

FREYA FORUM

Sons of Norway, Freya Lodge #6-062 Newsletter

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Ord fra Presidenten

Thanks to Sandy Smith, Kristine and John Murphey for agreeing to represent Freya Lodge this June in Las Vegas. We look forward to hearing about your experiences.

Please reach out if you are able to participate in the Rose Parade by walking with the boat or riding in it. We will also need help setting up for the Syttende Mai celebration that will follow at Norway Hall

Spring is a time of renewal and refresh. Raven is experiencing a long overdue refresh thanks to our members. I hope you have a wonderful Spring.

Fraternally, Lis Barca

**We hope you will join
us for a showing of**

Babette's Feast

**No charge - donations accepted
Snacks and drinks available for purchase**

Saturday Afternoon
April 13, 2024 1:30p
Norway Hall
617 W 9th St, Santa Rosa

Questions: 707-579-1080



Raven Refresh

Tusen Takk to all who have helped so far with the Raven Refresh.

- Max Fenson – repairing and touching up paint on the dragon figurehead.
- John Daugherty – getting the tires replaced on the trailer.
- Solina Larum and Nick Atchison – volunteering to tow the boat for the parade, and touching up and re-decorating a few of the shields
- Lis Barca – sending in the parade registration
- Siri Fenson – writing a script for the parade announcers.

We are currently on schedule to be ready for the Luther Burbank Rose Parade on Saturday 18 May 2024; followed by a Picnic on the back lawn to celebrate Syttende Mai. However, there is still more to do before that Saturday in a month and a half.

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Volunteers are needed to sand and repaint the gunwale/oarlocks and attach handles to our smaller handheld shields, so that our raiders are looking both sharp and well-defended as they maraud through downtown Santa Rosa.

The work will occur 20 April and 4 May starting 9 AM on the back lawn of Freya Lodge. If necessary, due to weather or availability of volunteers 11 May at 9 AM may be added.

Please let me know if you are able to attend.

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We welcome Nancy Sanneman to Freya Lodge

Three of Nancy Sanneman's grandparents came from Norway. Her maternal grandmother was born in Odda and her husband-to-be on the southern coast.

Nancy's mom was born in Luverne, MN while Nancy was born in Whittier, CA. Her father, a California native, and a State Park ranger, was employed in various State Parks, among them Mt. Diablo, Samuel P Taylor Park and Humboldt Redwoods.

Working as a telephone operator, Nancy, married in San Luis Obispo and moved to Sonoma County where she has now lived for the last 48 years. For many years she was employed by an Aerospace company but is now, since 2022, retired.

Nancy's daughter is newly engaged to an Englishman and will be moving to London. Her son, married with three children, lives in Windsor. Two teenage grandsons spend their extra time learning Ballroom Dance, especially the swing.

We look forward to seeing you at future events, Nancy. VELKOMMEN!

Siri Fenson, Membership Secretary

Scandinavian Films

Siri and Max Fenson and I have provided a few recommendations for Scandinavian films that we can stream on our computers and televisions. Below is a short list with brief descriptions. You are sure to find a few that you will want to watch.

Happy, Happy is a 2010 Norwegian comedy about two couples whose relationships become entangled around sex and love and happiness. Kaja is a schoolteacher who lives in the snowy countryside with her glowering husband, Eirik. Their lives are jolted by the arrival of new next-door neighbors. Rated R. Apple TV, Prime Video.

Troubled Water is a 2008 Norwegian film. Released from prison after serving an eight-year sentence for the murder of a young child, Thomas returns to Oslo to pursue a quiet redemption. He finds work as a church organist and develops a rewarding relationship with a priest and her young son. The film is about people who try to come to terms with the past and explores the possibilities for forgiveness. See this on the big screen April 5 at 7:00 PM or April 7 at 4:00 PM in Darwin Hall, Room 102, Sonoma State University

Headhunters is a 2011 Norwegian action thriller film based on the novel by Jo Nesbø. Roger Brown is an insecure corporate recruiter who lives a double life as an art thief to fund his lavish lifestyle. Apple TV, Paramount.

Narvik is a 2022 Norwegian film about the people and events that surrounded the 1940 Battle of Narvik, which was the largest battle fought on Norwegian soil and regarded as Hitler's first loss. It is an intriguing World War II story involving a small Norwegian town at the center of an iron ore struggle between Germany and Great Britain. Netflix.

Becoming Astrid is a coming of age story of the Swedish author, Astrid Lindgren, the author of Pippi Longstocking. The film depicts her from age 16 to her early 20s. It is a gorgeous piece of heritage filmmaking. Apple TV, Prime Video

Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg is a 1993 Swedish film about the last days of World War II in Budapest. It is a film about the Swedish World War II diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who was instrumental in saving the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust. Apple TV, Prime Video.

Carol Eber

FRILUFTSLIV Outdoor Life and Recreation

Below are some hikes for April. All are guided by staff from Sonoma County Regional Parks. No registration is required, and they are free. I may or may not join you, depending on the schedule for my new knee. Enjoy the springtime and the sunshine.

Senior Saunters: Wohler Bridge Fishing Access

April 2 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Place: Wohler Bridge Parking Lot

This hike will take place at Wohler Bridge Fishing Access. This beautiful trail meanders along the Russian River. Learn about various fish and creatures that live in and along the Russian River during this hike. For more information contact Alexis Puerto-Holmes at ParkPrograms@sonoma-county.org

Hikes With Hounds: Ragle Ranch Regional Park

April 12 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Place: Parking Lot

Hit the trail and learn how to train the best four-legged hiking partner you could ever have! Bring your hiking shoes, lots of treats and, of course, your fur baby for this interactive hike where you'll learn from a certified dog trainer how to train the best four-legged hiking partner you could ever have. Dogs of all ages are welcome to join on this short hike. For more information, contact Alexis Puerto-Holmes at Alexis.PuertoHolmes@sonoma-county.org.

Winging It Wednesdays: Riverfront Regional Park

April 24 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Meeting Place: Parking Lot

Enjoy leisurely bird walks for all levels of experience. These outings are designed especially for older adults to enjoy nature, each other's company and the unique avian friends found at each park. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from us. For more information, contact Michelle Karle at ParkPrograms@sonoma-county.org. No registration required.

Senior Saunters: Monte Rio Redwoods Regional Park and Preserve

May 7 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Place: Parking Lot

This hike will take place at the newest regional park along Dutch Bill Creek. Enjoy a hike along the creek and through the redwoods of the Russian River watershed. For more information, contact Alexis Puerto-Holmes at ParkPrograms@sonoma-county.org.



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Welcome New Members!

Nancy Sanneman
Will Stephenson

Thanks for Renewing!

Mark Fahey
Jon Hermstad
Marianne Moore
Katja Kallick
Greta Olson
Jack Potter
Susan Potter
Lee Rossavick
Clint Stevenson
Shirley Stevenson
James Winkler
Lucinda Winkler

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 Consorts of Death
Gunnar Staalesen

April 16 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433082734?pwd=NTVoRGd4UIRGeFgzb0IGL0E4RGNIz09>

Meeting ID: 814 3308 2734
Pwd: Read

Sacramento Scandinavian Festival

April 20, 2024

10am—4pm

\$5 Admission Fee

Siri and Max Fenson plan to attend the festival on April 20. They can accommodate up to 2 additional riders who are willing to share the cost of fuel.

If you are interested in attending and riding along with the Fenson's, please contact Siri at 707-303-7860

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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.

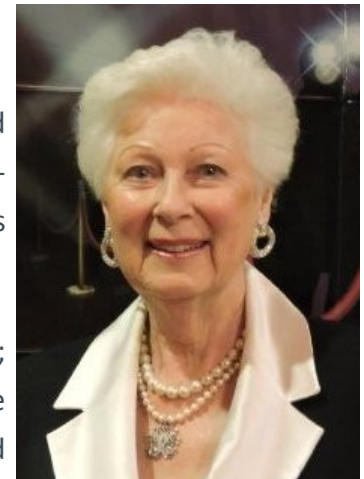
Til Minne

Leona Biddle

March 3, 1932 - December 28, 2023

Born in Odense Denmark on March 3, 1932, Leona Hansen Biddle passed away on December 28, 2023, at the age of 91 in Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. Having grown up in Denmark, Leona immigrated to the United States on June 10, 1950, on the Queen Mary.

Leona is survived by her three sons, David, Donnell, and Michael Nealey; grandchildren Daniel, Mark, Elizabeth, Christopher Nealey, and Stephanie Palaad; great-grandchildren Penny, Parker, Pierce, and Piper Palaad; and Iris, Evangeline, Lucy, and Casey Nealey.



Our sympathies to Leona's family and friends.



Freya lodge camperships:

Freya Lodge offers camperships for children and grandchildren of Freya members in good standing.

To apply, campers must write a letter that includes the following:

- Camper's name and age
- Why the camper wants to attend camp
- How they and/or their families have supported Freya Lodge by serving on committees, as officers or helping put on events

The amount of the camperships depend on the number of applicants. The letter of application for Freya Lodge Campership should be mailed to:

Freya Lodge, PO Box 6558, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

Deadline for applications: April 15, 2024.

We hope to have a great group of kids going to camp again this summer!

Please note that campers are eligible to receive only one campership award from either Freya Lodge or District Six, but not both.

District Six 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.***



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

Mark your calendars

May 18, 2024

Rose Parade and Syttende Mai Celebration.

September 28, 2024 10am - 4pm

Vikingfest

October 19, 2024

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

District News

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

You can subscribe to distribution lists via this page [Distribution Lists | District Six \(sofn6.org\)](#).

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to celebrate our relationship
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and to provide quality
insurance and financial products
to its members.*