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## NORDIC FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

## EMBLA TELLS MARDY FAIRCHILD:

# “THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!”

### FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS AND MORE FESTIVALS!

By Chris Engstrom

I hope you were able to attend the Nordic Festival in Edgewood on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> sponsored by our own Embla Lodge. If you missed it, you will get more chances to attend one or all of the following festivals sponsored by other Daughters of Norway Lodges in the State of Washington.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Scandinavian Fair, sponsored by Nellie Gerdrum Lodge #41

10 AM – 4 PM at Fox Hall, the Hampton Inn, Bellingham

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Nordic Fest Whidbey Island, sponsored by Esther Moe Lodge #39

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM at South Whidbey High School Commons, Langley, Whidbey Island

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - Bit of Norway Bazaar, sponsored by Solveig Lodge #31

10 AM – 2 PM at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Buriem

Other holiday events coming up:

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Bazaar at the Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle  
Saturday 9 AM– 5 PM and Sunday 8 AM– 4 PM

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Three events all in one day! Pacific Lutheran University (Olson Auditorium and the Scandinavian Cultural Center)

9 AM - 5 PM - Yule Boutique

9 AM - 4 PM - Nordic Sweater & other Nordic Things

Exchange/Sale

9 AM - 4 PM - Danish Holiday Bazaar

If you liked our Nordic Festival, here are some more you might like to try...



Mardy at the Nordic Festival

Thanks for writing this up for us, Chris!

[EDITORS' NOTE: Thanks to Chris, who brings our Embla “goods” to all of the above festivals, Embla has a booth/table at each one! Please contact Chris if you would like to join in the fun and help her at one or more of these events! You will love it!]

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**Du store verden!!** (Or, loosely translated, "Holy cow!")

Our Nordic festival was fabulous! As in the movie "Field of Dreams," "If you build it, they will come" - and they came and came and came!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karen Bell

The festival was filled with all our favorite Scandinavian/Nordic friends and relatives. After welcoming the crowd, I commented that if our ancestors could travel across the ocean and find the United States, the rest of us ought to be able to find Edgewood, WA. The event, thanks to Chris, had been advertised extensively! The day before the event, my phone started ringing with people telling me they were coming and bringing their friends. All day it rang, saying "we're coming." I "amped" up and kept running around the house crying "they're coming, they're coming!"



**Harriet Swieso and Karen Bell making cookies**

I hope all of you were able to attend as well. We served meatballs with lingonberries, potatoes and gravy, and yellow split pea soup. We sold our *fattigman*, *sandbakkelse*, rosettes and spritz cookies, baked and boxed the Saturday before at Mountain View kitchen. Thanks to all who baked and boxed!

Days before the event, Janet lamented that we were not selling lefse, and with all the coordination Sharon had to manage with the health department, I could not believe we would have time to add lefse. But Sharon ok'd it with the health department, and several of us joined with members of Norden Lodge #2, Sons of Norway and shared the Normanna Hall kitchen to peel 150 pounds of potatoes and make lefse.

About 7 hours over 2 days later, we had approximately 750 rounds of lefse; 500 for the Sons of Norway's Lutefisk Dinner and the rest for the Nordic Festival. The Sons were having their lutefisk dinner the day after the festival and were grateful for our help; and we benefited with free use of the kitchen and all their help! Our lefse reputation was saved! (at least until the lefse sold out). The vendors had a good day and enjoyed our organization and hospitality – thanks to Mardy's planning.

The entertainment was superb thanks to Joan, with the *Leikarring* dancing, Normana Male Chorus singing and Nordic Spirit showing their spirit and playing wonderfully!

We met in the afternoon on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU to debrief and discuss the festival. We welcome all thoughts and suggestions for (perhaps) next year's festival!

## EMBLA INFORMATION

November 3:

- \* Celebrating past presidents
- \* Election of officers for 2012
- \* Guest speaker from the Women's Shelter
- \* Members **selling your own wares**

December 1:

- \* Potluck dinner/Christmas Party!
- \* Singing and dancing
- \* **(children welcome!)**
- \* Gift exchange
- \* Bring a gift for the Women's Shelter

**Dues paid by December 31 - your name will be entered in a drawing!!!**

**Dues paid by January 31 - you will be listed in the roster!!!**

## EMBLA PAST PRESIDENTS

Embla Past Presidents met on October 10<sup>th</sup> for our luncheon and business meeting. It was held at Judith Willison's home at 12 noon. We had a great time, and the food was delicious, as usual. You should know that these get-togethers are one of the benefits of being the president of Embla Lodge! We meet bi-monthly at members' homes or restaurants, and we have a Christmas Luncheon in December, where we exchange gifts! We raise money to donate to charities.



Past Presidents include: Karen Bell, Esther Carlson, Iona Dhaese, Mardy Fairchild, Dena Iverson, Delphine Johnson, Carol Kemp, Marilyn Mahnke, Bernice Rohrs, Janet Ruud, Harriet Swieso, Esther Van Noy, and Judith Willison.

# NORDIC FESTIVAL - BEHIND THE SCENES SUCCESS STORY

By Mardy Fairchild

At 7:00 AM Saturday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>, as we finished setting up for the festival, I remember feeling panic and trepidation about the Nordic Festival. Would it be successful? Would anyone come? Would all of the vendors find us in Edgewood? Did they even know where Edgewood was? I had been worried about these things and many other details since we started our planning process months ago, but I was really feeling especially nervous about it all that morning. I needn't have worried! People found Edgewood and the Mt. View Community Center and Gym with no problem!

A special thanks to the planning committee, who met every two weeks all summer long. Please make sure you let the following Executive Board and special helpers on the planning committee know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Chris Engstrom - who was responsible for festival budget, also worked tirelessly on getting vendor addresses and even harder on placing all but one of the ads in the local papers and periodicals. As if that wasn't enough, Chris also worked all day at Embla's craft sales tables.



**Karen Bell and Soozie Palmer**

Sharon Groeneveld – who was chair of the food-related services, made sure everyone followed the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's guidelines and worked all day in the Community Center kitchen making sure all ran smoothly. By the way – Embla got a big gold star from the Health Department thanks to Sharon. ZERO violations!

Joan Anderson – who chaired the entertainment portion of the festival, arranged for the live entertainment (Nordic Spirit, Normanna Male Chorus, and Embla's *Leikarring*) and was responsible for the taped music that played in the background in both the center and the gym.



**Judy Rogers and Marilyn Mahnke**

Judie Miller – who, as Chair of the Raffle Committee, ran back and forth all day between buildings picking up raffle tickets, also conducted the raffle drawings that took place every hour all day long. We gave away at least four prizes every hour. Judie also made countless trips to the store to buy supplies needed for the festival!

Diane Nelson – Facilities Chair Extraordinaire. She not only worked with both Mt. View Community Center and Mt. View Lutheran Church making the necessary arrangements to use their facilities, but also coordinated the set up and break down of all the tables and chairs we used for the event (this entailed hauling tables from several different rooms into the center and gym).

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## Making cookies for Nordic Festival...

## ...Selling cookies at Nordic Festival



**Melissa Severson-Hampton  
making krumkake**



**Sue Bentz  
making sandbakkelse**



**Chris Engstrom and Judy Rogers  
selling cookies at the Embla sales table**



**Ann Martin & Carol Spencer  
Embla Cookie/Craft Table**

Janet Ruud – who was a member of the PR/ Advertisement Committee, put together all of the ads that were sold for the program and also designed our Nordic Festival program.

Ellen Campbell – chaired the Decorations Committee even though she was in France and couldn't even attend the festival. Each table in the Center had a beautiful bouquet of red, white, and blue flowers that really made the room come alive.

Marilyn Mahnke – who was on the Vendor Committee, worked with me to line up the vendors and also helped Ellen with the decorations.

Karen Bell – who was festival co-chair and chair of the PR/Advertisement Committee, passed out Nordic Festival flyers at opening day of

Oktoberfest at the fairgrounds, talking to many attendees about Embla's event, filling in the void because Scandinavian Days was cancelled this year. Karen also worked with her friend Doug McLean and Doug's brother, Rod McLean, putting up street signs the day of the Festival. NOTE: After the festival, Mellissa Severson-Hampton took ALL the tape off of ALL the festival signs!

Julie Touchette – who was not able to attend the festival because she was on the D of N cruise, got Mountain Mist to donate 14 cases of bottled water to us and worked on the Decorations Committee.

Vonnie Stone – who worked all day with Lindy Nelson keeping the restrooms in order and fully stocked.

Melody Stepp, Ann Martin, Kirsten Bell, Delphine Johnson, and Norma Borgford – who were part of the committee and all shared their insight and thoughts during the planning meetings and helped to plan the festival.

Please don't forget to also thank all of the hard-working members of Embla Lodge who volunteered their time to help put on the festival. We couldn't have done it without them! Here's a list of who did what:

Setup Team – Trudy Sorensen, Joan Anderson, Diane Nelson, Mardy Fairchild, Ann Martin, Chris Engstrom, Vonnie Stone, Marilyn Mahnke.

Breakdown Team – Sue Bentz, Diane Nelson, Marilyn Mahnke, Ann Martin, Chris Engstrom, Kari Stackpole, Mellissa Severson-Hampton, Carol Erickson.

Craft/Boxed Cookie Tables – Chris Engstrom, Ann Martin, Kirsten Bell, Judy Rogers, Mellissa Severson-Hampton, Kari Stackpole.

Photographers – Sue Bentz, Marilyn Mahnke, Candace Brown.

Hostesses – Marilyn Mahnke, Melody Stepp, Esther VanNoy, Karen Lynn, Mardy Fairchild.

Food Servers – Carol Erickson, Candy Callaway, Annette Falk, Mellissa Severson-Hampton, Helen Gorenson, Sharon Groeneveld, Diane Nelson, Delphine Johnson.

Raffle Drawing – Judie Miller, Gail Harris, Janice Kelley, Eleanor Baker, Harriet Swieso, Torun Parker, Joan Anderson, Karen Kunkle, Carol Spencer, Soozie Palmer.



**Janice Kelly and Gail  
Harris selling tickets**



**Toni Simpson at Greater  
Tacoma Peace Prize table**



**Delphine Johnson and Trudy  
Sorensen selling lunch tickets**

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Vaktmester (Janitor) – Vonnie Stone, Mary McGoran, Carol Erickson.

Table Monitors – Sarah Callow, Karen Curtis, Elda Sulerud, Sue Bentz, Torun Parker, Marilyn Mahnke.

Cashiers – Delphine Johnson, Trudy Sorenson, Carmen Knutson, Janet Ruud, Harriet Swieso.

Lefse Makers (Oct. 13 & 14)– Janet Ruud, Mardy Fairchild, Diane and Lindy Nelson, Karen Hebert, Shirley Petersen, Marilyn Mahnke, Joanne Mansfield, Karen Bell, Toni Simpson, Marilyn Carlson.

Cookie Bakers (Oct. 8) – Delphine Johnson, Harriet Swieso, Mardy Fairchild, Sue Bentz, Karen Kunkle, Karen Lynn, Judie Miller, Melody Stepp, Chris Engstrom, Diane Nelson, Marilyn Mahnke, Sharon Groeneveld, Mellissa Severson-Hampton, Norma Borgford.

Cookie Boxers (Oct. 8) – Judie Miller, Mardy Fairchild, Chris Engstrom, Harriet Swieso, Carmen Knutson, Grace Bredeson, Marilyn Carlson.



**Harriet Swieso and Eleanor Baker selling tickets**



**Sonja Nyhuus and Carol Voigt selling tickets**

In addition to Embla members, we also had help from husbands, sons, and friends who offered their services on the day of the event. They included:

Setup Team - Lindy Nelson (Diane Nelson's husband), Dick Fairchild (Mardy Fairchild's husband), Jeff Gutfeld and Steven Gutfeld (Chris Engstrom's sons).

Street Signs - Doug McLean, Rod McLean.

Festival Helper - Christina Wilcoxson (Judie Miller's granddaughter) helped all day too, covering breaks and helping others where needed.

All day Saturday I had people coming up to me and saying things like, "I'm so glad that the Daughters of Norway picked up the ball and decided to hold a festival after Scandinavian Days was cancelled!" or, more surprisingly, "I'm glad to see you moved Scandinavian Days away from the fairgrounds," and still more who said "What a fantastic festival!", "I'm so glad to see this in our community," "Thank

you for this wonderful event," "Embla should be very proud," and on and on it went. Even though we were very crowded at times, people seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the festival.

My adrenalin pumped all day as I ran between the buildings, checking to make sure all was going well and running smoothly. As I checked with the vendors, I received very positive comments and several told me they made as much in one day as they did in three days at the fairgrounds.

By noon on Saturday we had sold out of Lefse! We also sold all 192 dozen cookies Embla members had made. Other vendors who were selling food, like Judy Earle and her sister Mona who had made Julekake, and the Sons of Norway bakery, also sold out early! We should know by now that food is a big seller!

All in all our very first Nordic Festival was hugely successful! Embla can be very proud of what we accomplished. There are many wonderful things that made the festival so great, but the thing that makes me most proud is that we had so many Embla members who helped to make it a success! I can't tell you how many came up to me on Saturday and asked, "How can I help?"

As you can see, it took a lot of hard work and many, many volunteers to put on our festival and make it a fun and exciting day. All I can say is *TUSEN TAKK*, Embla members!! *TUSEN TAKK* for all of your support and hard work. It sure was worth it, wasn't it?



**Grace Bredeson selling tickets**

# STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS

TUBFRIM is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Service. Used postage stamps are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists worldwide. The profits earned are used to provide care and aid to handicapped, mentally retarded, and needy children and youth in Norway.



In 1928 Ditlef Frantzen, postmaster of Nesbyen, got the idea to begin collecting and marketing canceled stamps as a way to raise funds for the Tuberculosis Association in Norway. His idea caught on and many communities in Norway, as well as in other countries, were collecting and sending bags of stamps to Nesbyen.

The name TUBFRIM is a composite word combining tuberculosis with the Norwegian word for stamps, *frimerker*. In 1943 when Frantzen left Nesbyen, he donated his stamp-collecting institution to the Norwegian Health Service.

TUBFRIM is also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, and postcards. If envelopes, postcards, etc. are more than 50 years old, then do not cut off the stamp, but send the whole envelope/postcard. They also gather used telephone cards. .

Just cut or tear off the stamp corner leaving enough margin (approx. 1/2") to keep the perforations intact. You do not need to trim them. Stamps from any country can be used.

Think about it: Daily we are asked for donations to help in various ways. Isn't it remarkable that we can take something that would normally go into the wastebasket, send it to be recycled and given a new value? It couldn't be easier. Bring your stamps to Embla meetings.

Elene Emerson, Grand Lodge TUBFRIM Chair

## LEIKARRING

Our members of this fun Norwegian Folk

Dance group practiced hard for their performance on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nordic Festival.



**Trudy Sorenson, Judy Earle, Janice Kelly, Joan Anderson, Eleanor Baker, Carol Voigt, Diane Nelson, Mardy Fairchild, Judie Miller and Mary McGoran**



We always love to show you the dances that we have learned! We would also like to invite you to join our group – just come to one of our practices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the Lutheran Community Services Building in Tacoma. We have lots of fun, become very good friends, and love to do the Norwegian dances.

Judith Willison

# HÅNDVERKERER

By Marilyn Mahnke

Hopefully when you were at the Nordic Festival you had a chance to see some of our new items that we have been busy making.

We ordered several sizes of the Norwegian Flag Shirt. (See picture of Trustee Ann Martin modeling one). Hope you checked out the new designs embroidered on the flour sack towels. There are more cross-stitched items also. The Rosemalers added several items to the table, such as napkin rings, coasters, and items to hang on the wall, and some of our members are wearing earrings rosemaled by Carol Voigt. Marilyn Carlson has been making our red flag aprons, and we have sold out again. We hope to have some more soon. *Tusen Takk Marilyn!!!*



Ann Martin in her Norwegian Flag Shirt

Our next meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Chris Engstrom's home – bring an item for our Wonderful Potluck lunch. New craft ideas are always welcome.

## A special note to Embla Håndverkerer members

Thank you everybody who participated in our Nordic Festival. If you had any part in the making any of the following crafts, A BIG THANK YOU for your tireless contributions - making our *Håndverkerer* table a success.

Norwegian aprons, convention bags, hats, flag shirts, nylon jackets, pins, sweatshirts, t-shirts, vests, bean soup, beaded/crocheted bookmarks, candles, candy packets, Christmas items, handmade note cards, chickens, coasters, cookbooks (old and new), dog coats, dishcloth angels, dishtowels (machine and hand-embroidered), magnet/pin flags and paintings, gift bags, hearts, krokies, lady bug houses, crocheted necklaces, *nisser*, postcards, potholders, rosemaling, scrubbies, handmade soap, table runners, tapestry tote bags, cross stitch tea towels, washer necklaces and donated items.

We ARE a village of committed sisters.  
Sincerely, Chris Engstrom



Rosemaling done by our Embla Rosemalers and sold at the Embla Craft Table



## SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well wishes for the following members:

Diana Nelson, Sonja Yeager, Ines Ottoson, and Christine Beasley and her husband David

One of our past loyal members, Shirley Foreman, passed away on August 22nd. She became a member of Embla on December 7, 1989, but dropped her membership in 2009. She was 87 years old. Her obituary was in the September 4th Tacoma News Tribune. There was no indication of a memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Delphine Johnson celebrated her 80th birthday this month!!! *Gratulerer med dagen*, Delphine!



## COOKING CLASSES

We demonstrated our delicious Norwegian (and one Swedish!) recipes at our Fall Cooking Classes at PLU. We enjoyed a Zucchini Imperial Casserole, Rosy Fruit Cobbler, Lefse, Cod fillet, Apple Cake, Stewed potatoes with dill, Swedish Shortbread cookies, *Serina Kaker* and Christmas Star Cookies. Embla members who demonstrated were: Sharon Groeneveld, Judie Miller, Janice Kelly, Mardy Fairchild, Diane Nelson, Karen Kunkle, Sarah Callow, Ellen Campbell and Julie Touchette. Thank you everyone, and see you at the Spring Classes!  
By Judith Willison

### Have you visited the Grand Lodge, Daughters of Norway Website?

[www.daughtersofnorway.org](http://www.daughtersofnorway.org)

You will find a treasure trove of information about our organization! Are you looking for a picture of a bunad? The name of a Scandinavian Shop? A Norwegian newspaper? A calendar of events, including D of N events AND other events of interest in your area? Our webmaster, Katie Allen, has done a phenomenal job for us! On the Members Only page (get the passwords from a lodge officer), you can find contact info for local lodge leadership and Grand Lodge officers, past issues of the *Døtre av Norge* and so much more! CHECK IT OUT! And please take a moment to send a **TUSEN TAKK** to Katie (dnnorway@yahoo.com).

## PERSONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

Why don't you consider sharing or taking over the job as Embla's SCRIBE for the Daughters of Norway news magazine, *Døtre av Norge*? You would receive superb training (Candace will tell you what to do) and excellent compensation - the heartfelt thanks of all of your Embla sisters! Please contact Candace Brown if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to express yourself!



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