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EMBLA CALENDAR

February 12-mid April, Exhibit from National Museum in Denmark at PLU SCC. Historical Danish Folk Costumes.

Tuesday, March 1st, PLU SCC Norwegian Cooking Class, 10 am to 12 noon

Thursday, March 3rd, 6:15-6:45 pm Mini-Norsk class with Janet Ruud. 7 pm Embla #2 Business Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 12th, Norwegian Cooking Class at PLU SCC, 10 am to 12 noon.

Tuesday, March 15th, Norwegian Cooking Class at PLU SCC, 10 am to 12 noon.

Saturday, April 2nd, 2 pm, Danish celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen's Birth at Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Thursday, April 7th, 7 pm - Embla's Business Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Saturday, April 30th, 10 am to 3 pm. Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU SCC.

Thursday, May 5th, 7 pm, Embla's Business Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 21st, 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Normanna Hall,

Thursday, June 2nd, 7 pm, Embla's Business Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Delphine Johnson

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as president of Embla #2 Lodge, Daughters of Norway. Welcome and thank you to our 2005 Board of Sisters who have volunteered to give of their time and talents to further unite our sisterhood as we endeavor to preserve our Norwegian heritage, history, culture, and language of Norway and pass it on to our children!

I was born to Norwegian parents, Glenn and Hattie Hanson, in Alexandria, Minnesota. At age 2 we moved to Kalispell, Montana, where my father owned a restaurant. I attended Kalispell schools and Northern Montana College in Havre, Montana. I taught 1st grade in Libby, Montana.

In 1952 I married Larry Johnson in our home church, Bethlehem Lutheran, in Kalispell. Larry was a pilot in the Air Force and we enjoyed 28 years as an Air Force family. We lived in several different states, but we never left this hemisphere as a family. Our overseas stations were Newfoundland and Panama. While in Panama for three years I was a girl scout leader and consultant, volunteered at the Leprosarium, and gave assistance to the Peace Corp worker helping with Urban Renewal. When Larry went to Thailand for a year, I went back to school at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. His next assignment was to McChord Air Force Base and he encouraged me to finish school. I graduated from PLU with a BA in Elementary Education in 1971.

We have two children, Lawrence Paul and Susan Anne, who both graduated from Clover Park High School and the University of Washington. Paul is a chemical engineer in Bellevue and Susan is a CPA in Auburn.

When Larry retired from the Air Force 25 years ago he went to work for Boeing and we moved to Puyallup. I enjoyed traveling with him to Norway (3 times), Sweden, England, Europe, China, and New Zealand.

Our children moved back to this area and we are so blessed to have been able to enjoy our five grandchildren as they have grown up! Paul and Karen have three boys; Scott, Steven and Brian. Susan and Roger have two girls; Valerie and Kristin.

My heritage is Norwegian. My mother's parents were Haakon and Ingeleiv Saelthun Lysne, and they emigrated from Laerdal on the Songe Fjord about 1900 to Larimore, North Dakota. My mother's cousin inherited the Saelthun farm which has been in the family since the 1200's and is located on the Laerdal River about 8 kilometers from the Borgand Stave Church. I have visited twice, once in May during the baby lamb time. I am told that my grandmother took the sheep up to the seter, the high mountain summer pasture.

My father's grandparents, Mari and Ole Hanson, emigrated in the late 1800's from a farm called Bergdalmo in northern Gudbrandsdal near Heidal and Vinstra to southeastern Minnesota and farmed near Harmony. My grandma, Anna Solberg, and grandpa, Casper Hanson, moved north to Alexandria, Minnesota.

We belong to Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood where I was Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

My interests are my family, traveling, flowers and gardening, reading, Bible Study, baking and now Daughters of Norway.

Years ago, my daughter Susan would say "it's Scandinavian Heritage Festival time, I'll go with you, Mom." Then Arleigh Virgil from

our church encouraged me to join Daughters. I have served on Embla's board, three years as trustee and two years as Vice President. I have found and treasure the many friends and sisters I have grown to love in Embla!

Now together we look forward to 2005 learning and enjoying our heritage, increasing our membership, and making new sisters feel very welcome in our Daughters of Norway.

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Pathways to Peace: Norway's Approach to Democracy and Development

Kicking off the centennial year of Norway's peaceful separation from Sweden in 1905, was the Pathways to Peace Symposium. The event was held from January 12-14, 2005, and conducted at both the new Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center as well as on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. In total, more than 1,000 academicians, ambassadors, global community leaders and citizens joined for discussions on the global issues of peace, poverty, democracy, human rights, politics and justice.

Why Norway? Why is this little country up in the northern hemisphere involved in peace discussions in other parts of the world? Well, for the most part, its reputation. Norway is known for its modest and thoughtful approach to conflict resolution. Additionally, it has no interest in territory expansion or taking sides for political gain. Its leaders have simply acted as neutral and modest facilitators in working towards peace agreements in

what some might consider unlikely parts of the world. Just prior to the Symposium in Tacoma, for example, delegates in Nairobi finalized the agreement between the Sudan People's Liberation movement and the Sudanese government. Key representatives then hopped a plane straight to Seattle for this event!

Janet Rasmussen, director of the Wang Center for International Studies, led the effort to create this extraordinary event. Knut Vollebæk, Norwegian Ambassador to the United States, presented a civil society medal from the King of Norway to Chuck Nelson, a long-time member of the PLU international admissions staff. George F. Russell, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of the Russell Investment Group spoke on increased Globalization in the global economy. He believes that increased globalization will decrease poverty.

For more information on the symposium, and to view recorded sessions, go to: www.plu.edu/~lutecast/2005sp/wang



Anna Dahl, son Harry Dahl, daughter Alice Gilligan, on Anna's 100th Birthday, October 11, 2004. Congratulations, Anna!

Celebration of Life for Florence V. Buck

On January 23, 2005, family and friends met at the Scandinavian Center, Tacoma, Washington to celebrate the life of Florence Viola Buck, who passed away December 14, 2004.

Audun Toven, professor of Norwegian and Scandinavian Studies at Pacific Lutheran University served as the celebration master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone and shared how important Florence had been to the development of the Scandinavian Cultural Center, as she worked diligently with others, over several years, to bring it to fruition. Florence had worked avidly to bring programs and interest to the Cultural Center. She served as Council Vice President on two occasions and as President in 1997, as well as working on numerous committees and programs over the years. Florence helped start the Norwegian cooking classes, which Embla sisters have participated in by demonstrating favorite Norwegian recipes. In May 2001, Florence became the recipient of the "Outstanding Service Award" from the SSC, for being the "heart and soul of the Scandinavian Cultural Center for the last twenty-five years."

Florence's many family members were introduced to the audience. Son Michael Buck shared thoughts of his mother, especially noting that his mother's full name was "Florence Viola Buck." Florence was known for always having flowers in her garden and in the home. At the end of his comments, he passed around baskets with packets of viola seeds to take home and plant as a remembrance

of Florence. I will never look at a viola again without thinking of Florence, and look forward to seeing my seeds bloom into lovely flowers.

Son Thomas Buck talked about how much he appreciated receiving the Grand Lodge Daughters of Norway scholarship as a student and thanked those who have contributed to it in honor of his mother. He also shared how good Florence was at talking all the family into making contributions to fund various projects, often at the Center. She just had that special "knack" of persuasion that you could not resist.



Nancy Lopez, Florence's daughter, (and also an Embla sister), introduced the video that the family put together to share with us. It would take too much space to list all the activities Florence was involved with, but the pictures reflected many of them. Florence was an enthusiastic learner and teacher of so many things, and an exceptionally creative person, showing her talents in rosemaking, card making, cooking and other arts and crafts. Florence was known for the many tours she led to Norway. Many people will carry fond memories of the places and people they saw because of these tours.



Nancy (Buck) Lopez, daughter and grandson of Florence, Gregory T. S. Lopez of Idaho Falls, Idaho

Susan Young, Director of the Scandinavian Cultural Center shared her thoughts of Florence, and again expressed what a marvelous supporter of the Center she was. It was Florence's family that donated the wooden panels on the SCC wall, depicting Norwegian immigrants leaving their homes and crossing the ocean to settle in new lands.

Janet Ruud, President of the Scandinavian Cultural Center Council (also an Embla sister), spoke and gave her thanks to Florence for her support of the Center over the years. She also read a letter from another Embla sister and close friend, Dena Iverson, who was traveling out of state and could not attend the service. Janet brought some laughter to the group when she told one of her famous Norwegian "yokes." I am sure Florence was "sitting on a cloud" and laughing with us.

A special thank you goes to Janet Ruud and Susan Young for working with Florence's daughter, Nancy, to develop the Celebration of Life Service. They really did a great job. It was truly reflective of Florence's life and how she touched so many people.

Dr. Loren Anderson, President of Pacific Lutheran University, spoke of how Florence's vision and subsequent support of the Scandinavian Center was so much appreciated by the University.

Julie Ann Hebert from the Western Rosemalers Association spoke about Florence as a rose-maling teacher and one of the founders of their group, serving as President in 1975.

Delphine Johnson, President of Embla #2, spoke about how dedicated Florence had been since she joined Embla lodge in 1971, serving as President for two terms, starting in 1980. In addition, Florence was always active in the Grand Lodge Daughters of Norway, and served as President in 1984. Under her involvement as membership chair, she helped organize nine new lodges in California, Oregon, and Washington between 1985 and 1989.

Ellen Campbell, friend and Embla sister, spoke on behalf of so many other Embla sisters, about how Florence touched her life in such a short period of time. Ellen appreciated Florence's love of Norwegian history and culture and her willingness to share and teach her about Norway whenever they got together.

Many others helped share their skills and love for Florence during this lovely service. Maynard Hedegard sang, as did the Ordahl sisters: Dagny Vaswig, Evangeline Billingsley, and Florence March, who are also Embla sisters of Florence's. Vicki Melton, another Embla sister, played a piano solo and background music, as well. Then Dagny Vaswig led those assembled, in the singing of three

Norwegian songs to close the service.

Emilie Pedersen and Olive Rudsdil, two long time friends of Florence's, coordinated the many other Embla sisters who baked Norwegian cookies and treats. The food table was overflowing with wonderful Norwegian baked goods from all the great Embla bakers.

*We will miss you
dear Florence.*

Ellen Campbell

ST. HANS FEST
June 25th
on the
My Girl

**Keep this date open
and get your
reservation in when
announced.
Limited room!**

**NEW COOKBOOK
FOR EMBLA**

Thank you, Embla Sisters, for sending your recipes for the new Embla Cookbook. The Committee hasn't picked the name yet, nor the design, but the recipes are coming in and they do look good.

The Committee:
Judy Willison
Esther Van Noy
Sonja Nyhuis
Harriet Swieso
Barbara Leary
Carol Kemp
Marie Hayden

Remember, no American recipes. Just the Scandinavian countries – Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Denmark. If the recipes are in metric measurements please change to inch-pound.

**EMBLA NORWEGIAN
COOKING CLASSES**

Our popular Norwegian Cooking classes are returning to the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. This spring our classes will be held on Tuesday, March 1st; Saturday, March 12th, and Tuesday, March 15th.

Members of Daughter's of Norway, Embla Lodge 2, will be teaching these classes and some of the delicious items that will be demonstrated are: Hvetebrod (wheat bread), Pastinakk-baller (parsnip Balls), Lunsj i form (lunch in a form), Sukkerroesalat (beet salad), Fruktsuppe (fruit soup), and Riskrem med tyttebaer (cream rice with lingonberries). One of the highlights will be instant mashed potato Lefse and flatbread demonstrated by an expert from Norway.

The classes are held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the cost is \$5.00 per person per class. You will receive copies of the recipes demonstrated and we will be sampling the items after the class. Reservations are not required, so save the dates and plan to attend all three classes. We guarantee you will have a great time and will enjoy all the recipes! For more information, please contact Judith Willison at 1 (253) 838-4232.

P.S Our Fall Classes will be held on October 13th, 18th and 29th. We plan to have a Julebord – a traditional Christmas Smorgasbord – you won't want to miss it!

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• Congratulations and best •
• wishes to Karin Moye, who •
• got married on January 15, •
• 2005. She is now Karin Kelley •
• (her husband's name is •
• Willie). •
• 7024 - 26th St NW •
• Gig Harbor, WA 98335 •
• phone: 253-265-2477 •
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**SCANDINAVIAN
HERITAGE FESTIVAL, 2004**

The Scandinavian Heritage Festival, 2004, was held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on October 10th and 11th. Daughters of Norway Embla Lodge II had two booths; a Craft Booth and a Bake Booth.

Esther Van Noy held a baking day with Embla Sisters Janice Kelly, Elaine Anderson and Karen Lynn and they made many dozens of Krumkake, Rosettes, Sandbakkelse, and Spritz. Mange Takk to these Sisters and all the Daughters of Norway who baked wonderful Scandinavian cookies for the Bake Booth! The Bake Booth made \$1,156.50!

Mange Takk to the Embla Sisters who worked the Bake Booth; Esther Van Noy, Harriet Swieso, Darcie Harris, Katie Anderson, Lisa Ottoson, Toni Simpson, Delphine Johnson and Carol Kemp.

The Craft Chairman, Marilyn Mahnke and her committee, working several meetings, had a beautiful array of craft items for sale at the Craft Booth. Ellen Campbell was in charge of setting up the Craft Booth. Many thanks to all the Embla Sisters who worked at the Craft Booth: Ellen Campbell, Carol Spencer, Chris Engstrom, Kari Stackpole, and Phyllis Melton. The Craft Booth made \$543.75. Special thanks to Chris Engstrom, our Treasurer, who worked both Festival Days!

The Scandinavian Heritage Festival was represented by Scandinavian organizations: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland as well as Scandinavian stores in Northwest Washington. We enjoyed traditional Scandinavian food and many wonderful music groups and dancers. They were a delightful two days!!

**HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN
1805–2005
Celebrating 200 years**

Saturday, April 2, 2005, 2:00 pm
Scandinavian Cultural Center

You are invited to attend “an affair to remember” special celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Denmark’s beloved storyteller, H. C. Andersen who, to this day, is loved throughout the world.

To honor him, internationally acclaimed storyteller & artist Randel McGee will don the character of Hans Christian Andersen and tell some of his best-loved fairytales. Victoria Gydiv, Danish soprano, will delight us as Jenny Lind. The Danske Sangvenner, under the direction of Professor Louis Christensen, will sing songs written by H. C. Andersen, a prolific & multi-talented man. Fairytale characters will “come to life” & parade before your eyes. An exhibit of exquisite half life-size porcelain models in authentic Danish folk costumes of the period, handmade by Danish artist Esther Grølsted, will be on display direct from the National Museum of Denmark.

A Danish “Birthday Cake Buffet,” coffee & hot chocolate will be served. Of course, no birthday party would be complete without presents. So at each place setting there will be a small gift just for you! Several lucky guests will also receive a special door prize from Denmark.

You may wear Danish Costume or dress as a character from one of the fairytales, if you wish. Children (of all ages) are invited and encouraged to attend.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

— limited seating

Reservation deadline: March 23.

To secure your reservation:

Send name, address, phone (w/ area code),

of adults @\$10,

of children (under 12) @\$5

with check made out to SCC.

Send to: **SCC/PLU — Tacoma, WA 98447.**

Co-chairs: Carol Kemp (253) 857-6782 &
Inge Miller (253) 851-5959.

Installation Ceremonies



EDNA HIGGINS AND DELPHINE JOHNSON CELEBRATING EDNA'S 104TH BIRTHDAY

On January 27, 2005 Edna Higgins, a member of Embla #2 since December 13, 1970, celebrated her 104th birthday at Spring Ridge Retirement Community in Tacoma. Her niece, Iona Wick-lander, visits her every day, so we made arrangements with Iona for the President of Embla, Delphine Johnson, and me to visit Edna with a dozen roses and a special "Happy Birthday" balloon. Delphine also brought *krumkaker* so we sat at Edna's table and had *krumkaker* and coffee. Edna smiled and said, "This is just like old times."

Edna remembered the cooking classes when we had them at Normanna Hall, a trip to Norway she took with Florence Buck that included part of the trip on the *Hurtigrute*, the coastal steamship, and in the 1970s she was a member of the *leikarring* that was restarted by Sigurda Aamodt. We saw pictures of her in her Hardanger *bunad* as one of the dancers. Edna was noted for the rosettes she used to make for Embla functions.

Spring Ridge has one day to celebrate all of the birthdays for that month, but this time it was on Edna's birthday, the 27th, so she had a cake and many congratulations. She was interviewed by the Senior Scene, the newspaper for senior citizens, so watch for an article in the next issue.

Elaine Anderson



**Installation Ceremony
for
Embla #2 New Officers**

Installation Officer
 . Joanne Mansfield
 Grand Lodge Judge
 Grand Lodge Past President
 Installing Marshall
 Esther Van Noy
 Embla Lodge Past President
 Escort team
 Carol Voigt, Co-Captain
 Janet Ruud, Co-Captain
 Eleanor Baker
 Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss



Embla Installation - January 6, 2005

Back row l to r: Chris Engstrom, Treasurer; Grace Bredeson, Inner Greeter; Lisa Marie Ottoson, Secretary; Gail Harris, 3rd year Trustee; Flora Peterson, Financial Secretary; Marilyn Carlson, Cultural Director; and Diana Nelson, Outer Greeter. Front row: LaVonne Kraft, Marshall; Judith Willison, Asst. Marshall; Marilyn Mahnke, Vice President; Delphine Johnson, President; Carol Kemp, Judge; and Elda Sulerud, Musician. Not pictured, Katie Peterson, Head Trustee; and 2nd year Trustee, Manoah Butterfield.



Newly installed President of Embla #2, Delphine Johnson, and her supportive husband, Larry.

After Delphine presented her Acceptance speech she introduced her family and was with roses from her husband, Larry. Others in attendance also presented flowers. Cliff Magnussen, Sons of Norway; Susan Young, Scandinavian Cultural Center Council and Harriet Swieso, President of Embla's Past Presidents Club.

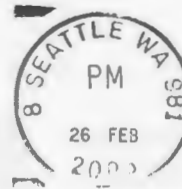
Sonja Herold, soloist accompanied by Joanne Jaeger, sang many beautiful Norwegian songs. Sonja is the daughter of Tove Van Der Maas, Grand Lodge President. Tove and her husband along with their grandchildren were also guests this evening.

A wonderful Scandinavian buffet with wonderful salads, sandwiches and desserts was provided by Carol Spencer, Jeanette Wiggins, Elaine Hudak, Verle Congdon, Judy Willison and Carol Voigt. They also provided beautiful table decorations. Accompanists for the evening: Elda Sulerud and Dagny Vaswig.

Marilyn Mahnke, Vice President



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NEW ROSTER COMING OUT IN MARCH, 2005

All the new members you have been meeting and all the changes in addresses will be in the new Embla Roster. If you have any changes that need to go in please call Marie Hayden at 253-759-4451 for those changes to go in.

Mary Nero's new address is 218A Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand.



Katie Peterson putting out decorations for the tables



*What beautiful tables for Christmas.
You missed something good.*

