



June 20th – Father's Day
June 23rd – Heritage Camp
June 26th – Midsummer Fest
June 28th – Karelian Folk Group

Enjoy Our Visitors!
June 26th Ultima Thule from
Tromsø, Norway will join us for
Midsummer Fest
And then on June 28th
The Karelian Folk Music
Ensemble from Russia will
entertain us in the lodge!

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President's Message

Uff Da!

As I write this message, we have just finished one of the busiest weeks of the year at your lodge.

On May 7, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a delicious dinner of Mexican delights prepared by the Patterson crew. Mike and Ruby and their helpers spent several days preparing for this feast, and the results were outstanding! Any of you that have shared a meal with the Pattersons know what I mean when I say that their cooking is not to be missed. Gracias amigos! (Who said we weren't multi-lingual at the Sons of Norway?)

On May 11, we held our annual Memorial Service. This very special evening was well attended and provided a touching opportunity to remember our loved ones and friends that passed on last year. Special thanks to Mary Gerstel for organizing and setting up for us and to David and Donna Rice for providing refreshments.

The following weekend, May 14 – 16, we celebrated Viking Fest. The number of volunteers involved and the dedication of lodge members staggers me every year. Our participation includes the Vikings, Leikarringen Dancers, helpers at our Luncheon and Beer Garden, the Ladies Club, and our Lodge Royalty. The lodge had a GREAT weekend. *Mange takk til våre frivillige!* Many thanks to all our volunteers for helping us put our best foot forward in this annual community event!

Last month we announced that, due to a lack of players and volunteers, Bingo would end at the end of April. Well, I am pleased to announce that since then a number of volunteers, spearheaded by Shirl Nadeau and a host of others, have stepped forward to stave off the demise of this important fundraiser for your lodge. As always, the Bingo crews can use a few more people to help out. If you have a Wednesday evening once a month to contribute, please give them a call or stop by the office and let Vicky know you are available to help!

June brings many fun events such as Heritage camp, Midsommer Fest, and the Karelian Folk Group to the Lodge. Details are elsewhere in the Måken but I want to highlight the Midsommer festivities on June 26, starting at about 3:00. Come down and celebrate the longest day of the year by making a flower wreath, dancing around the Maistång, and enjoying a bonfire with our very own Vikings. Traditional foods will be available in the lodge as well.

It's finally beginning to feel like summer. The days have gotten longer and the temperature is rising. It's a great time to come down to the lodge and share in the festivities. Come and enjoy the deck on one of these nice summer evenings. Share some fellowship and a cold drink while you watch the sunset over Liberty Bay. There is no better view in Poulsbo, and there are certainly no nicer people to share it with! I look forward to seeing you!

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POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY LODGE #2-44

May 2010 Lodge Meeting Highlights

- The May meeting was once again a memorial service for those members who passed away during the past year. Those honored included:
 - Mary Ann Anderson
 - Anne Cooke
 - Martha DeCoteau
 - Alfred Jensen
 - James Johnson
 - Barb Laun
 - Ted Lofgren
 - Lawrence Moore
 - Arthur Orcutt
 - James Owens
 - Homer Skelley
 - Arthur Steel
 - Rudolph Thomas
 - Bob Ulvila
 - Hazel Watkins
 - Jack Webb
 - Richard Weiss
 - Leslie Whipp
 - John Whitaker
 - Gary Woodward

Thanks to Mary Gerstel for everything she did to make this event memorable.

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The Lodge Fax number is: 360-779-5223
The Trolls Den number is: 360-779-2384

Answer for the May Question for the Month: Helen Lowrie Marshall

	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
J U N E 2 0 1 0 July 2010	Måken articles due <i>On the 15th</i>		1 7:00 Board Meeting 5:00 to 7:00 Dinner: Check with John Emerick or the lodge office for specials	2 Kaffe Stua 11am-1 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	3 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm Noon-2 pm Advanced Norwegian Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Ladies Club Vikings Wii Bowling	4 Nordic Needleworkers 10 to 1 pm Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 pm with live music	5 
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	20 Father's Day 	21 Summer Solstice Library – 4-6:00 pm Family potluck 5:30pm Folk Dancing/Live Music – 7pm – 9 pm	22 5:00 to 7:00 Dinner: Snack Bar menu with specials Women's Book Discussion 7:00 pm	23 Kaffe Stua 11 am to 1 pm BINGO 6:00 pm <i>Heritage Camp</i> Barstool Bingo	24 Wood-carving Support 6:-9:00pm Vestre Sund Mannskor 7:30-9 pm Wii Bowling <i>Heritage Camp</i>	25 Nordic Needleworkers 10 to 1 pm Dinner-- 6:00 to 8:00 pm <i>Heritage Camp</i>	26 Midsommer Fest begins at 3:00 pm 
	27 Camp Trollhaugen	28 7:00 pm Karelian Folk Group	29 5:00 to 7:00 Dinner: Snack Bar menu with specials	30 Kaffe Stua 11am-1 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Barstool Bingo	1		3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

To Help with Tuesday Night Dinners please call Kristin Holt @ 206-245-9304. More Crews/Volunteers are needed for Friday Night Dinners, contact Dave Rice, 697-9832. **For various reasons, menus and/or the cost of meals may vary from time to time from what is shown on the calendar. Call the lodge office or Trolls Den for the most current information regarding meals.**

MEMBER COMMENTS

From the Desk of Your Editor:

June is busting out all over. It's a song and an attitude. Summer is here!!!! Don't you just love the summer solstice—the longest day of the year. You can wake up to sunshine early in the morning and enjoy the out-of-doors until nearly 10 pm!! That makes up for those days in December when working people live like moles—going to work in the dark and coming home in the dark! Come on down and celebrate the coming of summer by joining the Midsommer Fest celebration or, if it's more your style, come enjoy a drink on the deck and watch the sun go down over the Olympics.

Besides the coming of summer, June brings graduation—from preschool, middle school, high school, and college. It's always a big event—a coming of age and moving on. On June 12th our two oldest grandchildren will graduate from the University of Washington. How did that happen so quickly? As we all say, "It just seems like yesterday" we were completing our finals and getting set to walk down the aisle to pick up that all important diploma. Can it really be 50 years since the North Kitsap Class of '60 took that giant step into adulthood!! I guess so because we'll have our 50th reunion in September! We've moved into the "golden years" and I'll let all you youngsters in on a little secret—the golden years are not for sissies!!!! Reunions are interesting. The 10-year reunion is too close to "getting out of school" so there are some of the same cliques, some people come just to see how everyone is looking and who is beginning to age and the men are "posturing" to show who's done the most and who's the best. (AND who still have all their hair.) The 20th reunion is much more fun. Most people have learned who they are and have stopped trying to impress everyone, the women are looking really good, the men, who never seem to have to work as hard to look good, have mellowed and enjoy looking back at the fun we had in school. Generally speaking, old times and kids and grandkids are the main topics of interest to the majority of attendees. The 25th reunion comes roaring in before anyone realizes that time is slipping past. All of a sudden there's more thought about "What have you done in the past 25 years? Did you meet your goals? Have you made new goals? Is this all there is? Have you helped mankind? Are all these changes really good for us?" And we wander through our memory banks and grow thankful that we grew up during the "best of times"! Every reunion after that is a terrific get together where old friends reminisce and enjoy one another's company. There's no more competition of who's done the most or who looks the best or who has the most or who's traveled the farthest. Now we are just thankful to be alive and well and able to attend—grateful that our friends are still with us and hopeful that we won't have to spend too much time talking about health problems. So, if you are having a reunion this summer or fall, I hope it is everything you want it to be. As for our reunion, we have always had a very close class so I know that once again we will enjoy reliving our youth (**while we can still remember what we did all those years ago!**)!!!

Lodge Officers for 2010: The following is the slate of officers elected to lead your lodge during 2010. If you have questions or concerns about your lodge or would like to volunteer in some area, please contact Vicky in the office or feel free to contact any of these officers:

President – Skip Walsh	Vice President – Fred Weatherford	Sports Director – Dan O'Connell
Counselor – David Rice	Cultural Director – Grace Overby	Social Director – Heidi King
Foundation Director – Phil Swenson	Secretary – Barb Mitchusson	Historian – Kristin Holt
Asst Secretary – Julie Swenson	Publicity Director – Rhonda Mitchusson	Financial Sec – Mary Gerstel
Editor – Sherry White	Youth Director – Joanne Graves	Treasurer – Priscilla Callahan
Musician Bonnie Schroeder/Jan Peterson	Trustee – Vern Herrick	Trustee – Myrtle Jodry*
Trustee – Shirl Nadeau *	Greeter #1 – Bob Schulte	Greeter #2 – Nancy Korsak
Auditor – Phil Swenson*	Auditor – Tony Smallbeck*	Auditor – Bill Arness
Marshall – Robert Kodalen	Asst Marshall – Donna Rice	Bldg Assn Pres – Bob Loveland

*elected in previous years

IN MEMORY

The memorial service is always a wake up call as to how fragile and uncertain life can be. It is a time to remember all of the good times and maybe some of the difficult times. Once we have said our goodbyes it is time to get on with life. I know this is what those who have gone before us would want us to do. To get on with life can either be a piece of cake or very difficult. A lot depends on the type of planning that was done before. For most, it will be to determine, once all the final costs are paid, how do we go on from here. I have watched this numerous times in my career; how do those that are left behind cope without the financial support of the loved one. In some cases, advanced planning has been done and the family will be just fine, but in most cases; little or no planning was done and the family or those left behind are placed in a very difficult situation as to how to financially survive. This is where a good financial base of guaranteed products is of the utmost importance. In fact, one of the five core values of the Sons of Norway is to provide its members with high quality financial products. One of the newest products that have just become available is Permanent Dividend Paying Whole Life Insurance. This product is designed to provide the kind of protection and guarantees you want from your life insurance. I have compared it with whole life insurance offered by other companies and ours is right up there with the best of them. It is so good that I immediately applied for a policy for my granddaughter. Even if she should become uninsurable, one of the guarantees in the policy is that she will be able to apply for life insurance and the company has to issue it. In my opinion, permanent life insurance is one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children and grandchildren.

For free, no obligation information about our Nordic Annuities and Life Insurance plans, please telephone me at (866) 648-8889 or email me at tipper13@comcast.net.

Marlene Taylor, a Charter Life Underwriter, (CLU) will be able to assist you in all of your estate planning needs. She and her husband have an insurance agency in Shelton, Washington that handles all lines of insurance. She can be contacted at 360-426-5595.

Ralph M. Naddeo

Financial Benefits Counselor.

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Leikarringen

Registration for the next season was held on May 17th. Call Joanne Graves at 297-2186 for dancing events and more information.

Nordic Needleworkers

Instruction in Hardanger embroidery and help in other handwork is available Fridays from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Viking Room. Call Grace at 360-779-2460 for more information.

Woodcarving/Rosemaling

Woodcarving continues on Thursdays from 6 to 9 pm in the Norse Room. For information, call Jeff Iller 698-7175. No rosemaling is currently scheduled.

Norwegian Language Classes

Norwegian classes were completed in May for the season. There will be no classes during the summer and the classes will begin again in September.

Library News

The library is open before and after lodge meetings. The library is closed during the summer months except on request.

Folk Dancing

On Mondays traditional Scandinavian dances as done in the 19th and 20th centuries as well as figure dances done in ballrooms in those times are taught. No partners needed. All levels of expertise welcome. Third Monday (June 21st), end of the season party. Live music. Potluck snacks. Summer vacation will last until the Monday after Labor Day weekend. Tusen takk to Fred and Linda Aalto for their expert teaching and to the musicians for their excellent music. **We are lucky!!!!**

Heritage Day Camp

Poulsbo Sons of Norway Heritage Day Camp will be held on June 23, 24, and 25 this year. Registration forms are available on our website or from Joanne Graves at 297-2186. Campers ages 7 to 12 will enjoy three full days of Norwegian songs, dances, crafts, games, and food! All campers are invited to help decorate the

Mai pole Saturday before Midsummer Fest and join in the procession and dancing at 3:00 pm. The registration fee is \$35.00 for children and grandchildren of lodge members and \$50.00 for non-member children. The registration forms must be returned to the office no later than June 3rd.

Ladies Club News

May was a very busy month for the Ladies making krumkake, oslo kringle and all the work getting food ready for the big Viking Fest lunch as well as working the luncheon which was open to the public and very well attended. We so appreciate the help of other Lodge members and friends for volunteering to help out with all the tasks to make it a success. At our June 3rd luncheon meeting we will have a speaker from North Kitsap Habitat for Humanity. Remember to be collecting items for our September Rummage Sale. We also have **two** catered events on the evening of August 7th and will need the help of many Lodge members so please mark your calendars. You can reach Barb Mitchusson at barbara.j@comcast.net; 360-779-4553.

Women's Book Discussion

The women's book discussion meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. For location and further information, call Torbjorg Nilsen at 360-779-9826.

Sons of Norway District 2 Cruise

Join the Sons of Norway for an 8-day Caribbean Cruise from January 29th through February 6th, 2011. The cruise is on the Carnival Freedom and sails from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Spend your first day enjoying a signature "Fun Day at Sea" taking advantage of the activities, pool, and live entertainment on the ship. Your first port is San Juan, Puerto Rico where you can visit "Old San Juan". Filled with picturesque churches and lined with docks, this historic neighborhood will delight visitors. Famous St. Thomas, vacation spot to the rich and famous, follows. Antigua is next, home to picturesque beaches. Sail on to Tortola where powdery beaches surround yacht-filled docks. Spend another "Fun Day at Sea" before spending a day in Nassau. Return to Fort Lauderdale to end your Caribbean adventure.

Cruise price includes: eight days on board the Carnival Freedom, all meals and entertainment on board ship, government fees and taxes.

Double occupancy prices*: Inside Stateroom \$782; Oceanview Stateroom \$912; Balcony Stateroom \$1,132.

*Restrictions and limitations apply, for other staterooms and rates contact AAA Travel for details. For additional information call, 360-848-2083 or 1-800-743-1703 ext. 2083.

Vestre Sund Mannskor

Enjoy Norwegian heritage in song at meetings on Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Men who enjoy singing are invited to join the group. If interested, call Bob Ellerby at 360-598-4831. You can also find more information at: <http://www.pcnsa.org/LocalGroups/Poulsbo.htm>

2010 Calendar of Events

June

4 Dinner with live music
20 Father's Day
21 Family potluck & folk dance
23 Heritage Camp
26 Midsummer Fest
27 Camp Trollhaugen
28 Karelian Folk Group

July

3 Fireworks on the Fjord
4 Independence Day
11-24 Camp Nidaros
25-7 Camp Normanna
24 Seafood Fest on the Deck
29 Feast of St. Olaf

August

9 Setsdal Dancers
13-15 Norsk folkdans stemme

September

6 Labor Day
17 Western Night w/band
25 Rummage Sale

October

9 Leif Ericson Day
11 Columbus Day
22 Oktoberfest w/band
29 Halloween Party w/band
31 Halloween

November

6 Lutefisk Dinner
11 Veterans' Day
13 Vets Night w/band
25 Thanksgiving
28 Decorate Lodge

December

4 Julefest/Bazaar
9 Ladies Club Christmas Party
12 Santa Breakfast w/HDDPA
13 Children's Lucia Party
17 Lodge Christmas Party w/band
25 Christmas Day
28 Family potluck & folk dance
31 New Year's Eve party w/band

A Very Special Thank You

Anyone who has been involved knows how much effort it takes to prepare for Viking Fest weekend. As in years past, our lodge members once again made the supreme effort to make our weekend events—the Ladies Club luncheon, the Beer Garden, our booth, our Vikings and others joining in the parade—successful. Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough—please know you are truly appreciated.

A Request for Help

Mary Gerstel, who planned the very moving memorial service last month, has suggested that we keep better track of those members who have passed on so we can properly honor them. When you hear of someone passing on or read an obituary of one of our members, we'd really appreciate it if you would either call the office or the Måken editor or bring in a copy of the obituary to help us keep track. We have always relied on word of mouth in the past but it would be really helpful if everyone would keep this request in mind.



Trolls Den Update & Social News

Barstool Bingo: The Troll's Den is going to start barstool bingo up again on June 16. Come on in and join in the games!

Wii Bowling: Come try your luck and, at the same time, you can be building your handicap for the wii bowling tournaments! Join us also for the potluck on Thursdays and make your mark!

Thank You, Thank You: A very special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the beer garden at Viking Fest. Without you it would not have been such a complete success!

Family Potluck and Folk Dance

Monday, June 21st is our bi-annual family potluck and folk dance. Dinner at 5:30, dancing at 7:00. Bring a covered dish and a dessert or salad to share. Beginners and musicians are always welcome at the third Monday night dances. Hope to see you there! For more details call Joanne at 297-2186.

Have You Noticed?

Special kudos to John Westerlund for bringing his big truck to help raise the flag pole on the deck. The Building Association has been wanting to finish that job and, with John's help, they were finally successful. Way to go, guys!

Cinco de Mayo Dinner Thanks

Mike and Ruby Patterson pulled off a hugely successful dinner May 7th, working several days to prepare a feast that many claimed was "better than any Mexican dinner I have ever have had". Though the crew was small, they did an amazing job of putting out at least 75 dinners. Kudos to the Pattersons!

A Special Thank You

I would like to say a special THANK You to everyone who helped in making the Tuesday Memorial Service a great success. All of you did a fine job. ~Mary Gerstel

Tusen Takk

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Viking Fest booth on Anderson Parkway during this year's celebration. Attendees loved the lefse, krumkake, oslo krnigle, and vaffler!

2010 Sangerfest!!

Vestresund Mannskor, the Poulsbo Norwegian Male Chorus, will be taking part in the 2010 Sangerfest to be held in Salem, Oregon on July 8, 9 and 10. There are twelve Norwegian male choruses on the West Coast from San Diego to Bellingham and this year Salem is the host chorus. From the days of the Vikings to our present time, singing has been considered a national heritage of the Norwegian people. In virtually every town and village in Norway, there is a singing society, with male choruses having an important place in the musical life of the nation. In America as in Norway, this characteristic Norwegian love of singing and the ability to organize has manifested itself. This has forged a strong link in the bond between those of Norwegian birth, ancestry and affiliation and the homeland.

Many of the choruses are more than 100 years old, with the Seattle chorus singing when Washington was still a territory.

Thought for the Day

"How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak...because in your life you will have been all of these."

~George Washington Carver

The Coolest Car In the Parade!

A big "Thank You" to Bill Arness for the loan of his "cool car" for the parade. Our lodge royalty very much enjoyed cruising Front Street in his 1966 Galaxy 500 convertible. Our royalty said it was the "coolest car in the parade" and many others said the same thing.

The Karelians are Coming!!!

Sasha, Igor, and Arto are returning to Poulsbo on Monday, June 28th at 7:00 pm to present their uproarious and enchanting program of Karelian, Finnish, and Russian folk music. These humorous musicians were classically trained at Petrozavodsk Conservatory of Music in the Karelian Republic of Northwest Russia. Their repertoire includes lusty singing and performances on an unusual collection of musical instruments: the kantele, the jouhikko, wooden flutes, a wooden trumpet, bagpipes, goat horns, and a scythe! A donation of \$5.00 is requested from adult attendees. School age children may attend without charge. A gammaldans follows the program. The event takes place in our lodge.

June Lodge Meeting

Fire Chief Dan Olson is going to make his annual presentation on the District 18 Fire Department at our meeting on June 8th.

Question of the month: The following was the closing for what popular radio show: "The weed of crime bears bitter fruit – crime does not pay!"

St. Hans/Midsummer Fest

For a good time—come to Poulsbo on June 26th and join in the festivities celebrating the summer solstice. You can make a flower wreath, explore a Viking village, meet Norwegian buhund and Icelandic sheep dogs, dance around the Maistång, enjoy a crackling bonfire and feast on Rommegrot, pea soup and other traditional foods served in the lodge. The festivities begin at 3 pm with a welcome by the Sons of Norway and music by our own Vestre Sund Mannskor and the Ultima Thule, a chamber choir from Norway. Dance, celebrate, sing and top off the fun with a big bonfire lighted by our very own Vikings.

Midsummer Fest

Our lodge and the HDPA will once again join together to plan the midsummer festival celebrating the summer solstice, which begins at 3:00 pm at the Kvelstad Pavilion in Waterfront Park. Following the call of the Norwegian "Lur", there will be VIP introductions and then the singing of both our national anthem and the Norwegian National Anthem. Our Vestre Sund Mannskor will be joined by "Ultima Thule", a visiting Norwegian chamber choir from Tromsø, Norway.

Musicians will arrive ~~by boat~~ and, together with folk dancers, they will decorate and raise the Maistång. Everyone will then be invited to dance around the pole and join in the games.

Throughout the day Norwegian specialty foods will be for sale in the lodge. There will also be face painting, wreath making, games, craft demonstrations, and folk dancing in the pavilion. The Vikings will bring the torchlight procession to the firepit and, after Brian Davis makes his annual proclamation, the fire will be lighted.

Little known fact: In Scandinavia, Midsummer has been associated with the birth date of St. John the Baptist. Norwegians call it Sankt Hans or Jonsok and honor the birth date with bonfires, eating, drinking, and merry-making.

Our Vikings Need You

Become a Viking and you, too, will enjoy potluck meetings, parades, and a special camaraderie. Chris Whitley, 360-692-2874, has the info if you are interested in joining or you can attend their next meeting on June 3rd downstairs by the Trolls Den for the potluck at 7:00 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.

In Memoriam

Maryann Anderson



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And then
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MIDSUMMER FEST
WITH US IN
ANDERSON
PARKWAY PARK**



The Sunday Trolls Den hours will be determined by the Trolls Den Advisory Committee and the Bar Manager in order to take advantage of the sporting schedule and other events. Summer is here and many fun times are being planned! Come on in and join in the fun!



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