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Happy May!!

It seems like winter has hung on for many months. The sun has a hard time showing it's face. BUT, spring is here. The grass is greening up and the birds are returning and before we know it dandelions will grace our lawns with their spring beauty!

As a lodge, we are slowly getting back into the swing of things! We have held many monthly meetings with very good programs.



Jim Gray helping set up the Pot luck at our February meeting.

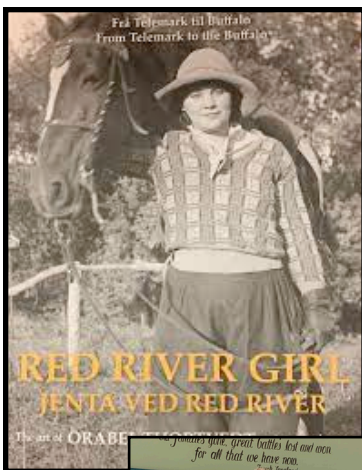


<< **February** we watched the video "The Way North", a movie made by the family of Norm Midthun as they return to Norway to retrace his steps 71 years after he piloted Crown Prince Olav on his 1945 Post-WWII, victory tour of Norway.

March we learned >> about attending one room schoolhouses from Larry Scheckel



<< **Also in March** we celebrated Jim Wilhelmson's 90th birthday. Here he is with Jill Storlie as they discuss one room school houses and genealogy



<< **In April** Jim Skree shared the story of being involved in the making of the book "Red River Girl, The Art of Thorabel Thortved". Jim did a great job telling the story behind her families immigration from Norway, to Houston, MN and then to the Red River near Moorhead, MN.



<< David Susag visiting with Jim Skree ...maybe discussing the art of growing beards!?!>>



MAY MONTHLY MEETING will be **May 17, 6:00 pm** in the evening at **Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. Pot luck supper.** We don't have a set program, but let's get together and celebrate Syttende Mai!!

Spring Grove's SYTTENDE MAI Celebration! May 13-15, 2022

To find an up to date schedule of events, check out the Syttende Mai Web site: <http://sgsyttendemai.com>



VALHEIM LODGE ACTIVITIES



BAKE SALE & DEMONSTRATIONS

What: We will be hosting a Norwegian bake sale & demonstrations. This will be our first bake sale in years!!

Where: Giants of the Earth Heritage Center.

When: Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 - 11:00.

We are asking all members to donate Norwegian (or other fine) baked goods for this event. You can drop items off on Friday, May 13 or by 8:30 a.m on Saturday, May 14 at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. Baked goods do not have to be Norwegian, but if you do any Norwegian baking it is encourage. Mange takk for all your baked donations. Also, if you can be at Giants on Saturday to assist in any way, that would be appreciated. We are purchasing lefse from Norseland

lefse that we will bag up to sell. Talk to Lee Grippen if you have time on Friday afternoon to bag up lefse. We will have coffee available for people to enjoy with baked goods that they have purchased. You do not have to mark/price your items, it will be free will donation. If you would like to demonstrate making a food or a craft let Karen Fried or Lee Grippen know.

SYTTENDE MAI PARADE, Saturday May 14 --

We encourage Valheim members to ride in the boat in the parade! The parade is at Noon. We will be loading the boat between 11:15 - 11:30 on 1st St NW, just north of Spring Grove Communications. Thank you Jim Gray for driving the boat!



Barnetoget

On Syttende Mai (May 17) there will be a Barnetoget (children's parade) K - 6 graders will start at Spring Grove schools a little after 1:00 pm and walk to Viking Memorial Park (by Trinity church) wearing lots of red and waving flags. At the park there will be food served and the kids will have a chance to play some games as well be a part of dancing around the May Pole.

All of the students will be served hot dogs, rolled in lefse, fruit cups, chips and a milk. If anyone (Sons of Norway or other) would like to help out with serving or games, please let Bill Fried know. 498-5611 or (507)381-9293



LODGE VITALITY GRANT MONEY

Loretta Knutson applied for and our lodge was awarded \$900 from District 1 Sons of Norway to do an event to encourage people to join Sons of Norway. We have had some discussion at our board meetings as to when and what this event should be. At this time we are planning to have it either the first or second weekend in November. Ideas of what to do have ranged from having a very beautiful smorgasbord/frukøst to an entertaining Viking "party" with a simple meal of rommegrot and non-alcoholic ale.

We are looking for input for this event, so when we bring it up at any of the upcoming monthly meetings, please share your ideas. We are in need of new members. What would entice someone join our lodge?

JUNE Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 21.... Midsommer! There is a chance we could join in the Gray's midsommer bonfire! More info to come.

Norwegian Ridge Language Camp - June 13-17, 2022

Encourage any children that you know or are related to, to sign up for Norwegian Ridge Language Camp. Language camp. This year there will be many outdoor Viking activities, and it is sure to be an amazing adventure with energetic Rachel Storlie leading the encampment. For more info <https://giantsoftheearth.org/> Children involved in Norwegian activities are our future.