



Nordkapen

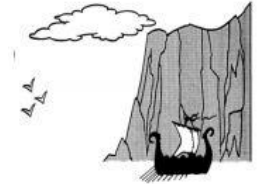
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

The North Cape 71° 10' 21" North Latitude – The Top of Europe

A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway

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2015/16 NORDKAP EVENTS

Ongoing every Wednesday night through Nov. 25 – Norwegian language class, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at the Swedish Club

November 14 – Scandinavian Bazaar at the Finnish Cultural Center, 10am - 4pm

November 22 – Lodge Meeting 3pm at the Swedish Club

December 13 – Christmas Party 2pm, Western Golf and Country Club, 14600 Kinloch, Redford Charter Twp

January 24 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

February 28 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

March 13 – Bowling fundraiser, time and place TBD

April 24 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

May 14 – Norwegian Constitution Day, 11 am to 3 pm at the Swedish Club

June 21 – St. Hans/Midsummer celebration, 6 pm Farmington Heritage Park

July 16 – Farmington Founders Festival Parade, 9 am

September 11 – Steak and Corn Roast benefit at the Swedish Club

October 23 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

November 12 – Scandinavian bazaar, 10 am to 4 pm at the Finnish Center

November 20 – Lodge Meeting, 4 pm at the Swedish Club

December 11 – Christmas party, 2 pm at Western Golf and Country Club

COMING UP NOV. 14: SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR AT THE FINNISH CENTER

Detroit's greater Scandinavian community will be turning out in force on November 14 for the festive Scandinavian Bazaar at the Finnish Center Association at 35200 E. 8 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills.

This is a chance to see what Nordkap and other Scandinavian clubs in the area are doing and to stock up on Nordic foods and gifts as the Christmas shopping season begins. Besides Norway, countries typically represented include Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands.

Our lodge will be selling imported Norwegian cheese, chocolate, lefse, and herring as well as other foods and an assortment of Nordic-themed gifts. Bring your holiday gift list and let us help you get some of that shopping done early. You can also buy our delicious lunch of meatballs, potatoes, red cabbage, and cucumber salad for just \$5 and top it off with a \$2 plate of Norwegian waffles, cream, and lingonberries.



Nordkap's presence at the bazaar is possible because lodge members volunteer to help cook, serve, and sell at our food and imports tables. If you can volunteer an hour or so to do your part, please e-mail Carol Jehle at jehlecarol@yahoo.com to sign up.



The bazaar is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and asks for a \$1 donation for admission. Scandinavian musical entertainment will be provided throughout the day by Finnfolk.

Photos: Bob Giles



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

October

Michael Anda, Gerald Bayer, Simon Hubert Bryhn, Bob Giles, Kaitlyn Hatteberg, Katherine Hildre, Carol Jehle, Hans Jorgensen, John Mueller, Daniel Rutkowski, Diane Stanard, Oddny Viik

November

Erik Bryhn, Inger Ehrenfeld, Karen Herche, Judy Hildre, Sheldon Johnson, Roy Marvel, Jakob Rutkowski, Alexandria Sturgeon, Ondrianna Tavgian, Stacy Torgerson

December

Chet Jehle, Elsa Jorgensen, Sylvia Lindemann, Hannah Louise Lund, Leiv Erik Lundberg, Gary Olson, Russ Simms, Natalie Flessland Vaal



CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND CRAFTS SET FOR NOVEMBER

- NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME OF 3:00 PM

Bring your cookie tins on Sunday, November 22, as we bake Norwegian Christmas cookies at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.

Dennis Flessland will provide pre-mixed dough for the bakers to make krumkake, spritz, pepperkake, and rosette cookies. Come and help Dennis bake these varieties--or bring your own pre-mixed dough from home for another cookie variety the bakers can make. If you have already baked cookies at home, consider bringing some of your own to share.

If baking is not your thing, come to watch and enjoy the delicious smells of the cookies as they come hot out of the oven. Whatever you choose, you are welcome to take samples of the cookies home to enjoy. That's where those cookie tins will come in handy!

You will also have an opportunity in our craft workshop to make the woven paper hearts that traditionally hang on Christmas trees in Norway. Judy Kirsch has designed a new and improved stencil for the hearts that should make cutting them out a breeze!

After the baking and the crafting, we will serve bowls of chili and crusty bread for dinner. The timeline for the meeting is:

- **3 p.m:** Christmas cookie bake and craft workshop
- **5:30 p.m:** Chili dinner and dessert
- **6 p.m:** Election of Officers for 2016
- **6:15 p.m:** Voting to name the troll figure under the bridge by the stuga





SUNSHINE UPDATES

The language class is now comprised of *21 ivrige studenter*. Note that the session on Nov 18 will include festive Norwegian food – maybe even a kransekake?

There are only a few DETROIT NORWEGIANS t-shirts left. Sizes: Men 2XL, and Ladies L-XL. \$18. Available at the next meeting.

Finn Roed has a broken bone in his shoulder. We wish him speedy recovery.

2015 Officers

President:

Louise Giles

Vice President: Elsa Jorgensen

Secretary: Open

Financial &

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Carol Jehle

Treasurer:

Marge Sorensen

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Bob Giles

Sunshine Chairperson:

Sylvia Lindemann

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The days of 2015 are dwindling down to a precious few and the last of the autumn leaves are descending from the gold and flame-colored trees at the Swedish Club, but we still have new beginnings and opportunities to look forward to.



Photos: Bob Giles

The holidays await!

- We have **Norwegian Christmas cookies** to bake and paper hearts to weave at our November 22 meeting at the Swedish Club.
- We can begin our **Christmas shopping** (if we haven't already done so) with all things Nordic at the Scandinavian Bazaar November 14 at the Finnish Center.
- We can share a **Norwegian Christmas-style dinner** and a visit from the Julenisse at our annual Christmas party December 13 at the Western Golf and Country Club. Look for your invitation in the mail soon from Carol Jehle.

We will also at our November meeting **elect Nordkap officers** for the coming year. Becoming an officer provides an excellent opportunity to explore your heritage further and to expand your circle of friends in our lodge and in other Scandinavian groups. Nominations are open for all positions, with the current slate as follows: President - Louise Giles; Vice President - Elsa Jorgensen; Secretary - open; Treasurer - Marge Sorensen; Financial Secretary and Membership Secretary - Carol Jehle; Counselor - Geir Gronstad; Newsletter Editor - Bob Giles.

Nordkap also offers the **opportunity to volunteer**. Volunteers make possible our lodge dinners and cultural programs. They support our festive 17th of May Constitution Day celebration and our booth at the Scandinavian Bazaar. They run our Christmas dinner silent auction, which raises hundreds of dollars for the lodge's scholarship program. I encourage all members to consider volunteering for future lodge events. I think you will find it a rewarding experience.

Especially during this season of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the talented officers I serve with and the volunteers who enrich our lodge and make light our work.

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards),

Louise Giles



NORDKAP CHRISTMAS PARTY BEGINS WITH SILENT AUCTION DEC. 13

Plan to arrive early at the Christmas dinner party on Sunday, Dec. 13 (and bring your checkbook), so you can participate in the silent auction to benefit Nordkap's Scholarship Fund.

The auction begins at 2 p.m. at the Western Golf and Country Club at 14600 Kinloch in Redford, Michigan, with dinner served at approximately 3 p.m.

Items in the auction (frequently goods with a Norwegian theme or history) are donated by fellow members, with all proceeds going to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Dinner includes a traditional Norwegian menu of roast pork or fish, followed by Norwegian carols, dancing around the Christmas tree, and a visit by the Julenisse (Norwegian Santa Claus). Invitations will be mailed to your home soon with instructions on dinner choices and where to send payment to ensure your place at this festive event.

If you still have items to donate for the auction, plan to deliver them at our regular Nordkap meeting on November 22 at the Swedish Club so there will be time to include them in the sale.

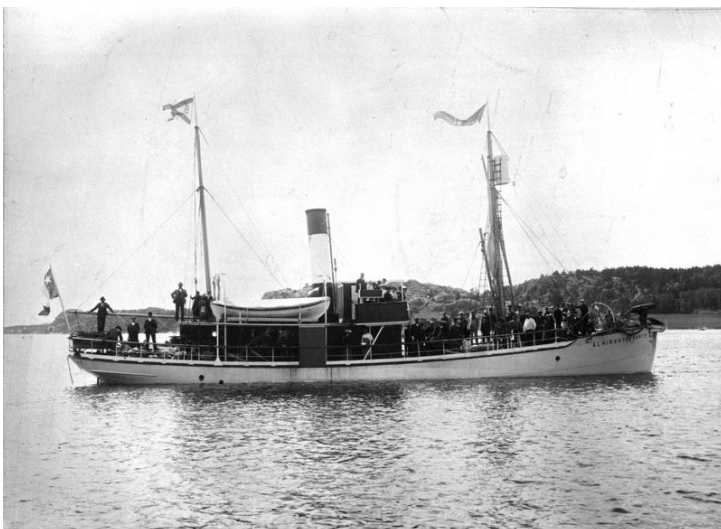


A BRIEF HISTORY OF NORWEGIAN WHALING

By Finn Roed

Evidence indicates that along the coast of Norway, people in olden times engaged in primitive whaling, using rowboats and spears. Later, during the age of sailing, from 1600 to about 1800, the Dutch, English, and Americans were the primary whalers.

When Sven Foyn, from Tønsberg, invented the modern harpoon in 1863, Norway's industrial whaling began from a land station in Finnmark. Hunted at sea, the whales were processed on land.



The harpoon was mounted on a large gun, which in turn was mounted at the front of a steam-driven ship called Spes and Fides, built in Oslo.

Along the Finnmark coast, there were 19 coastal whaling stations, which between 1877 and 1904 processed 17,825 whales. New areas for hunting had to be found, and the North Atlantic from Norway to Newfoundland became the new hunting grounds.

A shipyard owner, Chr. Christensen, sent exploratory whaling expeditions to the Southern part of the Atlantic near Africa in 1892 and 1893, skippered by C. A. Larson, a famous captain. At the same time, Chr. Christensen converted an old cargo ship into the first modern floating

factory ship. However, the whales were not brought aboard the ship as in modern times but were processed in quiet waters alongside of the ship, since only the blubber was used for oil. The rest of the whale were left for sharks and other creatures.

The whale population again dwindled and new hunting areas had to be found. The Antarctic turned out to be teeming with whales. In 1913, whaling along the coast of Southern Africa was halted.

Earlier, the factory ships had been anchored near shore, but after WWI they were usually found near the ice in the Antarctic, and Peter Sørli's invention of the slipway allowed whales to be hauled up on the deck of the factory ship to be processed. Weather was no longer a factor.

When the modern whale factory ship came into use, every part of the whale could be consumed. These ocean giants, Blue Whales, measuring 30 meters with tongues weighing as much as a grown elephant, were the sources of oil (soap, margarine, lotions), bones (fertilizer), and tendons (glue, film, gelatin, and candies). Whales also contributed to bouillon, cosmetics, shoe polish, crayons, brushes, buttons, and horse whips. Whale hormones were used in medicines. Meat was frozen.

In the winter of 1930-1931, Norway produced 2,316,962 barrels of whale oil, the best-ever Antarctic season.

During WWII, several whaling ships were lost.

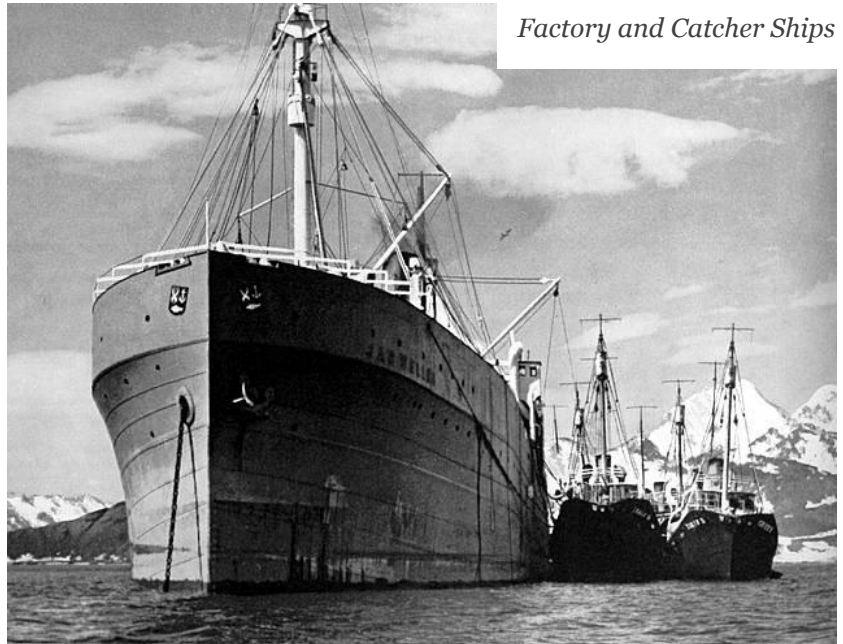
So, after the war, Sandefjord, Tønsberg, and Larvik decided to build up the whaling industry, which had been an important source of income in earlier years. Norway built four factory ships, 41 whale boats, and 11 tug boats.

Because of the shrinking whale population, the last season of Norwegian Antarctic whaling was in 1967. Whale oil was no longer viewed as important, since the oil from herring was being processed and used to a greater extent.

Having begun in the 1920s, commercial whaling continues on the west coast of Norway for small whales.

Photos, and to learn more about the history of whaling, be sure you visit the excellent and only whaling museum in Europe, namely Hvalfangstmuseet (The Whaling Museum) in Sandefjord, Norway.

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BOWLING RESULTS

Earlier this year, Nordkap Lodge participated in the Sons of Norway District 5 Bowling tournament – raising money for the Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship fund. Again, our lodge had the largest turnout – by far! We also did well in individual scores (average) – see how we did vs. the competition:

Adult Male: Trevor Dalton score 177 vs. Brandon Miles 177 from Mandt 5-314

Adult Female – Sheryl Dalton 190.5 vs. Rachell Lachman 155 from Harsfjord 5-206

12 to 17 years – Aleksander ingvaldsen 180.5 vs. Tyler Hirth 166 from Nordlyset 5-183

11 and under years of age – Zoe Hekneby 124.5 vs. Eden Dunn 84 from Mandt 5-314

WII Bowlers – Thad Aardal 90 vs. Todd Fetsch 100 from Fagernes 5-616



When dancing around the *Juletre...*

SÅ GÅR VI RUNDT OM EN ENEBÆRBUSK

Refrain:

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk,
enebærbusk, enebærbusk.
Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk,
tidlig en mandags morgen.

1. Så gjør vi så når vi vasker vårt tøy, vasker vårt tøy,
vasker vårt tøy.
Så gjør vi så når vi vasker vårt tøy,
tidlig en mandags morgen.

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en tirsdags morgen...Så gjør vi så når vi skyller
vårt tøy...
tidlig en tirsdags morgen...

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en onsdags morgen...Så gjør vi så når vi henger
opp vårt tøy...
tidlig en onsdags morgen...

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en torsdags morgen...Så gjør vi så når vi ruller
vårt tøy...
tidlig en torsdags morgen...

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en fredags morgen...Så gjør vi så når vi stryker
vårt tøy...
tidlig en fredags morgen...

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en lørdags morgen...Så gjør vi så når vi vasker
vårt gulv...
tidlig en lørdags morgen...

Så går vi rundt om en enebærbusk...
tidlig en søndags morgen...Så gjør vi så når til kirke vi
går...
tidlig en søndags morgen...

Så gjør vi så når vi hjemover går...
tidlig en søndags middag...

JEG GIKK MEG OVER SJØ OG LAND

Jeg gikk meg over sjø og land,
da møtte jeg en gammel mann.
Han sa'e så, han spurte så:
«Hvor hører du vel hjemme?»

Jeg hører hjemme i Trampeland,
Trampeland, Trampeland.
Alle de som trampe kan, de hører hjemme i Trampeland.

Jeg hører hjemme i Hoppeland,
Hoppeland, Hoppeland.
Alle de som hoppe kan, de hører hjemme i Hoppeland.

Jeg hører hjemme i Klappeland,
Klappeland, Klappeland.
Alle de som klappe kan, de hører hjemme i
klappeland.

Å JUL MED DIN GLEDE

Å jul med din glede og barnslige lyst, vi hilser deg alle
velkommen.
Vi hilser deg alle med jublende røst, ti tusende ganger
velkommen.
Vi klapper i hendene, vi synger og vi ler, så glad' er vi, så
glad' er vi, vi svinger oss i kretsen og neier, og bukker.

I Østerlands vise de tre stjernemenn, vi vet nok hvorhen
I skal drage.
For vi ville også så gjerne derhen, og eder på reisen
ledsage.
Vi klapper i hendene, vi synger,,,,

Så rekker jeg deg nå med glede din
hånd, kom skynd deg å gi meg den
annen.

Så knytter vi kjærlighets
hellige bånd, og lover å
elske hinannen.

Vi klapper i hendene,
vi synger...



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