
April 2026 Newsletter Eva Nansen Lodge 46 no

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April 2026 Lodge Newsletter



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April program, March
photos, & more!

Programming



April Meeting, Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2026

6:30 PM: Social time

7:00 PM: Program followed by business meeting

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave, Clive

Our April program will be Tips and Resources for Researching Your Heritage and Ancestry by Iowa Genealogical Society

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Dates: Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month except November which is on the 2nd Tuesday. There are no meetings in June and July but June will have an activity.

- Times: 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Program followed by a Business Meeting
- Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave, Clive

All programs are on our Facebook page so you can share the events with interested friends.

Upcoming 2026 Programs

- Apr. 7, 2026: Tips and Resources for Researching your Heritage and Ancestry by Iowa Genealogical Society
- May 5, 2026: Norwegian Hardanger Fiddler Informance by Eden Ehm of Decorah
- June: Trip to Norway House in Minneapolis
- Aug. 4, 2026: Scandinavian Women by sister Ann Hanigan Kotz
- Sept. 1, 2026: How to Bake an Assortment of Norwegian Goodies by lodge members
- Oct. 6, 2026: Christkindlmarket Des Moines History and Highlights by Suzanne Hull, founder/director
- Nov. 10, 2026 (note this is the 2nd Tuesday due to the election): Eva Nansen Lodge #46 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Dec. 1, 2026: Christmas Potluck

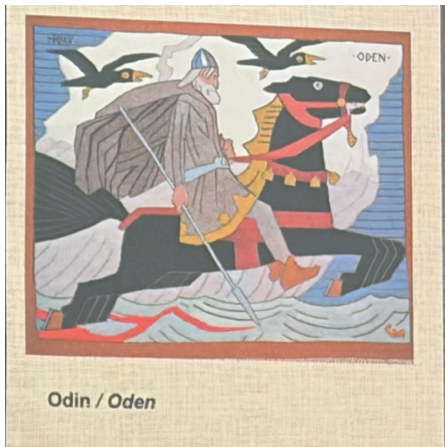
[If you missed our March meeting, here's what you missed.](#)

Laurann Gilbertson, chief curator at Vesterheim Museum, talked about Gerhard Munthe's folk tale tapestries.

Rebecca Butler-Moore
 Laurann Gilbertson
 Eva Nansen

**Woven by Sigrun Munthe,
 designed by Gerhard Munthe**
 Norsk Folkemuseum

Gerhard Munthe (1849-1929)
 painting by Chr. Krogh
 Nasjonalgalleriet



Scandinavian Book Club



Our Scandinavian book club met in March and had a lively discussion of *Will and Testament* by Vigdis Hjorth.

The book club is open to members and non-members, and meets every other month at 2:00 PM on the third Sunday of the month at Franklin Avenue Library.

- May 17, 2026: *The Journey of Karoline Olsen* by Ann Hanigan Kotz
- July 19, 2026: *Giants in the Earth* by OE Rolvaag
- Sept. 20, 2026: *Kon Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl
- Nov. 15, 2026: *What We Leave Behind* by Barb Solberg

[Click here for a list of researched titles.](#)

Direct questions and suggestions to [Lee Ann Bakros](#).

April Birthdays

Happy birthday from
your lodge Sisters to



you!

Wendy Albrecht

Sheruyl Engelhardt

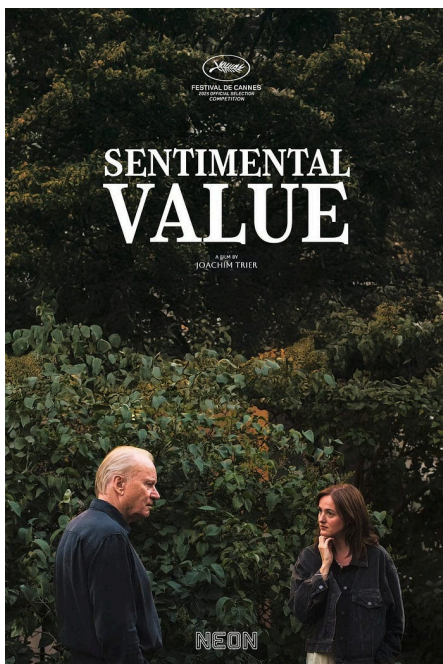
Catherine Kaiser

Christine King

Irene Simonsen

May your birthday and every day be filled with the warmth of sunshine, the happiness of smiles, the sounds of laughter, the feeling of love, and the sharing of good cheer.

Norwegian Minute



Norwegian film and TV now streaming

Sentimental Value follows two sisters who are reunited with their estranged father following the death of their mother. The film is by Norwegian director and screenwriter Lars Trier. Its leads, Norwegian actresses Renate Reinsve and Inga Ibsdotter Lilleaas, Swedish actor Stellan Skarsgård, and American actress Elle Fanning, along with the film and director, were nominated for multiple awards this winter. *Sentimental Value* won the Best Oscar for International Feature Film, the BAFTA for Best Film Not in the English Language, and the Cannes Film Festival Grand Prix, and won Best Film, Best Director, Best Screenwriter (Trier & Eskil Vogt), Best Actor, and Best Actress (Reinsve) at the European Film Awards. *Sentimental Value* is now streaming on Hulu and available to rent from Prime Video.

New on Netflix is *Detective Hole*, a nine-part crime series based on Jo Nesbo's popular detective, Harry Hole. Hole has been featured in 13 novels to date and the novels have sold 50 million copies worldwide. Nesbo, who was disappointed in the film adaptation of his book *The Snowman*, is involved in this show. Reviews have been overwhelmingly positive.

Lodge Lending Library

Did you know your lodge has a lending library? We have more than 50 titles including fiction, mystery, mythology, children's books, history, rosemaling and hardanger designs, cookbooks, and travel booklets. We even have language and music CDs, a travel DVD, and a puzzle!

Each month, librarian Naomi Payer brings the items to the meeting so you can pick something out to take home.

[Click here to see our list of items.](#)

Want to check out an item or donate your item to the lending library? See [Naomi Payer](#) at one of our monthly meetings.

Bits and Pieces

1. Email May **newsletter articles** no later than Friday, Apr. 24, to [Lee Ann Bakros](#)
 2. **If you know of a Sister who is ill, having surgery, or experiencing other health issues**, inform Sunshine Chair [Alexa Mitchell](#).
 3. Take a moment to LIKE us on [Facebook](#) and see what is happening.
 4. View our [Daughters of Norway's Lodge webpage](#). Members can sign in through the Members Page. The username and password is in our monthly lodge minutes. Contact [Ann Hanigan Kotz](#) for access to our lodge's private, member-only website.
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Eva Nansen Lodge #46 2026 Officers

2026 Officers

President: Ann Hanigan Kotz
Vice President: Sheryl Farrand
Judge: (vacant)
Secretary: Kay Sacquitne
Financial Secretary: Danette Kobolt
Treasurer: Ann Campbell
Cultural Director: Rebecca Butler Mona
Marshall: Carol Lunde
1-year Trustee: Bev Rosenbeck
2-year Trustee: Irene Simonsen
3-year Trustee: Vanna Johnson

2026 Non-elected Positions

Communications: Lee Ann Bakros
Greeters: Cheryl Newsom, Lois Wergeland
iPad coordinators: Carol Lunde, Michelle Henderson, Mandy Kubik
Librarian: Naomi Payer
Musician: Lee Ann Bakros
Scribe: Lisa Hamilton
Sunshine: Alexa Mitchell



2026 Eva Nansen Lodge Officers: Vanna Johnson, Rebecca Butler Mona, Kay Sacquitne, Ann Hanigan Kotz, Danette Kobolt, Sheryl Farrand, Carol Lunde, Bev Rosenbeck, Irene Simonsen; not pictured Ann Campbell

About Eva Nansen



Lodge 46 was named in honor of famous Norwegian romance opera singer, Eva Helene Sars Nansen (born Dec. 17, 1859 in Christiania, Akershus, Norway, and died Dec. 9, 1907 in Lysaker, Bærum, Akershus, Norway).

Eva was the youngest of 21 children of Michael Sars and Maren Cathrine Welhaven. At age 28, she left for Berlin to study opera with a contemporary of Tchaikovsky. Eva knew Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and she performed his music beautifully.

Eva was relatively short but very athletic and became a pioneer in mountain and cross-country skiing. She was a smart and practical woman and realized the need for women to stop wearing only

dresses while practicing the sport. Thus, she became the first woman in Norway to wear “trousers” while skiing!



Eva married ski pioneer, famous Norwegian explorer and scientist, Fridtjof Nansen on Sept. 6, 1889. They were a very “modern” couple, both continuing their individual vocations after their marriage. Eva not only continued to sing in operas at home and in other parts of Europe and Scandinavia, but she also gave lessons when at home.

At the age of 49 (1907), Eva sang a final concert in a well-received performance in London. Not long afterwards that same year, Eva died suddenly of pneumonia. That left her husband a widower with five relatively young children to raise: Liv (14), Kåre (10), Irmelin (7), Odd (6), and Åsmund (4).



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