



Normanden Lodge 4-424 Newsletter September 2022



God sommer!

I hope everyone is having a good summer. We have the fair Viking sales behind us - Tusen Takk to all who helped out. The team in charge of our booth has done an outstanding job navigating cost increases, rule changes and a myriad of other obstacles and I believe delivered one of our best years ever. So, a very impressed and grateful thank you to them.

As we head into fall, I would like to make one big ask of - and on behalf of - our Lodge: Please consider helping in the kitchen for one of our events. For whatever reason getting help in the kitchen seems to have developed into one of our challenges. So, if you are able, please reach out to myself or anyone on the board.



I am looking forward to fall and winter - sweaters, hot chocolate and great camaraderie.

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Eivind Gjetmundsen

September Social Meeting Saturday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

We will enjoy our traditional **FALL POTLUCK** as we welcome all members back from the summer. The Lodge will provide liquid refreshments, and we ask members to bring hot dishes, salads, side dishes or desserts.

The program will be a review of the summer:

- ✓ Eivind Gjetmundsen will tell stories of his family's trip to his home in Norway this summer
- ✓ Dan Rude will give a report on the District Convention. We give hearty thanks to all the members who have been District Officers for extra years due to the pandemic.
- ✓ Dan and Betty Rude will report on the summer camp.
- ✓ Sharon Tandberg will tell us about the success of the Fair Booth.
- ✓ Finally, as a special treat, you will see two short video clips from Norway which are fun and will send you away with a warm heart for our Norway.

Happenings at the Lodge...

Sunshine Messages

Fall Blessings to everyone! As we all enjoy the last days of summer, we can also look forward to all the beautiful colors and smells of Fall in Missoula. Wishing everyone blessings of health and peace. Please contact me if you know of a member that needs a little sunshine



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Kari Michelsen Miller	3
Theresa Fellon	5
Cris Ann Lund	5
Jeffery Robert Schultz	5
Mindy Lee Hammitt	8
Peggy C Patrick	11
Aaron Jason Arneson	12
Kay A Erickson	14
Soren Hansen	14
Elaine Grace Williamson	17
Annika Lunde	22
Lars Lunde	22
Oden Hurst	23
Kai Ambel	24
Riley A Fellon	26
Marisa Kramer	26



June Bake Sale

The Bake Sale at the Lodge was a success, due to the generous contributions from such a large number of wonderful people. Mange takk for all your work to: Betty Rude, Elaine Williamson, Heather Carter, Tolly Eriksson, Joanie Langaunet, Carol Johnson, Carol Fleharty, Betty Wing and Betsy Maier (left over from viking making). And mange tusen takk to Cathy Erdmann for organizing the event and baking for days in advance. You are a super hero.

Club Activities for September 2022

Calling All Rosemalers and Those Who Like To Give It a Try



Fall is here and we are ready to pick up our brushes and start painting again. The group will get together again on September 18th for our first session of the year. Mary Manning will be there to give all of us help. If you are a first timer contact Mary 251-4783 or Dan Rude at 543-3219 for a list of materials that you will need. This year we are going to be working on our individual projects. You will want to have this piece prepared - sanded and painted or varnished.

Fjell Nå (Mountain Needle)

The Fjell Nå (Mountain Needle) stitching group is meeting at the Lodge from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday nights. We will be starting back up after our summer break on September 13th. We always love to have new people join us, so if you are interested come on out. We have many of the needle arts represented and are always willing to teach new members. If you have any questions please email me at Jennae.kuehl@gmail.com or call me at 406-880-8468. Happy Stitching!!

Cooking Club

The Cooking Club will break out of its summer hiatus and cook like a Viking using the firepit on September 25th! Please let Betsy (betsymaier@montana.com) know if you are planning to come.

Plan now to help with in person lapskaus dinner in October. We'll cook on the afternoon of October 7 and then most of the day on the 8th. We'll also be looking for servers and cleanup crew for the 8th.

Please email Betsy if you are coming or call 406-239-2861. betsymaier@montana.com

Genealogy

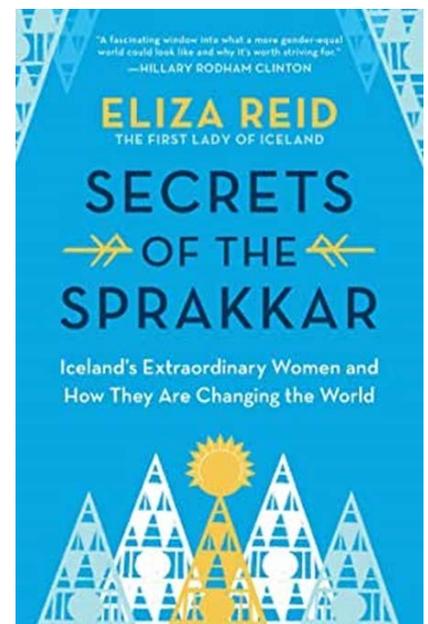
We are relocating the genealogy workshops to the Missoula Public Library. Now that we have the new library, the local genealogy society, Western Montana Genealogical Society is holding their work days on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the Blackfoot Room in the Public Library. If you would like more information about the events, please contact Paulette Parpart at paulette@missoula.lib.mt.us

Sports

Just a reminder that you can track your activity and work towards the various sports medals that are offered by the Sons of Norway. There are tracking records available on the sofn.com website. If you have any suggestions for sports related activities, please email Charles at cjkuehl2013@gmail.com. Have fun!

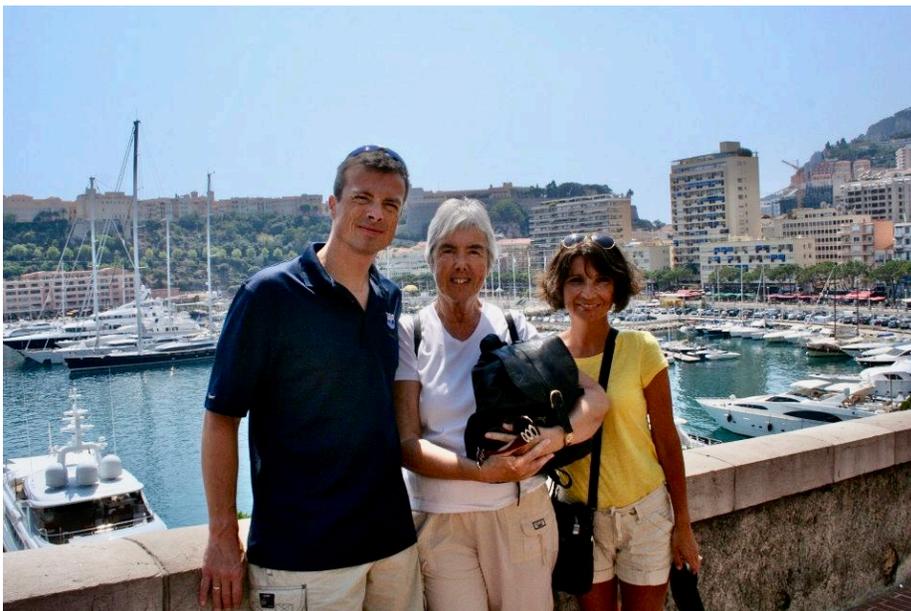
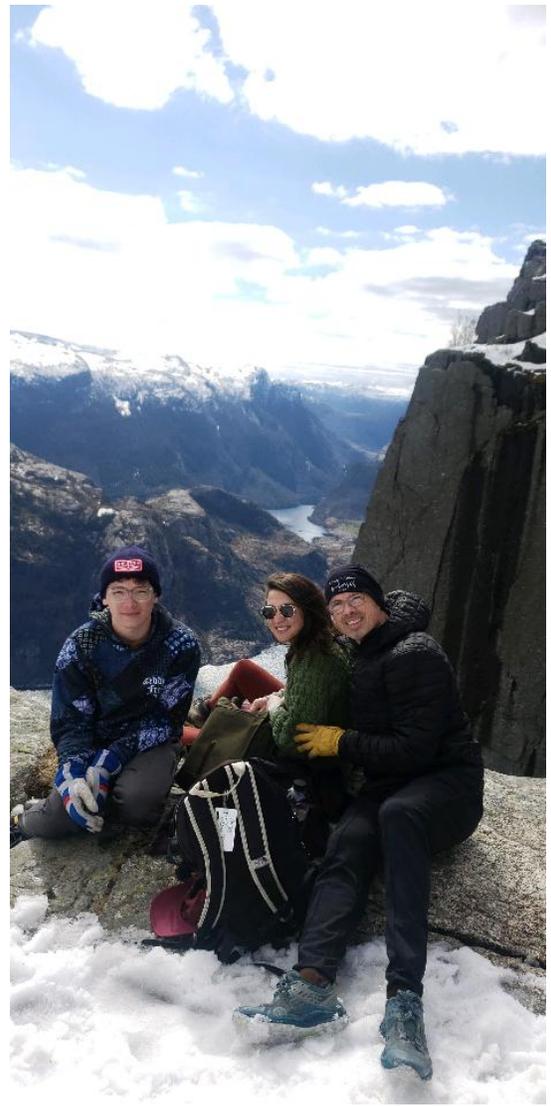
Library

Heather Carter and Betty Wing purchased a book to donate to the library: Secrets of the "Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They are Changing the World by Eliza Reid, the First Lady of Iceland. This book was featured in a recent Viking Magazine and the Norwegian-American newsletter. "Sprakkar" means extraordinary women.





**Summer Fun
From our members!**





Fair Booth
2022



Our 51st year at the fair was another successful year for our Viking fair booth. The upgraded fairgrounds welcomed many attendees. With everyone's help it all came together and we had a great fair!

The mister built by John Knudsen last year with materials donated by Boyce Lumber was again a hit the children and adults enjoying the refreshing mist during the hot days.

We had a great crew out at the lodge frying and bagging rosettes the first weekend of August. Wednesday through Saturday of fair week, six to seven members sugared and bagged the lefse. The 110 shifts for the booth filled up by fair time. A big **TUSEN TAKK** to those who worked shifts and especially to those who worked multiple shifts! We couldn't do it without everyone chipping in to help where they could.

Due to rising costs and inflation, we raised the price of vikings and corndogs from \$3.00 to \$3.50. The price of rosettes (3 in a package) and lefse (2 quarters) was raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

In compliance with fair regulations, we were required to buy water in aluminum cans directly from the fair this year for \$20.00 a case, or \$1.00 a 16 oz can. The fair set the selling price of the water at \$2.00 for a 16 oz. can. The 12oz can of pop was also sold for \$2.00.

A total of 14,373 vikings were rung up, about the same as 2021. We sold 1,751 corn dogs. All the lefse that was prepared was sold and we had two boxes of rosettes left over.

Due to our price increase our gross sales totaled \$68,402.75, up \$8,858 from last year. Unfortunately, due to higher costs of supplies after all bills are paid, we should have a net income of \$36,250 which is still an increase of \$2,625 from 2021.

Since 2018 we have actively solicited tips with our Tip Jar, with daily tips going to a different local non-profit group. Fair goers continue to be very generous and this year they donated a total of \$3,779.94 to be distributed between the Jady Fred Foundation, Family Promise, CASA, Cancer Support and Homeward. In in last four years the tip jar has collected a total of \$9,110.50 for 17 different local non-profits!

The booth moving crew was busy prior to and after the end of the fair. Takk to John Knudsen, David Dombrowski and Charles Kuehl for all they do to get "the beast" to the fairgrounds, positioned and leveled and safely back home after the fair.

A personal TUSEN TAKK to Nina Sverdsten (rosette supervisor), Dan Lefse (lefse buttering organizer), Jennae and Charles Kuehl, (treasurer and supply manager), John and Lauren Knudsen (daily morning booth cleaners), Lisa Babcock (cleaner), Heather Carter (Tip Jar organizer) and Janice Goldsby (night shift manager) for all they do the week prior to the fair, during the fair and the week after the fair. We couldn't do it without the help of these very special members!

Mange Tusen Takk again to Everyone!

Sharon, Booth Manager



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Individual Membership \$60 per year
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Lodge Rental

Need to host a party, have a get together or retirement party coming up and don't have the room at home. Have a wedding in the future?

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