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DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

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EMBLA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2nd, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

5:15 pm – WELCOME BACK, Potluck, Auction and sale of “Very Good Uses” Items.

6 pm – Potluck then Silent and Live Auction.

8 pm – Business Meeting.

OCTOBER 7th, Regular program at Bethlehem Lutheran.

OCTOBER 8th, 9th and 10th, Scandinavian Days at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

OCTOBER 19th, 28th and 30th. Cooking Classes at PLU.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Thirteen members from Embla attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Costa Mesa, CA, and I can tell you it really was GRAND!

The nine delegates from Embla were: Karen Bell, Julie Touchette, Diane Nelson, Marilyn Mahnke, Lisa Ottoson, Sharon Groeneveld, Carol Spencer, Norma Borgford and yours truly – ME! Your delegates represented you well and we all want to thank you again for selecting us! Also attending were alternate Barbara Pahre (and her family), Harriet Swieso, Carol Kemp and Janet Ruud.

The Cultural Day was fun – we sold quite a few of our craft items

and enjoyed looking at the other 18 Lodges’ sales tables! Of course, we all made purchases as well (see the photo of me in the Rosemaled shirt!). There was a nice reception afterwards where we gathered together to talk,



*Judith Willison at Convention
in her rosemaled shirt*

have a light dinner and admire each other’s Bunads. Earlier in the day, many of our delegates attended classes and their reports are found elsewhere in our Nyheter.

On Friday, we began our Business Meeting with a Banner Parade and I was honored to carry our Embla Fana. (Thanks again to Norma for bringing it to the convention in her car, as well as many of our crafts!) After breaking for lunch,

we returned to honor those dear members who have passed away in the last two years: Eva Carlstrom, Martha Handeland, Mildred Baker, Charlotte Florence Lee, Martha Martinsen, Mary Hudina, Pearl Gustafson, Olive Rudsdil, Wanda Jones and Evelyn Johanson. I received 10 white carnations in a very memorable ceremony done by Jean Kaldahl, Chaplain.

Saturday morning began with a Past President’s Breakfast held at 7 am. I love being included in this lovely group of women! Then, we went back to our second meeting and finished the business of our Daughters of Norway! On to lunch which included a Bunad fashion show by members, with descriptive commentary by Jill Beatty. (Barbara Pahre’s young daughter looked adorable as she modeled her bunad!)

After lunch, we had election of officers and all the lodges presented outgoing GL President, Mary Knutson Sullivan, with lovely gifts in honor of her two years served. We presented our GL officer, Judge Carol Kemp, with a corsage and then all the Embla members in attendance gave her a group hug for her dedicated service and leadership! After the meeting was adjourned, we held the Installation of the Grand Lodge

Officers for 2010–2012. Judge Carol Kemp was the Installing Officer, Tove Van Der Maas, the Installing Marshall, and our own Janet Ruud did her magic again as head of the Escort Team. Installed were: Ellen Hinds, President; Heidi Barcia, Vice President; Mary Knutson Sullivan, Judge; Judy Hadlock, Secretary; Julie Swensen, Financial Secretary; Bonnia Kozak, Treasurer; and Trustees Sandy Henneman and Sandy Hansen. Our convention ended with a Banquet and entertainment! Tusen Takk to Turid Jespersen #44, which did an outstanding job as host lodge for this years' convention! Our next Grand Lodge Convention will be hosted by Nellie Gerdrum #41 in Bellingham at the beautiful Semiahmoo Resort – let's all plan on attending!!!



Wishing well to our new GL President, Ellen Hinds for 2010–12 is Marilyn Mahnke of Embla, Ted Hinds, President Ellen Hinds, and Sharon Groeneveld of Embla



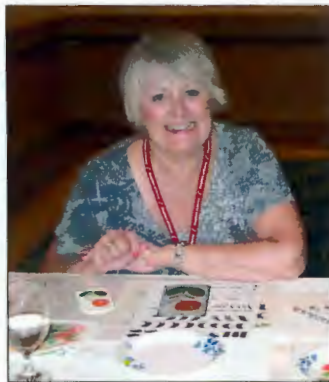
Dance Class Diane Nelson and Judy Earle



Rosemaling Class Julie Touchette, Diane Nelson, Marilyn Mahnke and Carol Spencer



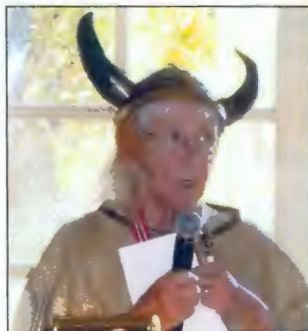
Janet Ruud, Lisa Ottoson and Barbara Pahre aboard the "Endeavor." It was a beautiful, full-moon evening. We cruised for three hours in Newport Harbor and enjoyed entertainment, a light dinner and Norwegian desserts. The scenery of homes and yachts moored throughout the bay was something else!



Carol Spencer, Rosemaling Class at Grand Lodge Convention



President's Breakfast Judy Willison, Harriet Swieso, Marilyn Mahnke



Berit Austin Funnemark wearing her Viking attire to greet all to the Convention



Perralina Palm, Trustee Carol Kemp, Judge Outgoing Grand Lodge Officers



Carol Spencer, winner of \$250 at Saturday Banquet



Carol Kemp of Embla, Bonnie Kozak of Turid Jespersen #44 and Debbie Gurrad, Dorothy Walsch of Nina Grieg #40 President's Breakfast



Lynne Bradley Harpist, President's Breakfast



Barbara Pahre and her young daughter wearing her new bunad at the reception



Dr. Linda Malcor, UCLA, PhD in folklore and mythology and an expert on King Arthur.

Vikingsholm: Lake Tahoe's Norwegian Gem

By Julie Touchette

Vikingsholm is located in Emerald Bay on Lake Tahoe. Lora Josephine Knight bought 239 acres at the west end of the bay in 1928 for \$250,000. Mrs. Knight was English, and she had grown up in Illinois. She thought that this area on Lake Tahoe looked like the fjords in Norway where she had traveled. Her son-in-law was a Scandinavian architect, and she commissioned him to build a summer home on the property in the Scandinavian style. Excavation began in 1928.

There was a very bad winter that year. Construction on Vikingsholm began in the spring of 1929 with 200 workers. Materials native to Lake Tahoe were used. Local timber was used for framing (fir and pine). Rocks from a local quarry were also used. Metal was hand forged. Vikingsholm had carved rafters and dragon beams done by one craftsman. There were sod roofs with wildflowers and a sprinkler system.

Mrs. Knight had lots of Scandinavian furniture, and she had craftsmen recreate furniture that she had seen in museums in Norway. Vikingsholm was built around her furniture. An example is that a round room was built to fit her round dining table. The walls were made of wood and stone. The wood walls were stained with paint and coated with banana oil. These walls have never been refinished, and they look great to this day.

A small teahouse was built across Emerald Bay on Fannette Island, which was also owned by Mrs. Knight. It was accessible only by boat. The servants had to row across the bay with all of the tea party supplies, and carry everything up a steep trail. Because

of this, tea was only served in the teahouse a few times per year.

Vikingsholm was finished the summer of 1929 just before the stock market crashed. The crash didn't affect daily life at Vikingsholm. Mrs. Knight kept her staff fully employed during the depression. She also paid hospital bills for people who couldn't afford them, and she paid for a community center for the locals.

Mrs. Knight had been married to a wealthy industrialist, and they divorced. She used her divorce settlement to build Vikingsholm. She also donated money to put young women through college, which was very rare for that time. One of these women remained very close to Mrs. Knight over the years, and she was invited to spend summers at Vikingsholm. When this woman married and later had a daughter, Helen Henry Smith, they continued to spend summers with Mrs. Knight.

When Mrs. Knight died in 1945 at the age of 82, Vikingsholm was sold and fell into disrepair. Eventually it was sold to the California Parks Department for half of its assessed value (1953). Helen Henry Smith fought to have it made into a state park. She then crossed barriers to become the first female park ranger in the late 1960s, and she was assigned to Vikingsholm as a ranger and tour guide. She had spent 14 summers there as a child. She also wrote a book called Vikingsholm.

The restoration of Vikingsholm has been ongoing for the past 40 years. Beetles had destroyed the beams, and the teahouse on Fannette Island was destroyed by arson.

Vikingsholm is hard to get to. There are two trails. One of them is 1.7-miles long and is flat. From the highway there is a 1-mile-long switchback trail, and going up is steep.



Baking for NHF at Normanna Hall – Karen Bell and Mardy Fairchild



March Hostesses: Helen Garner, Harriet Swieso, Grace Bredeson, Karen Giguere, Marilyn Carlson and Janice Kelly sitting.



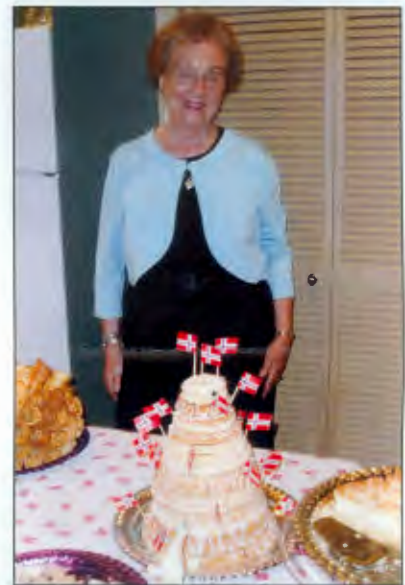
*Embla June Meeting
Ferne Carter Chapman
Wrote the book **Thunder on the Prairie – Reflections on prairie life in the 20's and 30's**. She was born in Medina, North Dakota.
A wonderful speaker!*



Marilyn Mahnke presenting Karen Lynn with 25-year pin



Baking for Norwegian Heritage Festival – Norma Borgford, Marilyn Mahnke and Janet Ruud



*Inez "Tourny" Squire celebrated her 75th Birthday on June 6, 2010
Check out the Norwegian goodies!!*



New Members of Embla – Dawn Reynolds and Carol Olsen-Dick



Eight Past Presidents of Embla Lodge gathered at beautiful Lake Killarney in Federal Way for their luncheon and meeting in April. Mardy Fairchild hosted the event in her sister's home – formerly a bed & breakfast. Pictured from left to right: Janet Ruud, Marilyn Mahnke, Mardy Fairchild, Judith Willison, Carol Kemp, Harriet Swieso, Emilie Peterson, Esther Van Noy.



Embla members who baked delicious Scandinavian cookies at Normanna Hall in early April. (Don't they all look great without hairnets on?) Left to right: Chris Engstrom, Judith Willison, Ann Martin Mardy Fairchild, Carol Spencer, Janice Kelly and Elaine Hudak

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION REPORTS

On Friday, July 23, the 2010 Grand Lodge Convention of the Daughters of Norway began with a warm-hearted welcome from sister Berit Austin-Funnemark, the President of host lodge Turid Jespersen #44. Musician Pat Hensley, from Hilda Garborg #49, played the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "*Ja, vi elsker*" to mark the beginning of the opening ceremony. Grand Lodge President Mary Knutson Sullivan called the Convention to order and invited Chaplain Jean Kaldahl to present the invocation, followed by the entire group singing, "We're Proud to be Daughters of Norway."

The Credentials Chair, Gerry Manning from Anna K. #36, reported that there were 83 delegates present. Grand Lodge Secretary Judy Hadlock conducted a roll call of all the Grand Lodge Officers and delegates, followed by approval of the agenda and the reading of the minutes of the 2008 convention held in Tacoma, WA. Mary Knutson Sullivan identified the appointed Marshals and Pages for the day, and then asked Judge Carol Kemp to read the Convention Standing Rules to the delegation for approval. They were approved with one addition – the past Grand Lodge Presidents were also allowed to vote. Co-Parliamentarian Janet Ruud read the Points of Parliamentary Procedure to the delegation. Dorothy Anne Honeychurch was the second Co-Parliamentarian for convention. Judy Hadlock presented the Secretary's Report. Julie Swenson presented the Financial Secretary's Report. Bonnie Kozak presented the Treasurer's Report. Judy Hadlock presented the communications/bills paid report and then the delegation joined together for the Flower March. It was voted that the proceeds from the Flower March be given to the Host Lodge. Perilina Palm, Grand Lodge Trustee, gave the Audit Report confirming that all is in order.

At this point and in the interest of time, the Grand Lodge Officers presented their Two-Year Reports by referring to the written submissions published in our convention programs. We took

a break with treats provided by Sonja Henie Lodge #29. Again, in the interest of time, the Standing Committee Reports were introduced but most were instructed to refer to the written report submitted and printed in the program. Webmaster Katie Allen presented some additional features of the website and announced that the username and password for the members-only site would remain the same. Janet Ruud of the Literary Society reminded the delegation that anyone can join the group and invited them to do so. Sandy Henneman presented the proposed budget to the delegation; it was approved as submitted. Carol Kemp presented the Endowment Report, noting that it now held just over \$17,000. She thanked the group and then introduced committee members Lisa Ottoson and Tove Van Der Maas to speak briefly. Karin Gorud Scovill, Chair of the Nominating Advisory Committee, reported on the 2010–2012 candidate list. We then sang "*Norge i rodt, hvitt og blott*" before recessing to lunch.

Lisa Ottoson

Os Rosemaling By Julie Touchette

Os rosemaling is a form of painting that is asymmetrical, colorful, and fantasy-like. It is pronounced *ose* as in *dose* (American) or *oos* as in *goose* (Norwegian). Our instructor at the Grand Lodge Convention was Onya Tolmasoff, who is of Russian descent. She saw a piece of rosemaling in a boutique in the early 1980s and knew that she wanted to learn to paint like that. It took her a year to find a teacher. She's been rosemaling since 1983 and has been teaching classes since 1985. Now Onya is the president of the California Rosemaling Association.

Traditionally rosemaling was done using oil paint, but now gold medalist painters can use oils or acrylics. A Vesterheim Gold Medal honors excellence in Norwegian-style rosemaling and other art forms.

Everyone in class was provided with paints, brushes, examples of different

brush strokes, a wood luggage tag, and a color photo of a finished rosemaled luggage tag. With Onya's expert instruction, each of her students painted a colorful luggage tag to take home.

Women's Resistance

Author Astrid Carlson Scott spoke on the role of women during World War II. She said that Norway was not prepared for a war as the feeling was "war can't happen here." But on April 9, 1940 war came to Norway. Several volunteer groups of women became part of the war effort. One such group was the "Gray Ladies" which was part of the Red Cross. Not much has written about the women working for the war effort but Astrid told us some stories of brave women.

Many of the women helped to feed the prisoners who were near starvation. Helen Orring brought bread to the prisoners for many years. Sweden sent food packages to Norway and some women made "Swedish Soup" to bring to the prisoners. This bringing of outside food was forbidden but somehow they were able to do it.

While Astrid's father was taken for hard labor, her own mother killed all 99 of the family's rabbits, canned the meat, and hid the jars so the Germans couldn't get rabbits for their own dinner. Anna Margeretta Bahn worked in a medical corps tending to sick and wounded soldiers who were living in an ice tunnel. The men called her "Joan of Arc" and she received a gold Medal of Honor from the Norwegian government for her actions during the war. Many unsung women were involved in the resistance and risked their very lives. Astrid reminded us that it is important not to forget these stories as "freedom is not free." She ended her talk by quoting Ephesians 6:10-13 which speaks about standing strong in the Lord and resisting evil.

Sharon Groeneveld

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*Marilyn Mahnke with Scandinavian
Open-faced Sandwiches*



*Melody Stepp selling
Open-faced sandwiches*



Elaine Anderson – Genealogy



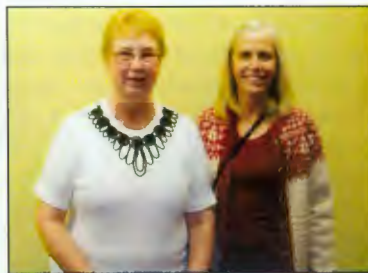
*Jean Anderson and Mardy Fairchild selling boxed
Norwegian cookies*



Betty Willard and Diane Nelson selling Rømmegrøt



*Chris Engstrom and Ann Martin
selling crafts*



*Carol Tower and Katie Anderson
selling raffle tickets*



Carmen Knudtson as cashier



*Carol Spencer and Kirsten
Bell selling crafts*



*Elene Emerson and her sister, Sonja
Stansberry displaying Hardanger
Embroidery*

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CRAFT COMMITTEE

Also in June, the Craft Committee was invited to Julie Ann Hebert's home for a potluck. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and loved seeing all of her beautifully rosemaled pieces that were displayed in every room, just like a museum. Julie said she had painted about half of them and had purchased the others from well-known artists. We especially loved the huge painting done by renown artist Sigmund Arseth from Norway, who painted this artwork on stage at Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa. Julie bid and actually won this masterpiece!



Marilyn Mahnke and Judie Miller



*Julie Hebert, Gail Harris and
Janice Kelly*



*Mardy Fairchild, Maren
Johnson and Judie Miller*



Janice Kelly and Karen Bell