

2001 Nordtex News: May Issue

a newsletter for the NordTex Lodge I-594 of Sons of Norway

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Happy
 Syttende
 Mai



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nordtex Meetings -

May 17th Syttende Mai Trip to the Ft. Worth lodge

June 23rd Midsummer morning celebration

No July meeting

August 26th Vera Littlejohn will talk on Vikings.

September 30th we are planning to go to Houston as a group.

October 28th tentative plans are for a social meeting with a video - Gus' house.

Other events -

July 13-October 11, 2001 Smithsonian Exhibition on Vikings. Viking Tours in conjunction with Viking Fest has arraigned busses with day or overnight options. Prices range from \$75 for day trip to \$225 for overnight stay at the legendary Park Place Warwick Hotel on Main Street in Houston's Museum District. For more information check the website <http://www.vikingfest.com>

Opening Weekend is July 14-15th!

Other Events of Interest

Smithsonian Exhibition on Vikings



<http://www.mnh.si.edu/vikings/start.html>

The exhibit will be at the Houston Museum of Natural Science from July 13, 2001 to October 11, 2001. You can see the whole schedule at this web site.

<http://www.norway.org/vikings/>

We should plan to get a large group of people from the D/FW area to go down there next summer/fall.

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Nordtex Upcoming Events:



17 MAI 2001

Syttende Mai Trip to the Ft. Worth lodge for a Norwegian Smorgasbord, a buffet dinner offering a variety of fish, cheeses, and hot and cold dishes, all of Norwegian delicacies. Evening will begin with traditional Syttende Mai parade around St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in downtown. Bring your flag and wear your bunad.

May 17, Dress: Bunad, (in Fort Worth anything goes, but this is a nice dinner) Reservations **REQUIRED** please let John Eberly know ASAP! Tickets are **LIMITED** and are on first call. \$15 for adult \$5 for 12 and under (three course meal) Directions: the best way is US 75 South to I-30 West towards the sunset! Exit I-35W North or US 287 DOWNTOWN (new interchange so pay attention) Just get into downtown! probably end up on 4th (but it doesn't matter, just go West till Lamar (one way south) Go South on Lamar to Texas Church should be on corner. Address 917 Lamar Street (between 10th and Texas - Lamar and Taylor)

There will be some nice raffle items and it will be a special evening. Hope to see everyone there!

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION 2001

On Saturday, **June 23rd**. Nordtex Lodge will join once again with the Swedes (VASA lodge) and celebrate the Annual Midsummer Breakfast together with the other scandinavian clubs of DFW, the Finns (Tex-Finns) and the Danes at the Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in Plano. This Scandinavian tradition has been celebrated at least since the Viking times, and is an opportunity to interact with other Scandinavians from the Dallas area.

In recognition of Texas summer heat, however, the Midsummer celebration will be held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon - beginning with a breakfast and followed by activities for all age groups. VASA and the Sons of Norway will be cooking Swedish Pancakes and Norwegian waffles and providing coffee and other drinks. Admission is to bring a "potluck breakfast item to share", so we can have a delicious smorgasbord breakfast. Let's see who bakes the best. After breakfast, events are being planned for different age groups which will include music, games, crafts, and a nature tour of the park.

Arbor Hills Nature Preserve is in far west Plano. There are beautiful covered pavilions built of cut stone, and a rolling, natural landscape with natural wildflowers and other local plants and animals, and paved and unpaved trails for hiking, bicycling, rollerblading. etc. There is also a play area for small children.

The address is 6701 W. Parker Rd. in Plano, just past the #9 Plano Fire Station. The entrance to the park is on the right, about 1/2 mile west of the intersection of Parker Rd. and the Dallas North Tollway and past the four-way stop at Midway Rd. If coming via the Tollway, get off at the Parker Rd. exit.

In order to help plan for this event, we ask you to please call Gus Stangeland and leave a message regarding approximately how many people may be attending or reply by e-mail.

Show your Viking roots. be part of Midsummer!

AUGUST

Vera Littlejohn will talk on Vikings. More information in next Nordtex news.

OCTOBER

Smithsonian Exhibition on Vikings Trip to Houston to see Viking Exhibit. We will be taking a trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science between July 13 and October 11, 2001 to view the Viking exhibit and visit the Norwegian Seaman's Church. All who are interested please get in touch with Arne Hatlestad at (972) 612-5328 so we have an idea of how many are interested and what dates are preferred. See information on page 2 for more information.

Member's in the News

Boy, what a nice, relaxing Sunday morning! Don't have to get ready early and drag all that stuff out to the front yard again. I have my dining room back (almost) with a huge room full of "stuff" reduced to just a few items in the corner of the room plus a "stuffed" cash register! This went GREAT and what a relief to be done!

Thank you all SO MUCH for your help - Wednesday evening, in pulling all the stuff out and sorting it out and pricing it - Thursday, Friday and Saturday for helping to set up each morning, sell all day and bring back in. We had absolutely perfect weather, a steady stream of customers and sold almost all the big items. According to the "official" money counters, we took in a whopping \$633.01!!

It was great to see Odd and Vernie Sandbekkhaug again! Dianne, thanks to you and your family for providing stuff for us to sell, and also to the others who contributed many more items (some quite high dollar) for the sale.

Thank you all again SO much!

- Gus Stangeland



A Little in English

The Fairy Tale of the Oil Has More Chapters

New calculations from Philips Petroleum indicate that Norway may pump oil from Ekofisk another fifty years. With that, the Norwegian **fairy** tale of the oil will last at least 20 years longer than expected so far.

In the original plans for the pioneering field Ekofisk, one calculated that the field would be empty as of today, 30 years after the start of the Norwegian oil production in 1971. Little by little, however, it became clear that this would not be the case, but during the later years the prospect for production at Ekofisk has been limited to a 20-year period. Prognosis after prognosis has warned that the oil age would be over within few decades.

The old prognoses have been far too pessimistic. Philips Petroleum announced, last week, the happy news that the fairy tale of the oil may continue for at least 50 years more. There is still as much oil left as one expected the field contained 30 years ago, states NRK (The Norwegian Broadcasting).

-Nytt fra Norge

The Month of May

There are many traditions around the month of May in Norway. It is the month when birds return, and flowers cover the forest floor like carpets. The singing of the cuckoo bird is welcomed as the true sign that spring has arrived, and summer will not be far behind. Superstitions around the cuckoo bird are many. If you first hear the cuckoo bird singing from the south, you will have a good harvest. If it sings from the north, someone will die. If it sings from west, your wishes will be fulfilled, and if it sings from the east, there will be a wedding and good fortune.

- From Hva dagene vet

*Happy Syttende Mai
Hurra for Syttende Mai*

Litt på norsk

Ojjeeventyret har fiere kapitler

Nye beregninger fra oljeselskapet Philips viser at Norge kan hente opp olje fra Ekofisk i femti år til. Dermed kan det norske oljeventyret vare minst 20 år lenger enn hittil antatt.

I de opprinnelige planene for pionerfeltet Ekofisk regnet man med at feltet ville være tomt per i dag, 30 år etter at den norske oljeproduksjonen startet i 1971. Det ble etterhvert klart at så ikke ville være tilfelle, men de senere år har utsiktene for fremtidig utvinning på Ekofisk vært begrenset til en 20 årsperiode. Prognose på prognose har varslet oljealderens slutt om få tiår.

Men de gamle prognosene har vært alt for pessimistiske. Philips Petroleum kunne i forrige uke slippe ut den glade nyhet at oljeventyret på feltet kan fortsette i minst 50 år til. Det er fortsatt like mye olje i den som det man trodde feltet inneholdt for tretti år siden, melder NRK.

-Nytt fra Norge

Know your beneflits...

Scholarships

Sports Medal Program

Sons of Norway recognizes the importance of healthful activities not just to prolong life, but to improve the very quality of life. The Sports Medal Program, which originated in Norway, will improve your attitude as well as your physical well-being. No matter your age and no matter your present physical condition, the Sports Medal Program offers a fitness plan for you. With your doctor's advice, you can determine the appropriate level. You don't have to be an athlete—the only one you're really competing with is yourself.

As you reach each objective, you will be awarded different grades of sports medals. Begin in pursuit of the bronze, then work yourself up to silver, gold and eventually enamel. Set your own pace. Your goal may be to obtain one medal or all sixteen! For further details, contact your sports director or the Fraternal Department, SofN, 1455 W. Lake St. Minneapolis, MN 55408

Frigjøringsdag 8 Mai 1945

May 8, 1945, Norway's Liberation Day

After five years under German occupation during World War II, Norway's long-awaited day of liberation came on May 8, 1945. At this time, Germany still had nearly 350,000 well-equipped and trained soldiers throughout Norway. But as the German army surrendered at several points on the European front, Norway at last received its liberation as well. Though Norway still feared that the German soldiers would not concede peacefully, hardly any incidents were reported during the liberation. Joy and gratitude swept through Norway and for several days the people celebrated. Never before had Syttende Mai been celebrated with such vigor as in 1945.

For a related topic, consider reading fellow Sons of Norway member Harald Revaa's fascinating book on survival after being torpedoed during World War II. The book is entitled *A Merchant Seaman's Story* and may be obtained from Cordillera Books, 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, BC V6P 4Z9.

Against Dieting

For the first time in Norway, a country-wide campaign will be launched to reduce eating disorders within sports. During the next four years, trainers, leaders, health personnel, active athletes and parents of young people will learn what they may do to counteract young girls' pre-occupation with having a low weight.

"In contrast to society in general, in sports we take the topic of eating disorders seriously," stated Dr. Jorunn Sundgot-Bergen, leader of the project.

- From *Nytt fra Norge*

Rock carving in Hundvåg

Two little girls, Alexandra Bore (8) and Marita Meling (9) in Hundvåg, Rogaland, have discovered rock carvings which date back to 1800 B.C. The rock carvings show people onboard a boat with a mast. Close by is a circular form. It might be a sign that the sun was worshiped, says archeologist Helge Sørheim. He describes the find as sensational and praises the two girls for notifying the right authorities.

- From *Nytt fra Norge*

The Month of June

With the light nights of June, even the trolls are out. You may hear the water spittle shriek from deep forest ponds while the troll in the waterfall, fossegrimen, plays his violin and the elves dance in the grass. Female trolls may transform themselves into black cats. You might especially hear them meowing around the cemeteries. June is said to have only one day that is dangerous, June 6. People who leave to travel abroad on that day may not return. If you get married on that day, the marriage is doomed. Lucky days are June 1, 3, 11, 19, and 21. The flower of June is the rose, and the lucky gem is the agate.

-Fom *Hva dagene vet*

A Little in English

Ever More Ships Visit Bergen

Bergen was visited by cruise ships a total of 172 times in the year 2000, and with that beat Oslo. It is also a new record, states *Havneavisen* (newspaper).

Geiranger, too, had more ships calling than Oslo. Geiranger had 135, while Oslo had 112. Oslo was visited by the largest number of passengers, while Bergen had 109,000.

- From SofN Newsletter service

Litt på norsk

Stadig flere skip besøker Bergen

Bergen hadde besøk av cruiseskip hele 17 ganger i 2000, og slår dermed Oslo. Det er også ny rekord, melder *Havneavisen*. Også Geiranger hadde flere anløp enn Oslo. Geiranger hadde 135, mens Oslo hadde 112. Oslo hadde besøk av flest passasjerer, med 109.000, mens Bergen hadde 99.000.

God ferie!

(Have a nice vacation!)

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