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CHANGE OF VENUE

It's summertime, and that means it's picnic time.



We have a change of venue. We will be meeting at Polly Nikolai's home (S511 W. 26th Rd., Marshfield) at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 8th. This will be a "Snackluck" picnic outdoors. So bring snack-type foods: chips, cookies, etc. No hot foods. Polly will furnish coffee, paper plates and cups. Bring your own drinks if you prefer something else, and your own lawn chairs. Masks will be optional since we will be outdoors.

To find Polly's home, drive northwest on Hwy 13 out of Marshfield approximately 3 miles (2.9 miles from Fleet Farm). Turn left on to 26th Rd. and drive approximately 420 feet. If you see BeeBee Road, you've gone too far. Polly's home is on the left. Coming from Spencer, the right turn onto 26th Rd is approximately 3.9 miles.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hilsene fra Dorothy



Fun Fact

It's Always Sunny in Longeyen

... during the summer, that is. From mid-May through August, the mid-night sun hangs high over the polar sky—and never sets.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Did you know?

The Troll car. Don't feel bad if you didn't know that there used to be a car brand named Troll! Only 5 cars were ever made, and thankfully they are all preserved in «car museums» and the like. The car was in production between 1956 and 58 in the factory in Lunde, Telemark. The Think car, a pioneering electric car, was another Norwegian car project that was permanently parked (after being bought by Ford).

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The Royal Palace Buried Treasure

During World War II, the Norwegian royal family hastily abandoned the royal palace as Hitler's army began its invasion of Norway. Although the family managed to flee to safety, they left behind many precious belongings, including the royal jewels.



Two years later, a Nazi collaborator named Vidkun Quisling took great interest in the royal palace and the abandoned treasures inside. However, upon entering the castle, he discovered the valuables were missing.

Fortunately, Carl Otto Løvenskiold, head of the royal court, had decided to safeguard the royal jewelry when the monarchs fled. In the middle of an April night, he went to the palace and packed the jewels into five large suitcases. He took them to his family's cabin, deep in the forest near Oslo, and buried them under the woodshed. The jewels remained hidden there for five years.

When the war ended in 1945, Løvenskiold returned the royal jewelry back to the palace. His efforts earned him The Royal St. Olav's Order and a personal thank-you letter from the king.

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Artifacts Reveal Ancient Viking Route



The Jotunheim Mountains, about 200 miles northwest of Oslo, contain a stretch of land known as the Lendbreen ice patch. During the warm summer of 2011, archeologists began unearthing long-buried artifacts under the melting ice.

One of the first discoveries was the oldest piece of clothing ever found in Norway: a 1,700-year-old tunic. This led to many more explorations of the site, eventually resulting in the discovery of over 1,000 artifacts, including horseshoes, clothing and leather shoes, as archeologists meticulously worked through an area the size of 35 football fields.

Experts have determined that this stretch of land was used as a travel route during the Roman age, from about 300 AD until the Middle Ages. Peak use occurred during the Viking era, around 1000 AD, as it provided a key trading route between Scandinavia and the rest of Europe.

So far, no other ice patch in the world has yielded more archeological finds. But as ice continues to melt higher in the mountains, archeologists anticipate more significant discoveries akin to the Lendbreen ice patch.

Coming Soon: [Viking for Kids](#) As part of our 125th anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to announce the return of Viking for Kids. Coming this August, Viking for Kids will be a quarterly digital publication that will be available for download on our website. It will include Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to the launch of Viking for Kids.



For updates, visit sofn.com/vikingforkids.

a little in English...

Viking men also had kitchen equipment in their graves

What were the gender roles like in the Viking Age? A Norwegian archaeologist believes that we often misinterpret the past.

"I think we must move away from a clear division between men and women in the Viking Age. There were not as many differences as we like to believe," says Marianne Moen of the University of Oslo. She has earned a doctorate in Archeology on gender in the Viking Age and found that women and men in the upper class were largely buried with similar things.

Moen has reviewed the contents of 218 graves in Vestfold and sorted them by type of objects.

Not just housewives

In the tombs in Vestfold, both common tools and objects related to the home are fairly evenly distributed between the sexes. Men are buried with kitchen equipment as often as women. Ten graves with cookware belong to men, eight are women. Moen thinks this is fun. Because that could mean that men also cooked, she believes.

Genderless graves

More than 40 percent of men's tombs contain personal ornamentation such as brooches or beads. Researchers in Norway are having trouble determining the gender of tombs that lack a clear distinction in weapons, jewelry and textile tools. Every fourth grave in Vestfold is genderless.

"Archaeologists should lift their gaze and avoid focusing on buckles and swords as if they were the most important objects," Moen writes in her dissertation.

"Generally within Viking Age studies, grave goods are interpreted as associated with the deceased. So this should not change in those cases where the grave goods do not fit with modern expectations of what a man or woman should have in the grave."

Excerpted from: <https://forskning.no/arkeologi-historie-kjonn-og-samfunn/ogsa-vikingmenn-hadde-kjokkenutstyr-med-seg-i-graven/1338668>

litt på norsk...

Også vikingmenn hadde kjøkkenutstyr med seg i graven

Hvordan var kjønnsrollene i vikingtida? En norsk arkeolog mener vi ofte feiltolker fortida.

– Jeg mener vi må bevege oss bort fra en tydelig deling mellom menn og kvinner i vikingtida. Det var ikke så mange forskjeller som vi liker å tro, sier Marianne Moen ved Universitetet i Oslo.

Hun har tatt doktorgraden i arkeologi om kjønn i vikingtida og funnet ut at kvinner og menn i overklassen stort sett er begravd med lignende ting.

Moen har gått gjennom innholdet fra 218 graver i Vestfold og sortert det etter type gjenstander.

Ikke bare husfruer

I gravene i Vestfold er både vanlige verktøy og gjenstander knyttet til hjemmet ganske jevnt fordelt mellom kjønnene.

Menn er begravd med kjøkkenutstyr like ofte som kvinner. Ti graver med kokekar tilhører menn, åtte er kvinners.

Det synes Moen er gøy. For det kan bety at også menn laget mat, tror hun.

Kjønnsløse graver

Mer enn 40 prosent av mannsgravene inneholder personlig pynt som brosjer eller perler.

Forskerne i Norge får problemer med å kjønnsbestemme gravene som mangler et tydelig skille i våpen, smykker og tekstilredskaper. Hver fjerde grav i Vestfold er kjønnsløs.

Arkeologene bør løfte blikket og unngå å fokusere på spenner og sverd som om det var de aller viktigste gjenstandene, skriver Moen i doktoravhandlingen sin.

– Generelt innenfor vikingtidsstudier blir gravgods tolket som tilknyttet den avdøde. Da bør ikke dette endres i de tilfellene hvor gravgodset ikke passer med moderne forventninger til hva en mann eller kvinne burde ha med seg i graven.

Nordic News

And What About the Mules and Horses that pulled the canal boats?

Last week's "Nordic News" featured Daryl Wunrow in, "Erie Canal: Immigrant Gateway to the West." Daryl is a member of Fosselyngen lodge in Milwaukee WI and very involved in the Nordic Council of Wisconsin.

In this presentation, Daryl taught us how the Erie Canal played a major role in transporting farm goods from the Midwest to Eastern markets and served as the major "highway" for immigrants from 1825-1850 to reach new settlements in the Midwest. Part of Daryl's talk focused on a trip that he and his three adult sons made, re-tracing the Erie Canal. His son, Jeff, joined us from Ashland City, TN for the presentation.

Upcoming "Nordic News" :

July 28 –The Viking Ship sailed to the 1893 Columbian Exhibition (Samantha Simera Bamberger)

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Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

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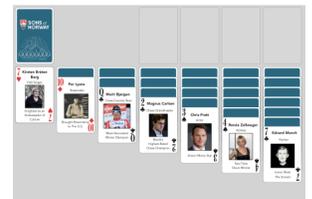
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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Cultural Solitaire

Sons of Norway is excited to share our new game, Cultural Solitaire. This is the perfect *tidsfordriv* (pastime) as well as a tool for learning about famous Norwegians and North Americans with Norwegian heritage. Each card features a different person or people along with a bit about their contributions to the world.

As you mouse over each famous person's face, you will see a link appear in the lower left corner of the screen. These links invite you to find out more about the background and significance of each person.



How to play:

Click on [Play Cultural Solitaire](#) to open the game.

If you're new to internet solitaire or need to brush up, here's everything you need to know about playing:

Rules for play

https://solitaired.com/#how_to_play

We created this game with the team at [Solitaired](#). Play more solitaire games like [Spider](#) and [Freecell](#) on their site.