

NORWEGIANS WORLDWIDE TUCSON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2020



JUNE 2020- Midsommer

Save the Dates

Next Meeting will be

September 20, 2020

2:00 PM

(Our new Location)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1200 N Campbell Ave,

Tucson, AZ 85719

NORSK Folk Gathering

To be determined

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Our board has made the difficult decision to cancel our meeting for May, including the Syttende mai breakfast. With many of us already in home quarantine, we do this with a heavy heart but believe ever so strongly that our collective health and safety should be pre-eminent.

We anticipate starting our fall meetings in September rather than October, but will keep you informed as we progress through the summer.

We have our Norwegian family and friends everywhere in our thoughts and prayers, and wish you all the best of health.

This is our tentative schedule for our 2020/2021 season which will NOW BEGIN 1 hour EARLIER at 1:00 PM.

Shopping 1:00-1:30, meeting begins promptly at 1:30-4:00

ELECTION RESULTS

2019-2020 Officers

- *President – Larry Jensen
- *Vice President – Julia Olsen
- *Secretary – Christine Gundvaldson Waltz
- *Treasurer – Gerry Rucks
- *Membership – Julia Olsen

Board Members

- *John Payne

- *Jean Payne
- *Carol Rucks
- *Alan Waltz
- *Nancy Lyngby
- *Erica Randolph
- *Ernie de la Vara

We are seeking additional Board members and Volunteers. Let us know your interest- Please

Our New meeting home will be at -

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-

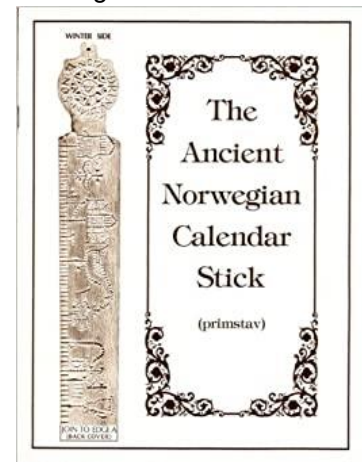
1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719

Our new location will be larger and a more central location for all members.

Our schedule is:

Sep 20 1:00 PM-Welcome Back

Our meeting will include a discussion and lecture about the Norwegian PRIMSTAV calendar.



Oct 18 1:00PM-OPEN HOUSE

We will HOST this event and will have demonstrations on Norwegian Crafts, Food and culture, The Leikarring Dancers will perform and Tucson's other Scandinavian Clubs will join us.

Nov 15 1:00PM- VIKINGS will be our topic and we will be joined by other Scandinavian clubs.



Dec 4- Cookies for Nordic Fair

Dec 5 – Nordic Fair

NORDIC GUILD'S 39TH

NORDIC FAIR

Scandinavian Crafts & Collectibles
Ethnic Foods Baked Goods
Folk Dancers & Musicians

Saturday, December 5, 2020

9:00am to 3:00pm

Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church
5360 E Pima Street (1 block West of Craycroft)

Facebook @TucsonNordicFair
www.TucsonNordicFair.com



Cookies for Nordic Fair and Nordic Fair will still be held at the same Streams of the Desert Lutheran church on E Pima St.

Dec 12 or 13th 1:00PM- JUL PARTY (we will take a vote for which day is better)



Our JUL Party will be an Old Fashioned Norwegian Immigrant Christmas Party, Singing, Music, Food, are just a few of the fun things we'll be doing.

Jan 21 1:00 PM-

Ethnic Pot Luck--Everyone will bring a Norwegian dish to pass and we will be joined by the Danish and Swedish clubs for additional Ethnic dishes and Entertainment.



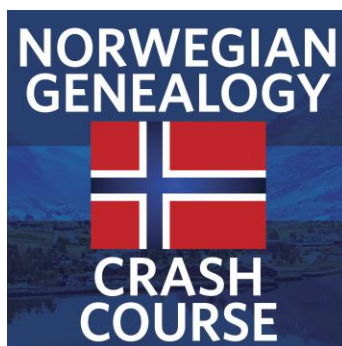
Feb 21 1:00PM

Our Topic will be your Norwegian ROOTS- Genealogy.

A class on HOW TO find your Norwegian Ancestors.

A beginning to our Club's Genealogy group, Join today!

Contact Julia Olsen or Larry Jensen for more information..



Mar 21 1:00PM

Ice Cream Social PLUS a Norwegian MOVIE and popcorn



Movie to be determined-



Apr 18 1:00PM

Norwegian Waffles & White elephant Norsk BINGO

Enjoy waffles while we play Nordic Bingo – everyone will bring a white elephant gift for our Bingo Prizes.



MAY 15 – SYTTENDE MAI



Begin Time to be determined

Our BIG Day- Hurrah Hurrah-

Food, Music, Entertainment-
Leikarring Dancers &
Norwegian Flag Parade !



WE WANT EVERYONE to
participate in this years
activities. Everyone **COUNTS** !

**Bring a guest, we are a
welcoming club.**



Around the time of the summer solstice, (June 21) Norway begins its celebration of Midsummer. With the weather warm and the days long, there couldn't be a better time to enjoy the Midsummer festival Norway puts on each year. On Midsummer, Norway's traditions have lost much of their original meaning and significance, but

Norwegians still find Midsummer Day a time of fun and merriment.

On Midsummer Day, Norway remembers the birth of John the Baptist and celebrates midsummer or the summer solstice. Midsummer's Eve can also be called jonsok, which originates from Norse and means "vigil for Jon."

A long time ago, people believed that witches and other supernatural elements were abnormally strong on Midsummer's Eve, since the sun turns that day. People gathered herbs and made a bonfire to keep the witches away. This was the origin of the Midsummer's Eve bonfire.

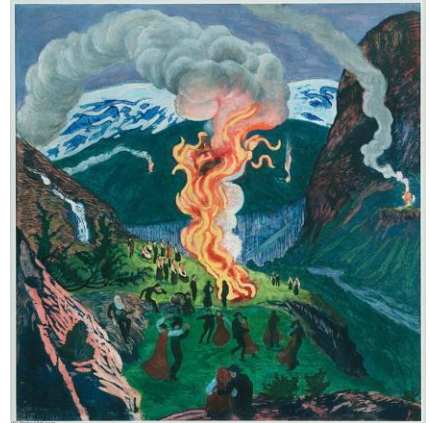


Even if St. John's Eve as a folk tradition isn't so strong anymore, Norwegians still appreciate this summer holiday.

On Midsummer night, Norway is known for its record-breaking bonfires, but that's not all.

Most Norwegians will start the celebration in the afternoon. Friends and family gather to eat and drink together, and the most

common activity is to barbecue. After this, the children and adults will play or relax and chat. The day after Midsummer's Eve is no longer a holiday, so some Norwegians refrain from celebrating St. John's Eve.



After eating and having fun for hours, everyone goes together to watch the lighting of St John's bonfires. Along Norway's coastline, you can see one bonfire after another and people gathering around the big bonfires. Looking at a bonfire burn in the dusk is something Norwegians really like. In certain places, it is also tradition to go up into the mountains instead of enjoying bonfires.



Midsummer's Eve in Norway doesn't only see bonfires set on fire, but also boats. In the southern part of Norway, in Flekkefjord, it is common to set an old boat filled with burning materials on fire. This tradition started in the 1800s when kids found an old boat, filled it up, lit a fire, and pulled the boat

through the streets. Because of the fire hazard, boats are now anchored in the ocean and set alight there.



When it comes to the Midsummer bonfire, Norway isn't just playing around. How tall do you think the biggest bonfire has been in Norway to date?

The tallest bonfire in Norway was in 2016, measuring 47.4 meters (about 155.5 feet). This bonfire currently holds the world record, and is called Slinningsbålet, referring to the tallest bonfire. Because of the fire hazard and pollution, many places in Norway prohibit St. John's Eve bonfires

Here's the most important vocabulary you should know for the Midsummer holiday in Norway!

Sommer — "Summer"

Juni — "June"

Grille — "Grill"

Midtsommer — "Midsummer"

Solverv — "Solstice"

Bål — "Bonfire"

Ild — "Fire"

Midnattsol — "Midnight sun"

Kyst — "Coast"

Selskap — "Company"

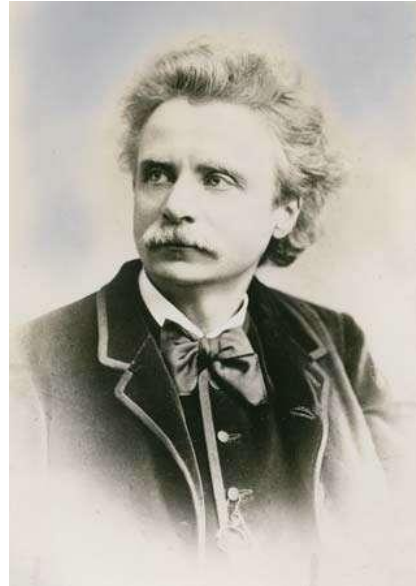
Jorbær — "Strawberry"

Blomsterkrans — "Flower wreath"

Happy Birthday

Edvard Hagerup Grieg,

(born June 15, 1843, Bergen, Nor.—died Sept. 4, 1907, Bergen)



Edvard Grieg was born in Bergen, a seaport in Norway. His first music teacher was his mother, who was a wonderful pianist. Many members of the Grieg family were musical, so Edvard's parents didn't object when he wanted to be a musician when he grew up.

As a teenager, Edvard was sent to study at the best music conservatory in Europe -- in Leipzig, Germany. After he graduated, Grieg spent time in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he met and married his cousin Nina, who was a singer.

Grieg had an active career as a pianist, giving concerts all over Europe. But every summer, he came back to Norway to compose. He became a great champion of Norwegian music, art and theater, which is why the great Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen asked Grieg to

write music for his play Peer Gynt.



Whilst Grieg was born in Norway in 1843, his great-grandfather was actually Scottish. The Grieg family ended up in Norway after emigrating to Scandinavia after the Battle of Culloden in the 18th Century.

Grieg was regularly tormented by his classmates growing up. The piano was his escape, and he quickly became a highly proficient pianist at a very early age.



At just 15 years old, Grieg headed south to Germany's Leipzig Conservatory. The School of Music, which was founded by fellow composer Mendelssohn, has played host to its fair share of successful musicians over the centuries. Notable alumni include Sir Arthur Sullivan, Leoš Janáček and Isaac Albéniz.

In 1866, Grieg performed some of his own piano miniatures. They ended up being something of a sensation.

After meeting composer Rikard Nordraak in Copenhagen in 1863, Grieg developed a strong and passionate interest in the music of his homeland. He once explained, 'The traditional way of life of the Norwegian people, together with Norway's legends, Norway's history, Norway's natural scenery, stamped itself on my creative imagination from my earliest years.'



ABOVE-Grieg's home in Trolldhaugen, Norway

After realizing he wanted his compositions to be influenced by traditional Norwegian music, Grieg returned back home. Over time, he merged Norwegian melodies and harmonies into his own compositions.



ABOVE-Grieg with his wife Nina
After marrying his cousin Nina Hagerup in 1867, which was followed by the birth of their baby girl, he composed his first masterpiece, the A minor Piano Concerto. Grieg's happiness was the main influence for this piece.

Grieg's one and only Piano Concerto was an instant success. Intriguingly, he never followed up with a second concerto. The piece has remained one of his greatest ever compositions.

In 1894, the University of Cambridge presented Grieg with an honorary degree.

After penning his final composition– the Four Psalms in 1906 – Grieg suffered a huge heart attack in 1907 and passed away. His influence continued to be a force in the years after his death, especially in the early 20th century when many French composers began taking inspiration from his work.



And FINALLY:

The most popular foods for Midsummer's Eve are grilled dishes, Norwegian strawberries and rømmegrøten. Children are spoiled with sweets, especially, pancakes with butter and sugar.

The evening of June 23rd brings the shortest night of the year and St John the Baptist's birthday. Norwegians will celebrate evening by dancing around bonfires and maypoles, telling fortunes and tasting sweet pancakes.

Mormor's Norwegian Pancakes

SERVES 4–6/ You will need:

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, sifted before measuring

¼ teaspoon salt

3 large eggs

1¾ cups whole milk, plus more if needed

5 tablespoons butter, melted, plus more for the pan

fresh raspberries

Place the flour, salt, eggs, milk, and butter in a food processor and blend until you have a smooth batter.

Let the batter rest for 30 minutes.

This will allow the



flour to "swell" as it absorbs the milk, making the pancakes easier to flip. If the batter feels too thick, add a little more milk.

Preheat the oven to 250°F.

Lightly butter a medium skillet, and heat it over medium heat. Using a little less than ¼ cup of batter for each pancake, pour the batter onto the skillet and swirl to cover the whole pan. Cook for 1 minute. Turn using a spatula and cook for another minute. The pancake should be light brown on each side. Keep warm on a baking sheet in the oven. Repeat with the remaining batter, adding more butter to the pan as needed.

Put each pancake onto a sheet pan and keep stacking them up and storing them in the preheated oven as you make more new ones.

Crush or puree some of your raspberries to use as a filling for the pancakes.

Serve pancakes hot, folded or rolled up, filled, and topped with raspberries.

SEE YOU SOON!



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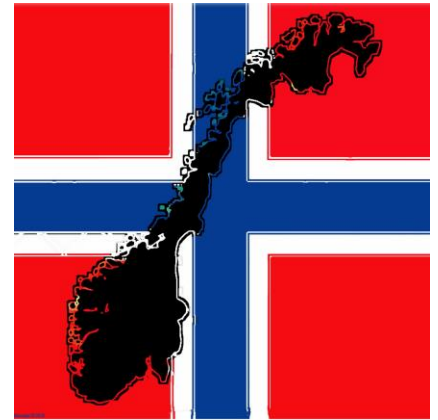
Norwegian-Americans, Norwegians living here in Arizona, and anyone with an interest in Norway and Scandinavia. Founded as a registered non-profit organization, our chapter has been connecting our community and promoting the rich national and cultural heritage of Norway for over 40 years.

Welcome to a community for Norwegian Americans, Norwegians living in Arizona, and anyone with an interest in Norway and/or Scandinavia. If you are looking to connect with your heritage, practice your language

skills, meet new friends, explore Nordic culture, and more -- drop us a line or stop by our next event! We host family-friendly events throughout the year celebrating Norway's rich cultural heritage and current events.

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