

Varden Lodge 07-19 Newsletter

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Editorial

Hello! Spring is upon us. I know for the past three newsletters, I have been promising a Social meeting, well finally in April we will have one. The meeting is scheduled for April 14th at Normanna. It will be so nice to see everyone. Our Social Director, Leslie-Anne Frostad has planned an evening of Norwegian Bingo and possibly some Chinese food. We know a good restaurant, Lakeview restaurant, that has an excellent hot and sour soup which is popular with several of our members. Plus if you win any of the Norwegian Bingo games you may get a prize.

Susan and I attended on March 15th, in Bellingham, the planning meeting for the Border festival. It will be held on July 12th at Peace Arch Park which straddles the Canadian and American borders. Please don't get into the line up for the border crossing as you will have to cross into the States. I believe on the Canadian side you can park at 0 Ave. Hopefully, you will come as there will be great food, some fun games of Kubb and the Crowning of a Border Festival Queen or King. I should also mention there is a raffle with excellent prizes. So please get in touch with Susan Strang who is selling tickets to our lodge.

Although it is only Spring, Summer is quickly coming which means not only the Border Festival but also the Mid-Summer Festival and Varden's Annual Birthday picnic. I believe the Mid-summer Festival will be on June 20th and 21st. Again, Varden will man the Sons of Norway table. We will be happily promoting ourselves and need volunteers to help us do so. I have participated many times and it is always fun. There are many displays of Scandinavian arts and crafts. Plus wonderful food. You can catch me getting my fill of Norwegian waffles with strawberries and whipped cream while watching either the Scandinavian dancers, the hobby horse contest or the wife carrying contest.

Another fun time is our Annual Picnic at Ryall Park. This year Varden Lodge celebrates its 115th anniversary. Congratulations Varden! There will be more details in upcoming newsletters. But it sounds like we will have a busy summer.

I hope to see you at these events, enjoying the Summer and all it has to offer. Another small reason to celebrate. (See below.)

Regarding "Sentimental Value"...

This a first for Norway, "Sentimental Value" won the Oscar for Best International Film! Hopefully it will be on Netflix. Enjoy!

March Meeting!

This meeting was a business meeting.

April Meeting

The next meeting will be a social meeting.

Education Grant

Varden offers an Educational Grant of \$700 for post-secondary studies to a child or grandchild of a lodge member. **The Deadline for this year is 04/30/2026.** Please contact Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

I hope everyone is well as I haven't heard anything.

April Birthdays

1st-John Lind
13th-Connor Schilbach
17th-Leslie Anne Frostad Eriksson
22nd-Honora Cooper
27th-Kassandra Lind
Kristianna Lind

April Holidays

1st-Passover begins
3rd-Good Friday
5th-Easter
6th-Easter Monday
9th-Passover ends
22nd-Earth Day

Calendar of Events.s

1. Varden Lodge's next meeting will be on April 14th, 2026 at Normanna.
There will probably be a dinner of Chinese food and a game of Norwegian Bingo.
2. Viking Lodge's next meeting will be on April 2nd.at Tynehead Hall in Surrey.
3. Sleipner Lodge 's next meeting will probably be on April 9th.