



Normanna News

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to promote and to preserve
the heritage and culture of Norway

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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Notes from the New President

Gary Strombo here.

Well there have been some changes. President Tim Nerison was forced to resign for personal reasons.

And that brings up something near and dear to me personally and professionally. Burn out. We all have a lot of commitments, and in any organization, there are a few people that are just always there, always working. Tim was that guy. Unfortunately, that comes at a price. I cannot express how much I have enjoyed working with Tim, and will refer to him, and ALL of our previous Presidents going forward for guidance and friendship.

There will be more coming out soon, but you have my commitment to be here for the lodge, and I want to hear, the good and bad, any and all concerns, ideas, and I hope to continue Tim's legacy of working to make Normanna better every day.

Gary Strombo

Normanna Meetings and Events

Simon Lynge Concert at the Park - August 7

Park Board Mtg - Second Wednesday of the Month

Lodge Board & Bazaar Mtgs - August 17

Normanna Sewing Club - 2nd & 4th Weds. 10am

Midsummer Picnic - September 4 - Normanna Park

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday Sept. 18

OPEN WEEKLY

Monday 6pm - Pinochle

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5 to 9pm

2 Step Dancing - Tuesday 7 to 10 pm

Thursday - King of Clubs

Friday - Meat Raffle at 6pm

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

MIDSUMMER 2021

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4

NORMANNA PARK AT LAKE

RILEY

Games for kids, silent and live auctions, raffles, hot dog stand, ice cream and soda, Salmon dinner, bake sale, Country Store rummage sale, and fun for the whole family. Swimming!

The Country store is in need of household items in good, clean, usable condition.

Please NO clothing, appliances or furniture. Donations for the Country Store and the Auctions can be left at the Lodge or the Park. Call Dick or Iva Henry - 360- 403-7833 for information.

Normanna Holiday Bazaar

November 19 & 20

So BAZZAR So BAZZAR!

The Normanna Holiday Bazzar is on for this fall! Dates are November 19th, and 20th.

Right now we are already at 50% full on table reservations! So please, if you know a local craftsperson, let them know to get in touch with us! Table/spaces are 8' x 30", and go for \$50 for Normanna members, and \$60 for others. Get the word out!

November is not far away, and planning is underway, and we are going to need your help. If you have volunteered before, or want to jump in and help, there will be a Bazzar Committee, Volunteer, and Planning meeting on August 17th, starting at 6pm. And the first drink is on me! Please come on down, bring your ideas, and enthusiasm!

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Notes from the Vice-President

Greetings from the Vice President!

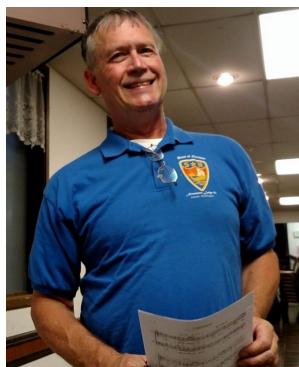
Hei Normanna! The summer is here, and it is turning out to be a beautiful one. Our social restrictions are lifting, and so I see people

everywhere doing what people do best, socializing! It is that sense of our social selves that gave me the inspiration for this month's thoughts.

"Dugnad" is a word, that has no direct translation into English, but in fact in our language needs quite a few words. Quickly, it means "a type of community day where people get together and fix, clean, paint or tidy things up." However it has deeper and more far-reaching meaning, right in fact to the core of what it means to be Norwegian. It is that idea, and we are not alone, that we are a community that rely on each other. No farmer harvested just his own crop, they helped their neighbor harvest theirs, and they in turn helped the first. No fisherman processed their own catch, everyone helped, because everyone benefited.

Our order, the Sons of Norway, was founded with that principle deeply imbedded. Norwegians, in a new country, helping each other out with work, Insurance, travel, and most importantly, the socialization that they, and we, crave. But there is a caveat with Dugnad. It is based in helping each other too. We have so many members, and right now, not as many 'Dugnaders" as we need. So I challenge you, the members of Normanna. Lend a hand, volunteer, be an active part of this wonderful thing we call Normanna! And if you want to volunteer, got an idea?! got a complaint?! reach out to me! And if you see me, come on over introduce yourself, and let's talk! Like Will Rogers said, "A stranger is just a friend I haven't met yet!"

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Notes from the Chorus

Greetings from the Everett Norwegian Men's Chorus

Sangerhilsen(Singer's Greeting!)

Summer is traditionally a quiet time for the chorus. We work on our homes, vacation, keep our gardens, and yell at the neighbor kids to get off our lawn! Sorry, couldn't help myself!

Yes, we are quiet, but that doesn't mean we are not out there, and some of us are pretty busy! Sooner than you can realize, September is here, and that means every Wednesday, we'll be greeting old friends and meeting new ones. After the Spanish Flu, the Norwegian choruses experienced a resurgence as people tired of the restrictions, wanted to be part of something alive and fun. So... Tired of the restrictions? Feel the need to really raise your voice? Then the ENMC is the place for you!!!!

Send me a note, call me, stop by, give it a try, and I'm sure you'll be hooked! Till then, enjoy the summer and HA DET BRA!!!!

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Normanna Sewing Club

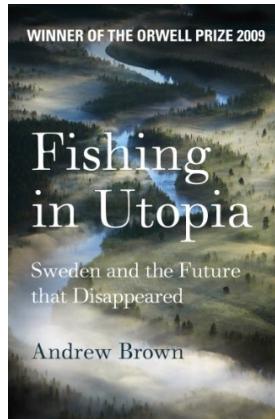
Lady members and your friends! Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning of each month at Normanna Lodge. We open at 10 am and have coffee and goodies.

I think the title "Sewing Club" can scare one away, because it did me, for several years!

You can come just to visit, exchange ideas in cooking, hear a clean joke, bring your craft project to share or a new sweater pattern. Hear about a new travel experience or a stop on your way to LaConnor for fish and chips! One year I met a Spanish lady who was an expert on Norwegian stitching, Hardanger, and later I learned that she was a good friend to my Swedish friend.

I am hoping to see new faces at our Norwegian Sewing Club.

Bokklubben



Fishing In Utopia: Sweden And The Future That Disappeared by Andrew Brown

From the 1960s to the 1980s, Sweden was an affluent, egalitarian country envied around the world. Refugees were welcomed, even misfit young Englishmen could find a place there. Andrew Brown spent part of his childhood in Sweden during the 1960s. In the 1970s he married a Swedish woman and worked in a timber mill while helping to raise their small son. Fishing became his passion and his escape. In the mid-1980s his marriage and the country fell apart. The Prime Minister was assassinated. The welfare system crumbled along with the industries that had supported it. Twenty years later, Andrew Brown travelled the length of Sweden in search of the country he had loved, and then hated, and now found he loved again. *[From Amazon.com](#)*

Bokklubben will meet on August 24 at Normanna Park.

Coming up - in September we will host local author J.L.Oakley and discuss her book, The Jossing Affair.

Our book list through the end of the year:

The Jossing Affair - J.L. Oakley

A Modern Family - Helga Flatland

Berlin Poplars - Anne B. Ragde

The Moon is down - John Steinbeck

Normanna Bowling League

We will have a meeting at Evergreen Lanes in Everett, on Sunday September 5 at 4:30pm. Bowling will be on the first Sunday of the month, beginning on Sept. 5.

Larry Larsen

**Featuring Greenlandic-Danish
Singer-songwriter Simon Lynge**

NORMANNA PARK CONCERT FUNDRAISER

**Support future pool
renovations with a
suggested donation of
\$10 per person or \$25
per family at the event!**

**Saturday, August 7
5:30 pm Concessions
open
6:30 pm Concert
Bring a chair and
enjoy some live music
by the lake!**

**Concessions will have hot
dogs, chips, soda, water
and ice cream bars for
purchase. Cash or checks
accepted.**



Simon Lynge concert at Normanna Park

You won't want to miss the Pool Fundraiser Concert at the Lake on Aug. 7 at 6:30 pm! Greenlandic-Danish singer Simon Lynge who performed at the lodge in 2017, will once again share his talent with us.

Simon's musical roots come from Greenland and he is half indigenous Inuk (singular of Inuit.) Both his debut and 2018 albums were nominated in the best album category at the Independent Music Awards. We are thrilled to have him entertain us!

Concessions will be available at 5:30 and seating will be outdoors near the social hall. Bring a chair, checkbook or cash as a suggested ticket donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family will be accepted during the event.

We will also have some fundraising activities during the event to be used for additional pool renovations. Lodge and property owners are all invited! Questions or want to help? Contact kristinsavidge@comcast.net

Nyheter Fra Lake Riley

**Simon Lynge Concert at the Park - Saturday August 7
Park Board Meeting - Wednesday August 11 7pm, Normanna Hall
Midsummer Fest - September 4, Labor Day Weekend**

We need volunteers for Midsummer activities and set up and clean up too.

The Country store is in need of household items in good, usable condition. Donations for the Country Store and the Auctions can be left at the Lodge or the Park. **Please NO clothing, appliances or furniture.**

Call Dick or Iva Henry - 360- 403-7833 for information.

Please keep your dogs leashed and clean up after them.

If a family member is going to come up to the park without you, please call our caretaker, Chris Berg at 360-435-6910 or cell 425-876-3867 to let him know they will be there.

If you are a Shareholder, please make sure we have an email address for you. You can send it to Mary Custer at:

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Online Resources

[Hardanger Embroidery Links](#)

[Hardanger Embroidery for Beginners](#)

[Hardanger History and more](#)

Dont forget to look it up on youtube!

The Norwegian American is America's oldest and only Norwegian Newspaper. Check out this article about Kubb!

[District 2 Trollhaugen Lodge](#)

Here is the link to the online Food Worker Card Course

Check out what is happening at The National Nordic Museum

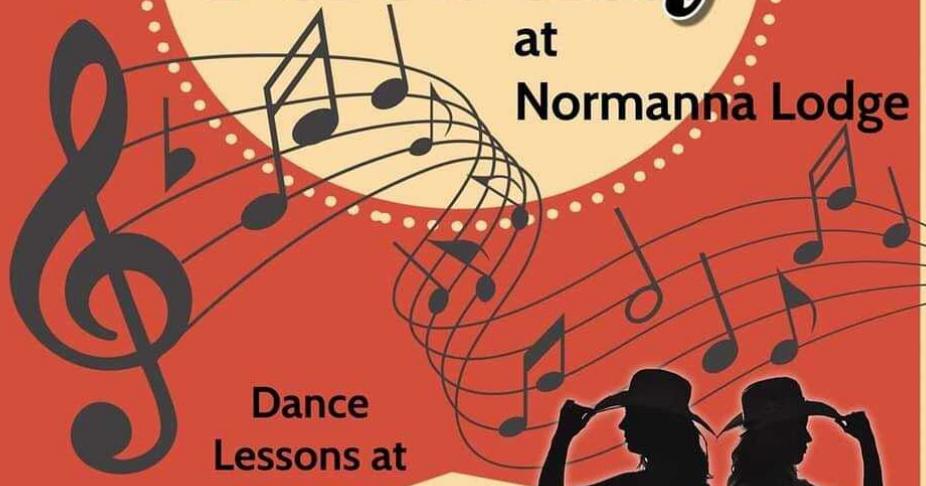
Normanna Hall is open for rentals.

For rental information, please contact Dave Abrahamson at 425-931-7413.

Welcome
Back!

TWO Step Tuesday

at
Normanna Lodge



Dance
Lessons at
7:00 P.M.

Open Dance
8:00-10:00



Hosted by Power Team Entertainment

2725 Oakes Avenue, Everett

\$10.00 COVER



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P.S. Ask how you can receive a FREE copy of: "Happy Brain, Happy Life" by Wendy Suzuki, PhD.

P.P.S. Ask how you can have \$500.00 donated to the Normanna Lodge in YOUR name.

"Open the Oyster to find the Pearl"

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