe

Pamela Provenzano

Rich Sandvick

Social Director

Greetings from the Kitchen!

My time as the Social Director is coming to an end November 2024: I am looking a for a few people (Hopefully from the cooking classes I taught) to take over my position. Please contact me so I can show you the ropes so that there will be a smooth transition.

See you in the Kitchen!

Michele Edler
Social Director



Scandia Book Club

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

Jonas Jonasson

February 20 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433082734?pwd=NTVoRGd4UIRGefGzb0IGL0E4RGNIIdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 3308 2734
Pwd: Read



Thank you to Barbara Niemann for her generous donation to our campership fund in memory of former member Don Simon

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Scholarship Opportunities for District Six Youth

District Six offers up to 3, \$1,500 scholarships per year for students ages 16-23. These scholarships are available for students attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. *The deadline for this scholarship is **May 1, 2024**.* This scholarship can only be granted two times to recipients. Applicants are reviewed by a District Committee.

District Six offers a \$1,000 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Villages. *The deadline for this scholarship is **May 1, 2024**.*

Applications are available on the District Six website at www.sofn6.org. Please send completed applications to c/o Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or e-mailed to moorongo2@verizon.net.

In addition, there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at www.sofn.com.

Please take advantage of this District Six Member opportunity.

Campership Opportunities

District Six provides half camperships for our two District youth camps, Camp Trollfjell Language and Heritage and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule. These camperships provide half of the camp fees. An application must be completed and submitted. The information is on the District Six website under Youth→Scholarships/Camperships. *Due date is **May 1, 2024**.*



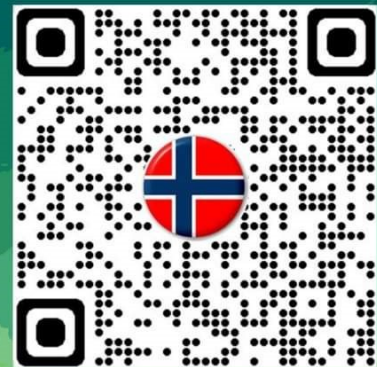
Camp TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE

AT CAMP NORGE ALTA, CA

Save the Dates

FOLKEHØGSKULE
JUNE 30-JULY 13
AGES 14-17

TROLLFJELL
JULY 14 - 27
AGES 8-13





Help build the “Hygge Hus” at Camp Norge!

The Recreation Center Board is excited to announce the launch of our 2024 fundraising campaign to build the “**Hygge Hus**” (Cozy House) cottage adjacent to Heritage Hall at **Camp Norge**. This duplex unit will consist of two apartments, each featuring a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and a front room for hanging out. **Importantly, these fully accessible units will ensure inclusivity for individuals using wheelchairs and walkers.**

For decades, we've shared the heartache of our aging and disabled guests who, due to terrain and room limitations, are unable to join us at Camp. We want to turn that around.

But we need your help!

Our vision includes constructing the **Hygge Hus** in the parking area behind Heritage Hall, connected by a level, paved walkway, so our older or disabled guests can join the fun.

But here's where you come in! We're seeking your generous support to make our effort a success. The fundraising campaign will run throughout the year, culminating at the District Six Convention in Las Vegas this Summer. Let's come together to build the **Hygge Hus** and make **Camp Norge** a haven for all, regardless of age or ability.

Watch for more news about the Build the Hygge Hus Campaign.

Contact any member of the Camp Norge Board, or Fred Hymans: fred.hymans@gmail.com

District News

To receive updates of District Six happenings, please check out the District Six website at sofn6.org.

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