

# LAKE VIEWS

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Scandinavians United!!



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## *Jeg er så glad, hver Julekveld.....*

Come on over.. share a little Jultid Cheer  
Potluck Christmas Party  
When? Saturday, December 18, 2021 1:00pm—

Where? The Ingvoldstads' home in Hidden Valley Lake  
17207 Squirrelhill Road

What? Bring anything that means Christmas Joy and Happiness in your  
heart and your tummy!

Call to be vouched in——987-2404



# The recent drought has been very hard on CAMP NORGE.



During this past season, the camp *ran out of water four times*. **But there is a solution to the problem!** We need to replace the **20-year-old** back-up well pump and bring the Camp into the 21st century. That's where *you* come in.

**We need \$15,000 to bring the system up to date.**

**Add Camp Norge to your Holiday Gift List**

Today, go to our **GoFundMe** Page here

**<https://gofund.me/e5da7570>**

Or if you prefer, make your check payable to Camp Norge and send to

P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701 and put "Let it Flow" on the memo line.

Questions? Contact Fred Hymans at (916) 412-3797 or [fred.hymans@campnorge.org](mailto:fred.hymans@campnorge.org)

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*Thank you everyone for offering to serve!!*

## Serinakaker

Makes about 12 doz

**INGREDIENTS:**

2 large eggs  
1 cup sugar  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
3 sticks salted butter, softened  
1/2 cup pearl sugar, or coarsely crushed sugar cubes



Photo Credit: Ellen Silverman

**STEP 1:**

Beat together 1 egg and sugar with an electric mixer until thick and pale. Sift in flour and baking powder and add butter. Beat on low speed until mixture forms a dough. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, at least 1 hour.

**STEP 2:**

Preheat oven to 350°F.

**STEP 3:**

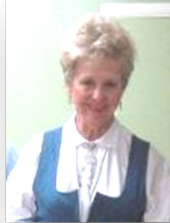
Lightly beat remaining egg. Roll level teaspoons of dough into balls and arrange 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Press thumb into center of each ball to flatten, leaving a depression, and brush lightly with egg. Sprinkle crushed sugar in centers and bake in batches in middle of oven until golden, 12 to 18 minutes. Transfer to racks to cool completely.



## Merry Christmas!!

Yes, Christmas 2021 is soon upon us and then... ..boom.....it is 2022!! The time has seemed to fly these past, almost, two years.....or should I say it has zoomed by!!

I am excited that Carl Peter and I can open our home to the Lodge for the Christmas Party. The decorations will be familiar as we have always taken them all to the Fellowship Hall for the Open House. Couldn't do it this year so we thank you for coming to us!! Be sure to let us know that you will join us so we can vouch you in. 987-2404 or 580-8052. See you on the 18th!!



Think about gifting a membership in Vikings of Lake Lodge and/or giving to the Foundation or Camp Norge! 'Tis the time to share all we have!

Med Vennlig Hilsen,  
*Mary Beth*



# SONS of NORWAY

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

## *Gratulerer Med Dagen!!*

4—*Michael Contos*

19—*Ron Kram*

30—*Judith Bergstrom*

*Heritage Members*

31—*Alexa Dorow*



## Julebukk

On Christmas Eve, there are many children who dress up, go from door to door and sing Christmas songs to get Christmas goodies. It is a bit unclear where this tradition actually comes from. Some believe that the tradition dates back to when the Christmas goat was seen as an invisible being, who came to the farm to check that all the Christmas traditions had gone right. The adults therefore dressed up with a fur coat over their backs and carried an artificial goat's head on a pole. If you were visited by these Christmas goats, you had to make sure to give them something edible. If you did not, it would be a shame hanging over the yard. You could even risk the Christmas goats "carrying Christmas out" if they were unhappy! In the past, only the adults went on Christmas goat visits. Today, it is mostly children who dress up as Christmas goats





## Christmas baskets were used for gifts

Today, woven Christmas baskets are just used for decorating the tree. But originally they were meant to be used.

Years ago, Christmas presents hung in baskets on the Christmas tree. We still hang up the woven decorations. The history of the Christmas basket begins with the Christmas tree, says Beate Lindseth. She has written the book “Julekurver” (Christmas Baskets).



“The Christmas tree is a German tradition from the 15th century. In the beginning, the tree was a gift tree. Unwrapped cakes, sweets and gifts were hung on the tree. Eventually, cakes and sweets were placed in paper cornets and baskets,” she tells Klar Tale. There are still many who do this.

In the 19th century, the Christmas tree came to Norway. Eventually, it became common to place the gifts under the tree instead. But we have kept the Christmas baskets as ornaments.

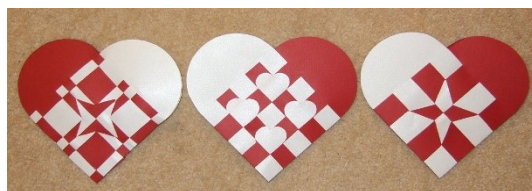
“Especially in Scandinavia, we have a tradition of making homemade Christmas tree decorations. In other countries, people started buying ornaments instead,” Lindseth says.

Today, the heart-shaped Christmas basket with a chess pattern is the best known. But the earliest we have in our care are from the 1860s,” says Lindseth.

“Earlier, they had other types of baskets. They've almost died off now. In Denmark, they have always had many different patterns in their baskets. They use a lot of symbols at Christmas. Like stars and angels,” she says.

Do you want to learn how to make Christmas baskets? This YouTube video shows you how: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5Jc0fXBJac>

Written instructions: <http://www.stavanger-web.com/baskets.p>



## Please Verify Your Contact Information

The District Six Secretary, Nancy Madson, is requesting that lodge members verify their contact information on the Sons of Norway website, [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)

Have you moved in the last year? Did you eliminate a land line, change your email address? This is particularly important for lodge officers. The 2022 District Directory & Resource is based on information in the Headquarters' data base. Lodges will be electing new officers shortly, and up-to-date information is desired.



Celebrate a Merry Norwegian Jul! Many people have fond memories of jul customs and traditional holiday dishes. Do you have a friend or family member who would enjoy celebrating Norway's Christmas traditions? We can help them re-connect to their heritage. Please invite them to learn more by joining Sons of Norway!

## Just the Facts, Ma'am!

About half a million Norwegians attend church on Christmas Eve.



2 out of 10 Norwegians have plastic Christmas tree.

Norwegians import almost 300,000 Christmas trees from Denmark.



Norwegians eat about ribs and about 3858 tons of pinnekjøtt

2014 statistic

7165 tons of pork

*Thank you to Terje Berger—Solskinn Lodge Editor*