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EMBLA CALENDAR

September 10, 17 and 24 - Tuesdays of September. Come help bake cookies at the Scandinavian Cultural Center kitchen. Ingredients will be furnished by Embla. Everyone's help is needed. Both crafts and cookies will be sold at Scandinavian Heritage Festival, October 5 and 6, 2002 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

September 11th - Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Craft making workshop at the Wheelock Library, 3722 N 26th St., Tacoma.

October 3rd - Thursday - 7 pm. Regular meeting of Embla at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

October 5th-6th - Scandinavian Heritage Festival at Puyallup Fairgrounds Pavilion at 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Admission - \$2.00. Children 12 and under, free. Free parking in the Gold Lot

November 7th - Thursday - 7 pm. Regular meeting of Embla at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

SUMMER LUNCHEON

July 27, Saturday, at Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. What a lovely way to honor our senior members with this year's theme "Thank You, America". The Program featured the Redal Family Men's Quartet performing Norsk songs, spiritual and barbershop tunes.



Dr. Rueben Redal, and sons - John, Paul and Mark

Odny Wise in sunglasses on right side is honored at the Senior Luncheon, July 27th



Embla Scholarship winner - Ryan Helling, and grandparents, Marvin and Shirley Peterson



June 1st program of dancing by Katie Anderson and family. She is Assistant Marshall of Embla

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION PORTLAND, OREGON

CULTURAL DAY

at the Daughters of Norway Convention was held on Thursday. Classes were held to teach Hardanger embroidery, Norwegian songs, and Kransekake and Marzipan making. Several lodges displayed artifacts from Norway, many of which were carved items. Thank you to Florence Buck and Harriet Swieso, who donated items to display at our table. Many people were disappointed to learn that the rosemaled plate loaned by Florence, was NOT for sale.



Left to right: Delphine Johnson, Harriet Swieson and Kari Stackpole help sell at our Craft Table

Katherine Larson, who wrote the book, *The Woven Coverlets of Norway*, was at one of the tables doing a weaving.

Our handmade raffle items were a rosemaled tina painted by lodge member, Dena Iverson, and a Hardanger embroidered doily sewn by Elene Emerson. Craft and sale items included dish towels, painted plant pots, candles, gift bags, totebags and cookbooks. The profit from the raffle and the craft items totaled \$787.00. It was a good day!

Ellen Campbell

KRANSEKAKE AND MARZIPAN CLASSES

Thursday morning a Kransekake and Marzipan class was held. We didn't do any baking but everything was ready and made for us to see how the rings were put together. A lot of samples were passed around. Very informative.

Then we were given all the ingredients to make marzipan fruits. Our hands were all sticky and colored from the dough and jello. Both classes were very enjoyable.

Harriet Swieso

HARDANGER CLASS

Out of about 125 attendees at Grand Lodge Convention in Portland only nine brave souls attempted to learn the fine art and complex skill of Hardanger Embroidery in just two hours flat! But, jah, by golly, we did it! (The hardest part was threading the needle.)

Even though all of us were complete beginners, under the expert tutelage and encouraging inspiration of Nancy Peterson and her mother, Ingrid Ness of Frida Hansen Lodge #37, all nine of us completed one square on our ecru tea towel (the other square and center design to be completed at home.)

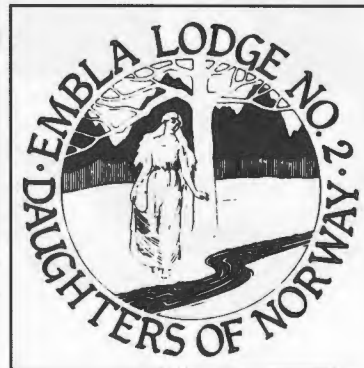
We were given a kit comprised of a 14 count tea towel, a piece of Hardanger fabric with smaller 22 traditional count squares (for later), an instruction and pattern booklet, 2 sizes of Ecrú thread and a needle.

Ingrid had previously marked a center cross on our tea towel with red basting stitches to help keep us "on track."

We stitched and counted, cut and pulled, wove and webbed. The finished results were exceedingly

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Delphine Johnson wearing her Sognfjord bunad for the first time. Her bunad was given to her by her husband, Larry, for their 50th Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated in July.

Hardanger continued -

beautiful (front and back) such a sense of pride!

All of us are completely addicted now to counting and stitching and have vowed to give up watching television and start listening to relaxing music (Hardanger fiddle, maybe?) while we sew instead, so that we might follow our genetic longing to create beauty with needle and thread.

Honoring our Norwegian heritage and connecting with our sisters in this special way is cozy, satisfying and most rewarding.

Try it! You'll like it!

Carol Kemp, Vice President
and delegate to GL Conv.

SONGFEST CLASS

There were about 25 enthusiastic women in the Songfest Class on Thursday morning of convention. The class was lead by Erik Brakstad, a personable young man who is a contractor by occupation, but who is also director of the Norwegian summer camps run by the Sons of Norway. He brought along a delightful young woman to help sing the songs, as he was just getting over a bout of laryngitis!

Both Erik and Julie were great teachers. They have both been counselors at the Norwegian Language Village, *Skogfjorden*, one of the many outstanding language camps run by Concordia College in Bemidji, Minnesota, so they knew a lot of great songs! They included many of the camp songs in the booklet which each class participant received. We learned some new ones, but we sang a couple of old favorites, too! And boy, did we ever sound good! We even went next door to sing for the ladies in the *Kransekake* class!

I was glad to purchase one of

the *Skogfjorden* CDs, so I'd be able to remember the tunes of the new songs. Be sure to ask me about the birthday song – one that we can all learn. And maybe we could even sing it together at our Embla meetings! Now wouldn't that be just grand?!

Janet Ruud



Ester Moe Lodge of Whidbey Island present a skit inviting us to the next Grand Lodge Convention in 2004

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CLINIC

Thursday, the 18th of July, fifteen of our lodges were represented at an Installation of Officers Clinic held by Janet Ruud (four lodges were not represented). Each attendee was given a handout with helpful information about the new-officer-elect ceremony. For the actual march and escort team, it was emphasized that the team and new officers always move in a forward pattern around the room; that the new-officer to be installed is delivered to the front of the room with the installing officer to be sworn in, and then escorted in a pattern that will deliver her directly in front of her station where she is "invested with the regalia of her office."* Janet placed special emphasis upon the value of rehearsal.

Carol Voigt

* paraphrased from *Ritual for Daughters of Norway*

CHARTER BUS BOUND

A charter bus with D of N members from many different lodges boarded a bus at the Double Tree Hotel at 4 pm on Friday, July 19th and headed south to Oregon City to tour "The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center" officially designated the true End of the Oregon National Historic Trail. The 8.5 acre site features 3 fifty-foot-high covered wagon-shaped buildings, an outdoor amphitheater and Heritage garden.

After an interesting lecture and slide show we were treated to a picnic supper on the deck. Before leaving we visited the gift shop. During the return trip to the hotel the driver took us through Portland's Old Town and Chinatown.

Florence Buck



Drill Team - Left to right: Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, Verle Congdon, Dorothy Walsh, Marshall; Carol Voigt and Eleanor Baker, all Embla members except Dorothy Walsh



Embla President, Harriet Swieso, presents newly elected Grand Lodge Secretary, Embla member Dena Iverson, a corsage for the evening banquet



EMBLA MEMBERS AT CONVENTION

Left to right. Front: Ellen Campbell, Dena Iverson, Janice Kelly, Harriet Swieso, Carol Kemp and Esther Van Noy. Middle: Janet Ruud, Angela Sivertson, Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, Evelyn Baker, Grace Bredeson, Judy Willison, Charleen Barnes and Chris Engstrom. Back row: Karen Bell, Verle Congdon, Carol Voigt, Kari Stackpole, Karen Kunkle and Florence Buck

SATURDAY MORNING

Early Saturday morning, the Past Presidents met for breakfast. It was enjoyable for me to be a past president since my reign of office isn't officially over until January 2003.

Fresh orange juice, seasonal Oregon fruits and berries, and a bakery basket with muffins and homemade nut breads were available. We were also served scrambled eggs, roasted breakfast potatoes and crisp bacon.

Musical selections were sung in Norwegian by a man with a very beautiful voice.

Harriet Swieso



Left middle column: Grand Lodge Chaplain, Jacque Hansen from Ester Moe Lodge, presides over the Memorial Service. Each candle in the Viking ship is in honour of a departed sister

NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2002-2003

Left to right: Dorothy Killoy, Trustee; LaVerne Tiedemann, Trustee; Dena Iverson, Secretary; Karin Scovill, outgoing President and new Judge; Joanne Mansfield, President, 2002-2003; Mary Ashley, Treasurer; Tove Van Der Maas, Vice President; and Dana Galvin, Chaplain



**BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, July 19th, 2002**

After a delicious lunch around the pool of the hotel, the business meeting was continued. The meeting started with the Banner Parade with all the Daughters of Norway Lodges participating. Photos were taken of all the participants.



The afternoon meeting began with a continued discussion of the proposed amendments:

Article 1, item 3 proposed by Ester Moe Lodge #39 - Eligibility/Membership categories:

Letter was read from 16 members of Valkyrian Lodge #1 - stating that the Daughters of Norway has reached out far enough in their membership. Discussion. A recommendation was made to vote for the Article

in two parts. Seconded. Vote was handled by written ballot. The second part as written was passed with a 60 yes and 8 no. The 3rd part of the proposal (*have a relative married to a person of Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, Icelandic or Swedish birth or descent*) was voted down.

Proposed amendment Article 1, Item 3 dealing with adding "*or be the adopted daughter of woman of Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, Icelandic or Swedish descent*" was not amended – it was felt this was not an issue.

Article III, item 1 regarding election of delegates was tabled.

Audit Report – treasurer – all books were audited and are in order. Total ending balance of all

Grand Lodge funds - \$42,301.40. Audit guidelines will be sent out to all Lodges with the Convention minutes.

Scholarship Report - Out of 27 applicants - 5 scholarships were given. The Anna Kolbjornsdatter Lodge #36 presented a \$1000 check to the scholarship fund.

Døtre av Norge Newspaper Report - Please send any changes of address as soon as possible to the newspaper. The charges for each change through the post office are now 60 cents and it adds up during the year. Web page address: DON.org

Web Page: now have 50 pages - NOR-AM.norg

Skit presented by Ester Moe lodge was hilarious.

Presentations of cards to hostess lodge followed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm with some reports held over for the next day, in order that all going on the 4:00 pm tour to the Oregon Interpretive Center would have a chance to get ready.

Kari Stackpole



One of our Daughters of Norway sisters could not leave the Convention without dancing. She is seen here teaching the ladies the "Chicken Dance." It was great fun!

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Craft Group at Wheelock Library preparing for Scandinavian Heritage Festival. Seated: Chris Engstrom, Florence Buck, Marilyn Mahnke, Ellen Campbell and Gail Harris. Standing in back: Elene Emerson, Carol Kemp, Charleen Barnes and president, Harriet Swieso.

Ellen Campbell displaying items that will be for sale at Scandinavian Heritage Festival, October 5th and 6th at Puyallup Fairgrounds. -- (Wish they could all be in color - they are beautiful.)

