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Solskinn Nyhetsbrev

Newsletter from Solskinn Lodge



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Solskinn Lodge 6-150

Ord fra Presidenten



Hi everybody

How are you all doing in this Covid situation? With all the self-social distancing. It was not planned to have a Newsletter in August but I thought it was important to keep in contact with all of you during this Covid pandemic period, since we had to cancel all social activities for a while.

I suppose most of you filling the time with a lot of reading and watching TV.

I strongly can recommend you to join the book club and read some of Luella's recommendation of books, and then take part in the Zoom discussion after that. It's a fine substitute for socializing with friends. I would also recommend a Norwegian series on Netflix, "Borderline" or Grenseland this is a Norwegian crime story taken part just south east of Oslo close to the Swedish border. Norwegian talking and English subtitle enjoyable.

Some of you might have been on some trips around the summer, why not share some history with all of us in the Newsletter? Or show us some of your hobbies, knitting and other things you are producing.

But most of all: **STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY**

Ulf

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Atlantic Puffin (Lundefugl)

The islands of Lunde and Røst have the biggest breeding populations of Puffins in Norway.
Photo: Leonard Løvoll (2011)

Happy Birthday to Crown Princess Mette-Marit Born August 19, 1973



A Norwegian commoner and single mother with a disadvantaged past, she was a controversial figure at the time of her engagement to Haakon in 2000. She became crown princess of Norway upon her marriage in 2001.

Mette-Marit Tjessem Høiby was born in Kristiansand in the southern part of Norway, the daughter of Sven O. Høiby, and Marit Tjessem. Her parents divorced, and her father later married Renate Barsgård. She has a sister and two older brothers, including Per Høiby, chief executive of the PR agency First House. Her stepbrother, Trond Berntsen – by her mother's 1994 marriage to Rolf Berntsen – died in the 2011 Norway attacks by Anders Breivik. Mette-Marit grew up in Kristiansand, spending many weekends and holidays in the nearby valley of Setesdal and on the coast, where she learned to sail. During her youth, she was active in the local youth club, where she was also an activity leader. As a teenager, she played volleyball, qualifying as a referee and coach.

In the late 1990s, Mette-Marit attended the Quart Festival, Norway's largest music festival, in her hometown of Kristiansand. She met Crown Prince Haakon at a garden party during the Quart Festival season. Years later, after becoming a single mother she met the prince again at another party related to the festival.

Since becoming crown princess, Mette-Marit has taken several university-level courses. In 2012, she obtained a Master's degree in Executive Management. Most of her ancestors were cotters and small farmers.



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During 2002 and 2003, the Crown Princess undertook development studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, apparently without graduating. She was also accepted as an intern at NORAD, the Norwegian government's development organization. Mette-Marit attended lectures at the faculties of arts and social sciences at the University of Oslo, but did not graduate.

In December 2008, she received the Annual Petter Dass prize, which recognizes a person who helps to unite people and God.

In October 2018 she was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, which will limit her official programs. Mette-Marit, who has dealt with "health challenges on a regular basis" (such as pneumonia, several instances of norovirus, low blood pressure, along with some falls, concussions, a neck injury and a herniated disc) will undergo treatment at Oslo University Hospital.



Norway's Ambassador to the United States of America

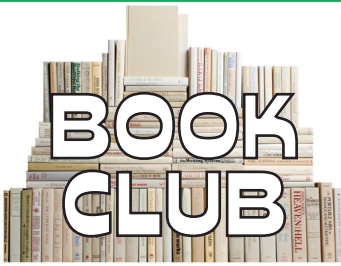
Kåre Reidar Aas (born 25 May 1955) is a Norwegian diplomat and Norwegian Ambassador to the United States. He has previously been Political Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norway's Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Aas has a Master's degree in political science, and began in 1983 as an aspirant in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Aas has been stationed in Chile and Geneva. In 1996, he was appointed Ministerial Councilor at the Norwegian Delegation to NATO in Brussels. From 2003 to 2008, he headed the ministry's security policy department. In 2008, Aas was appointed Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in Kabul, where he served until he became Political Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2010. On September 1, 2013, he succeeded Wegger Chr. Strømme as Norwegian Ambassador to the United States. Strømme was Ambassador from 2007 to 2013.

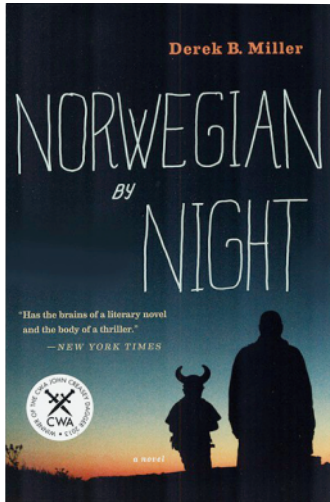
In 2009, the King appointed Aas commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit "for official merit". In 2003, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland.

Picture from *Huffington Post*



August Book

ZOOM Meeting
Thursday, August 20, at 4PM



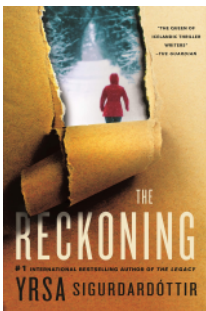
He will not admit it to Rhea and Lars - never, of course not - but Sheldon can't help but wonder what it is he's doing here...

Eighty-two years old, and recently widowed, Sheldon Horowitz has grudgingly moved to Oslo, with his grand-daughter and her Norwegian husband. An ex-Marine, he talks often to the ghosts of his past - the friends he lost in the Pacific and the son who followed him into the US Army, and to his death in Vietnam.

When Sheldon witnesses the murder of a woman in his apartment complex, he rescues her six-year-old son and decides to run. Pursued by both the Balkan gang responsible for the murder, and the Norwegian police, he has to rely on training from over half a century before to try and keep the boy safe. Against a strange and foreign landscape, this unlikely couple, who can't speak the same language, start to form a bond that may just save them both.

Derek B. Miller was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, and has lived abroad for over fifteen years in Israel, England, Hungary, Switzerland, and Norway. His interest in fiction began a few years after graduating from Sarah Lawrence College.

Currently, Derek is the director of The Policy Lab and a senior fellow with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. He has a PhD in international relations from the University of Geneva, and an MA in national security studies from Georgetown University, in cooperation with St Catherine's College, University of Oxford. He lives in Oslo with his wife and children.



The next book

The Reckoning
by Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

Nov Searching for Nora, by Wendy Swallow
Dec Two Homelands, by Odd S. Lovoll



Fødsler i August/September

August 3	Chris Peoples
August 5	Joanna D Ibsen
August 8	Gunhild W D Cross
August 9	Vivian Weinstein
August 14	Frida Ann Jorgensen
August 16	LaRee Opdahl
August 21	Vaughn L. Simon
September 1	Nancy T. Madson
September 9	Constance C. Fleischner
September 11	Royda Gerner
September 12	Bobby C. Hendrix
September 14	J.R. Fleischner, MD
September 17	Edward Karlsen
September 28	Karen L. Kubly-Zelman

Sons of Norway District Six



NCK 2020 The Northern California Kretsstevne (NCK 2020) at Camp Norge over Labor Day Weekend has been POSTPONED until 2021 by decision of the 2020 Committee. But we have GOOD NEWS----Our annual Kretsstevne Pin is being designed and produced again this year by Penny Joseph Knudsen.

They will be available for purchase in August by contacting Mary Beth. Details later!! Do watch for news from the Recreation Center Board regarding the opening of Camp Norge for general member use.

Please everyone, stay well, stay safe, take care of one another and we know this too will pass but we need to take precautions. You, our members are so important to us!!

Med Vennlig Hilsen, Mary Beth Ingvoldstad--
Chair Bruce Fihe—Registrar

Famous Norwegian

Alfred M. Moen was an American inventor and founder of Moen, Inc. He invented the single-handed mixing faucet. In 1959 Fortune Magazine listed the Moen "one-handle mixing faucet," along with inventions such as Henry Ford's Model T and Benjamin Franklin's Franklin stove, as one of the top 100 best-designed mass-produced products, the result of a survey among the world's leading designers, architects and design teachers conducted by industrial designer Jay Doblin.

Wikipedia



Moen farm, Fræna Municipal, County of Møre og Romsdal

Alfred Melvin Moen

b. 27 Dec 1916 in Seattle, King County, Washington
Baptized 3 Mar 1917
d. 17 Apr 2001 in Destin, Okaloosa County, Florida
Buried at Beal Memorial Cemetery, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa, Florida.
Married 12 Jun 1945 to Barbe Mae Dean.
b. 22 Nov 1926 in Alligan County, Michigan
d. 11 Dec 1988 in Destin, Okaloosa County, Florida
Buried at Beal Memorial Cemetery, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida.

Alfred M. Moen was son of

Ole Mathias Madsen Moen

b. 7 Jul 1886 in Fræna, Møre og Romsdal, Norway
d. Jan 1965 in Seattle, Kin County, Washington
Arrived America 1906 with departure from Christiania
He settled at Norway Township, Traill County, North Dakota, later at Odessa, Big Stone County, Minnesota
Ole M. Moen was attorney
Married to
Elin Johanne Anderson
b. 24 Oct 1885 in Fröjel, Gotland, Sweden
d. 11 May 1968 in Seattle, King County, Washington

Ole M. Moen was son of

Mads Asbjørnsen Moen

b. 5 Mar 1831 at Moen, Fræna, Møre og Romsdal
d. Jan 1 1900 at Ner-Moen, Fræna, Møre og Romsdal
Married 2 Jul 1865 to Berit Marthe Jonsdsatter
b. 30 Nov 1839 at Myrbostad, Fræna, Møre og Romsdal
d. 30 Nov 1891 at Ner-Moen, Fræna, Møre og Romsdal
At Census 1865 lived also Mads Asbjørnsen's father, Asbjørn Vebjørnsen, born in Numedal. He was widower and "Føderådsmann".

When Alfred Moen was drafted in 1940, he was employed at William O McKary Company. He was 5'11, 165 lbs and blue eyes.
1948 he lived at 6776 Swift Avenue, Seattle.

"Føderåd or Kår" was a contract often between the old farmer and his son to continue to live at the farm and get free food and room.

Gospel singer Don Moen (Donald James Moen, b.1950) is not related to Alfred Moen. Don's grandfather Elias Moen was born in Trondheim, and his father born in Denmark.

This information is found by using Geni.com and Ancestry.com, 2 genealogy websites. The map is from Norgeskart.no (Norwegian IP only) and picture of farm from Google Street view.

Krag-Jørgensen Rifle



The Krag-Jørgensen is a repeating bolt action rifle designed by the Norwegians Lieutenant and firearm designer Ole Herman Johannes Krag and master gunsmith Erik Jørgensen in the late 19th century.

It was adopted as a standard arm by Denmark, the United States and Norway. About 300 were delivered to Boer forces of the South African Republic.



Galdhøpiggen is the tallest mountain in Norway, and Northern Europe, at 2,469 m (8,100 ft) above sea level.

It is in the municipality of Lom in Innlandet county and in the Jotunheimen mountain area.

Galdhøpiggen is not a peak. It is easy to take a hike to the top.

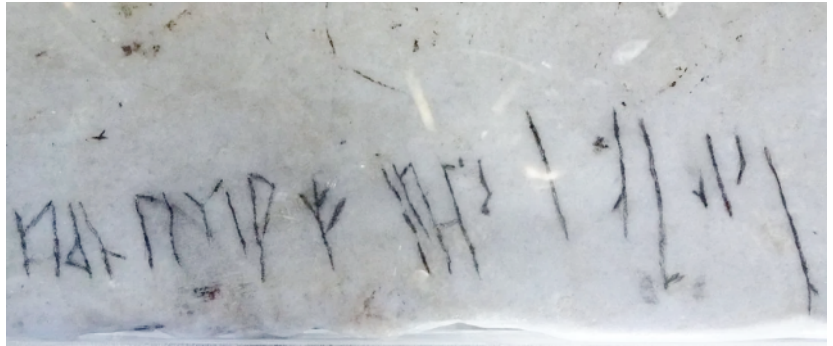
Scandinavian Languages

Fupark

The Ancient Scandinavian Alphabet

The younger futharken is a rune alphabet with only 16 characters or rune letters. This alphabet is a reduced version of the older futhark, and gradually came into use from about the year 800. It is a paradox that the number of characters was reduced during a period when the number of phonemes in the spoken language actually increased.

In the period between the 500s and 800s, the language in the Nordic countries changed significantly. From being an old-fashioned Germanic language that is relatively difficult for us to understand today, a Nordic language emerged, a co-Nordic language with shorter words and changed vowels. It became increasingly difficult to use the existing rune alphabet, the older futhark, for the new sounds and the solution was to simplify the rune series so that a single rune covered or corresponded to multiple sounds. Around the year 800, these changes had almost standardized on a 16-character futhark and became the rune alphabet used in the era called the Viking Age. The simplification may have been motivated by the fact that several people needed to learn to write runes in their business, such as Nordic traders. Most runes preserved today are carved using this futhark.



The Bored Viking General Who “Vandalized” Hagia Sophia

Around 1100 years ago, in the 9th century, probably during a Sunday mass, a bored Viking named Halvdan (Halfdan) carved his name on a marble slab at the upper gallery of Hagia Sophia.

“Halvdan was here”

The text was Old Norse, and it was carved in runic letters. It is quite surprising that this carved text survived through the centuries. For many years, it hadn’t come to anyone’s attention and, up until 1964, people assumed these to be just random cracks caused by the elements. Research done in 1964 proved that this was done by a Norseman.

Who was Halvdan?

He was a brave warlord and commander from a Viking tribe who lived on the Lofoten Archipelago (modern day Norway). Halvdan supposedly traveled to Constantinapolis (İstanbul) for trade and business purposes. The huge city of Constantinapolis (or Miklaǵård, as the Vikings named it) marvelled Halvdan. Like most Vikings who visited Constantinapolis, he decided to join the mercenary unit, Varangians, which solely consisted of Viking warriors who served the Byzantine Emperor. Halvdan fell in love with the beauty of Hagia Sophia and decided to visit it. Hagia Sophia opened only during mass, so Halvdan attended mass to see the church. Since he was not Christian, he got bored during mass and carved his name onto a marble slab in the upper balcony of Hagia Sophia.

FellowPrimo,

By: Argun Konuk July 19, 2020 Hidden Gems, History Feed

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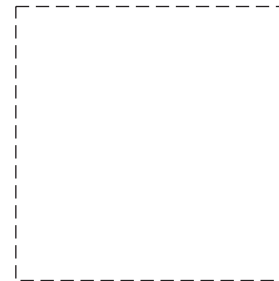
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