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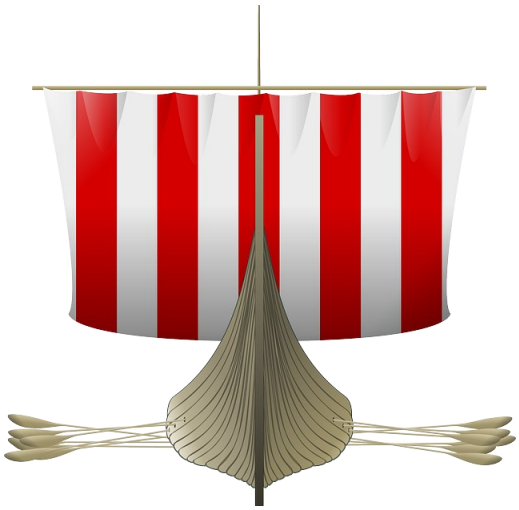

Greetings, Nordahl Grieg Lodge Members:

On May 17, our Lodge will host the **Viking World Tour** at Nordahl Hall. See our flyer on pages 5 and 6 for details. Bring your friends, family, and kids to our engaging, fun, and new event all about our Viking heritage! Up until about 700 AD, Vikings barely appear in European history. However, the Vikings shocked the early Middle Ages medieval world when they burst on the scene with their raiding, pirating, and plundering.

As historian Tomas Pueyo stated, "The Vikings came from the North, raided all of the North and Baltic Sea coasts, reached Paris, settled Normandy, eventually nearly taking over England and Southern Italy and then make it all the way to America and the Black Sea!"

Our May 17 event, the **Viking World Tour**, will feature many of those Viking invaded regions, with exhibits including souvenirs, maps, and flags. Each exhibit will offer a specialty food bite for you to taste. Our Invaded Country Exhibits display the creativity and imagination of our volunteer hosts and hostesses from Nordahl Grieg Lodge and from the Daughters of Norway. Our event will also feature presentations and demonstrations from modern-day Vikings Tyra, Thorkel, Sigvald, and Katja; plus cultural demonstrations and activities for kids of all ages from Bruce, Tyra, Kyla, and Brenda. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers! Come to our event and learn, explore, taste, and experience everything Viking!

Viking History: What do we know about the Vikings? The medieval Viking kingdoms and clans were primarily from Scandinavia, now known as Norway, Denmark, and Sweden.

Why did the Vikings start raiding, pirating, trading, and then settling in all the regions surrounding the North and Baltic seas plus some more? What was happening in Scandinavia that created this?

1. Population growth in the Nordic regions
2. A system that pushed people to leave their homeland rather than stay
3. Few alternatives to expand due to limited fertile land

Additionally, the collapse of the Roman Empire created a loss of population in all of Europe and a vacuum in naval power. The loss of Roman naval power resulted in the loss of trade routes and loss of control of the seas. The remaining tribes in northern Europe were agriculturalist or nomadic herders and focused on controlling land. This created an opportunity for the Vikings to take control of the North and Baltic seas from 700 AD to the late 1000s AD.

Scandinavians had good reasons to focus on the seas to expand. In the Scandinavian homelands, mountain ranges fall straight into the sea, and, with uninhabitable fjords, this translated to very few fertile valleys and land to farm or raise livestock. This created a prime opportunity for the Nordic peoples to expand to other regions as well.

I hope this taste of Viking history will intrigue and entice you to come to our Viking World Tour event on May 17 . See you then.

Sheryl Hawes, President

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April 5 Hall Work Day Recap

Tusen takk to our team of volunteers who got together for some much-needed deep cleaning, pantry organization, various repairs, and wall patching. These wonderful people include **Rich Pierson**, **Jim Sturtevant**, **David Dahl**, **Dave Melius**, **Claire Smyth**, **Duane Adams**, **Jeannie Thomson**, **Vicki Everly**, **Jo-Ann Bjerkhoel**, **Barbara Shoup**, **Kathy Whitesel**, and **Mark Nemeth**. Earlier renovations by Dave Melius and Rich Pierson include removing the drinking fountain, replacing and painting damaged baseboards, and replumbing in the bar.

May Birthdays

3 Paul Kennelly
6 Shiloh Curtis
9 Julie Alkire
9 Lars-Erik Haug
10 Minuett Bratton
17 Justin Fung
26 Sharee Frost
26 Shirlee Smith
28 Erik Bertelson
29 Linnea Williams

Heritage Member

28 Jack Hemiup

Learn Business Writing and Meeting Skills

Nordahl Hall needs a SECRETARY on the Hall Board

Are you interested in...

- Building your resume with a board position?
- Developing your business writing skills and receiving on-the-job training?
- Being a part of an active, engaged, and experienced board?
- Learning how an effective board operates?
- Getting to know a great group of engaged people?

If so, then we want to hear from you! The Hall Board meets about six times per year, and we need a secretary on our board to document minutes regarding key topics discussed, agreed upon actions, and decisions made by the board. We will provide on-the-job training! The secretary is a full member of the Nordahl Hall Board. We are a nice group of people who help each other.

Have questions? Please contact **Duane Adams**, President Nordahl Hall Board at ***duane@startmail.com*** or call 831-479-4376.

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Hurra for Syttende Mai!

Norway's national holiday is May 17. Celebrate *Grunnlovsdagen* (Constitution Day) with Norwegian flags and red, white, and blue decorations. *Pølser* (hot dogs), waffles, smorgasbord, and ice cream are also popular on this day. Parades can be seen throughout Norway as well as in parts of the United States with significant Norwegian-American populations.

Visit this link to hear the national anthem, "Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet": ***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRS6cbLOrPQ***

This link will take you to another favorite, "Norge i Rødt, Hvitt, og Blått." ***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJKYRpEYnf8***

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Meeting Dates for 2025

Mark your calendars for our upcoming lodge meetings! This will be a mix of Zoom and in-person meetings, so stay tuned for more details in upcoming *Tidende* newsletters.

- **May 22** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom
- **June** - no meeting
- **July 20** - 2:00 PM. Ice cream social!
- **August -** no meeting
- **September 11** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom
- **October 18** - 5:00 PM. Program on John Nordstrom
- **November** - no meeting
- **December 11** - 7:00 PM, on Zoom

Upcoming Events Calendar - Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Affiliates

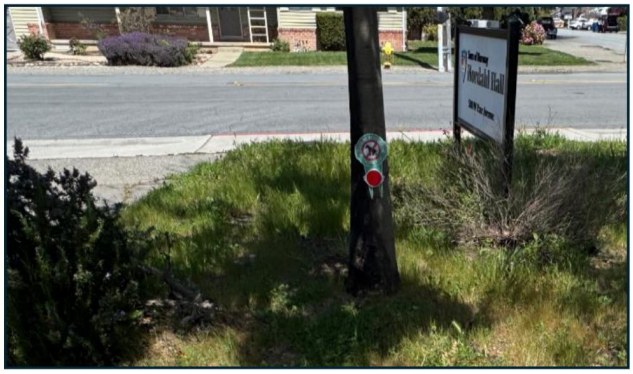
Date	Event	Description	Location	Cost/RSVP
Saturday, May 17 10 AM - 3:30 PM	The Viking World Tour **Elderid's Café* **The Viking Flea* **Solveig Club Nordic Boutique (cash/check only)* **Nordahl Bar (cash)*	*A day of all things Viking! Learn about countries that Vikings invaded through artifacts, displays, specialty foods, books, maps, and flags. Presentations: Viking stories, Viking battle, "Her-story" of Viking women, demo of weaponry superiority, Lucky Leif & the Longship. Also try rope cording, belt weaving, and more.*	Nordahl Hall 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos	– Admission includes specialty food bites, coffee, cookies, all-day programs. Adults $15 Youth $5 (6-12) Child: Free (0-5)
June 29-July 12	Trollfjell Folkehøgskule *(ages 14-17)*	*Two-week summer camp including Norwegian lessons, folk arts, Scandinavian cooking, campfires, swimming, and hiking.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	Registration open now: https://sofn6.org/arv
July 13-26	Camp Trollfjell *(ages 8-13)*	*Two-week summer camp including Norwegian lessons, folk arts, Scandinavian cooking, campfires, swimming, and hiking.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	Registration open now: https://sofn6.org/arv
Saturday, August 16 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Henrik Ibsen Multi-Lodge Picnic	*Bar open, picnic lunches, kids' games, swimming pool, Viking demonstrations, bingo, and horseshoes. Raffle fundraiser for Nordic treasures.*	Henrik Ibsen Park 13800 Skyline Blvd, Woodside	– Donation: $10 – No RSVP required
August 30-September 1	Kretsstevne	*Annual "Gathering of the Clans" at Camp Norge, including karaoke, horseshoes, hiking, swimming, and BBQ*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	– Cost: TBD – More details coming soon to campnorge.org.
September 20-23	Camp Oldfjell	*Adult camp to learn crafts; rosemaling, folk dance, baking, painting, embroidery, new classes. Enjoy food, fun, and camaraderie.*	Camp Norge 250 Canyon Mine Rd. Alta, CA	– Cost: TBD – Reservations required. Coming soon to campnorge.org.
Saturday, November 8	Julebutikk Holiday Boutique	*Fabulous holiday gifts and Norwegian treasures to purchase. Hosted by Daughters of Norway*	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd. Los Altos, CA	– No entrance fee – No RSVP required
Saturday, December 6 2:30 - 10:30 PM	Traditional Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner **Solveig Club Nordic Boutique (cash/checks only)* **Nordahl Bar (cash)*	*A tradition for 75 years! Family-style dinner all-you-can-eat fresh frozen lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, coleslaw, lefse, coffee, and handmade Norwegian cookies. Live music entertainment 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM.*	Nordahl Hall 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos	– Cost: TBD – Reservations required – Three Seatings: 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, & 7:30 PM

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Website: nordahl-grieg.org ***Nordahl Hall website: nordahlhall.com***

Nordahl Hall Beautification is Underway!

The first step in our long-range plans to improve the appearance of our Hall was the front garden project, which began in early April and continued into the following week. **Sheryl Hawes** spearheaded the plan, selected the plants (some of which were donated!), and served as project manager. **Rich Pierson** donated and laid the paving stones along with help from **LaVinnia Pierson**, and **Jim Sturtevant** installed a new drip irrigation system on a timer. Other volunteers who removed weeds, dug holes, and planted plants were **Larry Hulberg**, **Duane Adams**, **Sheryl Hawes**, **David Dahl** and boys from a local **Cub Scout Troop** and their dads. We are so grateful to these fine folks for all their hard work and the many, many hours they dedicated to this much-needed project. The garden is lovely and very much appreciated!

Curb appeal matters. We hope our new landscaping will create a positive first impression for potential renters and be enjoyed by our members, visitors, and neighborhood residents as well. Be patient – the plants will take a while to get established and fill out.



This area was just begging for some TLC! Check out the dead plant.

Local Cub Scouts and their dads helped with the weeding for their Community Service Project.

The pad was dug and paving stones laid.

The planting begins!

Central command of drip irrigation system.

Monitoring moisture levels.

The Viking World Tour - Hosted by Nordahl Grieg Lodge

May 17, 2025 - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95032

***ADMISSION**: Includes your tour passport, regional specialty food bites, fresh coffee, Norwegian cookies, and a full day of all things Viking! See our program schedule on the following page.*

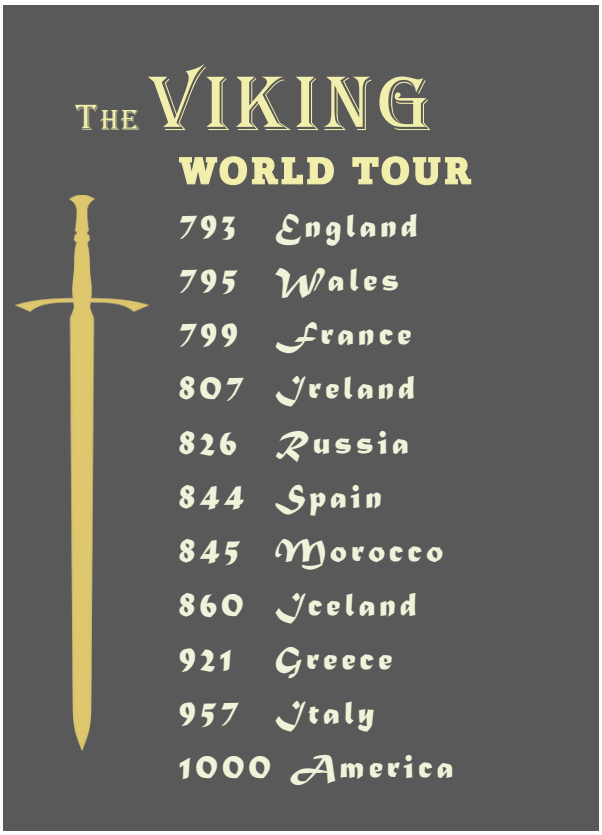
Adults: $15.00

Youth: $5.00 (6 to 12)

Child: Free (5 and under)

Experience a day of all things Viking! Wear your Viking or Nordic hat, horns, t-shirts, jewelry, armor, scarf, sweater, or other garment.

Vikings invaded eleven countries and regions from 793 to 1000. Taste and learn about each invaded country through the creativity of the host or hostess for each country.



Visit a Display for each Invaded Country to:

* Enjoy artifacts, souvenirs, and treasures from that country
* Taste regional specialty food bites
* See maps, books, photos, and flags

Presentations by Sjorvaldar Vikings and Katja

* Hear their Viking stories from Tyra, Thorkel, and Sigvald
* Demonstration of Vikings' superior weaponry and battles
* "Her-story" – the real Viking women by Tyra
* Learn rope cording, belt making, and all-age activities
* "Lucky Leif and the Longship" by Katja
* Take a photo with a Viking

See MORE on next page

The Viking World Tour (continued)

There's more – open all day!

Visit Invaded Country displays

Shop the Viking Flea

Shop the Solveig Club Nordic Boutique

Elderid's Café open for purchases

(Cash and checks only, please)

May 17, 2025 – Program Schedule

10:00 AM	Doors open. Receive your passport with complimentary coffee and Norwegian cookies for breakfast
10:45 AM	The Viking Stories by Tyra, Thorkel, and Sigvald
11:00 AM	Demonstration of Vikings' Superior Weapons
11:30 AM	Enjoy regional specialty foods at invaded country displays
1:00 PM	Her-story – the Real Viking Women by Tyra
1:15 PM	Vikings Battle - arch enemies Thorkel and Sigvald
2:00 PM	Lucky Leif and the Longship by Katja
2:30-3:30 PM	Kids of all ages – rope cording, belt making, and more from Bruce and Tyra
3:00 PM	Viking Passport drawing
3:15 PM	Viking victory parade and photos
3:30 PM	End of the Viking World Tour

To find out about volunteer opportunities at this exciting event, contact **Jeannie Thomson** at 510-789-7758 or jeannie352@me.com. Co-Leads: **Jeannie Thomson** and **Sheryl Hawes**.

2025 Lutefisk Dinner Update

Please consider volunteering to lead our Lutefisk Dinner for 2025

Our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, held the first Saturday of each December, is the only one held in the Bay Area in recent years. Our dinner is a **75-year tradition for Nordahl Grieg Lodge**, and it is our biggest fundraiser. We depend on Lutefisk dinner leaders to ensure we can pull off this dinner, which serves over 550 people during three shifts, and requires more than 100 volunteers.

We already have in place a great 2025 leadership team, and we are starting the planning now. Here is the team we have in place right now:

- Volunteer Coordinator to identify, document what volunteers are needed & filling those spots
- Flyer re-design in progress for the Lutefisk dinner advertisements and reservation form
- Purchasing Lead for the food and supplies
- Lefse Lead to organize and make the Lefse for our event
- Meatball Lead to organize and make all of our meatballs
- Two Cookie Co-Leads who share the effort to organize and make our traditional cookies

QUESTION: Will you consider being the Lutefisk Dinner Lead or Co-Lead with someone else, to oversee the tasks to make our dinner a success?

There is a lot of support, knowledge, experience, and history to build on! To find out more, contact **Sheryl Hawes** at ***president@nordahlgrieg.org***, or text 925-997-1698.

Solveig Club College Scholarship

Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a member in good standing of Nordahl Grieg Lodge is eligible. Applicant must be a full-time student, no older than 30 years of age, have completed at least one year of college or university, and have a cumulative minimum 2.5 GPA. See application for full eligibility requirements. ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/scholarships***

Deadline to apply is **June 1**.

Submit completed applications to:
Judy Purrington, Solveig Club President
P.O. Box 53900
San Jose, CA 95153-0900

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

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

Deadline to apply is **June 30**.

Submit completed applications to:
Kristen Hunsbedt, Scholarship Chair
22774 Montrose Court
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Applications available at ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/scholarships.***

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MAY 24-26

Swimming | Hiking | Campfire | Axe Throwing | Pickle Ball

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Choose from: *Main House, Dorms, or Cabins - or bring your RV or Tent*

BOOK ONLINE: www.campnorge.org/site/reservations

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend!
Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities.
Meals provided or on your own.
Open to all Sons of Norway & Young Scandinavian Club members and their families & friends

REGISTER FOR MEALS

campnorge.org/site/memorial-day

Deadline to register for meals **5/18/25**

Folk Art and More

It's time to start working on projects for the 2026 Folk Art Exhibition at the biennial District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention in June 2026. An "Olaf" award will again be presented to a favorite digital/electronic program. So, start (or keep going) on your knitting, stitching, carving, weaving, painting, etc. or get creative with a digital program.

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Join us for a delightful afternoon of Norwegian and American ice creams.

Sunday, July 20 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM

More info in next month's *Tidende*.

Camp Norge

LANGUAGE & HERITAGE CAMPS REUNION

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Join us at camp for happy hour 4:00-6:00 PM and reconnect with previous campers. All past campers welcome!

Want to stay for the whole weekend? Visit Camp Norge's website at ***campnorge.org*** for more information and to book your stay.

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

The Solveig Club (donation, February 2024)

In loving memory of Don Slama
The Kids: Kate, Becky, Victoria, Marianne, & Craig (donation, January 2024)

In memory of Homer Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

Gold Level

Barbara Shoup (donation, October 2024)

In memory of Bob Thomson
Jeannie Thomson (donation, October 2024)

In memory of Michael Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

In memory of Virginia Jolly
Don Ansok (donation, May 2021)

In loving memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Dec 2019, Dec 2021, and Dec 2023)

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In memory of Joan D. Johnson
Shelley Curtis (donations, January 2023, December 2023, and January 2025)

In memory of Homer Stennes, Shirley Shoup, Anne Herbert, Kari Warner, and Don Slama
JoAnn Bjerkhoel (donation, September 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Sheryl Hawes (donation, June 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Andy Hunsbedt (donation, May 2023)

Bronze Level

In memory of Anne Herbert
Sharon Sullivan (donation, January 2024)

In memory of Anne Herbert
Alan Pintacura (donation, December 2023)

In memory of Don Slama & Kari Warner
Randi Cruze (donation, July 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Lois Bertelson (donation, March 2023)

Shirley Shoup (donation, January 2023)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to April 2021 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

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Events, Banquets, Parties, Meetings

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- Assembly capacity – 450
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- Round banquet tables (6 feet diameter, seats 10 to 12) – 9
- Rectangle banquet tables (8 feet x 30", seats 8 to 10) – 35
- Padded chairs – 250
- Parking – 68 spaces
- Men's and women's restrooms
- Coat closet
- Built-in stage
- Pull-down projector screen
- Audio equipment, including microphones and auxiliary plug-in
- Wi-Fi

Optional:

- Bartender services for an extra fee - subject to availability

Contact Viking Property Management
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Visit our website at nordahlhall.com

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Go Paperless** – Try our new paperless option! Convenient and flexible, this option lets you find the information you need on a mobile device, tablet, or computer. Snowbird? Going paperless allows you to easily access your member account anytime, anywhere. Receive faster updates by visiting ***apps.sofn.com/service1/portal*** and updating your preferences to paperless!
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Join us on Wednesday nights for Norwegian dancing to live music. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances. Everyone has plenty of opportunities to dance! You can work on a Cultural Skills pin while you're having fun. Meetings are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto CA 94306. If possible, please bring shoes that are not used for outdoor wear. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Ready to Cook?** – Take a peek at Sons of Norway's recipe box for dozens of Norwegian-inspired delights to share with family and friends. The online recipe database includes baked goods, appetizers, soups, main dishes, and more! Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/recipe_box*** to see them all. *Vær så god!* (Bon Appetit!)

Nordahl Hall - Love Your Lodge

Support the Nordahl Hall Capital Fund

Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.
All donations will be used for improvement projects.

Your donation* - *at any of the following support levels* - will be listed in the *Tidende* each month. Donations may be designated as "In Memory of…" or "In Honor of…"
Donations can be made at any time.

Love Your Lodge Support Levels

Platinum	**$1,000**	**Silver**	**$250**
Gold	**$500**	**Bronze**	**$100**

Please make checks payable to: *Nordahl Grieg Lodge.*
Write *"Hall Capital Fund"* on the memo line.

Then mail to:
Jim Sturtevant, Treasurer
1078 Ticonderoga Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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

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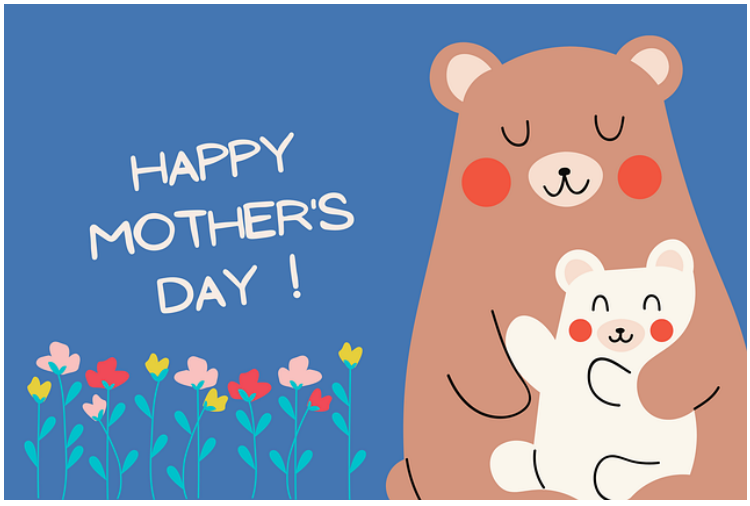

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Visit our website

Newsletters, upcoming events, scholarships, join/renew membership, and much more!

nordahl-grieg.org

It's Time for *Utepils!*

Now that spring has arrived, many Norwegians are basking in the sunshine and (slightly) warmer weather while enjoying an *utepils* ("OO-tuh-pils"). "*Ute*" means "outside" and "*pils*" is a pilsner, a type of pale lager beer. Although the translation seems self-explanatory, it has a deeper meaning that highlights Norwegian's love for the outdoors. "It's a celebration of the changing seasons and the beauty of nature." We're lucky to have sunshine almost year-round in California, but we can still enjoy an *utepils* like the Norwegians do!

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May 3	Camp Norge Work Day
May 9	Solveig Club Meeting
May 17	Viking World Tour
May 22	Lodge Meeting via Zoom
May 24	Language/Heritage Camp Reunion @ Camp Norge
May 24-26	Memorial Day Weekend @ Camp Norge

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