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MARCH 2021 Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and the other Nordic countries.

Regularly scheduled meetings:

Fourth Saturday of each month, 1:00 3:00 PM.

MARCH 27, 2021 MEETING in person

at St. John Lutheran Church, 4608 Brambleton Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA

SNACKS: Joann and Kathy BOTTLED WATER: Sharon

Bring your saved stamps for Tubfrim. (see Tubfrim article later in this newsletter)

Bring your canned goods for Salem Food Pantry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meeting dates may be impacted by COVID restrictions. Lodge will meet at St. John Lutheran until College Lutheran resumes allowing outside groups to meet there.

Date TBD: Sami Day at Faith Christian to be rescheduled.

March 19, 2021: Colonial Day at Faith Christian.

Mar 27, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm. St. John Lutheran Church. Program by Kathy Clark.

Apr 24, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm. St. John Lutheran Church, Program by JoAnn Stephens-Forrest.

May 15, 2021: Local Color Saturday event, Festival Park, Roanoke. Event Chair TBD.

June 26, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm. Location TBD. Program TBD

July 24, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm. Location TBD. Program TBD.

August 2021 Summer break.

Sept 25, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm: Location TBD: NORDIC Auction/bake sale. Event Chair TBD.

Oct 8, 2021: Leif Eriksson Day at Faith Christian. Event Chair Cheri Johnson.

Oct. 23, 2021: Blå Fjell Lodge 25th Anniversary. Location/Time TBD. Event Chair TBD.

Nov 5, 2021: Viking Day at Faith Christian. Event Chair with five Blå Fjell aides.

Nov 10, 2021: Indians to kindergarten class at Faith Christian. Event Chair Cheri Johnson.

Nov 27, 2021: Meeting 1-3pm: Location TBD. Program TBD.

Dec 13, 2021: St. Lucia Festival procession at St. Andrews Catholic concert. Chair Cheri Johnson.

Dec ??, 2021: Blå Fjell Lodge Julefest/St.Lucia. Date/Location/Event Chair all TBD.

(indented, italicized items indicate Blå Fjell non-meeting events we participate in on behalf of SON.

MEMBER NEWS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: none

MARCH PRAYERS and Thank Yous.

- Lucy Hochstein for healing** of her broken knee, and comfort while wearing the brace.
- Marie Pendleton's son for healing** and less discomfort from his recent kidney surgery.
- Gordie Haugen** for continued healing from Covid pneumonia. Gordie is Joann Barfield's brother, living in Bastrop, Texas. He came home from hospital and notified Joann he has recovered enough strength to resume reading again!
- Robert (Bob) Rohrback thanks everyone** for their prayers and cards since his diagnosis of liver and lung cancer the end of January. Bob had his first chemo treatment February 17.
- Larry Norman gives thanks** for successful cataract surgery on his other eye. No longer needs glasses.

IMPORTANT!! NEW SECTION for SON Officer Articles

This section follows Blå Fjell lodge articles and contains important news from SON International officers, SON Third District (3D) officers, and/or 3D Zone7 Director.

In this newsletter: About Tubfrim project and why we need your stamps; about the SON Third District (3D) Charitable Trust Fund-April emphasis; and the monthly Third District President Letter.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

1. SON Charitable Trust Fund donations. Third District (3D) April emphasis: More detail is in the Sons of Norway Officer Articles section mentioned. The Third District is the only SON district that has a charitable trust to assist members with short-term emergency funding.

2. Blå Fjell Lodge is meeting in person at St. John Lutheran Church in Roanoke until College Lutheran Church (our home meeting place) opens its doors to outside groups some unspecified time in the future. Cheri will work with Rob, our church administrator to reserve the room and to confirm we follow same COVID safety guidelines before/during/cleaning up after our in-person meeting.

Important: RSVP your attendance to Cheri Johnson early in the week before we meet so she and church administrator can set up the room with required spacing.

Same COVID-required mask rules: wear masks covering chin, mouth and nose at all times, even when speaking.

Same COVID required distancing rules. Two single or family group attendees at the ends of each table.

Same St. John requirements for drinks/food brought by members to the meeting. Bring individually sized, manufacturer-prepackaged items which we will put in paper lunch bags. No home-made or bulk fruit/nuts/cheese and crackers and the like that are re-packaged in baggies at home.

3. Lodge Officer Actions. a. Blå Fjell final By-Laws were sent for final processing by SON Relational Director, David Crabb. b. The SON-required Blå Fjell Income report for end-year 2020 was sent ahead of deadline thanks to treasurer Cheri and auditor Joann. c. Blå Fjell presidents attended Third District President's Zoom mtg for all 3D lodge presidents. d. President submitted online Local Colors Event registration form on March 12.
Sharon Rohrback and Cheri Johnson, co-Presidents

MEETING MINUTES for February 27, 2021

The next lodge meeting will be March 27, 1-3 pm, in-person at St. John Lutheran Church. We need a volunteer to bring pre-packaged drinks, and one to bring manufacturer-pre-packaged snacks.

The Zoom lodge meeting started 1:00 pm-closed with prayers at 2:20 pm. Attended by 8 people. The meeting opened with a social chat session. The Sons of Norway, Canadian, and United States anthems were led by lodge president. The Cultural Program led by Lucy Hochstein was "What Did You Do During COVID?" All the attendees spoke. Sharon requested that each person, if possible, send text of their summary for the March newsletter.

The Local Colors annual community festival will be held May 15 as a smaller venue (26 vendors). Sharon will send the text of the Local Colors event description to all members. Decision was made to participate. Cheri emphasized the importance of this event as a fund raiser. A lodge Local Colors Planning Committee is being formed to discuss logistics starting in March; please volunteer.

Possible meetings by Zoom and In-Person? Cheri and Lucy are looking into this. Someone said it may be possible if someone brings a laptop and can internet link from there.

Lodge Business reports. January meeting minutes were approved. Treasurer report: all income to date is from membership renewals. A Memorial donation, in memory of Betty Lindsoe, was paid to SON Foundation. Lodge approved decision to give end-year 2021 Worthy Cause collection to District 3 Charitable Trust fund. Sharon has emailed 3D Charitable Trust information to members. Meeting was closed with prayers.

Submitted by Kathy Clark on behalf of Marilyn Barrier, Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY MESSAGE

There is light at the end of the tunnel! The recent limited openings are most encouraging, and we look forward to the time when more of our membership may gather together .. and when we can resume some membership activities.

The recent Sons of Norway E-post lists the following "What do you LOVE about Sons of Norway membership?"

Activities with fellow members Traditions and history
 Like-minded new friends
 Exclusive member benefits Family roots &
 ancestors Learn Norwegian language
 Norwegian culture Community
 Connections Viking magazine for members only
 Norwegian foods Learn about
 Norwegian culture

Think about these subjects as you talk with prospective members about how your membership has enriched your life!

Joann Barfield, Membership Secretary

CULTURAL DIRECTOR MESSAGE

We are sorry we are missing the meetings. Both of us hope to have our second COVID vaccination in time to attend and give a program at the April lodge meeting. In the meantime, we will be as far from Covid as we can get. JoAnn's second shot is April 1.

Currently, we are both still "under construction" as reported at the February meeting. I (Lucy) am still in the long brace from a broken knee and will go to the doctor in a week for evaluation and, hopefully, smaller brace. JoAnn is still in the middle of kitchen reconstruction; several items to be finished before she can easily access her computer.

Thank you, Kathy Clark, for presenting a program at the March meeting.

Lucy Hochstein and JoAnn Stephens-Forrest, co-Cultural Directors.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR MESSAGE

For the Sons of Norway Adopt-a-School project, Blå Fjell lodge has again adopted Faith Christian School in Roanoke for the year. *We have our first session scheduled for March 19, 2021.*

Five sessions are planned per year, always on behalf of the Sons of Norway.

The school determines the dates and the topic. Regardless of the topic (most are Nordic related), there is always a mention of Sons of Norway and a display about the Sons of Norway mission and what it offers.

Faith Christian School is a private school. During normal times known volunteers can enter the building to assist. As an outsource tutor assisting students who needed help, I am allowed to work with children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Currently, because of the ongoing pandemic which the school follows stringently, one teacher assists me in the one-hour sessions. We all wear masks, keep the six-foot distance and meet outdoors. If weather is bad, the school designates a separate area inside.

Cheri Johnson, Children's Activities Coordinator

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - **need member input.**

From new members, and from longer-time members (many don't know about you yet)

Share personal news such as your heritage; where your ancestors were from; where they settled in America; where you grew up, went to school, place(s) you lived, job; and your current family status. Also share how you learned about Blå Fjell Lodge.

TELL YOUR STORY

I appreciate articles from all our lodge members.

Share anything you wish: a favorite memory of your ancestors, of your own family, a place you visited and enjoyed, a holiday event, what you discovered about your genealogy, etc.

WHAT I DID DURING COVID. At the request of Sharon, this is text of what the attendees gave orally for the February mtg program. All attendees spoke; some provided the following text for this newsletter.

--From Joann Barfield:

It has been **one long year** since I have been able to give my husband a Hug! Amazingly, I believe he has some understanding of this Covid situation, and the Hug is the only thing he complains about! Since the JCT Assisted Living Center has been on serious lockdown for this entire time, the only opportunities for weekly visitation have been Face Time telephone visits or (for a short time) strict socially-distanced in-person visits outdoors on the patio .. no personal contact .. difficult .. however, thankfully, Hugh continues to be well satisfied and content with **everything** at JCT, complimentary of the food and the staff and "all they do for me", and he often comments on how fortunate we are to have "such a good place to live"!

Thankfully, Richfield has had limited numbers of Covid cases on campus, so those of us in Independent Living have not been severely restricted, though we have been discouraged from going out in the community (outside of necessity) and outside visitors subject to careful screening. We have greatly missed **all** of the group gatherings that we enjoy so much, with only the Wellness Studio and group exercises being finally opened up. We have been most grateful for the beautiful grounds that we have to walk, and we do plenty of that! We also have a small group that enjoys shared meals ..but I can't say that I've accomplished **Anything of Importance** during this past year!! (but I have survived). Joann Barfield

--From Bob and Sharon Rohrback: Not traveling. Visiting with our daughter in Annandale,

VA on special occasions. Reading (we both do a lot); Sharon is giving priority now to reading three books about Kristin Lavransdatter, combined into one volume. In 2020 and so far, this year, we have been able attend open service at our church, wearing masks and signing up in advance due to the limited, six-feet-apart seating at all the services. Bob, though tired from chemo, he has been able to attend Zoom meetings and to work on his plastic shop/airplane model kits.

--From Kathy Clark: During covid I have been working on my family history. Here is a very interesting story about my 17th great grandfather and his son. Adrian Rochertson Falker (called the Dutchman) was born 1490 in the Netherlands. He died in Trondheim in 1595 (120 yrs old). The family moved to Trondheim in 1520. He was appointed mayor of Trondheim in 1554 and served in this office until he resigned due to "age and frailty" in 1594. His son, Peter Adrianson Falkner was born in 1538 in Trondheim and died 1569 in Bergen. During a stay in Bergerhus , he got into a brawl with a lawyer in Stavanger, with Christopher Nielson Gron. The lawyer claimed that among other things the Dutch were unreliable. In the end, the lawyer stabbed Peter in the head with a knife. Peter died 5 days later. Many thought it was due to the medication and not the stabbing. Christopher was sentenced to pay 800 rdlr, of which 400 were to be used to build poorhouses in Bergen and the remaining 400 to build poorhouses in Trondheim. The lawyer was also not allowed to come to Bergen more than twice a year. His father Adrian tried to seek justice for the crime by going to the King of Denmark but was not successful with getting help. Adrian hated the Danes. A novel was written by Sigurd Skaun called 'Adrian Falkefanger' in 1979. The book is about Adrian Rockertson Falkner, son of the wealthy Dutchman Mynther Rockert. The book deals with his adventures in Norway, especially Bergen and Hardanger and finally as mayor of Trondheim. I plan to purchase this book and will put more information in this newsletter.

--From Cheri Johnson: During Covid, I have been very busy. Don and I with the help of our daughter, Theresa, painted the dining room and made it simple. It looks nice with a fresh look. My husband put in a new deck with composite flooring and that made it look so much bigger....15 x 26 ft. Don took his time and felt very accomplished at 81 years old. Next our daughter came back from Indiana and helped us change our brown kitchen into a white one! Then our other children decided to join in and in 5 days that was done. In the next month we will add a granite counter, white farmhouse sink, and wooden plank flooring. The whole area is so bright, simple, and modern. We love it! We are trying to stay in our home instead of moving to another place.

I have had fun teaching 4 classes from Kindergarten to 8th grade in the new Hybrid school, Cornerstone Classical Academy. This school is located in the Grandin Court area of Roanoke. I get to teach Cultural studies, so I really enjoy sharing my knowledge of Nordic countries, Vikings, and Native Americans. I only work one day a week and have 4 classes. I am continuing to serve Faith Christian because they are our "Adopt a School". Soon I will do a Sami program and help them with Colonial Day.

In my spare time, I like to take care my grandkids, read, study the Bible, and cook fun meals for Don. We are not traveling, and I still want to "get out of town!" I will soon start to declutter and then I will have lots for the yard sale. So, save your junk if you are doing the same and we will use your "stuff" for a fundraising yard sale!

DO YOU KNOW OF SOME LESS-WELL-KNOWN NORDIC SITES?

(tell us about them: having either visited them or heard of them from another source)

MODERN NORWAY NEWS - from many sources and YOU

Share an article, or link to an article. here.

(Excerpts from *The Norwegian American (The N.A) February 12, 2021 newspaper.* (shared by Sharon Rohrbach. This newspaper is published in Seattle, Washington.

--Comfort Food. When you hear the phrase "comfort food" what is the first thing you think of? Bloggers at e-econolight, a maker of LED lightbulbs and fixtures, apparently got bored talking about their products and decided to see what people eat at their dining tables under the LED light. They compiled a list of 100 comfort foods and used Google trending to see what recipes people were most often searching for. No. 1 dish in Minnesota state and Washington state: Swedish meatballs. The N-A article also commented that Norwegian Americans may say Norwegian meatballs and pancakes are better and recommends them. But also recommends checking with your local clubs and organizations, and the N-A website/Norwegian Recipes for ideas

--"Love--Kjærlighet". An article printed what my church calls "the love passage" in English and in Norwegian. I Corinthians 13 passage from *Kings James Bible* (1611) and I Korintierne 13 from *Det Norsk Bibelselskap* (1930).

NORDIC HISTORICAL/CULTURAL NEWS - from many Scandinavian sources and YOU?

Share an article or link to an article here.

HUMOR

from Robin Lambert, who said "I found the jokes on the internet. I just typed "Norwegian jokes" and "German jokes" on the Duck, Duck Go search engine." (these were in a card she send Bob, who is of German heritage).

- What did one loaf of German bread say to the other? Gluten Tag
 - Do Germans know the number that comes after eight? Nein
 - Breaking news: Germany is advising people to stock up on sausages and cheese. This is starting to look like the Wurst kase scenario.
 - The WHO (World Health Organization) have just put a German in charge of the pandemic response.
He's Dr. Hans Sanitizer.
 - Every year there is a race from one side of Sweden to the other. They start at the Norwegian line and end up at the Finnish line.
 - What do you call it when a Norwegian falls down a canyon? A fjordian slip.
 - How do Viking ships communicate with each other? Norse code
 - German soldiers are trained. Viking soldiers are Bjorn.
 - What kind of car do Norwegians drive? Fjords
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RECIPE - Swedish Meatballs - from Kathy Clark

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 1- 3 oz box friend onion rings (the kind put on green bean casserole)
 crush the fried onions thoroughly.
 1 1/2 cups dry breadcrumbs
 1 1/2 tsp salt
 3/4 tsp ground nutmeg
 1 tsp paprika
 1/4 tsp black pepper
 2 eggs, beaten.
 1/2 cup milk.
 1/4 cup melted butter.
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour.
 1-can beef consomme or beef broth, undiluted.
 1/2 cup water.
 1 cup sour cream (use less if desired)

Combine first 9 ingredients. Shape into 1-inch balls. Saute in butter until browned. Drain on paper towels and set aside. Stir flour into drippings. Cook for 1 minute stirring constantly. Gradually add consomme stirring until thickened. Stir in sour cream and heat gently, Add meatballs and heat gently. Serve over hot cooked rice. This is Minnesota's favorite meal. Sorry lutefisk.

SONS OF NORWAY OFFICER ARTICLE SECTION (new section as of this newsletter)

Information from Sons of Norway Int'l (SON), SON Third District (3D), and 3D Zone7 officers.

ABOUT SON INT'L TUBFRIM PROGRAM. Blå Fjell Lodge collects stamps at each meeting.

The accumulated collection is sent to the Third District Tubfrim, Chairperson, Kiell Kittilsen. This information is from brochures he sent in 2019.

Each stamp is to be trimmed 1/4" all around, leaving part of the envelope paper it is attached to. If the stamp is on a postcard, submit the entire postcard.

(below text is from sofn.com/member resources link).

The history of Tubfrim:

There are many ways in which we are asked to assist our fellow human beings who are in need. Participation in the Tubfrim program is one of the more simple yet successful ways to do just that. Tubfrim is an organization in Norway that resells cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help children with disabilities. Sons of Norway is proud to support Tubfrim in their work to support children in need. In 1928 Ditlef Frantzen, postmaster of the small Norwegian town of Nesbyen, got the idea to collect and market canceled stamps as a way of raising funds for the Tuberculosis Association in Norway. Within a few years, his idea caught on and many communities in Norway and beyond were collecting and sending bags of canceled stamps to Nesbyen.

When Frantzen left Nesbyen in 1943, he donated his stamp collecting institution to the Norwegian Health Service. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat to health that it once was, today disabled and needy children receive the proceeds from the resale of the stamps. In year 2018, Tubfrim made a profit of 520,000 Kroner (that's almost \$80,000).

ABOUT SON THIRD DISTRICT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND -- April Emphasis

(article from Peter Hanson, Third District Counselor)

We are certainly living through an unprecedented time as we fight off the Covid19 virus. It has not only hurt many people physically but economically as well in many cases. The shutdown of the economy leaves some people challenged to meet their basic living and housing expenses while at the same time trying to simply stay healthy.

Perhaps you are aware of the Charitable Trust that is part of the Third District of the Sons of Norway organization. Our District is unique in that we are the only District in the Order that has such a trust fund. This Benevolent Fund was formalized in 1971 as the Charitable Trust. For almost 50 years, the Charitable Trust has provided short term, modest support to District 3 members with subsistence support critical to their physical, social

and psychological well-being. It is totally funded by voluntary donations from our generous membership as well as dividends and interest from investments held by the District that are dedicated to the Trust.

To qualify, a recipient must be a District 3 SON member at least five years, be recommended for a helping hand by a member and complete an application. These criteria are then reviewed by the Trustees which include the District Counselor, an appointed Financial Administrator and several appointed District members. The selection process and results are kept confidential with any identifying information known only to the Counselor.

April is Charitable Trust Month

Please consider making a personal or Lodge donation to the Trust so that we can be well prepared to support any of our brothers and sisters that may need our support during this unique time.

Donation forms can be downloaded from the Third District website at www.3DSofN.org/Charitable

Giving and mailed to Peter Hanson

Third District Counselor
327 Old Marlboro Road
Concord, MA 01742

THIRD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARCH 2021 LETTER

(from Sharon: I added indenting and underscores).

What a year it has been since we've had last March's shut-down of many of our lodges. A long year where we've missed the personal interaction with each other. As humans we need that connection. It is great to see what the 3D lodges have done to connect. Lodges who have continued with newsletters, emails, phone calls, and online meetings all to keep in communications with their lodge members. So, keep up the good work.

Congratulations to all the new and returning officers. You all are to be commended for accepting the responsibility for your lodges especially during this time.

This is the last hurrah for Winter, and here in the Northeast - WHAT A WINTER!! More snow, ice and cold that I can remember. But in Spring we will have a rebirth. I feel confident with vaccines being more readily available, restaurants and businesses opening, and with people still taking safety precautions, that we will be back to our new normal for meetings and events in no time. There are deadlines that become due at this time of year. Did your lodge submit the AFA Lodge activity report due Feb 15th? Remember this can be done online at FraternalGives.org. Please do not take this form lightly, for it ensures that the order of Sons of Norway will keep it's not for profit status. There are also grants and scholarships that are available from SON. Look at the particulars at <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

A message from Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg that I found timely: **"Better days are coming soon"** *These are words of inspiration and hope from Norway. "Recent weeks have been challenging, as we faced political unrest and social upheaval, all while COVID-19 cases are surging around the world. In Norway, it has also been a difficult time, with a tragic landslide outside Oslo, with the destruction of property and loss of life. This is a time when we need to stick together more than ever, both at home and as part of the global community. It is also a time to be grateful for all that we have: leaders who are working on our behalf, dedicated health-care professionals, our families, neighbors, and friends. Norwegian American Paper) (naw@na-weekly.com)*

I believe what Prime Minister Solberg has said and with that in mind for your lodges consider trying something new. For example, several lodges have started holding "Dine Around" functions where they pick a date and location for a meal at a local restaurant and use it as an effective and informal gathering of members along with invited guests with interests in Norwegian culture. Be visible in your Community. Fly that SON Flag, show your lodge pride. Programs to support small local businesses, help by donating to homeless shelters, Small acts of kindness go a long way. Participating in these activities not only displays the core value of SON but is rewarding to the participants and recipients. Share email newsletters with other lodges to see how they conduct their meetings and have events. Get involved! Being an active member of our Third District is a fulfilling and enriching experience. Ask your lodge if you want to join or start a committee. Language lessons, book groups, genealogy, fun and fitness. Start an evening of Scandinavian movies, even if these are all done by Zoom. Countless opportunities await; just ask! Keep connected! I believe our resilient membership will come through with time, patience and perseverance. Every one of us can benefit from revisiting these foundation stones of life in our turbulent and ever-changing world. **"Better days are coming soon"** See you in the lodge! Fraternaly, Kathy Dollymore

LINKS TO:

THIRD DISTRICT, 3D ZONE7 LODGES and INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

For 3D President's letter, see the Third District Events Calendar:
www.3dsofn.org/newsletter/index.html

For District 3 events: www.3dsofn.org/calendar

For Sons of Norway E-Post: sonsofnorway@sofn.com

3D (Third District) ZONE 7 LODGES

Blå Fjell Lodge 3-646 meets in Salem, VA: Website www.sonsofnorwayblafjell.org
 or Facebook www.facebook.com/SonsOfNorwayBlaFjell

Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522 meets in Virginia Beach, VA: Website www.hrson.org
 or Facebook [www.Facebook.com/hrsons](https://www.facebook.com/hrsons)

Norsk Carolina Lodge 3-679 meets in Charlotte, NC: Website www.norskcarolina.org
 or Facebook [www.Facebook.com/NorskCarolina](https://www.facebook.com/NorskCarolina)

Norskevenner Lodge 3-678 meets in Roswell, GA: email sofnvennekretsen@gmail.com
 or Facebook www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-Roswell-Georgia-NorskeVenner-Lodge-3-678

North Carolina Vikings Lodge 3-675 meets in Raleigh, NC:
 Website www.northcarolinavikings.org. There is no Facebook site.

Southern Star Lodge 3-360 meets in Myrtle Beach, SC: Facebook:
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS links:

For Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington: emb.washington@mfa.no

For Nordic News from the Icelandic Embassy: <http://www.iceland.is/us>

For NEWEST NEWS: New newspaper ... Welcome to Norway Today: www.norwaytoday.info

For FULL LISTING OF EVENTS around the U.S.: www.norway.org/calendar

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR NORDIC COUNTRIES: (until about three years ago, we used to be able to contact a country's embassy and would receive a few free travel informational packets to hand out at Local Colors festival. Now the information is online. Thank you, Larry, for the link names. I verified I could successfully open the below links. Once open, each link had its own method to get at the various information. Sharon Rohrback

www.visitdenmark.com

www.visitfinland.com

www.inspiredbyiceland.com

www.visitnorway.com

www.visitsweden.com

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