



# Daughters of Norway (Døtre Av Norge)

## Hulda Garborg Lodge #49



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### My Dear Sisters From Lodge President

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Hello Sisters,

As summer approaches, we have our May meeting where we will be celebrating Norway National Day on May 16th. May 27th, a group of us will be going to the celebration at the Norway House in Balboa. Several of us will be dressed in our bunads.



June 20th is our picnic (no business meeting this month) and have fun visiting with everyone!! It is a very nice area with patio and gardens. The picnic committee will be sending information pertaining to that coming event.

Our April meeting was delightful and as always we had a wonderful potluck. Our cultural director, Helen, planned an activity to celebrate Spring that all the Sisters loved.

May - When I went to high school May 1st or May Day was celebrated. Everyone participated and we celebrated all day. It began with The May Day court consisting of a queen and princesses picked by the student body. As a freshman, every year the girls danced around the Maypole weaving the ribbons in and out around the pole. I'm not sure how many of us realize or knew the relevance of this celebration. The younger children made paper baskets, filled them with

flowers and put them on neighbors' doors.

I later realized that our area was populated by a lot of Scandinavians. I remember friends arguing over who was better (flipping their hair over their shoulders and walking away with their noses in the air) because they were Swedish or Norwegian. Since I was both I just watched.

But when I think back I start missing all the celebrations of the community I grew up in. I'm sure a lot of you can share memories like this. Please send one in to our newsletter for June. The midsummer night in June is on the longest day of the year in Sweden and celebrated to welcome the season of growth. It is the high point of the year in Sweden. A time for picking seven flowers in silence, wearing flower crowns, and dancing around the maypole to attract love and luck.

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### Hulda Garborg Lodge #49

Meets at Fallbrook Regional Health District  
1636 E. Mission Road • Fallbrook, CA 92028

#### Correspondence:

TBD, Secretary

#### 3rd Saturday of each month

General Meeting 10:00 am

**Program 11:00 am**

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Gratulerer med dagen!**

♥ Debbie C. 5 May

♥ Cary 16 May ♥ Lynne B. 17 May

♥ Sinneva 27 May .

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## Mine Kjaere Søstre Fra Lodge Prez *cont'd*

Astoria, Oregon has its Scandinavian Festival the third weekend of June and the Daughters of Norway are very active in that festival. Junction City, Oregon has its festival August 13-16.

July is our month off so we will not meet until August 15th. There will be a June/July

newsletter so if you have something you want to share with your Sisters in the lodge, please send it to Lucette and Suzy ([suncette@gmail.com](mailto:suncette@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, June 24.

Sheryl, President

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## Summer Events

### August Festivals

Every August, the heart of Junction City, Oregon, transforms into a vibrant celebration of Nordic heritage at the Junction City Scandinavian Festival. Recognized as one of the largest Scandinavian cultural events in the Pacific Northwest, this four-day, family-friendly festival draws more than 90,000 visitors each year. With free admission, authentic traditions, and activities for all ages, it's one of Oregon's most beloved summer festivals.



- When: Second Thursday–Sunday of August
- Where: Downtown Junction City, Oregon
- Admission: Free entry and free entertainment for all ages

*For more info and photos go to <https://junctioncityscandia.org/>*

### SECRETARY NEEDED

We are looking for a secretary. Duties include taking the lodge meeting minutes. If you are interested or need more information please contact Sheryl ([szinsli865@gmail.com](mailto:szinsli865@gmail.com)) or Jody ([nursejody13@gmail.com](mailto:nursejody13@gmail.com)).

### Summer Scandinavian Festivals on west coast

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival has been a tradition on the North Coast of Oregon for over fifty years.

The Festival takes place on the third full weekend of June. The festival embodies the rich cultural heritage that was transplanted to the Astoria, Oregon region by emigrants from the Nordic lands.

In the Pacific Northwest they found the same bounteous seas and forests as in their native lands and the demand for their skills at managing them.

During the three days of the festival, over a dozen Nordic musical, dance, and theater groups are scheduled to entertain. Retail booths will offer handcrafts, Nordic import items, and traditional Nordic foods. It is not necessary to be Scandinavian to enjoy this festival. *For more info go to <https://astoriascanfest.com/>*

### SCRIBE NEEDED

Our scribe, Sarah Davis, will be leave for college soon. She has been doing an excellent job. We are looking for someone who would be interested in this position in our lodge. She would write an article every other month that would be published in the National Daughters of Norway Døtre av Norge magazine, with updates on new members and highlights from our lodge. If you are interested or need more information please contact Sheryl ([szinsli865@gmail.com](mailto:szinsli865@gmail.com)) or Jody ([nursejody13@gmail.com](mailto:nursejody13@gmail.com)).

**Norge Lodge Knitters and Fiber Folks** are a fiber/knitting group that meets at Norway Hall in Vista on the first Sunday of each month from 1-4 in the afternoon.

We are an outreach of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Vista. You do not need to



be a member of the lodge, but we encourage anyone that has a love of knitting and Scandinavian fiber arts.

Some of the fiber crafts we do are knitting, spinning, weaving, felting, sewing, and quilting. We love to come together and share what we have been doing each

month.

We often have mini classes put on by members of the group. There have been no costs except we paid for a lodge member to come from Palm Desert to teach Hardanger.

In the past we have had mini classes on various knitting techniques, Hardanger embroidery, nalbinding, drop spindling, Dremel needle making, and other related fiber techniques.

We encourage visitors to come so we can

share our love of fiber. Sign our clipboard if you would like to come and visit or to be put on our mailing list.



We are a big presence at the Viking Festival in September in the cultural tent held now at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine



Museum in Vista. Many of us volunteer one or both days to demonstrate our favorite fiber related art.

At that time, we donate items that we

have handcrafted that we sell. That money then can be handed out for materials. and in appreciation.

Norway Hall is at 2006 W. Vista Way, Vista. Follow the driveway down beside Prohibition Brewery to the back.

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*Top left: Laurel demonstrating spinning wheel; top right: Laurel working on her 1940 i cord machine. Cary had a friend 3D the missing gear for it. Now it works like a charm. Above: Laurel's ball of I cord from her machine*

*Left: Fiber group demos at the Vista Fiber Festival in Vista, Laurel and Emmy Davis (right and left)*

## Viking River Cruises

By Margaret Dewey

In April I took another Viking River Cruise with friends to celebrate my 75th Birthday (*right*). We sailed from Regensburg (one of my favorite German towns) to Budapest.

It was a trip with some wild weather but the folks in Germany and Austria told us that "April will do what April wants." We had, in one day, rain, sun, hail and even snow one day. None of the conditions lasted for long and it was a cold trip.

We had a wonderful time and of course great food. My favorite things were our visits to the Vienna National Library (*2 photos at right*), the Freud Museum and the Easter Markets (*left*).



the Chelsea Flower Show on TV for years. Another Bucket list item to be checked off.

Planning for my next trip in May to England to view historical gardens and attend the Chelsea Flower Show in London. I am very excited as I have watched



I have gotten into watching the Vandenberg Space Launches. There will be a few in May. Go to Vandenberg

Launch on your search engine to see when the next ones are. They put on quite the show if the weather cooperates. (*Photo at left*)



## Life in Norway

Submitted by Margaret Dewey

**Watch:** Norway's National Day Explained  
Norway celebrates Norwegian Constitution Day every year on the 17th of May. Here's what to expect.



**Read:** Liberation Day in Norway  
The 8th of May is Liberation Day, marking the end of Norway's occupation during World War II. Here's what happens on the day.

*Control and click photos to go to links.*

# GL Board Meeting at Lake Tahoe

*Submitted by Joy Cook, GL Judge*

Deer and bears around our Lake Tahoe house where we had our GL Spring Board meeting.



House we stayed in at Lake Tahoe



Beautiful and serene views



Beautiful pines in the high Sierra



Our carved bear . There had been a bear who had tried to get into the house before we arrived. The screen door was a visual reminder



Lake Tahoe, near our house, with Heidi Barcia and Randi Lundell. Snow capped mountains

GL Board, Joy center right

