

# Solskinn Nyhetsbrev

March 2024 Newsletter from Solskinn Lodge 6-150



## Ord fra Presidenten

We had such a great February event. We had over 30 members and guests attend. A special thanks to those who contributed food to our event. Soup and salad seems like a perfect meal after the last few weeks of off and on rain. And that is when you snuggle up in

a Norwegian sweater or sit to do some knitting. Well of course, after all the rain it was almost 80 at the social. We had a great overview PowerPoint of Norwegian sweaters, prepared and presented by TJ. And many members and guests brought their Norwegian sweaters and shared stories.

Terje Berger "TJ" completed all three levels of the Sons of Norway, Genealogy Cultural Skills Program. He received his cultural skills pin. Congratulations to TJ for all the work that went into his submission. I reviewed some of the other Cultural Skills Program units and hope you consider participating in the program. I am always here to assist.

Our book group now has read 72 books since the group started in 2019. The upcoming book for March is *Alberte and Jacob*, by Cora Sandel and for April is *History of Bees* by Maja Lunde. This is another Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program unit you can participate in, Reading.

There is a limited space for a "Tea Party" as a Sons of Norway Foundation fundraiser at my home in Morongo Valley on Saturday, March 9. If you are interested, please e-mail me at [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net).

I will miss our social in March. I will be visiting Greece, Turkey, and Italy. As I write this, I just finished *The Odyssey* by Homer, to prepare for my adventure. TJ will be your host at the March social. Have a great time.

Fraternally,

Luella

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## Social, March 23, 2024

Open Face Sandwiches  
Easter Traditions in Norway



Mark the Date for the District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention!

June 20-24, 2024, Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

Hosted by Vegas Viking Lodge # 152 and the District Six Board

More information on January social  
Election of delegates on February social

# Solskinn Nyhetsbrev



## Happy Birthday

### Birthdays February 2024 - April 2024

Beryl Waldeland	March 4
Margit Chiriaco Rusche	March 14
Heidi Olson-Hartley	March 22
Sandra Kennedy	April 3
Svein Olav Stokke	April 5
Colin Brown	April 12
Carrie Kosvic	April 29
Junelle Pearson	May 10
Lee Rasmussen	May 12
Ulf Løkke	May 24



**H** An official holiday.  
Similar to federal holiday.  
**F** Official Flag Day.

### Norwegian Flag Days, Holidays and Days of Observance

Mar 20	Vårjevndøgn (Vernal Equinox)	
Mar 24	Palmesøndag (Palm Sunday)	
Mar 28	Skjærtorsdag (Maundy Thursday)	<b>H</b>
Mar 29	Langfredag (Good Friday)	<b>H</b>
Mar 30	Påskeaften (Easter Eve)	
Mar 31	Påskedag (Easter Sunday)	<b>HF</b>
Mar 31	Sommertid (Summer time starts)	
Apr 1	Andre Påskedag (Easter Monday)	<b>H</b>
May 1	Arbeidernes Dag (Labor Day)	<b>HF</b>
May 8	Frigjøringsdagen (Liberation Day)	<b>F</b>
May 9	Kristi Himmelfarts Day (Ascension)	<b>H</b>
May 17	Grunnlovsdagen (Constitution Day)	<b>HF</b>
May 18	Pinseaften (Pentecostal Eve)	
May 19	Første Pinsedag (Pentecostal Day)	<b>HF</b>
June 7	Unionoppløsningen Dissolution of union with Sweden	<b>F</b>
June 23	Sankthansaften (St. John's Eve)	
June 24	Sankthans (St. John's Day) Midsummer Day	

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#### Sons of Norway

Website: [sofn.org](http://sofn.org)  
Facebook: Official Sons of Norway Facebook Group

#### Sons of Norway, District Six

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Facebook: Sons of Norway District Six



Help build the "Hygge Hus" at Camp Norge!  
The Recreation Center Board is excited to announce the launch of our 2024 fundraising campaign to build the "Hygge Hus" (Cozy House) cottage adjacent to Heritage Hall at Camp Norge.  
More details in February Newsletter.

## Social Calendar for 2023-2024 Season

### Always a Saturday. Social at 11:00 AM

March 23	Norwegian Easter Traditions Open Faced Sandwiches
April 27	Heavy Water Program Lapskaus
May 18	Syttende Mai Celebration Hotdogs & Ice Cream
June 20-24	District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention in Las Vegas

# BOOK CLUB

## March Book

Alberta and Jacob  
by Cora Sandel

## ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, March 14 at 4PM

Want to join? Send an email to Luella. morongo2@verizon.net

## April Book

History of Bees  
by Maja Lunde

## ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, April 15 at 4PM

Updated book list on page 4

ZOOM Meeting for March will March 14

## March 2024

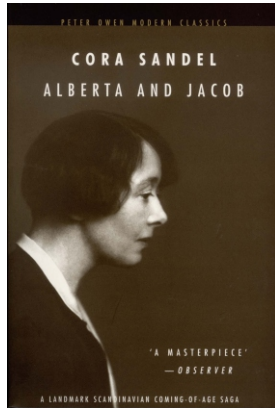
This is the first in a trilogy of semi-autobiographical novels. It covers one year (1904-1905) in the life of Alberta Semler. She lives in a small Northern

Norwegian town, clearly based on Tromsø, where Sandel and her family lived. Jacob is her younger brother. They live with their parents and they do not get on with their parents nor do mother and father get on, which makes for a difficult life.

Life is fairly hard, even for the bourgeois Semler family. It seems that the Semlers have had financial problems so the two necessary constituents – food and warmth – are in short supply.

Text: TheModernNovel.org

Picture: Peter Owen Publishing



**Sara Cecilia Görvell Fabricius** (1880-1974), better known by her pen name Cora Sandel, was a Norwegian writer and painter who lived most of her adult life abroad. When she was 12 years old, her family moved to Tromsø, where her father was appointed a naval commander.



Cora Sandel started painting and at 25 years of age moved to Paris to develop her artistic skills. She married the Swedish sculptor Anders Jönsson, with whom she had one child. In 1921, the family returned to Sweden, where the couple separated in 1922.

During her years in Paris, Sandel helped support the family with short stories and sketches published in Norway. However, her first novel and first tome in the trilogy, *Alberte and Jakob*. This began the semi-autobiographical Alberta trilogy. The Alberta trilogy traced the protagonist's emotional development juxtaposed with the men in her social circle.

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## April 2024

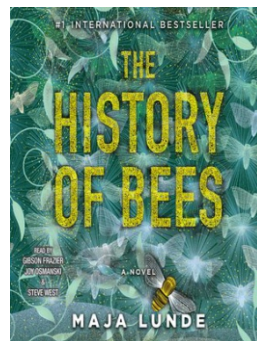
In the spirit of *Station Eleven* and *Never Let Me Go*, this dazzling and ambitious literary debut follows three generations of beekeepers from the past, present, and future, weaving a spellbinding story of their relationship to the bees, to their children, and to one another against the backdrop of an urgent, global crisis.

**England, 1852.** William is a biologist and seed merchant who sets out to build a new type of beehive, one that will give both him and his children honor and fame. **United States, 2007.** George is a beekeeper fighting an uphill battle against modern farming, but he hopes that his son can be their salvation. **China, 2098.** Tao hand paints pollen onto the fruit trees now that the bees have long since disappeared. When

Tao's young son is taken away by the authorities after a tragic accident, she sets out on a grueling journey to find out what happened to him.

Haunting, illuminating, and deftly written, *The History of Bees* joins these three very different narratives into one gripping and thought-provoking story that is just as much about the powerful bond between children and parents as it is about our very relationship to nature and humanity.

From  
*GoodReads.com*



**Maja Lunde** was born in Oslo on 30 July 1975. She made her literary debut in 2012

with the children's novel *Over grensen* ("Across the Border"), a thriller set in 1942, where the protagonists Sarah and Daniel are Jews trying to escape murderous Nazi persecution during the German occupation of Norway, and find their way to neutral Sweden. She was awarded the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize in 2015 for the novel *Bienes historie*. *Bienes historie* was published with the title *The History of Bees* in the United States by Touchstone, a division of Simon and Schuster, in 2017.



# Norwegian Movie

# NETFLIX

## STOLEN

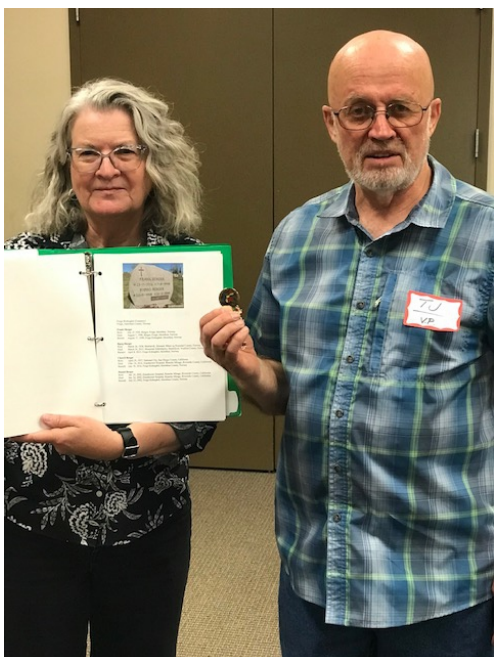
A young woman from Sweden's Sami community tracks down a killer to settle a personal score in the emotional drama.

Coming on Netflix April 12



### Ship no.10 for Ulf

The **Amerigo Vespucci** is a tall ship of the Italian Navy (Marina Militare) named after the explorer Amerigo Vespucci. Its home port is La Spezia, Italy, and it is in use as a training ship. Built 1932.



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### Book list 2023-2024

- March  
Alberte and Jacob, by Cora Sandel
- April  
History of Bees by Maja Lunde
- May  
Dos Gringos: A Norwegian and an Irishman Meet in a Texas Bar, by Frederick R. Andersen
- June  
Hakon of Rogen's Saga by Erik Christian Haugaard
- July  
The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window, Book 2 by Jonas Jonasson
- August  
Berlin Poplars by Ragde, Anne
- September  
A House in Norway by Vigidis Hjorth
- October  
Operation Napoleon by Arnaldur Indroason
- November  
Secrets of the Sprakka by Eliza Reed
- December  
And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer by Fredrik Backman



The first party leader of Labour Party

**Anders Andersen** was born just outside Hønefoss in Ringerike, Norway. Around 1868, he moved to Arendal in Aust-Agder and lived there for 20 years. He was member of a recently founded local labour group called *Samhold* when he somewhat coincidentally became the first party leader in 1887. The labour group *Samhold* soon after ceased to exist due to local circumstances and it was not represented at the next party congress.

*Text and pictures: Wikipedia*

# Norwegian History

## Labour Party and Trade Unions

The Labour Party (Arbeiderpartiet), is a social-democratic political party in Norway. It is positioned on the centre-left of the political spectrum.

The Labour Party is officially committed to social-democratic ideals. Its slogan since the 1930s has been "everyone shall take part" and the party traditionally seeks a strong welfare state, funded through taxes and duties. Since the 1980s, the party has included more of the principles of a social market economy in its policy, allowing for privatisation of state-owned assets and services and reducing income tax progressivity, following the wave of economic liberalisation during the 1980s. During the first Stoltenberg government, the party's policies were inspired by Tony Blair's New Labour agenda in the United Kingdom and saw the most widespread privatisation by any government in Norway to that date. The party has frequently been described as increasingly neoliberal since the 1980s, both by political scientists and opponents on the political left. The Labour Party profiles itself as a progressive party that subscribes to co-operation on a national as well as international level.

The party was founded in 1887 in Arendal and first ran in elections to the Storting in 1894. It entered the parliament in 1903 and steadily increased its vote until 1927, when it became the largest party in Norway. The party were members of Communist International (Comintern), a communist organisation, between 1918 and 1923.

From the establishment of Vort Arbeide in 1884, the party had a growing and notable organisation of newspapers and other press outlets. The party press system eventually resulted in Norsk Arbeiderpresse (Norwegian Labour Press, now A-pressen). In January 1913, the party had 24 newspapers and six more newspapers were founded in 1913. The party also had the periodical Det 20de Aarhundre. In 1920, the party had 33 newspapers and 6 semi-affiliated newspapers. The party had its own publishing house,

From its roots as a radical alternative to the political establishment, the party grew to its current dominance through several eras. The party experienced a split in 1921 caused by a decision made two years earlier to join the Comintern and the Social Democratic Labour Party of Norway was formed. In 1923, the party left the Comintern while a significant minority of its members left the party to form the Communist Party of Norway. In 1927, the Social Democrats were reunited with Labour. Some Communists also joined Labour whereas other Communists tried a failed merger endeavor which culminated in the formation of the Arbeiderklassens Samlingsparti. The same year, Helga Karlsen became the party's first Member of Parliament.

In 1928, Christopher Hornsrud formed Labour's first government, but it lasted only two weeks. During the early 1930s, Labour abandoned its revolutionary profile and set a reformist course. Labour then returned to government in 1935 and remained in power throughout the Second World War. The party was a member of the Labour and Socialist International between 1938 and 1940. When Norway was invaded by Nazi Germany in 1940, the Labour-led government and the Norwegian royal family fled to London, whence it led a government-in-exile for the duration of the

The background for the organization of the trade union movement was the industrial revolution, when the capitalist mode of production developed large enterprises where many workers with roughly equal working and living conditions faced a common employer. This created a sense of community and solidarity.

In Norway, there were strike movements and other approaches to the labor movement at the quarries on Kongsberg and Røros as far back as the 17th century. But it was only during the industrial revolution that the foundations were laid for a trade union movement with support over larger areas and with a duration beyond acute combat situations. Such a trade union movement therefore first emerged in England. For the unskilled industrial workers, who often came directly from agriculture, it was difficult to form lasting associations on their own. Their organizations were therefore often founded and led by intellectuals.

The oldest Norwegian trade union is the Norges Farmaceutiske forening, which was founded on 2 November 1858. In Norway, the National Organization (originally the Workers' National Organization) was founded in 1899 at the request of a Scandinavian workers' congress in Stockholm in 1897. At the founding congress, it was proposed that all unions in LO was to compulsorily be collectively affiliated with the Labor Party. The proposal was rejected, partly because Venstre still had considerable support among the workers. Many trade unions are nevertheless voluntarily affiliated with the party. Cooperation between LO's and the Labor Party's boards was instituted at the foundation.

### *Scholarship Opportunities for District Six Youth*

*District Six offers up to 3, \$1,500 scholarships per year for students ages 16-23. These scholarships are available for students attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. The deadline for this scholarship is May 1, 2024. This scholarship can only be granted two times to recipients. Applicants re reviewed by a District Committee.*

*District Six offers a \$1000 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Villages. The deadline for this scholarship is **May 1, 2024**.*

*Applications are available on the District Six website at [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org). Please send completed application to c/o Luella Grangaard PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or emailed to [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net)*

*In addition there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com).*

*Please take advantage of this District Six Member opportunity.*

### **Campership Opportunities**

*District Six provides half camperships for our two District youth camps, Camp Trollfjell Language and Heritage and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule. These camperships provide half of the camp fees. An application must be completed and submitted.*

*The information is on the District Six website, under Youth→Scholarships/Camperships. Due date is May 1, 2024 <https://sofn6.org/scholarships/>*

# Famous Norwegian

## Jenny Maxwell

Livingston County writer Buddy Moorehouse recently published his first book – a fascinating true-crime story that solves a 40-year-old Hollywood family murder mystery. Moorehouse, a longtime Livingston County newspaper editor and blogger for the Livingston Post, published the book on Amazon in February. It's called “Murder of an Elvis Girl: Solving the Jenny Maxwell Case,” Moorehouse detailed the story in a blog on the Livingston Post, and it's a fascinating tale of Hollywood, fame, sex, drugs and murder.

All of which involve his mother's first cousin, Jenny Maxwell, a famous Hollywood actress from the 1960s whose most famous role was starring in “Blue Hawaii” with Elvis Presley.

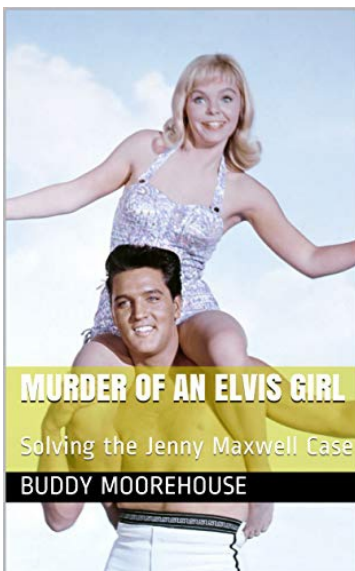
Maxwell was murdered in Beverly Hills in 1981 alongside her second husband, a famous L.A. divorce attorney named Ervin “Tip” Roeder. The public was told at the time that the murders were part of a botched robbery attempt, and that's what Moorehouse and his family were always led to believe.

Two years ago, Moorehouse began a journey to find out the truth, or perhaps convince the police to reopen the case. What he found is that the murders were actually solved in 1981, less than two weeks after they happened. The truth has never come out – until now.

“Jenny and my mom were very close when they were kids, and they just adored each other,” Moorehouse said. “It was heartbreaking for her when Jenny was murdered, and it was even more unsettling because the murder was never solved. That's why I wanted to find out the truth – so that my mom could finally have some peace in her heart.” After researching the story for more than a year, Moorehouse began writing “Murder of an Elvis Girl” in early 2020. He finished the book in early 2021 and published it on Amazon.

“I'm really looking forward to it,” he said. “I'll be going through the story, showing some photos and videos of Jenny from her TV and movie days, and explaining how the police cracked the case. Her life was so fascinating and heartbreaking. There are also some new developments that have happened since the book came out, and I'll be talking about those.”

Jenny Maxwell in movies:  
Blue Hawaii (1961)  
Hawaii Eye (1963)  
The Twilight Zone (1961)  
Shotgun Wedding (1963)



### Jenny (Jennifer Helene) Maxwell

born: Sept. 3, 1941, Brooklyn, New York  
died: June 10, 1988, Beverly Hills, California

Daughter of

#### John Maxwell (Jonas Myksvoll)

born: Sept. 12, 1910, Myksvoll, Lindås, Hordaland  
died: Aug. 29, 1983, New York  
and

#### Annie Bleivik

born: 1919, Haugesund, Rogaland  
died: 1970

arrived Ellis Island: 1938 with her parents Ellef and Jenny Bleivik

Myksvoll is also spelled Møksvold. It is a part of Myking Parish, Nordhordaland Provsti, in the diocese of Bjørgvin

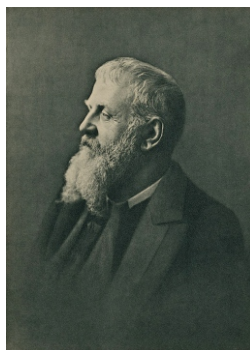
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## Famous Norwegian Painter

Frits Thaulow (1846-1906)

He was one of the famous Skagen Painters together with Christian Krogh. Impressionist painter, best known for his naturalistic depictions of landscape.  
Read more at Wikipedia.

Painting from Akerselva in Oslo  
(1897-1901)



# Norwegian Food

## Swedish meatballs.

- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 tbsp butter
- 3/4 lb finely ground beef
- 1/4 lb finely ground pork
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp allspice or paprika
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 3 tbsp flour
- 1/2 tsp salt, dissolved in  
1 cup milk or thin cream

Soak bread crumbs in 1/3 cup of milk for 10 minutes. Brown onion in 1 tbsp butter. Add meat, egg, and seasoning. Then add to crumb mixture. Blend ingredients thoroughly and form into ball, 1 1/2" in diameter. Then roll in flour. Brown meat balls in 2nd tablespoon of butter and sprinkle with remaining flour. Add milk. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Gives about 20 meat balls (4 to 6 servings)

Mrs. Paul C. Kuehner



## From Trinity Treasures

### Trinity Lutheran Church Blue Earth, Minnesota

## Norwegian meatballs

- 1 lb ground beef (steak or chunk)
- 1/4 ground lean pork
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1/2 cup milk, scalded
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp allspice
- 1/8 tsp ginger  
salt & pepper

Mix well and form small balls. Brown well. Add water and simmer for about 1 hour. Make gravy and pour over the meat balls in serving bowl.

Mrs. Hans Aleckson



## Norwegians, Norwegian-Americans and Friends

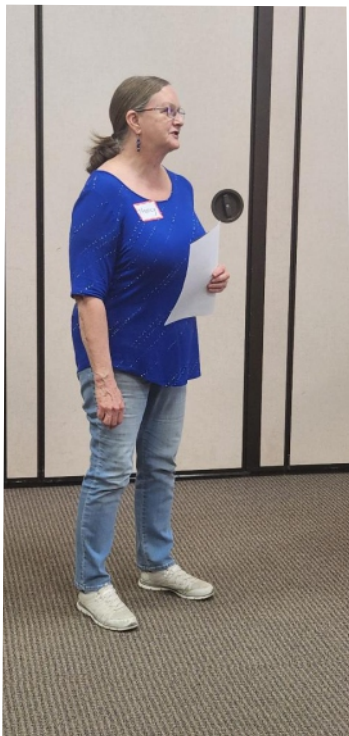


# Social Gathering February 24, 2024





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Svein Stokke, 90 years old



## Soup, salad and Lusekofter



### Solskinn Lodge Officers 2023-2024

#### Board of Directors

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### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of  
Sons of Norway  
is to promote and to preserve  
the heritage and culture of  
Norway, to celebrate our  
relationship with other Nordic  
countries, and to provide quality  
insurance and financial  
products to its members*