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## EMBLA CALENDAR

November 11th — We were saddened to learn of Sylvia Rogenes' death on this date. She will be fondly remembered as our Grand Lodge President. A gift has been sent to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund from Embla in her memory.

December 5th — Embla meeting at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Christmas party with singing around the tree, election of officers, and (optional) gift exchange. If you would like, bring a low cost gift to exchange. Program by Astrid Scott — *Christmas in Norway*. Don't forget your secret pal!

January 2nd, 1997 — *Installation of Officers*, 7 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

January 9th — Solveig Lodge Installation in Burien.

January 31st — Last date for payment of 1997 dues for name to be in the new roster.

## NEWS TIDBITS

The Leif Erickson Committee donated \$100.00 to Embla's Scholarship Fund in memory of Anna Christensen. Anna was the treasurer for the Leif Erickson Committee for years.

Lindco Import's has donated four children-sized sweaters for Embla's Scholarship Fund. We are collecting \$1.00 chances. Winning tickets will be drawn next Spring.

Our September meeting was well attended with a potluck and successful auction.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are approaching and soon it will be the end of the year's term for Embla's officers. I've had the honor of serving as President for two years and working with many dedicated members. I wish to thank my fellow officers for their work for the good of Embla. We've shared many great events, enjoyed good programs and can be proud of a successful convention. We've had another busy year with cooking classes, PLU Heritage Day, St. Hans Fest, Grand Lodge Convention, Summer Salad Potluck and Scandinavian Days Festival.

We will have new officers serving Embla in January. Please support them with your attendance and volunteer to help whenever you can to strengthen our bond of friendship within our sisterhood.

May happiness brighten your holidays and remain with you throughout the New Year.

Esther Van Noy  
President

## MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$20.00) can be paid now for 1997.

Dues must be received before February 1st for you to be in the new 1997 Membership Roster.

Scandinavian Days Festival  
at the Puyallup Fairgrounds  
October 4-5-6, 1996



Margaret Richards and Maxine Gonce  
at the Embla booth

Scandinavian Days was again a very enjoyable success. Ione Dhaese, chairman, and the Leif Erickson Committee, did an outstanding job in planning and arranging this unique Scandinavian event.

Embla's booth at Scandinavian Days brought in:

Embla's treasury	\$1148.39
Leif Erickson Comm.	202.66
WA State Sales Tax	108.08
Total	\$1459.13

Many thanks to these sisters for their dedicated efforts for Embla in our sales booth — Margaret Richards, Mildred Baker, Marie Hayden, Maxine Gonce, Anne Elgood, Shirley Foreman, June Radich, Elene Emerson, Elaine Hudak, Carol Voigt, Gladys Johnson and Bernice Rohrs, chairman.



Left: Freda Hauge demonstrating Salmon Loaf with white sauce,  
Dorothy Burnson, Creamed Beets, and, Lu Bergum, Lefse

The Fall Cooking Classes were October 16, 23, and 30th at the Scandinavian Cultural Center. We had guests from Ester Moe Lodge and it was a fun time. Maxine Gonce was in charge of registration and demonstrators were, in addition to those pictured above: Ida Hagen, Karen Harkness, Esther Van Noy, Elene Emerson and Florence Buck. Thanks to you all!



#### Welcome to new Embla Sisters

New members initiated June 6, 1996 are from left to right: Linda Fuson, Esther Hinschberger, Thelma Moline, Michelle Hess and Pamm Gonce



Embla's new members initiated November 7, 1996 left to right:  
Ann Whitley, Ann Wright, Lillian Pappas and Kari Macauley.

#### AUDREY LOOMIS SCHOLARSHIP

Shortly after Audrey Loomis passed away, her daughter contacted Embla regarding specific instructions Audrey had left with her family bequeathing some of her Norwegian possessions to Embla Lodge. After contemplating several options, we finally decided the best way to honor Audrey was to give those who knew her an opportunity to purchase the items she had left us by holding a Silent Auction. We further determined that all proceeds from the auction would be donated to a one-time Audrey Loomis Scholarship Fund. At the October meeting, we announced our plans and indicated we would keep the Silent Auction going until the end of the December 1996 meeting.

Among the items Audrey gave us were (1) her Hardanger Bunad with blouse and apron, (2) a large wooden tine, (3) a large metal tray, (4) a doll in Norwegian Bunad, (5) a small wooden basket, (6) songbooks, (7) a Rosemaled plaque, (8) some small flags, and (9) a few other assorted nick-nack items. All items will be on display at the back of the room at the December meeting.

In addition Audrey gave a Rogaland Hverdag Bunad (everyday bunad) which the Embla Board brought before the membership in November. It was suggested and voted upon with approval that this Bunad be loaned to the Leikarring for their use for new dancing members until the new members can get their own. Embla will still retain ownership but the bunad will be put to good use. We are very thankful to Audrey and her thinking of Embla.

If you are interested in bidding on any of the articles, please be sure to sign the auction sheet(s). Remember, the December meeting will be the last chance to bid on these lovely remembrances.

Other remembrances may be made to the regular Embla Scholarship Fund in Audrey's honor.

## **EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP**

Embla Lodge #2 will award a \$500 Scholarship at the April 1997 meeting. Scholarship forms will be available at the December thru March meetings. To see if you or a relative qualify – please read “Embla Scholarship Eligibility.”

## **EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility requirements and guides for the Embla Scholarship are as follows:

1. Embla Lodge #2 has established an ongoing scholarship.

2. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in any year when that amount has been accumulated.

3. An Embla member or a direct descendant of an Embla member will be eligible to receive this award.

4. The recipient must be entering college, vocational school or community college for the first time.

5. The applicant must supply transcripts from grades 9-12 or to-date of applications.

6. If the \$500 amount in the Embla Scholarship Fund is not available in any given year, the applications of that year will be valid until the next awarding of the scholarship.

7. The Embla Scholarship will be awarded when possible in April

8. Embla Scholarship application forms will be available and so announced at every meeting. Scholarship information will be included in each Embla Nyheter.

9. The President shall appoint a committee of three members, that are unrelated to the applicants, to select the Scholarship recipient. Applicants and relatives names will be eliminated from the applications during this committee's deliberations.

10. Names of persons and events honored by memorial gifts to the Embla Scholarship Fund shall be published in the Embla Nyheter. Donors names given, but not the amount donated.

## **EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP**

Audrey Loomis is honored by

Elda Sulerud

June Radich

Esther Van Noy

Hazel Starkey

Clarann Wilkins

Lena Jensen Johnson is honored by

Bernice Rohrs

Esther Van Noy

Elda Sulerud

Anna Christensen is honored by

June Radich

Elaine Hudak

Esther Van Noy

Bernice Rohrs

Sigurd Christensen Family

Mel & Eileen Fairchild

Florence McKiddy

Marie Hayden

Elda Sulerud

Agnes Thoreson

Hazel Starkey

Leif Erickson Committee

Kenneth & Donna Severson

Anna's niece & nephew



## **HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS**

at November 7, 1996 meeting

Back row: Esther Van Noy (to-be),  
Florence Buck and Mary Nero. Front row:  
Emilie Pedersen, Elsie Schwind, Janet Ruud  
and Bernice Rohrs

Only two Convention Tote Bags are still available. This is your last opportunity to own a "Daughters of Norway – Celebrating our Heritage" canvas tote bag stuffed with items you didn't even know you wanted. \$10. Call Bernice Rohrs – 564-4407 to reserve yours.

## **HOSTESSES**

We have been experiencing great difficulty getting people to sign up to be hostesses for our monthly lodge meetings. Only a very small number of members have consistently been providing refreshments. Frequently, the hostess sign-up sheet is passed around only to come back with not one name being added to the list. Even telephone calls often are unsuccessful in garnering participation. As members of the Daughters of Norway, we all should do our share to make our meetings as enjoyable as possible.

A couple of suggestions have been made on how to improve this dilemma, including (1) dispensing with refreshments altogether or (2) each month assign a group of four to six members who would provide refreshments. As part of the second option, if an individual was unable to serve on their assigned month, they would be responsible for finding a replacement. If the lack of participation continues, we will be forced to look at changing our current method of passing around a sign-up sheet. Please give these suggestions some thought. We will be seeking options on the best way to improve this situation.

For the benefit of our newer members who may not know what the hostesses duties are:

(1) providing a light refreshment for members and guests. (2) providing table centerpieces for about 10 tables and the serving table. (3) setting the tables, and (4) cleaning up the kitchen afterwards.

Hostesses are asked to be at the church by 6 p.m. so they have time to setup and do any last minute preparation before the lodge meeting start at 7 p.m. The Vice President works with the hostesses, assisting in the preparation of coffee and tea, which is provided by Embla along with napkins and placemats. The Vice President also arrives at 6 p.m. to open doors and stays at the church until all the cleanup is completed, making sure everything is in order and the church door is locked.



Embla's Leikarring performs for Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Seniors Luncheon

#### LEIKARRING NEWS

The members of the Leikarring are proud to represent Embla #2, Daughters of Norway and are grateful for Embla's support.

The Leikarring performed 20 times this year for groups in the area. We now have 14 dancers, 1 pianist, 2 vocalists and practice 50 times a year. An average of 10 dancers attend most Embla meetings and 6 are Embla officers.

We have learned bead work, Hardanger embroidery, and have upgraded our Bunads to be authentic. For 2 years Solveig Lodge Anitra Dancers of Burien have practiced and performed with Embla as real sisters.

Attending Stemne dance workshops in August 1996 were Jan Ward, Esther Van Noy, Aggie Thoreson, Dagny Vaswig, Marian Eberle, Mardy Fairchild, and Vonnie Stone. We learned new dances from dancers from Norway.

The Leikarring welcomes new members. We meet at 7:00 p.m. every Monday night at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 5917 So Thompson, Tacoma.

For more information, please call Marian Eberle at 472-1874 or Mardy Fairchild at 472-0444.

Marian Eberle  
Leikarring Leader

#### COOKBOOK SUPPLEMENT

Since our cookbook came out in 1995 so many people have come up saying they wish such and such a recipe was in the book. This applies to all Scandinavian recipes (Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, Finnish as well as Norwegian).

Now is your time to look through your recipes as you are getting ready for all the holiday cooking. Copy yours and mail them to:

Mildred Baker  
3911 No. 25th St  
Tacoma WA 98406



Embla's Oldest Sisters!

Left to right: Aagot Solheim (97)

Sigrid Grondahl (98)  
and Sophie Marvik (96)  
at the Summer Luncheon

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
AND  
GREETINGS  
TO ALL FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS  
SEASON  
MAY YOUR DAYS  
BE BLESSED**



October's program was outstanding – presented by Mari Ann Jackson  
of the Nordic Heritage Museum – *Sami People of Norway*

## SAMI PEOPLE OF NORWAY

In October Embla had as our guest speaker, Mari Ann Jackson, of the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. She gave a very interesting and informative program and showed many artifacts of the Sami People.

From the Western Viking, November 22, 1996 issue is the following article concerning the Sami.

Decorah, IA – In the season when thoughts turn to reindeer, what better time to open two exhibits honoring the people who know most about them?

*The Sami People: Lives of Adventure and Beauty*, a major exhibition of fine and folk art related to Sami culture, opens at *Vesterheim* Norwegian-American Museum December 7 & 8, during the museum's Norwegian Christmas weekend. In addition to paintings and prints, the exhibit, curated by registrar and librarian, Carol Hasvold, will include household items, many decorated in the unique Sami style of carving and needlework.

In the exhibit, costumes (*gakti*) and other cultural material on loan from Sami Americans will enrich the *Vesterheim* collection, making it an exciting opportunity for visitors to become more aware of the Sami culture in Scandinavia and in the US. The exhibit, free and open to the public, will be on view in the *Vesterheim* Center Hauge Galleries through April 15, 1997.

Sami, formerly called Lapps, are a Scandinavian people who, until recent times, led a nomadic existence following their reindeer herds throughout northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Viewers all over the world were charmed by the focus on Sami culture in the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Winter Olympics at Lillehammer, Norway. Resisting assimilation into mainstream cultures, about 100,000 people of Sami descent live in the Scandinavian north today.

Recent immigration studies show



Mari Ann Jackson

that many American immigrants have a Sami heritage, although most did not make an effort to maintain a Sami identity when they came to the US. Today there is a growing interest in preserving an authentic Sami culture among Sami in both Scandinavia and the US. Sami groups and individuals also made special contributions to American history and culture.

To help mark the opening of the exhibit, Sami artisans (*duojar*) will work with traditional materials, like horn, bone and birch bark. There will be Sami music and Nathan Muss, Minneapolis, MN, will demonstrate *joiking*, the song or call Sami use to identify themselves and help control reindeer herds.

Their expertise in working with reindeer provided a special connection between the Sami people and North America. In 1894 a small group of Norwegian Sami were recruited by the Presbyterian Church to manage a herd of reindeer imported to Alaska as a means of furnishing a stable source of income for the Inupiat (native Alaskans).

The US Department of the Interior brought in more reindeer and more Sami herders with their families, in 1898.

The Sami taught herding and management methods to the Inupiat, along with methods of utilizing and marketing reindeer products: meat, hide and bone.

Although some Sami people returned to Norway after a term of two years, many remained in Alaska as miners and fisherman, and some moved south to the Seattle/Poulsbo area of Washington, where there is still a number of Sami living today.

*Vesterheim*'s Christmas celebration is a great time to take in another Sami-related exhibit, *Alaskan Cultural Interaction: The Brevig Family, Sami, and Inupiat Story*, which explores further this Sami connection in North America.

In 1894, Tollef Brevig, with his wife, Julia, and their son, Carl, ventured to northwest Alaska to serve as pastor to the Sami herders hired by the US government to teach reindeer husbandry to the Inupiat. At the same time, the Brevigs worked as missionaries to the Inupiat.

The exhibit is an effort to tell the story of the cultural interaction that took place a century ago, as well as an ethnographic story of the Inupiat through their material culture. The exhibit's guest curator is Heather Schacht Reisinger, a former *Vesterheim* intern. Reisinger, a 1996 graduate of Luther College, conducted research on the Brevig family for her senior project. The artifacts are on loan from Luther College's Anthropology department.

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Just in case you can't take in the Sami exhibit at the *Vesterheim* Center for the holidays (you can until April 1997) don't forget we have a wonderful Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard, Seattle. They are open Tuesday – Sunday (closed Mondays) at 3014 NW 67th St., Seattle. For more information call (206)789-5707.

Thank you again, Mari Ann, for giving us such a great program.

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**1952 EMBLA LODGE #2 DRILL TEAM**  
**June 12-14th, 28th Grand Lodge Convention, Everett, Washington**

Back row left to right:

1. Edna Christensen
2. Florence Fairchild
3. Janet Schaefer
4. Grace Haugland
5. Anna Danielson

Middle row left to right:

1. Dolores Lee
2. Lavonne Johnson
3. Jenny Botton, Captain
4. Thea Aambok
5. Magdaline Krokeness

Front row left to right:

1. Cora Anderson
2. Jenny Larson
3. Nora Anderson
4. Anna Christensen
5. Anne Strom
6. Ida Apalseth

Thanks to Florence (Fairchild) McKiddy and Dolores (Lee) Larson for naming our people