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Next Meetings:
May 18
June 20

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Grønnavik Lodge Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month at Trinity Lutheran, 330 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

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The Latest from our Library

To celebrate the updating of our lodge library catalog (over 200 items in inventory), join our reading challenge!

For every book you read by a Norwegian or Norwegian-North American author during February 2021 – December 2021, you will receive one raffle entry. The drawing will be held during our February 2022 lodge meeting and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local bookstore!

As a bonus, those who submit a reader's response form (from one of the three cultural skills literature units) will receive three additional entries. To enter the raffle, contact Elle with the name of the book you read (or a copy of submitted reader's response form).

For book lovers looking to build their cultural knowledge, the Literature Unit in the Cultural Skills Program on the SofN International website offers lots of book selections and invites you to read and reflect on a wide array of Norwegian literature. Over the course of three units, you will read 13 books. Contact Beth or Elle for help completing (or re-visiting) this skills program! Peggy will also be happy to suggest some titles you might enjoy.

A copy of the library's inventory will soon be ready to send to all with email. For those without internet access, call Elle (920-284-8649) to request a copy. For help checking out a book from our library, donations, reading unit questions or anything else – please contact Elle by phone, or email elle.sophia.taylor@gmail.com. Happy Reading!

Next newsletter submission deadline is April 21st.

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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Future Meetings

March 16
April 20



Gratulerer med dagen!
Birthdays

March

Ronald Jacobson - 1st
Thomas Anderson - 9th
Steve Below - 11th
Elle Taylor - 13th
Elvi Ruotsala - 15th
James McKanna - 21st
Kathy Braun - 23rd
Kathryn Romsos - 23rd
Karen Vedvik - 26th
Ann-Marie Bennfors - 28th
Charles Iverson - 29th

April

Shirley Pennock - 4th
Mary Swain - 7th
Janice Widell - 7th
Nelson Agen - 10th
Karen Hepp - 13th
Joshua Agen - 19th
Alaina Hepp - 26th

*Heritage Member

Look at all those Friendly Faces!



At our March Zoom meeting, we will be playing an interactive Stave Church trivia game.

It's from the Sons of Norway headquarters. It has nice graphics and is well designed to make it very user-friendly; easy for all to see, read and follow along. Matt has previewed it and reports that it looks like fun and is very informative. He suggests that people may want to "study up" on stave churches before we play. Or you can just play and learn as we go! The meeting will also include some short videos of Norwegian music, including some featuring the *Hardanger* fiddle.

An email will be going out as usual about how to connect to our next Zoom meeting,

Sons of Norway - Grønnavik Lodge
Time: Mar 16, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time
Internet: <https://zoom.us/join>
Dial-in by phone: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 858 8830 7927

Fra President

Dear Members,

As our international president Ron Stubbings says "We must lead with our hearts." What does he mean? Collective efforts to embrace the Norwegian spirit of *koselig* with our members is what he's talking about. This can be such a lonely time for many. Let's turn over a new leaf to help fill in the gap. A kind phone call or a funny note in the mail can go a long way. Perhaps our lodge can work together to make St Patrick's Day shamrocks, Easter baskets, or May baskets. What do you think?

At our February meeting we decided on two things together (but apart). We are asking people to read books and magazines about Norway/Scandinavia and get the information on each item to our librarian Elle (elle.sophia.taylor@gmail.com or 920-284-8649) or our cultural director Beth (bethclabots@yahoo.com). Also, I am starting a Sunrise Sunset Photo Contest. Any photo you take with your camera, phone or notebook, send to me via computer (joybaing@gmail.com). I will compile them, get some volunteers to gently judge and then make a document to send back to all. Besides sunrises and sunsets you can also send winter's wonders to be included in the gentle judging process.

I look forward to us working together in a harmonious Norwegian way.

Our next meeting will be March 16 via Zoom. I know it is not our favorite way to meet but we must be Norwegian about it and accept this trial of our collective lives.

With love,
Joy

Velkommen!

We have a new member! Sara Parks of De Pere has joined Grønnavik Lodge. We look forward to meeting Sara in person (or even virtually).

Ways to Celebrate Spring

As late winter gives way to spring, here are some Nordic-inspired ideas to celebrate the change of seasons.

- Be inspired by natural beauty and savor the stillness of each morning by photographing the sunrise over several days or weeks.
- Pick your favorite Norwegian cookie or bread and fill your home with the inviting scent. Then surprise a friend by sharing your homemade treat.
- Every spring brings changes to our lives. Take time to handwrite a letter to an old friend you haven't seen in months or years and ask "what's new?"
- Enjoy a walk in the warming weather. Look for budding trees and new growth on shrubs and bushes. Have some early spring flowers like snow drops or daffodils started to pop up?
- Is there a cultural skill you want to explore this year? Consider a skill you're curious about but have never tried. Even better, share the fun of learning by inviting a friend or family member to join your exploration.
- Fill a bird feeder and your bird bath, if temperatures permit. Keep a birding guide handy to identify returning migratory birds. When will the first robin of the season arrive?
- It's been said that when you plant kindness you gather joy. As you go about each day, live your Nordic values with simple acts of kindness to others and add joyful moments to your life!



Did You Know?

Norway's coastline is an estimated 18,000 miles, and includes nearly 1,200 fjords. Excluding the fjords, the coastline would measure approximately 1,600 miles.

Worldwide, Norway and Iceland share the top spot in credit card usage per capita. Many places no longer accept cash. So, if you're going there, pack your plastic!

In Norway, if you're invited to dine with a Norwegian family, remember to say "*Takk for maten*" at the end of the meal. Norwegians always thank the cook after eating.

Viking For Kids

The new Viking for Kids is available on the SofN International page. Adults, don't hesitate to check it out! There is interesting info on knitting, and some clever jokes. Fill in the words to "Finish the Fable" and we can share what you wrote at the next meeting.

Viking Magazine Quiz

How well have you read your Viking magazine?
March 2021

1. Who is Norway's Ambassador to the United States?
2. What was Oslo known as prior to 1925?
3. What did Esther Charlton and Liv Ramstad of Cincinnati's Edvard Grieg Lodge meet at a park to do?
4. Which country is the most volcanically active?

Answers:
1. Anniken Krutnes p. 39
2. Kristiania p. 25
3. Look at knitting books p. 34
4. Iceland p. 11

All Things Kubb

The Scandinavian lawn game *Kubb* (pronounced koob) has been described as a cross between bowling and horseshoes, with a little chess thrown in for good measure. Five *kubbar* (wooden blocks) are placed on the short sides of a 5x8 meter "pitch". The pitch can be set up on a lawn, on sand, concrete, or even snow or ice. A larger wooden block, called the king, is placed in the center of the pitch. The object of the game is to knock down the *kubbar* on the opposite side of the pitch by throwing a wooden baton, called a *kastpinnar*. The team that succeeds in knocking down the *kubbar* and the king wins.

Kubb tournaments occur throughout Europe and the United States. The World Championship has been held on the Swedish island of Gotland since 1995. On December 13, 2011, Eau Claire Wisconsin declared itself the *Kubb* Capital of North America. The city has hosted the National Championships since 2007. 2021's event will take place from July 9-11. *Kubb* has become a micro-culture in Eau Claire. It's even been integrated into the school system's physical education curriculum.

Anyone can play. There are no age, skill level or experience restrictions. Peggy Schroeder owns a *Kubb* set, and has been promoting *Kubb* as a lodge activity. Let's get a game or two on our agenda for when we can finally meet in person again!

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Do you have a new address, phone number or email address? We need to know. Please contact Carol Brunner at 920-336-7044 or thebrunners@milwpc.com to update your information. *Takk!*