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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

It looks like we are close enough to the end of "Covid Time" to start planning in-person events. But before we get there, we will have one more all virtual event. Plan to join us for a Syttende Mai celebration on Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

Saturday, June 19, 2:00 PM - This will be the target for our first post-COVID in-person event. We are planning a Lodge Social event (no Business Meeting) for all those who are willing and able to meet in person. Our goal is to give folks time to socialize with old friends and share our stories of what they have been doing during Covid Time. We will continue to watch the Covid restrictions for Santa Clara County and may have to have some restrictions on this event.

Saturday, August 21, 4:00 PM - Nordahl Grieg Lodge's 75th Anniversary Dinner! I had thought we might try to hold this event in June, but **Vicki Everly** and others convinced me that would be too soon. We will have all the usual anniversary activities, including dinner, awards, and entertainment. But this will be an extra special Anniversary Dinner, so save the date, and watch for more announcements in the future.

Sunday, September 12, 10:00 AM - This will be the first of our Cultural Skills Sundays. Do you need help with a Cultural Skills project? Do you need help completing the paperwork for a Cultural Skills pin? This is the event for you. This event is also for you if you like to teach and help others. We will also plan future Cultural Skills Sundays at this first event and plan for some specific skills lessons. Bring your own brown bag lunch, a Cultural Skills project to work on, and a desire to have some fun together.

Stay safe for just a little while longer, and I hope to see many of you at one or more of these in-person events.

Fraternally, *Bruce Fihe, President*

Syttende Mai Celebration on Zoom

Sunday, May 16
6:00 PM

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 810 2325 6196
Passcode: 117936
Or by phone: 669-900-6833

Hipp hipp hurra for Syttende Mai! We may not be able to meet in person just yet, but we still want to celebrate Norway's constitution day together. Looking forward to "seeing" you on Zoom. You may also call in using the phone number above if you do not have access via computer or smartphone.

Message from the Vice President

Well, maybe it isn't your thing to cook Norwegian porridge or other foods. In that case, I recommend a few other things to work on for a cultural pin. It could be interesting to study some of the Norwegian music, and there might be others who would do it along with you. Also, I found it very interesting to work on the cultural pin for literature. There are different types of reading suggested, so you have choices for what to read. The family genealogy work is also a possibility that becomes more personal. There are guidelines provided with the steps to follow and special forms that explain the family connections. I hope in this time of not going out as much that you can work on your Norwegian connection.

Elaine Edwards, Vice President

Hurra for Syttende Mai!

The mission of 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 our members.

Sunshine Report

Hope many of you are now vaccinated and appreciating the relief it brings. Being vaccinated provides the opportunity to be with other vaccinated family and friends, which is a real blessing. Hopefully soon, we will be able to greet each other and meet in friendship and fraternity. I an looking forward to that day!

Have you been watching "Atlantic Crossing" on PBS on Sunday evenings? For many of us, it reminds us of an important contemporary event in Norwegian history and its results on the lives of both Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans. I was reminded of the visit of Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha in 1939 to dedicate a cemetery in the small Washington State immigrant Norwegian community in which I grew up. I was just a little girl of eight when I stood in that cemetery in my Sunday best and saw the future king and queen of Norway. It was an exciting day which I still remember!

Kari Warner is now able to have in-person visits at the facility where she is living. Kari, who had Covid, has been vaccinated, and visitors who are fully vaccinated can now visit with her in the facility. You need to schedule a time for the visit by calling 408-248-7100 and show a vaccination card. Visits are limited to 30 minutes. I have arranged a visit in the next few days. Again, Kari is at the San Tomas Convalescent Hospital at 3580 Payne Avenue in San Jose. Kari would love to hear from you.

Take care now. Looking forward to being together soon.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshineperson

May Birthdays

3	Paul Kennelly
6	Shiloh Curtis
7	Kris Owen
9	Julie Alkire
9	Lars-Erik Haug
10	Minuett Bratton
12	Richard Owen
21	Linda Rose
25	Joni Jamin
26	Sharee Frost
26	Shirlee Smith
28	Erik Bertelson
29	Linnea Williams
30	Donald Hardy
31	Erik Hansen

Heritage Member

26 Gregorio Guglielmo

Applications for Solveig Club and Nordahl Grieg college scholarships, along with a full list of eligibility criteria for each scholarship, are available at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org.*** Students may apply for both scholarships each year.

Solveig Club College Scholarship

Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing is eligible. Applicant must have completed at least one year of college or university work and be no older than 30 years of age.

Deadline to apply: June 1
Submit applications to:

Duane Adams, Solveig Club President
3415 Winkle Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95065-1640

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

Any child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing is eligible. Applicant must have completed at least one year of college or university work, be no older than 30 years of age, be a full-time student, and have a cumulative minimum 2.75 GPA.

Deadline to apply: June 30
Submit applications to:

Elaine Edwards, Scholarship Chair
4951 Cherry Avenue #7
San Jose, CA 95118

Syttende Mai Celebrations Here and Abroad

Compiled by Barbara Shoup

Constitution Day is the national day of Norway and is an official public holiday observed on May 17 each year. Among Norwegians, the day is referred to simply as *Syttende Mai* ("Seventeenth of May"), *Nasjonaldagen* ("National Day"), or *Grunnlovsdagen* ("Constitution Day"), although the latter is less frequent.

Syttende Mai is also celebrated in many Norwegian migrant communities throughout the world, with traditional foods, sometimes including lutefisk. In the United States and Canada, the local lodges of the Sons of Norway often play a central part in organizing the festivities.

The Bay Ridge neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York City has had an annual 17 May Parade and celebration since 1952. It is well-attended and celebrated by descendants of Norwegian-Americans who immigrated to Brooklyn in the early 20th century. Syttende Mai is also celebrated in Oswego, New York.

One major celebration occurs in Petersburg, Alaska also known as "Little Norway." The town is a Norwegian settlement and strongly retains its roots. The festival occurs the weekend closest to 17 May and includes a parade, Leikarring dancers, herring toss, Norwegian pastries such as lefse, and even a pack of Vikings and Valkyries.

Stoughton, Wisconsin, along with Seattle, Washington, claims to host the second-largest Syttende Mai celebration in the world, and the largest in the U.S. Festivities include canoe racing, two parades, an art fair, a 20-mile run that starts in Madison, Wisconsin, and a great deal of bratwurst consumption. The festival features the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers, a group that tours the U.S. showcasing traditional ethnic dances of Scandinavia.

The annual Syttende Mai parade in Stoughton, WI

Smaller Syttende Mai celebrations are held in Norwegian-heritage communities throughout western Wisconsin, Minnesota, and elsewhere in the Midwestern United States.

Members of Norway's Parliament Storting travel to Chicago to attend a three-day celebration consisting of a concert, banquet, and parade hosted by the Norwegian National League.

Spring Grove, Minnesota also hosts a three-day festival on the weekend nearest to Syttende Mai, while nearby Decorah, Iowa, the home of Nordic Fest and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, also hosts a parade.

Since 1969, the city of Westby in western Wisconsin has celebrated a four-day festival featuring authentic Norwegian foods, crafts, a *frokost* (breakfast), and Norwegian church service.

Other large celebrations are held in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle, Washington (which also claims to be the largest Syttende Mai parade outside of Oslo) and Poulsbo, Washington.

Kransekake

Epcot's Norwegian Pavilion in Florida, celebrates Constitution Day with numerous flags around the pavilion, as well as parades around the World Showcase Lagoon.

Salt Lake City, Utah, holds its annual celebration at the International Peace Gardens where 400 to 700 people attend each year.

The Norwegian community in London holds a 17 May celebration each year in Southwark Park. Many Norwegians abroad attend the celebration, and it includes a small parade, a traditional service in the church, and the selling of traditional Norwegian foods such as Solo and *makrell i tomat* (mackerel in tomatoes), and many Norwegian flags for Norwegians who have left theirs at home.

In Orkney, Scotland, 17 May is celebrated by the Orkney Norway Friendship Association in recognition of the islands' strong historic links with Norway, with similar celebrations taking place in neighboring Shetland.

In Glasgow, Scotland, 17 May is celebrated at Murano Street Student Village, where Norwegian students and their friends congregate to enjoy the traditional festivities of the day. This includes the wearing of Norwegian traditional colors, as well as the consumption of copious amounts of alcoholic beverages.

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Stockholm, Sweden, has a big celebration with a parade starting at Engelbrektsplan and ending at Skansen, in which more than 10,000 participate every year. The event includes Stockholm's only dedicated 17 May marching band, Det Norske Korps.

It is also common for Norwegians living abroad to gather and celebrate. In some countries, typically where the population of Norwegian expatriates is small, the Norwegian embassy or the diplomats' spouses arrange the event.

In New Zealand, the 17 of May is celebrated in Fiordland, a small piece of Norway in the fjords and mountains of southwest New Zealand. All Fjordland buildings are made of eucalyptus and are inspired by Norwegian architecture. They have an exposition of photos and facts about Norway, typical food, and a presentation with six Fjord Horses making a choreography with Norwegian music "Vi på Langedrag" by Sigmund Groven.

Norsewood in New Zealand also celebrates 17 May with a church service, folk dancing displays by school children, and Norwegian songs performed by the village choir.

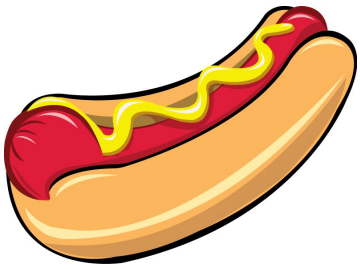
Note: It is unsure at this time if Norway will be able to celebrate Syttende Mai in the usual way due to Covid-19 and the new strains of the virus.

...from Wikipedia

Camp Norge is Opening Again for Memorial Day Weekend!

May 29-31, 2021

Join us as we reopen Camp Norge for the first time since 2019. The camp will be opening for the 2021 season, and all members are invited to come up and enjoy the great outdoors with your friends and family. Memorial Day weekend runs Saturday, May 29 through May 31, 2021.

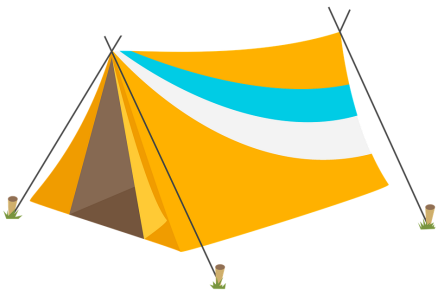


Come see all the improvements the board has made to the property during the 12+ months that we were shut down, including the newly refurbished Social Hall. The usual amenities will be available: dorms, tent and RV camping, swimming pool, fire pit, horseshoe pits, and hiking trails.

Join us for lunch on Saturday, May 29 from 12:30-2:00 PM. Lunch will include a hamburger or hot dog, chips, potato salad, cookie, and a drink, all for only $5 per person. Please get your lunch order to **Luella Grangaard** before May 27. Send an e-mail to ***morongo2@verizon.net***, or call 760-363-7704 and leave a message.

Please note: all county Covid precautions will be followed. Please wear a mask and maintain your social distance. Tables will be spaced so family groups can enjoy camp in safety. Surfaces and restrooms will be monitored and sanitized for your safety throughout each day.

Call Susan Winje at Camp Norge by May 27 to reserve a room or RV space: 530-389-2508. See you there!



Remember when?

Since the pandemic is making it difficult to make new memories together, we'd like to take this opportunity to share some of our old memories. Please enjoy these photos from the 1970s!

Esther & Elmer Hulberg (1971)

Junior Lodge members (1973)

Junior Lodge members (1975)

Victoria Slama & Vi Gundersen (1973)

Harry & JoAnn Bjerkhoel (1979)

Do you have vintage Sons of Norway pictures to share with our members? We would love to see them! Send photo and other memories to **Kristen Hunsbedt** at ***editor@nordahl-grieg.org***.

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Celebrate Syttende Mai with the Vesterheim Museum** – Join Vesterheim online on May 17 for a free, lunchtime webinar as we celebrate Syttende Mai, Norway's Constitution Day, with friends from Norway and the United States! Norwegian storyteller Anne Elisebeth Skogen will join the webinar from Ryfylkemuseet at Sand, Norway, to tell the story, *Schoolgirl and My Very First May 17th Parade in 1962*. Decorah musicians Beth and Jon Rotto (playing fiddle and rhythm guitar, respectively) will offer Norwegian and Norwegian-American tunes from the Bethania Church in Vesterheim's Heritage Park. 12:00 PM Central Time/10:00 AM Pacific Time. Registration for the Zoom link is required and available at ***https://vesterheim.org/program/syttende-mai-2021***
- **Get Your SON Logo Gear** – Go online to ***https://sofn.logoshop.com*** for a selection of Sons of Norway themed items to help you show off your Nordic pride, including T-shirts, socks, bags, and other great selections!
- **We're on YouTube!** Did you know Sons of Norway is on YouTube? You can learn more about our history, take a tour of the new SON headquarters, hear a Norwegian choir, and much more. Visit ***https://www.youtube.com/sonsofnorwayhq*** to check it out.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – With vaccinations well underway, we're starting to plan a cautious resumption of meetings. Watch here for information about when we'll start up again. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Do you like to sing?** The **Zaida Singers**, dedicated to the preservation of Scandinavian vocal music, are looking for new members. The group sings mostly Swedish folk songs, a cappella in 4-part harmony, but also enjoys mixing things up with new pieces. If interested, please contact choir director **Zaida Binetti** at 408-621-8959 or ***zaidasingers@gmail.com.*** Website: ***zaidasingers.org***.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg***

What kind of car does a Norwegian drive?

A Fjord Focus!

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For more info, ask a Hall Board member, or contact **Dave Melius** at (408) 244-4497 or ***dmelius@hotmail.com***

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Iceland Offers Long-Term Visas for Remote Workers

With tourism taking a major downturn during the Covid era and many more people working from home, some countries have tried to recoup their losses by offering temporary visas for remote workers. Tropical destinations like Barbados and Bermuda were among the first to make headlines with this creative approach to tourism, and now there is a new option for those who prefer a cooler climate: Iceland.

Under the newly expanded Work in Iceland program, certain remote workers will be able to stay in Iceland for up to six months at a time. The long-term telework visas are only available to people who are employed by non-Icelandic companies and plan to work remotely while living temporarily in Iceland. It is also open to self-employed individuals who meet income requirements.

Remote workers who meet eligibility guidelines can apply to bring their families with them for their stay. However, the program is not available to those seeking employment in Iceland or planning to relocate there permanently.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Did you know...?

Norwegians eat between five and ten times as much ice cream on the 17th of May as on any other day of the year. It's the day that kids—and adults— can eat as much ice cream as they want. Enjoy!

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Platinum Level

In memory of his loving wife, Peggy Riddervold
Glenn Riddervold (donation, Sept 2020)

In memory of Ovald & Lorraine Norgaard
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In memory of Elderid Everly
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

In memory of Grace Larsen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

Gold Level

In memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations Oct 2018 and Dec 2019)

Silver Level

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Virginia Hansen (donation, March 2021)

In memory of Elderid Everly
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The families of Elderid's sisters Eva & Rachel (donation, May 2018)

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In memory of Mike Stennes
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Tusen Takk for your support!

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May 9	Mother's Day
May 16	Syttende Mai Celebration on Zoom
May 17	Syttende Mai
May 31	Memorial Day
June 19	Lodge Social
Aug 21	Anniversary Dinner
Sept 12	Cultural Skills Sunday

In this time of disruption, many more families need food assistance. Since we can't bring food donations to lodge events, please consider making a cash donation directly to Second Harvest at ***https://www.shfb.org.***

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