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Happy Seventeenth of May!

"Hipp, Hipp, Hurra!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We were so fortunate to have such a beautiful spring day for Easter this year. I've heard from several of my friends who actually had their Easter dinner outside! How often have we been able to say that for early spring in the Pacific Northwest? Unfortunately, since our beautiful Easter weekend our weather has been more of the typical Northwest kind – wet, wet, and oh did I mention wet?

Our lodge celebrated its 106th birthday on April 4th. We had a wonderful meal, served by our April Hostesses followed by a beautiful and very tasty birthday cake. We sang happy birthday (the English version) and later attempted to sing the Norwegian version, which needs some work (uffda!)

After satisfying our tummies, we gathered for the evening's program which was Deb Collins, well-known Hardanger Fiddle player. Deb provided us with a great deal of insight about the Hardanger Fiddle and how it differs from a regular violin or fiddle. She passed around her fiddle so we could all get a closer look at the beautiful workmanship that went into making it. Some of our members even took a turn at trying to play it – some with more success at it than others. Deb talked about an upcoming gala benefit concert on April 12th at the Nordic Heritage Museum and also a workshop on April 13th at PLU both sponsored by the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America. I hope some of you were able to attend one or both of these events.

At our May meeting we will celebrate *Syttende Mai* with a wonderful program by Karen Haas, who will "become" Thea Foss for the evening. Karen has been with us before, and I look forward to her very fun portrayal of one of Tacoma's famous personalities and namesake of a tug boat company (Foss Tug) and Tacoma waterway (Foss Waterway).

Sisterly, Mardy Fairchild

So Many Things to Do Yet: The Saga of Thea Foss

Born in Norway, Thea Foss and her husband Andrew arrived in Tacoma in 1889. Starting with a used rowboat, they built a maritime empire. Karen portrays Thea in 1912, the year of the first Foss tugboat. She reflects back on her life and looks forward to the future. At a time when few women could, Thea Foss took her place in a "man's world", always believing "we are members of one great body... we were born for the good of the whole". Like other immigrants, she added her experiences to the rich blend that is Washington.

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Karen Haas as Thea Foss

SHARON GROENEVELD - QUILTER

The Nyheter editors asked me to write about my quilt-making history, so I'll just give you some random facts and thoughts.

The first quilt I made was a baby quilt for my Sunday school teacher; it had embroidered animals on it. I then made more quilts over the years, but not too many. I made a lot of clothes and then got into making mohair teddy bears. My passion for quilt-making started about 15 years ago. It was so nice to make something that didn't have a zipper or set-in sleeves!

I really enjoy fabric and my favorites are reproduction fabrics copied from old quilts and clothes from the mid 1800's to the 1930's. But I do enjoy other fabrics also. I've made several quilts from colorful fabrics from France. I make classic patterns rather than freestyle art quilts. I do some hand quilting but often machine quilt, and sometimes I have my quilts quilted by a professional machine quilter. After hand quilting a quilt a



Another of Sharon's beautiful quilts

number of years ago, I had to have carpal tunnel surgery as a result.

Because I worked in a quilt store for a number of years, I have a lot of fabric, in case anyone is interested! I've given away a lot of quilts to family and friends and I have a lot of my quilts at home. While we lived in California, I was part of a quilting group that made small quilts for the preemie babies in the neonatal unit in the local hospital.



Sharon with one of her quilts

By Sharon Groeneveld

How are you doing with your Norwegian reading? Can you read the following?

Syttende mai – Norges grunnlovsdag

Den 17. mai er Norges nasjonaldag. Denne dagen i 1814 ble medlemmene av Riksforsamlingen på Eidsvoll enige om den endelige versjonen av landets grunnlov. Forsamlingen valgte deretter enstemmig regenten, prins Christian Frederik, til konge av et uavhengig Norge. Grunnloven er i teksten datert 17. mai, men ble først signert og beseglet dagen etter, den 18. mai.

Dette innledet en kort periode for Norge som uavhengig stat, før landet etter en kortvarig krig med Sverige måtte inngå våpenhvile gjennom Mossekonvensjonen. Denne avtalen innebar at Norge godtok en personalunion med Sverige, men beholdt Grunnloven med de endringer som unionsinngåelsen gjorde nødvendige. Det medførte blant annet at ordet «uafhængigt» i § 1 i den reviderte Grunnloven av 4. november 1814 ble erstattet med ordet «selvstændigt». Innenfor unionen beholdt Norge selvstendighet og separate statlige institusjoner, bortsett fra kongen og utenriksstjenesten.

17. mai er en offisiell flaggdag og offentlig høytidsdag med arbeidsfri i Norge. Barn og voksne har siden slutten av 1800-tallet feiret dagen mer enn det som er vanlig for mange andre lands nasjonaldagsmarkeringer, blant annet med barnetog.

Source: Wikipedia.no

How did you do? Find the English translation on page 7.



Harriet Swieso and Karen Bell

Past Presidents' Meeting

Nine Embla past presidents met for lunch and their bi-monthly meeting at Harriet Swieso's lovely home overlooking Puget Sound! Such a terrific view and such wonderful hospitality! Karen Bell hosted the event at her mother's home. We had a delicious lunch, and our gift was a garden plaque decorated with flowers. Thank you Karen and Harriet!

And, we even took care of business as we enjoyed each other's company!

By Judy Willison



SUNSHINE REPORT



Janice Kelly is recuperating very well and is out and about attending Embla functions.

Maren Johnson had hip surgery on April 3rd and is recuperating. She was seen at the Norwegian Heritage Festival – volunteering!

Karen Lynn's mother suffered a stroke recently. Also, Karen will be having sinus surgery soon.

Kari Stackpole broke her left wrist while playing tennis. She is in a cast up to her armpit and also has a removable splint on her right hand.

Eleanor Baker recently had some kidney problems, but we're glad she is back dancing with the Leikkaring.

Vangie Billingsley broke her hip and is recuperating at her daughter's home.

Torun Parker recently was in an auto accident and her car was totaled. Thankfully, she had no serious injuries.

Our sympathy goes out especially to **Toni Simpson**, whose mother passed away on March 6, only a month after Toni's father died.

Many thoughts and prayers for our sisters and their families.

Sisterly,

Marilyn Mahnke

We want to thank Annette Johnson for sending this photo of her mother, Angie Sivertson, whose passing was noted in the last issue of the *Nyheter*. Annette also sent the following:

Proud of her Norwegian heritage, Angela was a member of Embla Lodge Daughters of Norway. Being very musical she also joined Normanettes, a Scandinavian womens' chorus which gave concerts at the Tacoma Ladies Musical Club. One song they sang became a favorite of hers – *The First Primrose* - by Edvard Grieg. Each December she baked many delicious Scandinavian cookies, *Julekake*, and rye rolls for the Jacobsen family gathering on Christmas Eve, her birthday! Everyone enjoyed hearty singing of favorite English and Norwegian carols and a special birthday cake.



Angie Sivertson



EMBLA'S COOKING CLASSES



Esther Van Noy

Our Spring Cooking classes were well attended and we had great demonstrators and recipes. At our first class on March 12, we had Mardy Fairchild filling in at the last minute to make *Karbonade Kake* – thank you, Mardy! – and Esther Van Noy made the best Scandinavian flower eggs (i.e., potato salad). For dessert, Sharon Groeneveld demonstrated a Norwegian loaf cake with carrots and nuts.



Mardy Fairchild, Sharon Groeneveld

Our class held on Saturday, March 23, served up delicious recipes and we had so much fun with Janet Ruud's 7 year old granddaughter Kaylee, again helping out with the demonstration. Janet made Oslo cheese & Ham Pizza – which was delicious – while Kaylee rolled the pizza dough like a pro and then used cookie cutouts to add pizza rolls to our lunch menu! Judy Earle, Solveig Judge and Embla associate member, demonstrated her mother-in-laws Marengskake and in lieu of the noisy mixer, mixed the cake ahead of time, and then made noises like a mixer to show us how to make the cake! Very entertaining, Judy and a delicious recipe – thanks! Gail Sawyer showed us how she make Agurk Salat and we all enjoyed her commentary and cucumber salad!



Kaylee making "bread cookies"



Gail Sawyer, Janet Ruud and Judy Earle

Sarah Callow, Mardy Fairchild, and Judie Miller were the stars of our last class on March 27th. Sarah made a rutabaga/potato casserole (Staps) and Mardy Fairchild demonstrated a delicious Northern Lights Cheese Ball. Judie Miller made lots of Cinnamon "S" cookies and everyone loved the classes and the demonstrators! Special thanks to all members for helping out at the classes and for attending the classes and especially my cooking class team – Sharon Groeneveld and Ellen Campbell. I've been coordinating these classes since Florence Buck talked me into it in 2001 and truly enjoy promoting our heritage with our delicious recipes!



Judie Miller, Sarah Callow and Mardy Fairchild

By Judith Willison



The Leikarring Dancers



The Leikarring Dancers: Daniele Brown, Melody Stepp, Judith Willison, Judie Miller, Mardy Fairchild, Joan Anderson, Carol Voigt, Nadine Lewtas, Diane Nelson, Mary McGoran, Trudy Sorensen and Sarah Callow

The Leikarring dance group is made up of Embla members who want to learn Norwegian dances, have fun practices, get to know one another better and perform at various venues around the area. Along with Sarah Callow, who joined us a little earlier, we are happy to welcome three of our newest members: Nadine Lewtas, Suzy Johnston, and Daniele Brown. They have caught on quickly and are a great addition to our group! We look forward to having Janice Kelly back with Leikarring soon! Our leader, Carol Voigt, is a great teacher, and we invite you to join us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5 p.m. at Lutheran Community Services in Tacoma.

The Leikarring danced at Norway Day in Olympia on April 20th and again at the Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU on April 27th.

By Judy Willison



Carol Voigt and Judith Willison enjoying a break at the "Norway Café" at Norway Day in Olympia on April 20.

SPRING BANQUET AT PLU

May 11 – 6:30 PM (doors open) 7:00 PM (Dinner and Program),
at the Scandinavian Cultural Center

You are invited to attend! Susan Young, who is retiring September 1, will be honored for her years of service to the SCC, and the 2014 Greater Tacoma Peace Prize will be presented to community activist Sallie Shawl. Tickets are \$40 for SCC members and \$45 for others. Entertainment will be a duo from Bellingham – Erik Snyder on guitar and Conner Helms on the keyboard. **Reservation deadline is Monday, May 6.** Call 535-7322.

THE DOROTHY ANDERSON CABIN

Ed. Note - Julie Touchette received permission from the Museum of the North Beach in Moclips, WA, to publish this press release and photo in our Embla Nyheter.

PRESS RELEASE - (photo attached)
Contact: Kelly Calhoun, 360-276-4441

Steelhead Construction has begun restoration work on the historic Dorothy Anderson Cabin located at Seabrook. In 2004, Moclips-By-The-Sea Historical Society merged with the North Beach Historical Society in Ocean City and took over ownership of the cabin. It was moved to a temporary location about 1/8 mile north to prevent it from being demolished. The cabin was moved again in 2007 by Seabrook to a parcel located within the new beach town. Funding for the restoration was provided by the Seabrook Foundation and the Museum of the North Beach. The projected completion date is sometime in May.



Dorothy Anderson was born in Nesna, Norway, on August 10, 1891, and came to the United States in 1910. For thirteen years she worked in Seattle hotels, and after her divorce, she moved to Ocean City. Dorothy fell in love with the area with its ocean beaches, the forests where deer and bear roamed, and the abundance of wild birds. It reminded her of her childhood home in Norway bringing back fond memories of her native homeland.

Upon arrival at Ocean City, she cleared her newly purchased property of brush and pulled stumps with her bare hands. In 1926, she built her cabin from logs she found on the beach and transported in a wheelbarrow across Connor Creek. The ceiling of her cabin is made of wainscoting retrieved from a shipwreck. Eight more cabins were added with the help of a part-time handyman. This became "Dorothy's Tourist Harbor".

Dorothy Anderson is mentioned several times in Norah Berg's 1952 autobiography, *Lady on the Beach*. Dorothy died on January 22, 1976 and is buried at Fern Hill Cemetery in Aberdeen.

In addition to the restoration, a beautiful garden will also be added. The cabin will be open to the public and both Seabrook and the Museum of the North Beach will use the building for special events.



LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS OF NORWEGIAN



Torun Parker and Kari Stackpole, both native Norwegians, speak fluent Norwegian. They have heard that there is an interest from several members (and their friends) to form a group of those who would like to get together for the purpose of speaking Norwegian together. This is a great opportunity for those of you who already know some Norwegian but would like to learn more – or for members and their friends who would just like to learn to speak Norwegian. We have several other members who also speak Norwegian, and this would be a fun opportunity for all.

Torun and Kari would like you to contact them if this is something you would be interested in, so the group could come up with a time and place for the group to meet.

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Kari Stackpole – polstacker@aol.com – 253-627-7806

By Chris Engstrom

SEVENTEENTH of MAY – NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY

(*Syttende mai – Norges grunnlovsdag*)

The 17th of May is Norway's national day. On this day in 1814, members of the National Assembly at Eidsvoll agreed on the final version of the Constitution. The assembly unanimously elected the regent, Prince Christian Frederik, to be king of an independent Norway. The Constitution is dated the 17th of May in the text, but was first signed and sealed the day after, the 18th of May.

This ushered in a brief period of Norway as an independent state, and after a short war with Sweden, a cease fire was declared by the Convention of Moss. This accord meant that Norway agreed to a personal union with Sweden, but retained its Constitution (with amendments made necessary as a result of the union). The result, among other things, was that the word *uafhængigt** in § 1 of the Revised Constitution dated November 4, 1814, was replaced with the word *selvstændigt*.* Within the union, Norway retained its independence and separate government institutions, except the king and the foreign service department.

The 17th of May is an official Flag Day and public holiday in Norway. Children and adults, since the late 1800s, have celebrated the day more than is usual for many other countries' national day celebrations, including, among other things, the traditional children's parade.

NOTE: Both "*uafhængigt*" (*uavhengig*) and "*selvstændigt*" (*selvstendig*) mean "independent."

Source: Wikipedia.no; translated by Google and Janet Ruud

JOIN THE SYTTENDE MAI ACTIVITIES IN BALLARD!

"Hipp, Hipp, Hurra!"

"Hipp, Hipp, Hurra!"

Luncheon

12-2 PM - Leif Erikson Lodge Admission: \$30 per person. Tickets available at the Lodge. Have lunch with the parade Grand Marshal Prof. Bård A. Berg of the University of Tromsø

Barneleker (Children's activities)

10AM - 2PM - Nordic Heritage Museum_Pet the fjord horses!

Nordic Café

10AM – 2PM - Nordic Heritage Museum_ Free Museum admission all day!

Entertainment at Bergen Place

2-5 PM - Intersection of Market St., Leary Ave., and 22nd Ave.

Café at Leif Erikson Lodge

3-5 PM - Food, beverages, wine/beer, pins, programs, flags, and DVDs available for purchase.

17th of May Parade

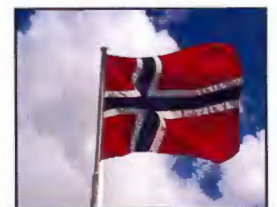
6-8 PM - This year's emcees are local radio personalities Tim Hunter and MJ McDermott.

If you want to join the Embla Lodge #2 contingency,

call Eleanor Baker (206-243-8020) or Mardy Fairchild (253-472-0444).

More information at <http://www.17thofmay.org>

"Hipp, Hipp, Hurra!"



**Birthday Cake
for Embla's
106th Birthday**

Håndverkerer

Mardy Fairchild and Carol Voigt have joined several members of the Embroidery Group. The kitchen towels sell out immediately at our festivals and meetings. If anybody wants to make them and are unable to come to the meetings, you can contact Janice Kelly as she does the stamping for us. Thanks, Janice, for doing this.

We have added a variety of Norwegian food to our sales table: Pearl Sugar,



Flatbread, Fish balls, various candy bars and many more items. If you wish something special, please let Chris Engstrom know so she can order for you.



The Rosemalers group has added more items to the table.

Another new item that was received in time for the NHF: scarves with Norway on

one side and *Norge* on the other (\$20.00). Also, Embla was able to have a table for Norway Day in Olympia for the first time. Chris Engstrom, Sarah Callow, and Marilyn Mahnke sold a variety of items and did quite well.

By Marilyn Mahnke



Kirsten Bell and Chris Engstrom with the new scarves

[Note: The following is a blatant advertisement from the Trustees] Get ready to easily prepare and serve *fiskesuppe*, *rømmegrøt*, *surkål*, *risengrøt*...and many other Norwegian specialties. The Embla Lodge "store" has all these products (and you'll be happy to know that the directions are in English). Be sure to stop by at our next meeting "*og kjøpe en ekte Norsk måltid.*"

By Kari Stackpole

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