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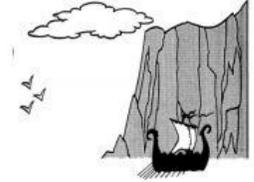
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

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A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway

Organized August 10, 1929 – The first Sons of Norway Lodge in Michigan

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

**June 23—Midsummer Celebration,
6-9 p.m., Swedish Club, in
Farmington Hills, Michigan**

Expected Midsummer Timeline

6 p.m. Arrival time
6:30 p.m. Enjoy picnic foods
7 p.m. Take walks or play
Kubb Lawn Game
7:30 p.m. Bonfire lighting
7:45 p.m. Paper witch burning
8 p.m. Roast S-mores over fire
9 p.m. Clean up

Nordkap 2020 Officers

President: Erik Duus

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Carmen Collins

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We're Going to Celebrate Midsummer's Eve!
(Sankthansaften or St. John's Eve in Norway)

--By Mary Morehead--

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021: 6 - 9 p.m. at the beautiful
Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills, MI**



(See expected timeline, left column.)

The celebration will be cancelled if it rains.

It's a bring-your-own picnic food and drink occasion.

S'mores will be the only food that will be provided.

**Also bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets and
insect repellent. The clubhouse will be used only for
bathroom facilities. For our meals, we will be using
the tables and chairs designated for outdoor use.**

We will follow Oakland County's COVID-19 Guidance:

If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities without generally wearing a mask or physically distancing. Facemasks are optional and at your own risk. However, even if you've been fully vaccinated, keep doing the following while attending gatherings to further protect yourself and those around you:

- Follow any mask guidance in place at local facilities, workplaces, and businesses.
- Watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- If you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system, talk to your healthcare provider. You may need to keep taking all precautions to prevent COVID-19.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



June Birthdays:

David Ray Bryhn, Sheryl Dalton, Jeff Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Kelsey Hibbs, Kathryn Injerd, Laura Radwan, Kristi Smythe, Samuel Trupiano

July Birthdays:

Lorelei Jeanne Øye, Jayne Lafnear Bannister, Gilbert Bergsrud, Monica Dowhan, Michael Duffy, Christiana Hart, Ryan Hibbs, Debra Kraft, Greg Morehead, Mary Morehead, Ana Gjesdal Skidmore, Jacob Brian Skidmore, Jeannine Sturgeon, Erik Thomassen, David Thompson, Bridget Wiley Robbins

August Birthdays

Rick Aardal, Jarle Amundsen, Louis Amundsen, Karin Arneson, Tove Bruning, Kristin Duus, Alexa Francis, Peggy Gjerpen, James Green, Geir Gronstad, Øystein Gjertsen Hekneby, Lynn Herche, Richard Hole, William Injerd, Marina Kozlova, Georgia Roed, Gene Skidmore, Margaret Sorensen, Michele Thomassen, Lewis Vaal, Olivia Vaal

Sunshine Updates:

We are saddened to report the passing of 20-year Nordkap member **H. Greydon Hyde** of Southfield, who died of pancreatic cancer May 6th at the age of 77. His family name Hiettikko was important to Greydon. He is survived by his wife Christine Burnard, daughter Rachel Draeger, and three grandchildren. Greydon and Christine dined with Nordkap at our festive celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution at the Lark Restaurant in 2014. Greydon is shown here at that dinner.



Greydon Hyde

There's more sad news to share about **Gudrun Eidnes**, who passed away August 12th, 2020, from COVID-19 at the age of 90. Gudrun caught the virus while in the hospital where she was taken after suffering several falls. All three of Gudrun's children--Ingrid, Johannes, and Kari--ended up getting COVID as well but recovered. Gudrun, her late husband Dag, and their daughters were frequent guests at Nordkap's Christmas dinners and were generous supporters of Nordkap's Scholarship Fund. Gudrun, a native of Lofthus, Norway, and Dag, born in Ullensvang, Norway, spent their married life in Michigan where Dag made his career in research and engineering.



Gudrun Eidnes

On a happier note, we're glad to report that the surgery **Harriet Duus** had in April to remove her ovaries and a fist-sized tumor was successful and the mass proved to be benign (no cancer). Harriet thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Joe Himmel, husband of Carmen Collins, has recovered from another challenging medical condition. He was hospitalized for several days with acute pancreatitis, but now is home again, resting, and back to eating again without constant pain from this condition.

Nordkap member **Lolly Duus** —a grateful Nordkap scholarship recipient—recently earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with high honors from the University of Michigan. She studied theatre/acting and arts management. This summer Lolly will continue her education at Michigan's Ross School of Business, where she will begin studying for a master's degree in management. Lykke til (good luck), Lolly!



Lolly Duus (Duus photo)

Constitution Day Celebration Brings People Together on Zoom

Hurra! Our celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day was festive—but again it took place on Zoom video conferencing, as concerns about coronavirus kept us distant from fellow members.



We were fortunate to have not one, but two hosts for the gathering on May 16th as twins Haley and Heather Vingsness alternately led the proceedings. Haley substituted briefly for Heather, our regular host. Heather was making her way back from a class that traveled to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to see the Hawk Watch at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, where thousands of hawks were making their annual migration. Heather said she saw 108 different bird species on the trip.

Bird watching was also of interest to others on the Zoom video. Wade and Mary Tornquist and Carmen Collins reported success in attracting Baltimore Orioles to their homes with grape jelly or orange slices. Karen and Lynn Herche told of seeing hummingbirds in their yard. Bob Bruner said he saw grackles and cardinals sharing the birdbath at his house with sparrows. Many members just expressed their happiness at seeing people from our lodge again, even virtually, and said they were looking forward to seeing them in person in the future.

A highpoint was the News from Norway as reported by Dennis Flesland, Norway's honorary consul to Michigan. Dennis' news included Anniken Krutnes, the new Norwegian Ambassador to the U.S.; the friendly relationship between Norway and the Biden administration (the U. S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was due to meet with Norway's Foreign Minister in Iceland); Norway's election last year in the United Nations to serve a two-year term on the U.N. Security Council; and the national elections Norway will be having this fall. He also pointed out that, as a result of living in the United States of America as a child during World War II, King Harald of Norway is one of the only men in Norway who really understands American baseball.



Dennis Flesland

Nature Hike in May Was Perfect for Enjoying Friends and Wildlife

It was a very satisfying day for bird watching on May 1st when Nordkap members met at Kensington Metropark in Milford, Michigan, for the second nature hike led by former Nordkap Vice President Cathy Johnson.

Among the species spotted during the two-hour hike—and captured by the quick cameras of Cathy and Mary Morehead—were Sandhill Cranes, Canada Geese, swans, Redwing Blackbirds, a Bald Eagle, Osprey, the Great Blue Heron rookery, and a male Downey Woodpecker.

Enjoying the chance to finally get together with friends after the long COVID-19 shutdown were Nordkap members (left to right) Mary Morehead, Carmen Collins, Cathy Johnson, Dee Marvel (in front of Cathy), Roy Marvel, and Dennis and Jan Flessland. Cathy's friends, Lynn and John Hughes, also accompanied the group.

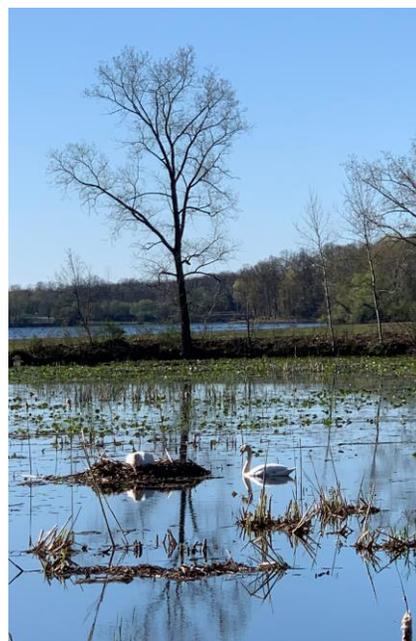
Cathy plans to lead future hikes, possibly as soon as this fall. So watch this newsletter for future updates.



Cathy Johnson, Jan & Dennis Flessland



An almost-tame male Downey Woodpecker



Two swans enjoy the lake.



A pair of Sandhill Cranes

A Letter from President Erik Duus

“Bedre Sent enn Aldri” (“Better Late than Never”) ... You’ve probably heard by now that the Nordkap Lodge nature hike at Kensington Metropark on Saturday, May 1st, was a gorgeous day, and those who went had a wonderful time.

Unfortunately—because I couldn’t be in two places at the same time— couldn’t join the hike, because we were celebrating the graduation of our firstborn daughter, Lolly, from the University of Michigan.

Although it was a special, celebratory day that I will never forget, I sort of felt like Steve Martin’s character, George Banks, in *Father of the Bride*: I had to share my daughter with so many other people that I felt like I had hardly any time with her, and, quite honestly, part of me was melancholy...because I knew for her to spread her wings and fly, she would have to leave the nest.

Bedre sent enn aldri, but on June 3rd I got to kill two birds with one stone, because I got to spend time with Lolly AND spend time outdoors...

FIRST, Lolly called me from her apartment in Ann Arbor to tell me she had the day off of work and asked if we could spend part of the day together (she didn’t have to ask me twice!). I excitedly stuffed my backpack with my rain jacket, binoculars, and snacks and hit the road for my hour-long drive to Ann Arbor. Per Lolly’s request, we grabbed a reuben sandwich to-go from Zingerman’s and enjoyed it overlooking the majestic peony garden at U-M’s Nichols Arboretum. www.peony.mbgna.umich.edu

THEN, Lolly and I headed 25 miles north to Kensington Metropark to go on our own Norwegian hike, just the two of us. We walked the trails around the nature center, which were full of animal life: turtles, squirrels, chipmunks, and MANY species of birds. We were amazed that the chipmunks and some of the birds were actually eating birdseed right out of people’s hands. After a light hike, we rented a tandem kayak for two hours and soaked up both sunshine and good conversation. What a blessed day I/we had!

Bedre sent enn aldri, but on June 23rd we ALL get to kill two birds with one stone because we get to spend time together AND spend time outdoors...



Lolly and Erik Duus (Duus photo)

While it always feels good to be outside, it always feels better – especially these days – to be outside with family and friends. **So mark your calendars now because on Wednesday, June 23rd, we will gather together IN PERSON for the first time since February 23, 2020!** It will have been 16 months (to the day) since we Nordkap members last saw each other in person!

While I know it’s our Midsummer Eve celebration, I am *not* going for the weather, the food, the bonfire (or the chance to toss in a paper witch); I am going because I get to see YOU, outside!

Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards), Erik Duus #sonsofnorway #norwegiansoutdoors #nordkaplodgehikes #norwegianswalk #norwegiansbike #norwegianskayak #sandhillcranes #feedthebirds #kensingtonmetropark #puremichigan #midsummereve #june23bethereorbesquare

Fly Your Norwegian Colors Appropriately on These Days

When Norway became a sovereign nation in 1821, the Stortling adopted a flag with the Nordic cross, similar to other Scandinavian countries. In the early 1800s, some countries were forming republics to better represent their citizens, and the red-white-blue of France and the United States flags influenced Norwegian flag creator Fredrik Meltzer to include those colors in the flag design.

At the end of WW II, Norwegians flew their national flag banned by the Nazis as a celebration.

The Norwegian flag is flown on these holidays:

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Jan. 21 - Princess Ingrid Alexandra's birthday
Feb. 6 - Sami National Day
Feb. 21 - King Harald V's birthday
Easter
May 1 – Labor Day
May 8 - Liberation Day
May 17 - Constitution Day
Whitsunday (8th Sunday after Easter)
June 7 - Union Dissolution Day
July 4 - Queen Sonja's birthday
July 20 - Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' birthday
July 29 - Olsok (in memory of King Olav Haraldsson)
Aug. 19 - Crown Princess Mette-Marit's birthday
Sept - 2nd Monday (every 4 years) - General Election
Dec. 25 - Christmas

According to the Norwegian flag law of 1898

(updated in 1927) the Norwegian Flag is raised at 8 a.m. between March and October and at 9 a.m. in winter months. The flag is lowered at sunset, but no later than 11 p.m. during the "midnight sun" times. In the far north of Norway in the winter, the flag is flown only between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



Last Call for Scholarships Applications, due June 30!

All college-bound students looking to qualify for Nordkap scholarships should be finalizing their applications to send to the scholarship chairperson. Applications are due June 30.

Applicants should note: Among the requirements are two **current** letters of recommendation, which must be written within the last year. These can relate to volunteer community service, participation in extra-curricular activities, academics, and/or employment.

Application forms are available at: <http://www.detroitnorwegians.com/scholarship.html> or from scholarship chairperson Carmen Collins at skicarmen@att.net .



Former Sons of Norway Lodge to Become Marijuana Shop

A former Sons of Norway lodge in Muskegon, Michigan, will soon become a cannabis retail store, consumption lounge, and grow operation, according to a report from mlive.com.

The former Sognefjord Lodge 5-523 building on Muskegon's north side recently was added to the city's marijuana overlay district. Michigan Canna House, the parent company of Michigan Cannabis Chefs that brought cannabis-infused fine dining to West Michigan, is behind the new establishment that has yet to be named. The site is the current home of Muskegon Taekwondo.

Stories from the Sons of Norway News Service:

--Nicole Kidman to Star in Series Based on Norwegian Film

Emmy and Oscar winner Nicole Kidman is set to star in a television series based on an award-winning Norwegian film. Written by Maria Sødahl, the film is titled *Hope*.

Similar to the film, the series depicts the undoing of a family over twelve days of their Christmas together, but also encapsulates the idea of falling in love again.

Hopes are high for the series, as the film was selected at this year's Oscars as the Norwegian entry for Best International Feature Film. The film also won the European Cinemas Label award for best film in the Berlin Film Festival's Panorama section. Not only will Kidman be a leading actress in the series, she will also serve as executive producer. With elements such as humor, mystery, and suspense, the series written by Alice Bell will eventually be available on Amazon Prime as well.

--The Munch Museum in Oslo is finally finished

The Munch Museum in Oslo recently took over its new building in the Bjørvika neighborhood and is ready to start moving in. The museum is scheduled to open in the fall.

Museum Director Stein Olav Henrichsen said, "This is a major milestone in Munch history--and an important step on the way to the goal, which is to open a new, fantastic, large, and beautiful museum building for the public."

Edvard Munch gave all his art to the municipality after his death, in effect making it accessible to the whole world. The new building will contain the municipality's collection of about 28,000 original works by the artist. In addition, the art collection of Rolf Stenersen will be in the museum. Stenersen was a friend of Edvard Munch from the 1920s, came to be Munch's financial advisor and biographer, and had one of the largest private collections of Munch's works.

The museum, shown on the right, has 13 floors. There will be a roof terrace, bar, and mezzanine on top. From the ninth floor and upwards, the building slopes 20 degrees.



Poster for Norwegian film, *Håp*



Remember to Keep Your Information Up to Date

All members are asked to keep their membership information up to date. This is important to the efficient operations of our lodge and crucial to your receiving lodge updates and your *Viking* magazine in a timely manner.

There are three ways to update your information:

1. Go to www.sofn.com. Log In to your portal. Click “Edit” to update your e-mail information or mailing address.
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