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EMBLA CALENDAR

September 4, Thursday, 6:00 pm. Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Welcome Back Potluck and Auction! Please bring items for auction as early as possible or call Janet Ruud - 564-2832.

September 18 and 25, Craft Parties, 7 pm at Carol Spencer's home, 2059 N Fremont.

September 27 Saturday. Embla Board Meeting at Kari Stackpole's home. 607 North G St.

October 2, Thursday, 7 pm
Embla regular meeting.

October 4 and 5, Scandinavian Heritage Days at Puyallup-Fair Grounds, 10 am to 3 pm.

October 15, 21 and 29, 10 am
Embla Cooking Classes at Scandinavian Cultural Center and PLU

November 6, Thursday, 7 pm
Embla Regular meeting.

Special Events:

Scandinavian Masters Art Exhibit at the Nordic Heritage Museum. September 6-28, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, 12-4 pm

Gig Harbor Scandinavian Festival at the Best Western, Gig Harbor October 25-26.

Additional copies of this newsletter for family or friends may be purchased for \$3.00 each. See Marie Hayden



Ilo Grobins and Christine Anderson receiving their 25 year pins

EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP winner, Andrew Shaker son of Pat and Fouad Shaker



Andrew is a graduate of Gig Harbor High School and will be attending Central Washington University, studying Biology with a pre-med major. He was active in Photography Club, World Awareness Youth Services and participated in many service leadership roles. Congratulations!

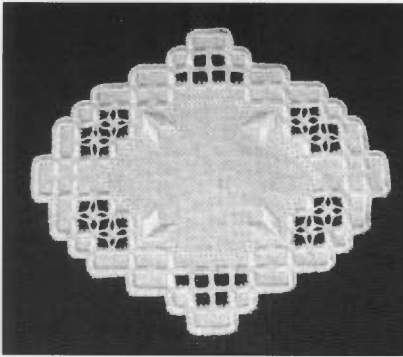
WHY I JOINED EMBLA#2?

I joined Daughters of Norway, Embla Lodge, because my mother, Elaine Anderson, was a member. I started dancing with the Leikarring and Sigurda Aamot. Sigurda loved dancing and sharing that love with several of the members here tonight. I have been dancing ever since.

When I moved to Seattle, I joined the Leikarring there. Not long after, I started the Folkedans Stemne, which brings Norwegian folk dance groups from Norway, so we can learn and improve the Norwegian dances and songs we perform.

Since I live in Seattle, I am unable to attend your meetings regularly, but I have been here several times to talk about various projects I am involved with. One of these I curated was about Martin Tafteson, the first Norwegian in the Washington Territory. Currently I am curating an exhibit for the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Norway on the Pacific Coast. In the exhibit are many photos of the joint conventions with the Sons and Daughters of Norway, The exhibit is showing at the Nordic Heritage Museum with a especially good photo taken on Mt. Rainier in 1939.

Christine Anderson



**ELENE EMERSON
AND
HARDANGER**

In the fall of 1982, Elene attended a Daughters of Norway (Embla #2) cooking class at Normanna Hall. Of the other classes held that day the Hardanger Embroidery attracted her. She stayed to observe and came back the next week prepared with material, thread, needle and scissors.

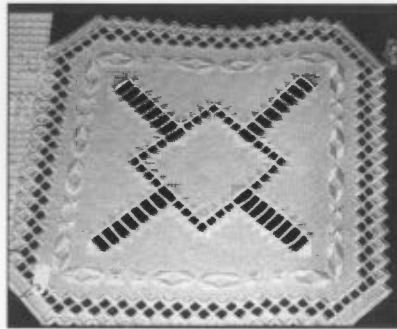
Mary Rice helped her with the first stitches. She was a patient person who cautioned Elene that she must be "so right" before cutting. Corinne Olsen also inspired Elene and shared helpful hints along the way.

There would be no more classes until the following spring. That was too long to wait! So a visit to Gloria Pederson's Scandinavian Gift Shop in Parkland was in order. Now with a beginner's book, material, thread and some needles Elene was on her way. Visits to Gloria's shop for materials and encouragement continued until Gloria retired.

In 1992 Steve Melton, Cultural Director in Norden #2, Sons of Norway, mentioned to Elene that her embroidery activities should qualify her for the Norwegian Cultural Skills program in that organization. He provided the information and Elene completed two of the three required levels for which she received the Hardanger Embroidery specialist pin with a bar added for each of the two levels.

In 1994 Elene began working on the third level requirements by teaching classes on Basic Stitches in Hardanger Embroidery at the Scandinavian Cultural Center where there was a well-lighted classroom available. The next step was to form an interest group. A letter was mailed to each of Elene's former Embroidery Class students inviting them to gather together during open hours of the Center on the second Wednesday of each month to stitch, share, show and tell. No fees, dues, or roll call - just fun!

All Hardanger Embroidery stitchers are invited to join the group.



TAKK FOR MATEN III



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Tacoma Washington

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Cost for the cookbook with tax is \$16.50 (postage and handling \$3.50). For mail orders:

Marie Hayden
4010 North 36th St
Tacoma WA 98407-5601

"The morning stars are singing together."

The church doors of Emmanuel Lutheran Church were again opened, Saturday, June 7th, 2003, for the Embla members, D/N, who at one time held monthly meetings at this center of worship.

On this sunny day a memorial service was held for Dagny Vaswig's son, Donald Wayne, who passed away May 23, 2003, at the age of fifty eight. Hearing the tributes to Donald's memory, his dedication to what he believed in and living his beliefs, his presence always friendly and warmth flowing from within, one could only conclude that what we were hearing are the attributes and nature of his mother, Dagny, and how much of herself she gave to her son, and what joy and pleasure she gives to those around her.

Sincere condolences, Dagny.

Your Embla Sisters

ever needed doing and Chris herself did a commendable job of keeping track of all our finances!

To wind up the evening and round it out in a typical Norwegian way, our Assistant Marshall and past Grand Lodge President Janet Ruud told several great Ole and Lena jokes to which we all dutifully laughed heartily.

Last, but not least, a great big SK L to Financial Secretary Kari Stackpole for coming up with this fantastic idea — to celebrate Mid-summer in a way it is done in Norway!

All in all, there was great fellowship among the Daughters with spouses and friends an evening to remember!



President Carol Kemp

Below: Sankt Hans Boat Cruise
Left to right: Ryan Edwards, Chris' grandson, Chris Engstrom, Richard Kemp, Carol Kemp and Keith Jangard



EMBLA SUMMER LUNCHEON

Salute Your Heritage

Scandinavian Cultural Center – July 26, 2003



Committee: Marilyn Manke, Ellen Campbell, Delphine Johnson, Lisa Ottoson and president Carol Kemp.

Wonderful Menu:
Swedish Meatballs and Gravy.
Boiled Red Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Tossed Green Salad
Bread Baskets
Lingonberry Jam
Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream



A bright and sparkling, Sigrid Grondahl who will be 105 years old November 8, 2003



Most family members present, Astrid Dorum, a 38 year member, brought 9 to the luncheon including grandchildren, Samantha, D.J. and Andrew Dorum.



Former Embla President, Esther Carlson, 89 years old and member for 48 years.



Embla member, Sandra Grondahl, presented gift by Delphine Johnson for the most grandchildren – 22

Three honored guests over age 90: l to r: Arleigh Virgil, Anna Dahl and Sigrid Grondahl.





Harriet Swieso enjoys her fish on a pole made by our balloon artist, Vern Warmbo



Beautiful Florence Buck at the Summer Luncheon seated in front of the carved wooden plaques at the Scandinavian Cultural Center donated by her family in honor of her parents, Axel and Judith Shjeflo.



Annette Dennis DePudyt provides the musical program with accompanist, Katrina Baum.



Balloon artist, Vern Warmbo, wife Jean, and Ellen Campbell showing off some of the balloons made by Vern.



The Ordahl Sisters
Florence March, Dagny Vaswig and Evangeline Billingsley –Summer luncheon and enjoying the balloons



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Three generations of Embla members, at the summer luncheon: Grandmother Pearl Gustafson, granddaughter Lisa Ottoson and her mother, Ines Ottoson



New Embla members initiated June 5, 2003
 Left to right: Kathy Fry, Lenore Virgil, Judy Whitley,
 Beverly Herstad, and Manoah Butterfield. Welcome, sisters!



Crafting -2003
 Darcie Johnson, Carol Spencer and Janice Kelly



Syttende Mai Parade, Ballard, May 17, 2003



Gail Harris helping on crafts for our sales table
 for Scandinavian Heritage Days



Left to right: Glenda Sharples, Harriet Swieso, Phylaine Folson and
 Karen Bell at the parade May 17th



Marilyn Manke holds an immigrant
 doll for our sales table.

Add these to your roster — New Members: June 5, 2003

Manoah Butterfield bd Dec 19
 1403 Nisqually St
 Steilacoom WA 98388
 253-588-4550

Beverly Herstad bd Dec 5
 207 East 84th St
 Tacoma WA 98445-2203
 253-472-7078

Judy Whitley bd Dec 22
 6006 136th St E
 Puyallup WA 98373
 253-539-1583

Kathy Fry bd Sep 17
 8202 53rd Street Ct W
 University Place WA 98467
 253-565-4583

Lenore Virgil bd Jan 21
 1625 112th Ave E
 Edgewood WA 98372
 253-863-5863

Corrections to Roster:
 Hildur Christiansen 779-3890
 Carol Kemp 857-6782
 e-mail maxsonkemp@msn.com



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Judith and Axel Shjeflo — SHJEFLO FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Axel and Judith Shjeflo met for their 8th family reunion.. Nancy Lopez and I, as co-chair selected Sylvan Lake resort in the Black Hills of South Dakota as the site. The 47 of a possible 70 family members were from Kentucky, London, North Dakota, Minnesota, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho and Arizona. Only those with new jobs they couldn't leave or were ill were unable to attend.

Our first reunion was held in July of 1975 to celebrate the US Bicentennial. We had such a good time we decided to repeat the event every three years.

The Black Hills provided us with a lot of natural entertainment which we took advantage of. The day of our arrival the last Buck family provided KFC to the group (minus 3 gallons of potatoe salad which we forgot in the refrigerator of our motel in Rapid City.) A schedule for the next four days was prepared and handed to everyone to enable us to spend as much time together as possible. The next morning we filled a private coach that took us sight-seeing to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Mountain, the Wild Animal drive and The Needles. We saw some awesome rock outcroppings and beautiful scenery (throughout the 8 hour

tour.) The buffalo were so close they rubbed their hides against the bus. There was an abundance of museum and gift shops to see.

On day 3 most everyone departed for Evans Plunge - a highly developed swimming facility with awesome slides, pools and toys. The natural hot springs made the experience even nicer. The group returned that evening for tasty catered buffet and auction. This was the first time we had tried an auction. Son Tom served as auctioneer and did a great job! He embellished the facts about many of the items which added lots of humor. He garnered \$1400 from the group which we will invest and then use for a free banquet at the next reunion in three years on the Oregon Coast.

The following morning was reserved for family group photo's. We are lucky to have a professional photographer in the family. While in the Black Hills he took over 300 photo's (each looked like an Ansel Adams) and put them on CD's for each of us to take home and view on our own computers.

At prearranged times each of the five family groups took turns hosting a brunch, pizza party, or ice cream social, so we could spend as much time possible visiting and exchanging family news.

During the year preceding the reunion, daughter Nancy and I solicited favorite recipes from the family. Everyone generously complied with a wonderful variety of foods. Artistically gifted grandson Greg and wife Shannon were able to put together a prototype of the *Shjeflo Family Recipe Book* for everyone to see and order.

I feel so privileged to have been born into this Norwegian family. I am the youngest of Axel and Judith's five children. My oldest brother at 92 passed away since the reunion. Each of us has promoted our "Norwegianness" to our children and grandchildren. Traditions are the bond of tolerant affection that links the generations.

The Shjeflo family donated the 12 carved wooden plaques to the Scandinavian Cultural Center to honor Axel and Judith Shjeflo in 1994.

Florence (Shjeflo) Buck



In back: Florence and Jelmer. Front: Walter, Myrtle and Alton, Children of Axel and Judith Shjeflo

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Who says Embla does not have fun?
Embla Vikings at the Grand Lodge Convention in Butte, Montana