

Solskinn Nyhetsbrev

May 2023 Newsletter from Solskinn Lodge 6-150



Solskinn Lodge 6-150



Ord fra Presidenten

April we had a wonderful event. Members and guests really enjoyed making the open faced sandwiches. There were many beautiful sandwiches completed from multitudes of sandwich toppings. I hope you all will expand your sandwich presentations to be more creative. Special thanks to those who brought sandwich options, sides and dessert. Thanks to Ulf, TJ, Nancy, Joy, Marie, and Lee for donating the food for our social. Also, we started our new community service project, starting with bringing canned goods to the lodge meeting that can be passed on through the church to those in need in our community.

Coming in May.....

Hurrah for May 17th. It is Norway's Constitution Day. Our celebration isn't until the 20th but take the opportunity to follow the events in Norway that are televised on the internet. See all the flags, children, and bunads. What a colorful event. On that note, isn't convenient that Norway and the US have the same celebratory colors? Please remember to dress for the celebration. We may do a sing along. As one of our members commented at our last social, we are singing better when we have the piano to sing with. Also remember to bring some canned goods.

And lastly, the board will be planning our events for the 2023-2024 season. Any ideas or requests you have please let us know.

Fraternally,
Luella

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Lodge Social

Mark Your Calendar

May 20 **May 17 Celebration
with Quiz
Hot Dogs and Ice Cream
Songs and more**

June 24 **Midsummer**

Board Meeting every

2nd Tuesday of the month at 5 PM
ZOOM Link will be sent prior to the meeting

Book Club meets every

3rd Thursday of the month at 4 PM
To join, send an email to Luella

Arts & Craft Club has been
put on hold until further notice

Don't miss the attached survey.

Help us plan for Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Scan and email
Send by mail
Bring it next social

Happy Birthday



Birthdays in May/June/July

Junelle H Pearson	May 10
Leland W Rasmussen	May 12
Gerald Tallackson	May 12
Ulf K Løkke	May 24
Mark Dahl	June 6
Steinar Johansen	June 6
Lorne Albertsen	June 8
Anders Hanson	June 12
Emel Mehlum	June 15
Carolyn Rich	June 21
Rex Seawright	June 25
Miriam Hendrix	June 26
Tone Chaplin	July 1
Donna Lenander	July 2
Luella Grangaard	July 15
Stanley Halverson	July 28



Norwegian Flag Days, Holidays and Days of Observance

May 1	International Labor Day
May 8	Frigjøringsdagen (Liberation Day)
May 17	Grunnlovsdagen (Constitution Day)
May 18	Kristi Himmelfarts Dag Ascension Day (no flaggday)
May 28	Pinsedag (Pentecost Day)
June 7	Unionsoppløsningen Dissolution of Union with Sweden
June 21	Sommersolverv June Solstice
June 23	Sankthansaften Midsummer Eve
June 24	Santhansdagen St. John's Day
July 4	Queen Sonja (b.1937)
July 20	Crown Prince Haakon (b.1973)
July 29	Olsok

There are lots of Norwegian movies online. Netflix has a few. Several streaming services include Norwegian movies. We will continue to present Norwegian movies and inform where to find them. Presenting a new movie on page 4

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Norwegian Flag Law

Between the months of March to October, the flag is raised at 8 AM. The other months at 9 AM. The flag is lowered at sunset, no later than 9 PM. For the 3 counties in the north, Nordland, Troms and Finnmark, in the months of November to February, the flag is raised at 10 AM and lowered at 3 PM.

Rikard Nordraak

He is best known as the composer of the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet".

Rikard Nordraak was born and grew up in Oslo, Norway. His family came from the Nordråk farm in the district Land in the county of Oppland. His father was a brother of Inger Elise Nordraach, the mother of the Norwegian writer and poet, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson.

The compositions that he himself marked Opus 1 were published in 1863, and contained six songs with texts by his cousin Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, amongst others. At this time Nordraak also composed "Ja, vi elsker", which became the Norwegian national anthem. It was first performed publicly on 17 May 1864 in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution. The lyrics were written by Bjørnson between 1859 and 1868.



BOOK CLUB

May Book

Men in My Situation
by Per Petterson

ZOOM Meeting
Thursday, May 18 at 4PM

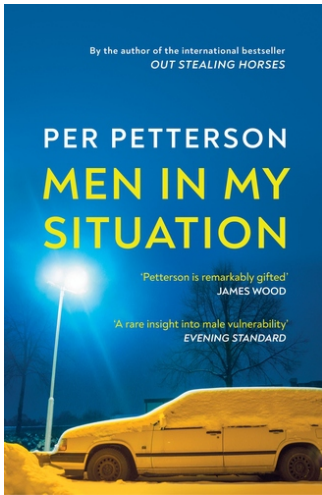
Want to join? Send an email to Luella.morongo2@verizon.net

Solskinn Book List 2023

July The Bell in the Lake: A Novel
by Lars Mytting
August Us Against You
by Fredrik Backman
September My First Murder
by Leena Lehtolainen

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May 2023



A major new novel from the author of the international bestseller *Out Stealing Horses*. *Men in My Situation* is a tender, scintillating portrait of grief, fatherhood and a life nearly going to pieces.

In 1992 Arvid Jansen is thirty-eight and divorced. Turid has left with their three girls, slipping into her young, exuberant crowd of friends - the colourful - and a new house with no trace of their previous life together. More than a year has passed since the tragic accident that took his parents and two of his brothers. Existence has become a question of holding on to a few firm things. Loud, smoky bars, whisky, records, company for the night and

taxi home. Or driving his Mazda into the stunning, solitary landscape outside of Oslo, sleeping in the car when his bed is an impossible place to be, craving a connection that is always just beyond reach.



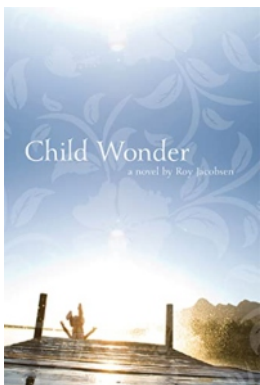
Per Petterson (born 18 July 1952 in Oslo) is a Norwegian novelist. His debut book was *Aske i munnen, sand i skoa* (1987), a collection of short stories. He has since published a number of novels to good reviews. *To Siberia* (1996), set in the Second

World War, was published in English in 1998 and nominated for the Nordic Council Literature Prize. *I kjølvannet*, translated as *In the Wake* (2002), is a young man's story of losing his family in the Scandinavian Star ferry disaster in 1990 (Petterson himself lost his mother, father, younger brother and a niece in the disaster); it won the Brage Prize for 2000. His 2008 novel *Jeg forbanner tidens elv* (*I Curse the River of Time*) won the Nordic Council Literature Prize for 2009, with an English translation published in 2010.

His breakthrough novel was *Ut og stjele hester* (2003), which was awarded two top literary prizes in Norway – the Norwegian Critics Prize for Literature and the Booksellers' Best Book of the Year Award. *Out Stealing Horses* was named one of the 10 best books of the year in the 9 December 2007 issue of the *New York Times Book Review*.

Petterson's works have been translated into almost 50 languages.

June 2023



Little Finn lives with his mother in an apartment in a working-class suburb of Oslo. Life is a struggle to make ends meet, but he does not mind. When his mother decides to take a lodger to help pay the bills, he watches with interest as she freshens up their small apartment with new wallpaper and a sofa paid for in installments. He befriends their new male lodger, whose television is more tempting to him than his mother would like.

When a half sister whom he never knew joins the household, Finn takes her under his wing over an everlasting summer on Håøya Island. But he can't understand why everyone thinks his new sister is so different from every other child. Nor can he fathom his mother's painful secret, one that pushes them ever farther apart. As summer comes to a close, Finn must attempt to grasp the incomprehensible adult world and his place within it.

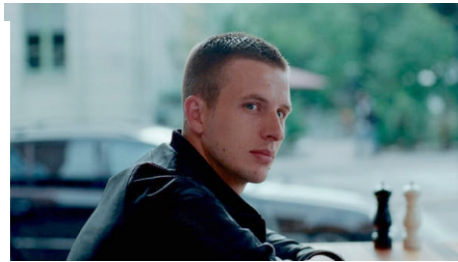
Roy Jacobsen (born 1954 in Oslo) is a Norwegian novelist and short-story writer. He made his publishing debut in 1982 with the short-story collection *Fangeliv* (*Prison Life*).



Jacobsen grew up in a suburb of Oslo located in the Groruddalen (Grorud valley). In his teens, Jacobsen was a member of the criminal "Årvoll gang". At age 16 he was arrested by the police and kept in solitary confinement for 35 days. He was subsequently convicted of among other things weapons offences and theft, and given a six-month suspended sentence.

He has held a number of occupations, even subsequent to his debut as a novelist in 1982. Since 1990 he has been a full-time author. From 1979 to 1986 he lived at his mother's homestead at Solfjellsjøen in the municipality of Dønna in the northern Norwegian county of Nordland.

Norwegian Movie



Oslo, August 31st (Norwegian: Oslo, 31. august) is a 2011 Norwegian drama film directed by Joachim Trier. It is the second film, along with Reprise (2006) and The Worst Person in the World (2021), in Trier's "Oslo Trilogy".

Anders is a recovering drug addict in an Oslo rehab clinic. On his first opportunity to take an overnight trip from the rehab centre, he meets an old girlfriend and then attempts suicide by filling his pockets and walking into a lake. Unable to go through with it, he returns to the rehab centre, where he does not mention his suicide attempt in group therapy.

Streaming at Amazon Prime, Google Play Movies, Vudu, YouTube, AppleTV

2023 Book List

August	Us Against You by Fredrik Backman
September	My First Murder by Leena Lehtolainen
October	The Scandinavian Aggressors by Rowdy Geirsson
November	Norske Fields: A Novel of Southern California's Norwegian Colony by Anne Schroeder
December	A Coat Dyed Black by Don Pugnetti Jr.

Genealogy explanation at page 6

The Ahnentafel system

- 1 You
- 2-3 Parents
- 4-7 Grandparents
- 8-15 Great Grandparents
- 16-31 Great-Great Grandparents

SYTTENDE MAI



May 17. Syttende Mai. Norway and Norwegians celebrating the Constitution Day. It doesn't matter if the rain is pouring down, or snowing. Paved streets in the city or dirt road out on the country side. Doesn't matter. The parade has to go.

It starts in early morning by raising the flag with songs from the local men's choir.

The highlight is the parade. The final destination is often the elementary school. Listen to the speech of the day from a crappy sound system. Ice cream and hotdogs, for kids and adult. Ladies sweating because of a thick bunad.

The day is not over. The afternoon is the parade for adults. Associations, sport teams, serious or crazy. Now it is time for BBQ, more hurrays and adult fluid.

More will be presented on May 20. Of course, ice cream and hot dogs.

If you want the parade, ice cream and hot dogs, come to the Norwegian church in San Pedro on May 17. All starts at 5 pm.

1035 South Beacon Street, San Pedro

The Late Medieval Ages - The Estate

Norway was not a uniform kingdom in the late Middle Ages. Different natural conditions and distances to the center of power made the country a patchwork of different regions, with competing land-owning elites.

Only about three percent of Norway's land is suitable for agriculture. These areas are not evenly distributed. The area along the Trondheimsfjord, on Lista and in the flat areas of Eastern Norway are the most important places where there is a lot of good, cohesive soil. In some such places, larger contiguous estates arose, even though the nobility's estates in Norway were mostly scattered, as straw estates.



Borgarsyssel – a little piece of Denmark

Borgarsyssel, which corresponds to today's Østfold, was called Smålenene in the late Middle Ages. The area south of the moraine soil that was deposited during the last ice age, was an unusually good agricultural area by Norwegian standards. The many manor houses are visible evidence of the stratified society that developed here in the late Middle Ages.

The foremost nobleman in Østfold in the first half of the 15th century was Amund Sigurdsson Bolt, nephew of the chieftain at Akershus Fortress, Agmund Berdorsson Bolt. Amund was a typical Norwegian nobleman in that he was overruled by the union kings, who chose to appoint their own favorites to the fiefs. In Borgarsyssel, in the 1420s, King Eric of Pomerania had placed the foreign Hermann Molteke, who made himself so impossible that he was chased from his fiefdom.

The atypical thing about Amund is that he rebelled against the king. The motive was that he had been passed over and wanted a royal fiefdom. The farmers' reason for protesting, on the other hand, was financial burdens. Amund gained control, but the assurances that there would be an end to foreign ombudsmen and their abuse of power were empty words.

The Giske family - from Norwegian to Northern European noble family

The great fall in land debt after the Black Death made it difficult to be a landowner in the late Middle Ages, especially for the low nobility class. The richest, on the other hand, had enough to get by and also strengthened their position in other ways.

The Giske family from Sunnmøre was one of the country's richest families, which by marrying into the Bjarkøy family from Northern Norway and the Sørum family from Eastern Norway became even richer and came to own a tenth of all noble land in Norway. However, the estate was not gathered, but spread geographically – from Northern Norway via the Western Sea Islands to Eastern Norway, and split up into small estates, as were also the king's and church's estates. For such rich men, positions in the Riksråd (Royal Council) and fief helped secure the income base.

Eventually the family began to look beyond the country's borders for spouses and came through marriage in alliance with the Swedish noble family Tre Rosor (Three Roses). In 1605, the last heir to the Giske-godset, Gørvel Fadersdatter, died. She had never set foot on Sunnmøre and lived most of her life in Scania. The Giske estate, which was spread all over Scandinavia, now belonged to the king.

Eric of Pomerania was the ruler of the Kalmar Union from 1396 until 1439, succeeding his grandaunt, Queen Margaret I. He is known as Eric 3rd as King of Norway (1389–1442), Eric 7th as King of Denmark (1396–1439) and has been called Eric 13th as King of Sweden (1396–1434, 1436–39). Later, in all three countries he became more commonly known as Erik av Pommern (Eric of Pomerania), a pejorative intended to point out that he belonged elsewhere. Eric was ultimately deposed from all three kingdoms of the union, but in 1449 he inherited one of the partitions of the Duchy of Pomerania and ruled it as duke until his death in 1459.

Picture:

Fields and farms are scattered across the valley between steep mountain sides at Såheim on Rjukan in 1907. Hand-coloured slide. Photo: Anders B. Wilse

From: Norgeshistorie.no

Next issue:

Independent farmers

Norway is often considered a country of independent farmers. This is true - in some parts of the country. It created robust local communities and good production.

Famous Norwegians

Michele Bachmann

Michele Marie Bachmann, (born Amble, April 6, 1956) is an American politician who was the U.S. representative for Minnesota's 6th congressional district from 2007 until 2015. A member of the Republican Party, she was a candidate for President of the United States in the 2012 election, but lost the Republican nomination to Mitt Romney.

Born in Waterloo, Iowa, Bachmann moved to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, as a teenager. She graduated from O. W. Coburn School of Law, the law school of Oral Roberts University, and the William & Mary Law School. After graduating, she briefly worked in tax law for the Internal Revenue Service before becoming a stay-at-home mother. She became involved in local politics, specifically around education.

Bachmann formally entered politics in 2000, when she was elected to the Minnesota Senate. In 2006, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. After her unsuccessful run for president, Bachmann was elected to another term in the House in 2012, before announcing her retirement before the 2014 election.

Since January 1, 2021, Bachmann has been dean of the Robertson School of Government at Regent University.

Bachmann was born Michele Marie Amble on April 6, 1956, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Norwegian-American parents David John Amble, an engineer, and Arlene Jean Amble (née Johnson). Two of her great-great-grandparents, Melchior and Martha Munson, emigrated from Sogndal, Norway, to Wisconsin in 1857. Her family moved from Iowa to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, when she was 13 years old. Her parents divorced when she was 14. (Editor's note: Michele Bachmann is 100% Norwegian)

Bachmann graduated from Anoka High School in 1974 and, after graduation, spent one summer working at kibbutz Be'eri in Israel. In 1978, she graduated from Winona State University with a B.A. In 1979, Bachmann was a member of the first class of the O. W. Coburn School of Law, then a part of Oral Roberts University (ORU). There she studied with John Eidsmoe, whom she

described in 2011 as "one of the professors who had a great influence on me". Bachmann worked as a research assistant on Eidsmoe's 1987 book *Christianity and the Constitution*, which argues that the United States was founded as a Christian theocracy and should become one again. In 1986, she received a J.D. degree from Oral Roberts University. Bachmann was a member of the ORU law school's final graduating class, and was part of a group of faculty, staff, and students who moved the ORU law school library to what is now Regent University. In 1988, she received an LL.M. degree in tax law from William & Mary Law School. From



All of her 16 great-great grandparents are born in Norway

- 16 Niels Anfindsen Amble
Born 1844, Sogndal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1901, Chickasaw County, Iowa
- 17 Kristi (Christina) Hansdatter Offerdal
Born 1839, Årdal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
- 18 Jens Eriksson Teigen
Born 1835, Teigen Fremste, Myklemyr, Jostedal, Sogn
Died 1910
- 19 Anna Johannesdatter Venes
Born 1829, Sogndal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1916, Minnesota
- 20 Halver M Munson (Halvor Monsson Wamberg)
Born 1846, Jostedal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1918, Chickasaw County, Iowa
- 21 Anna Jørgensdatter Åberge
Born 1842, Årdal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1915, Chickasaw County, Iowa
- 22 Andrew Robinson (Anders Larsson Hellegård)
Born 1846, Jostedal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1934
- 23 Sarah Hansdotter Braham (Siri Hansdotter Breum)
Born 1853, Jostedal, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway
Died 1925, Chickasaw, Iowa
- 24 John Pedersson Tuff
Born 1796, Vestre Slidre, Oppland, Norway
- 25 Barbro Gundersdotter
Born ca. 1817, Vestre Slidre, Oppland, Norway
- 26 Mikael Mikalsen Thøring
Born 1829, Lesjaverk, Oppland, Norway
Died 1905, USA
- 27 Marit Olsdatter Bjølverud
Born 1826, Lesja, Oppland, Norge
- 28 Tosten Larson Thompson
Born 1818, Lom, Oppland, Norway
Died 1887, Winnebago, Iowa
- 29 Torø Olsdatter Kroken
Born 1820, Skjåk, Oppland, Norway
Died 1904, Winnebago, Iowa
- 30 Peter Nielsen Brones
Born 1847, Heggen, Modum, Buskerud, Norway
Died 1910, Forest City, Winnebago County, Iowa
- 31 Ragnhild Harriet Peters
Born 1845, Norway
Died 1934, Forest City, Winnebago County, Iowa

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In Memory of Vaughn L. Simon

Vaughn was born August 21, 1938 in Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin. He passed away December 20, 2022 in Tucson, Arizona. Son of Vaughn Livingstone Simon (1907-1983) and Oletta Massie Vigerust (1912-1995)

Oletta's grandparents emigrated to America. Hans Hansen Vigerust, born 1852 at Ødegaards-løkken in Dovre, Oppland County, Norway. He arrived Philadelphia in 1881, and Berit (Bertha) Johnsdatter Morken, born 1858 in Morken, Oppland, Sør-Trøndelag. She arrived Philadelphia in 1882, and got married May 6, 1882.

Vaughn Simon was never married. He had one brother, Stephan Vance Simon (1945-2010) and one sister, Barbara, married Iverson (1940-2013)

Luella Grangaard:

In one of our conversations he said he was in the army and was stationed in Germany and was learning Russian. That was when he and a friend went to Norway. He also lived in New York and Salt Lake City. He was a librarian and also did genealogy. He belonged to the Palm Springs Genealogy group.

He was a member of Solskinn Lodge for 25 years. He served as the lodge president from 2006-2007. His final position was as membership secretary. He was a very dedicated member of our lodge book group. He read a lot. He read all types of books. He also enjoyed Norwegian cooking and baking. He often made rosettes for our Christmas social and brought the Christmas tree to share with everyone. He earned his Sons of Norway Culture skills pins in Music, Literature and Genealogy.

Miriam Hendrix:

Vaughn and I enjoyed going to films at the Palm Springs Film Festival together. He could remember and retell all the details of every film he'd seen and every book he'd read....amazing. It was always good to see him at Sons of Norway meetings. He helped me order a red vest to put heritage metals on. He had one, too. The last time I communicated with him was on our zoom Sons of Norway book club. So sorry to hear he is no longer with us.



Who is Who. Page 8. Guests and Members

Row 1. Bobby, Ulf, Nancy, Connie

Row 2. Picture 1. Jeffrey, Tanya and Lee
Row 2. Picture 2. Don, Beryl, Gunny

Row 3. Picture 1. Miriam and Bobby
Row 3. Picture 2. Gunny and David.
Row 3. Picture 3. Joy

Row 4. Picture 1. TJ (Terje)
Row 4. Picture 2. Sharon, Dan and Jan
Row 4. Picture 3. Ulf, Miriam and Bobby

April Social - Open Face Sandwiches

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April Social - Open Face Sandwiches



Blood Orange Cake

Demonstration by Luella

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Mission Statement

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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***