

2026 Newsletter
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Lysevegen Road, Norway, September



Meetings



Elections & Festival will be our main topics for both meetings.
 Board Meeting: 2nd Saturday, **September 12, 10:00 am** Kae will send out a reminder on or near Wed., **September 9** with full info.
 Our General Meeting will be 3rd Saturday, **September 19, 10:00 am**, at Faith Lutheran Church, 926 W 6th Ave., Junction City. Kae will send out a reminder on or near Wed. **September 16**.

Editors Note

Thanks to Candice I now know how to put links in that can be clicked on from the newsletter instead of copy & paste! So from now on you should be able to click on a link & go directly to it! She has also learned to attach arrows to link to music, as you will see in some of the coming pages. Click on them to go to the music.

September Newsletter Themes

We will be into Fall this month, so we will focus on that and with school starting as well we will add in books/education. September is Classical Music Month and International Country Music Day on the 17 we will, also touch upon those.



Name Meanings & Name Days

Name Meanings

Traci: English-from Tracy, France
Katrine: Greek, Danish, Scottish-pure
Jean: English-God is gracious
Rebecca (Becky): Hebrew-promise keeper

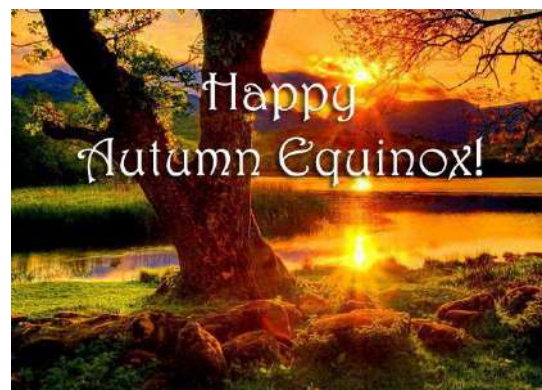
Celebrating September Name Days:

Lise: September 2-Noway



CELEBRATE
 EVERYDAY

How do fall leaves get
 from place to place?



Information (Informasjon)

September Meeting



Just a reminder...

our September meeting will need to consist of getting things in motion for Elections in October, that means **NOMINATIONS**. If you have any desire to be an officer of our group please feel free to talk to any current officer. We could really use some new thoughts from new people in office. Many of our officers have been in their positions for several years & may be getting burned out. Our Lodge is only as good as our Officers. Kae will email Officer descriptions soon & they will be available at the Sept. meeting as well. I strongly encourage ANY member to give it a try!

Stay Connected



Email: daughtersofnorway52@gmail.com

Face Book: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/amw52>

Email us with questions or comments. Check out our Face Book page. We try to post Scandinavian items often & we do post pictures of our in-person meetings.

Our Library

Managed by Shirley

We have a number of books in our library, including Bill Sullivan's complete Viking Series & some of Randi's. Check out something from the Library. Be sure to check them out with Shirley.



A. Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses in class?

Upcoming Events (Kommende arrangementer)

W VESTERHEIM



[https://vesterheim.org/ Online Folk Art Courses](https://vesterheim.org/OnlineFolkArtCourses)

<https://vesterheim.org/folk-art-school/>

B. A rock group with four members, each of whom are dead; But people still come to see us, though an album was never released. What am I?

Nordic Northwest Events for September

<https://www.nordicnorthwest.org/upcoming-events>



Sept 2: FREE EVENT! Moomin Story Time for Kids
Sept. 10: The Wild World of Northwest Fungi
Sept 11: The Bard: Myths from the Northland
Sept 13: Grandparents Day Viking Weaving with a Lucet Fork
Sept. 16: FREE EVENT! Moomin Story Time for Kids
Sept. 18: Fall Oro Workshop
Sept. 19: OFF-CAMPUS: Slöyd Experience: Kids Woodworking Classes
Sept. 20: Annual Membership & Volunteer Celebration 2026
Sept. 25: The Day Iceland Stood Still
Sept. 27: Harvest Flower Crown Workshop
Sept. 29: The Cinema of Ingmar Bergman Film Series
Check the above website for times & costs.
There are also multiple knitting, conversation, etc. events on a regular basis.

Festival



Our Table



Traci's Kransekake



Lynn's Table



Candice

Matt, Maria & Casey took me to the last day of Festival. We had a good time & probably ate too much.



Ellen, Katrine, Traci, ready to work! Thank you Sisters!



Group Picture

meet up of some of our members & some of Frida Hansen Lodge members from Portland.



Kae

It was so much fun to watch the Maypole dance at Festival. The little kids kept getting confused and the adults tried to help but the streamers got all tangled up. All in fun!



Danish æbleskiver Vendor since 1961 now includes Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

What candies do you find at school?

Member News



**Karen P.
and her
Krumkake
makers!!**



**Kathy
Clark County Fair
First Premium with a B+**



Emily-posted July 26

The past year and a half I have been focused on getting my house cleaned out, so I'm always tight on money and I haven't really done anything extravagant, but a month ago I traded some hair to a local tattoo artist and IM GETTING TATTOED ON WEDNESDAY!! It is going to be a black and grey bat with some flowers!!!! on my left forearm! So excited!!!

August 12: The Bat Tat!

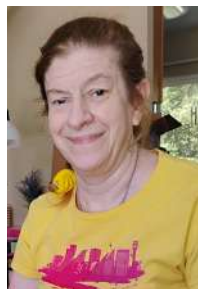


**Kae
at World Market.
Fjord Chips! I like
the Dill Pickle
chips best.**



Shirley

My husband and I went to dinner with our good friends Jean and Steve for my birthday and played cards. It was our weekly game night and I can't think of a better way to celebrate than with family and friends. They even let me win one game.



**Candice
I have color in my world
again. Thanks to an
Oregon Eye Associates
cataract surgery.**



**Kathy
Fun with my friend,
Shannon O'Connor!**

Amey

I was in Bend for a few days, happened to be near the Amphitheater concert venue and was delighted to see people listening from canoes and kayaks just like at Cuthbert in Eugene. Got gold in my pickleball tournament and qualified for Nationals in Houston, but I don't think I'll be going because my partner doesn't want to do it.



Why do books make great friends?



Getting to Know Our Sisters

Candice Watson

My name is Candice Watson. I was born in Southern California but my Pacific Northwest journey began early, moving to Washington at age three and Oregon at age nine. They say variety is the spice of life—and since I cannot stand spicy food, I will happily substitute variety in my life instead! Driven by wanderlust & a lifelong love for new experiences, I have lived & moved between 4 states, 18 cities, and 47 homes. My husband & I shared three distinct careers that allowed us to travel 3 countries in North America, visiting 47 of our 50 great states. Our favorite role was serving as floating managers for retirement communities; a rewarding job perfectly suited to our strengths that allowed us to work together and meet countless interesting souls. While traveling is a bit different now that I can no longer drive, my bucket list remains strictly travel-focused, with Maine, New Hampshire, and Alaska at the very top.

I am proud of my Scandinavian roots, born to a father of Swedish descent and a mother of Norwegian descent. I grew up hearing my maternal grandfather preach the importance of being proud of our Norwegian heritage. He first introduced us to the Junction City Scandinavian Festival when I was about 6 or 7 years old. I have attended every year that I resided in Oregon since we moved here in 1979, with the exception of 3 of the last 6 years.

I was a charter member of our lodge before my career took me on the road in 2013. After returning to Oregon in 2020, I was delighted to rejoin.

Now a widow, my family includes my mother and stepfather, my son, my brother, 2 stepsiblings, 2 stepchildren, 3 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. While I do not have known living family in Scandinavia or know exactly where my ancestors hailed from, I joined the Daughters of Norway to connect with community, gain a deeper knowledge about my heritage, and hopefully discover exactly where my roots begin.



Me age 3



Me & Mom



My son, Matthew & I



Me & my husband Mike



Me & my Grandpa



Dad & I

Which composer
likes tea the most?

Meeting Information (møteinformasjon)

Pictures Submitted by Linda

August Work Meeting–August 8, 2026

Several showed up to help with the packaging for Festival. Thank You to all who showed up to help. We had a good time & got a lot done. A big Thank you to Jean's son, David, who made the wonderful shelf to use for display this year.



Shelf for display at Festival



Katrine, Carol, Kae, Ellen--visiting



Colleen & Lamae



Jill & Amey



Jill, Carol, Amey, Katrine



Kae, Ellen, Karin



Ellen, Kae, Karin



Ellen, Carol, Katrin



Karen, Amey, Ellen



Karen's Krumkake



Ellen, Kae, Lamae, Katrine



Packaged Krumkaka

Colleen



Why don't
mountains get cold in
fall?



Katrine



Culture (Kultur) --Submitted by Candice

Trailblazing Women Musicians

You can click on the arrows to listen to some of their music.

Sweden

- Jenny Lind (1820-1887): 1 of the 1st international celebrities.....
- Birgit Nilsson (1918-2005): Opera star with legendary stamina.....
- Monica Zetterlund (1937- 2005) singer, actress : Blended American jazz and Swedish folk
- Neneh Cherry (b 1964) singer: Pioneered cross genre fusion of hip hop, pop & electronica
- Agnetha Fältskog (b. 1950) singer, songwriter: Co-lead of ABBA
- Anni-Frid Lyngstad (b 1945) singer: Co-lead of ABBA
- Marie Fredricksson (1958- 2019) - Lead of Roxette.....



FINLAND

- Helvi Leiviskä (1902–1982): A rare female orchestral composer in her era.....
- Susanna Mälkki (b. 1969): 1st female chief conductor of the Helsinki Philharmonic
- Kaija Saariaho (1952–2023) : 1 of the greatest classical composers of the 21st century.
- Tarja Turunen (b. 1977): Pioneered the entire symphonic metal genre, paving the way for women in heavy rock.....



ICELAND

- Björk (b. 1965) singer, songwriter, composer, producer : pioneered unique methodology, made 1st app album, commissioned entirely new instruments, a virtual reality pioneer, in male dominated profession (Production)
- Hildur Guðnadóttir (b 1982) Cellist & composer: 1st woman to win an Academy Award for Best Original Score *Joker*.....
- Anna S. Þorvaldsdóttir (b 1977) Composer: 1st woman appointed composer-in-residence Iceland Symphony Orchestra.....
- Kælan Mikla, all female darkwave band: shattered conventional boundaries, redefined genre.....



Denmark

- Anne Linnet (b. 1953) singer, songwriter: A legendary 5 decade career.....
- Grethe Ingmann (1938-1990): With husband, Jørgen, won the 1963 Eurovision Song Contest, making Denmark the first Scandinavian country to claim the victory.....
- Sanne Salomonsen (b 1955): "Rock Mama" of Denmark
- Nancy Dalberg (1881-1949) Composer: 1st Danish woman to write a symphony
- Hilda Sehested (1858-1936) Composer, pianist: composed a major opera *Agnete and the Mermaid*.....
- Tekla Griebel Wandall (1866-1940) composer, educator: 1st woman formally educated in composition from Royal Danish Conservatory Of Music
- MØ (Karen Marie Ørsted) (b 1988) singer, songwriter: Completely redefined the sound of electronic pop. Her hit "Lean On" became one of the most streamed songs of all time.....



NORWAY

- Kirsten Flagstad (1895–1960) opera singer: 1st Norwegian to star at the Metropolitan Opera.....
- Mari Boine (b. 1956) Sami singer, songwriter, musician, activist, professor: revolutionized traditional joik singing by fusing it with jazz, rock.....
- Agathe Backer Grøndahl (1847–1907) pianist, composer: Composed over 400 pieces, paving the way for women in Europe.
- Pauline Hall (1890–1969) composer, music critic: introduced avant-garde ideas to Norway, founding chairperson of the Norwegian section of the ISCM.....
- Anne-Marie Ørbeck (1911–1996) pianist, composer: composed 1st symphony written by a Norwegian woman.....



What kind of music is a balloon scared of?

Culture (Kultur)

Ja Vi Elsker

1st verse only

1. Ja, vi elsker dette landet,
Ya, vee EL-skur DET-tuh LAHN-duh
2. som det stiger frem,
somm deh STEE-gur frem
3. furet, værbitt over vannet,
FOO-ret, VAIR-bit OH-vur VAHN-nuh
4. Med de tusen hjem.
Meh dee too-sen yem.
5. Elsker, elsker det og tenker
EL-sker, EL-sker duh aw TENK-ur
6. På vår far og mor,
Paw vohr fahr aw moor,
7. og den saganatt som senker
aw den SAH-gah-naht sum SEN-ker
8. på vår jord
paw vohr yohr

This finishes the first verse



Culture for September
Submitted by Cultural Director
Amey



Trip sharing with Karin just returned from Norway



KING HARALD V OF NORWAY
1937 - 2026

With deepest sympathies to the Norwegian Royal family and all of the Norwegian people on the passing of His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, August 28, 2026 at age 89.



His Majesty King Haakon VIII

What is Bigfoot's favorite book?

Our Sister Lodge

<https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/>

Submitted by Amey

Mina Aasen Lodge #55

in Minot North Dakota was founded in 2018. They meet the first Sunday of the month from 2-4pm

Lodge Name

Mina Aasen was born in Minnesota to parents with Norwegian ancestry. She attended a rural school until 8th grade, when she enrolled in a Montana hospital nursing school. She graduated in 1918, then joined a Red Cross unit. She was assigned to Walter Reed hospital to help with the Spanish flu epidemic, and for years worked in various DC area army hospitals. In June 1941, she was sent to a military hospital in the Philippines. When the hospital was bombed and burned to the ground, she and 66 other nurses were held as P.Q.W.s for three years. These "Angels of Bataan" were the first US women in uniform to serve in a combat zone. They were finally released in 1945, but poor conditions in her captivity led to her retirement and need for a change. She lived in San Francisco as an artist before returning to Minot, where she remained the rest of her life (1974). Several charter members of the lodge are grand-nieces of Aasen, and one wrote a book, *Memories of Mina*. DN historian Jill Beatty played a key role forming the Minot lodge.



Photo: Chelso E. Brink / Memories of Mina
Mina in 1945 after being liberated.

An Educational Story



She paid \$15 a term to keep a Kenyan boy in school. Thirty years later, he tracked her down—a Harvard lawyer who'd spent his career fighting genocide. Then he learned why she'd helped him. In Västerås, Sweden, a kindergarten teacher named Hilde Back enrolled in a child sponsorship program. Read the rest of the story:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/103083339748542/permalink/27276783081951867>

Pippi Longstocking & Hitler

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Hab3SCcmB/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



While children worldwide laughed at Pippi Longstocking's adventures, almost no one knew the truth: her creator was secretly reading Nazi letters and inventing the world's most independent child as an antidote to Hitler.

Norsk Høstfest (Fjord Folk Fest)



A towering kransekake reflects the enduring role of food in celebrating Nordic heritage, where traditional recipes connect generations. Set to debut Aug. 21-22, 2026, the new festival will remain in Minot, now hosted at the municipal auditorium. <https://www.norwegianamerican.com/remembering-norsk-hostfests-legacy>.

Oodi--Helsinki, Finland

<https://oodi.helsinki.fi/en/>

This 3 story building in a square in the middle of downtown Helsinki is not only a complete library with thousands of books, etc.; it houses an auditorium, meeting rooms, teaching kitchen, individual workspaces, reading rooms, seating steps, studios for music/band practice, crafting areas, gaming rooms, machine rooms, children's areas, newspaper/magazine areas, & a community balcony! WOW!

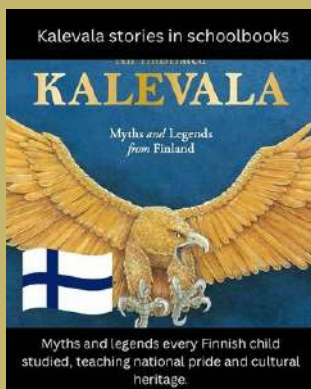
Helsinki Central Library Oodi is considered one of the most futuristic and innovative public libraries on Earth.



A. Why do birds fly south in the Fall?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantos_of_the_Kalevala

This is a summary of the cantos of the Kalevala. The Kalevala is considered the national epic of Finland.^[1] It was compiled and edited from the songs of numerous folk singers by Elias Lönnrot^[2] while he was a district health officer in eastern Finland, at that time under the governance of Russia as Grand Duchy of Finland. The Kalevala has been translated into about 48 languages and has been an important cultural inspiration for the Finnish people for many years. The poem consists of 50 cantos (runos) and 22,795 lines of poetry. The poem tells the story of a people, from the very beginning of the world to the introduction of Christianity. This is taught in schools from early grades.



In Finland, children read to dogs in libraries—and even to cows on farms—because the animals are calm, attentive listeners who help kids relax and concentrate, with organized programs run by the Finnish Kennel Club and participating municipalities.

B. What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?

Food and Recipes (Mat og oppskrifter)

Recipe of the Month (Månedens oppskrift)

Traditional Finnish Salmon Soup (Lohikeitto)

<https://true-north-kitchen.com/traditional-finnish-salmon-soup-lohikeitto/#recipe>



A light yet creamy soup featuring tender salmon chunks, potatoes, carrots, a splash of cream and plenty of fresh dill.

Ingredients

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 yellow onion diced small
2 carrots cut into 1/2 inch dice
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
4 cups water
3-4 medium Yukon Gold potatoes cut into 3/4 inch cubes (about 1 pound)
1 cup cream
1 pound fresh salmon*, skin removed and cut into 1 inch cubes
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/2 cup chopped fresh dill

Instructions

1. Melt butter in a large dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Once the foaming subsides, add the onion and carrots. Saute until the onions are soft and translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the salt, white pepper, allspice and nutmeg. Continue to cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more.
2. Add the water and the potatoes. Bring to a boil over medium high and then reduce the temperature to a simmer. Cook until potatoes are just tender, about 12 minutes.
3. Add cream and bring back to a simmer. Add the salmon cubes and gently simmer until just cooked through, about 5 minutes (no aggressive stirring once the salmon is added - we want the cubes to stay intact).
4. Remove from the heat. Stir in the lemon juice and chopped dill. Season to taste with additional salt and white pepper. Serve immediately.
5. *Note: You can use leftover cooked salmon instead of raw salmon in this recipe. Simply cut it into chunks and simmer in the soup until warmed through.

Judy's Recipe Corner

Apple Chips

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alexandra-guarnaschelli/apple-chips-recipe-1942766>



The simple syrup really makes a difference with these apple chips. It makes them shiny and more crispy. You can reuse the syrup to sweeten tea or make another batch of apple chips.

Ingredients

2 cups water
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 to 3 lemons, juiced
2 small apples, preferably a crisp, flavorful variety like Royal Gala or Winesap, washed and dried

Directions

1. In a small pot, combine the water and sugar and bring to a gentle boil over medium heat. Set aside to cool.
2. Place the apples on a flat surface. Using a mandoline or sharp knife, cut each one, placing the core end of the apple in front of the blade, into rounds as thin as you can manage. Remove any seeds as you cut and sprinkle them with lemon juice. Submerge the apple slices in the syrup and allow them to "rest" for a few hours or, even better, overnight.
3. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees F.
4. Remove some of the apples from the syrup and lightly dry them on a kitchen towel. Place them in a single layer on a baking sheet with parchment or on a tray fitted with a baking rack. Bake in the oven until crispy, about 1 hour.

Why did the apple join the band?

Brain Food Page (morsom side)

answers on last Page

Did You Know ?

1. Finland has the greatest number of heavy metal bands per capita in the world. While Sweden and Norway have only 27 heavy metal bands per 100,000 inhabitants, Finland boasts double as much, 54 bands per 100,000.
2. Lars Ulrich, the drummer for the heavy metal band Metallica, was born in Denmark.
3. The Danish alphabet has three letters not found in the English alphabet: Æ, Ø, Å. All three are vowels and come after the letter Z in the alphabet.
4. Karen Blixen, also known by her nom de plume Isak Dinesen, may be Denmark's most famous author (*Out of Africa*).
5. Trolldhaugen, Norway, is the home of composer Edvard Grieg.
6. Sigrid Undset, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, and Knut Hamsun are all Norwegians authors who have won the Nobel Prize for Literature. Norway's most famous author, playwright Henrik Ibsen, did not.
7. After Astrid Lindgren's (*Pippi Longstocking* author) death in 2002, the government created the world's largest prize for children's literature in her name.
8. Icelanders can understand texts written in their language over 800 years ago.
9. The rate of literacy among Icelanders is the highest in the world.
10. Scandinavians speak excellent English, the children start learning English in primary school & media is mostly in English.

JOKE OF THE MONTH (Månedens Vits)



I am the question, in the book's heart, hinting at puzzles right from the start.
What am I?



All About Books

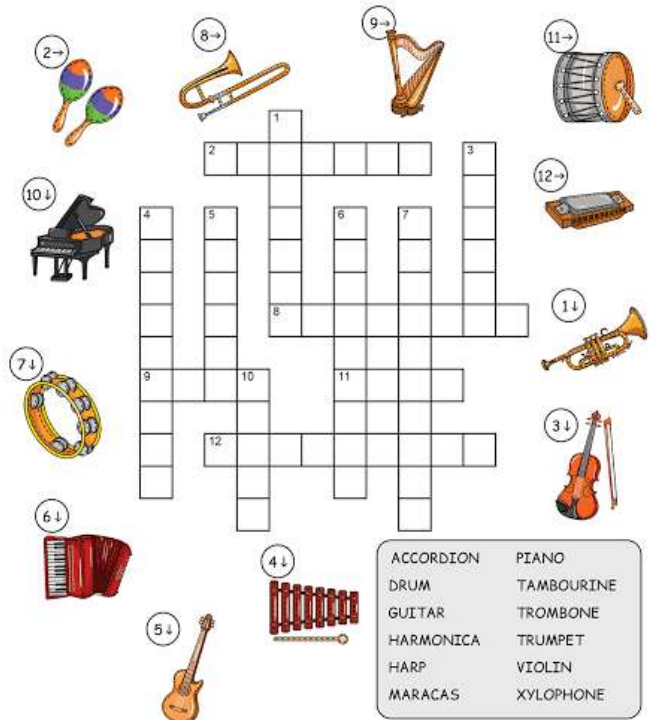
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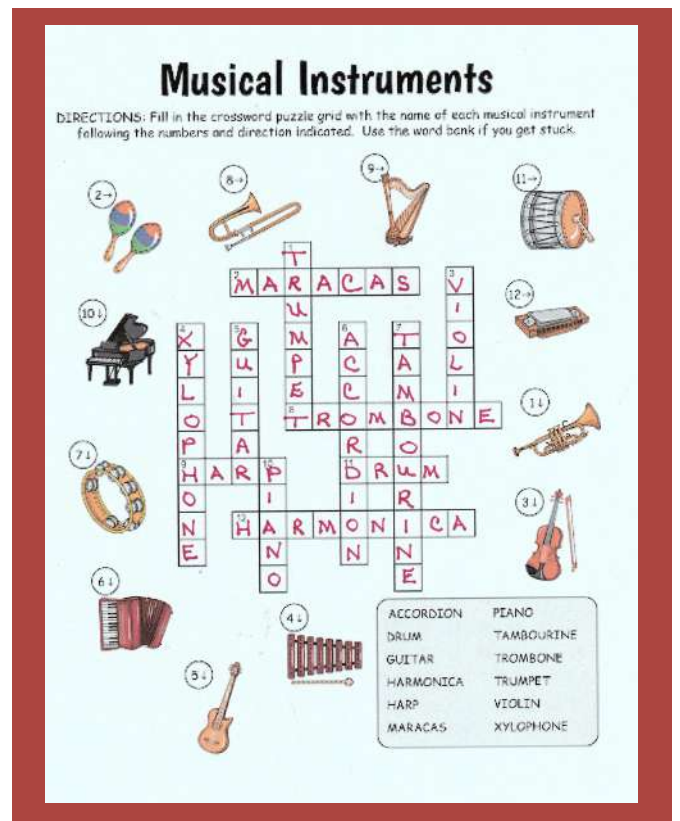
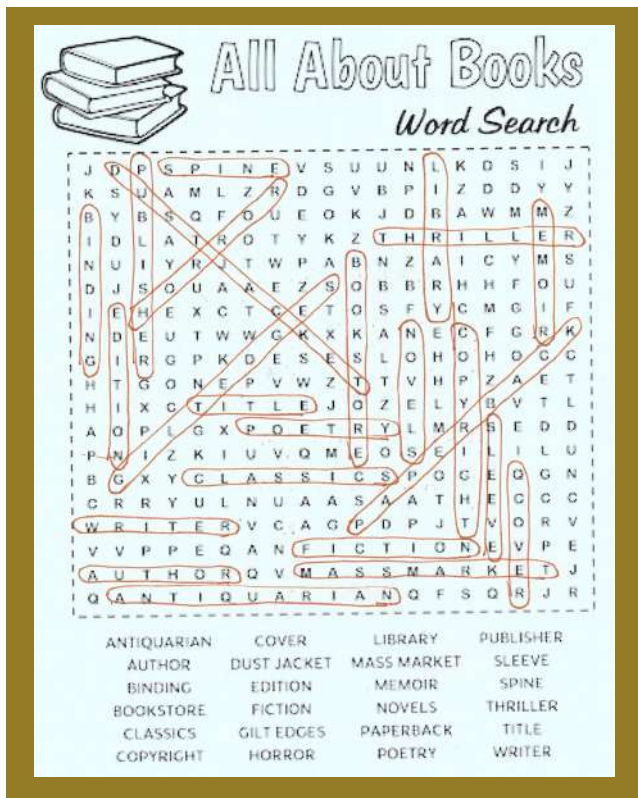
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Musical Instruments

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the crossword puzzle grid with the name of each musical instrument following the numbers and direction indicated. Use the word bank if you get stuck.



Answers & Extras (svar og tillegg)



Trivia, Brainteasers, etc. Answers

page 1: With autumn-mobiles.

page 2A: Because her students were so bright.

page 2B: Mt. Rushmore

page 3: Smarties, Nerds, and Dum-Dums

page 4: Because they're always "open" to new things!

page 5: Chai-kovsky!

page 6: They wear snow caps

page 7: Pop music!

page 8: Hairy Potter.

page 9A: The blackboard.

page 9B: Because it's too far to walk.

page 10: Because it had good core-dination!

page 11: Mystery



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