

INNIMELLOM



As the new editor of the Vesterheim Newsletter, I would like to expand the format and focus more on Norway - its history and culture, the language, the country, and issues of interest in daily life. Rather than making the bi-monthly newsletter into a larger document, my intention is to create a smaller newsletter to fill the off-months between our regular offering. An added benefit will allow a timely opportunity to let people know what is going on in other lodges and make updates or corrections.

Another, more fun, aspect of this project is to provide our younger members with language and educational games with a Norwegian flavor. In Norway, these are known as Barnesider or children's pages. These, I believe, will offer an entertaining way to expand knowledge, for both young and old, while having a little fun.

I hope you enjoy the first edition.

Som ny redaktør for Nyhetsbrevet Vesterheim vil jeg utvide formatet og fokusere mer på Norge – dets historie og kultur, språket, landet og spørsmål om interesse i dagliglivet. I stedet for å gjøre det to-månedlige nyhetsbrevet til et større dokument, er min intensjon å lage et mindre nyhetsbrev for å fylle ut månedene mellom vårt vanlige tilbud. En ekstra fordel vil gi en mulighet til å fortelle folk hva som skjer i andre klubbavdelinger og gjøre oppdateringer eller korrigeringer.

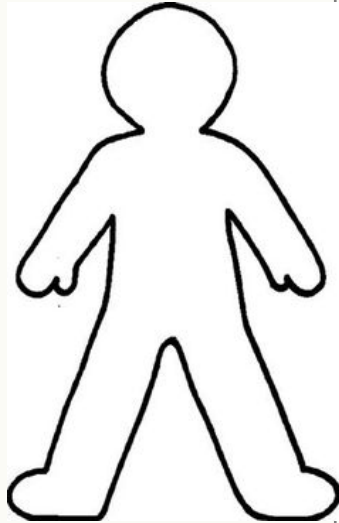
Et annet, morsommere, aspekt med dette prosjektet er å gi våre yngre medlemmer språk- og pedagogiske spill med norsk preg. I Norge er disse kjent som Barnesider eller *Children's Pages*. Disse tror jeg vil tilby en underholdende måte å utvide kunnskapen, for både store og små, samtidig som de har litt moro.

Jeg håper du liker den første utgaven.

BARNESIDER - CHILDREN'S PAGES

KROPPEN - THE BODY

- Albue
- Ansikt
- Arm
- Bein
- Bryst
- Fot
- Hals
- Hode
- Hånd
- Kne
- Mage
- Munn
- Nese
- Rygg
- Skulder



WORD JUMBLE

How many eggs in a dozen?

What jeweler made the most exclusive eggs for the Russian tsars?

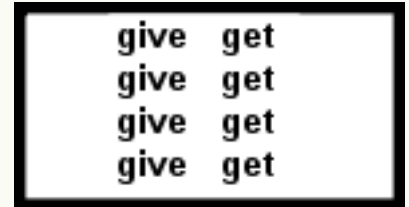
What is the English name for the cartoon rabbit "Snurre Spree"?

Put the indicated letters in order to give the answer.

ANSWER?

REBUS - is a picture representation of a name, work, or phrase

EXAMPLE: HEAD OVER HEELS



Draw a line to the correct color

Black

Blå

Blue

Oransje

Brown

Hvit

Green

Brun

Grey

Rosa

Orange

Gul

Pink

Svart

Purple

grå

Red

Rød

White

Grønn

Yellow

Lilla

THE COLORADO ROSEMALING RETREAT

Trollheim Sons of Norway Lodge at 6610 W 14th Ave, Lakewood, is hosting their annual retreat for those interested in the art of rosemaling. It will take place July 17-20, 2024 Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

To register by paper, send a check made out to Diane Edwards and mail to 3208 Snowbrush Place, Ft. Collins, CO 80521. With your check include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

To register electronically: Use Diane Edwards' Colorado Rosemaling Retreat Paypal link: [paypal.me/DEERetreat](https://www.paypal.com/DEERetreat) or go to [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and send money to diaedwards@cs.com Then email Diane at diaedwards@cs.com with your name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

Additional costs: If you are not local, transportation and lodging. For all participants, lunch which you can be purchased daily. Additional items will be available for purchase at the lodge.

Important Information: The retreat will be limited to 35 participants, so please, register as soon as possible. If the demand is higher than the limit, there might be a small increase in the retreat size. If the retreat reaches capacity before you register, you will be put on a waitlist and immediately notified. The registration deadline is June 15, 2024.

BARNESIDER ANSWERS

KROPPEN: Albue - Elbow, Ansikt - Face, Arm - Arm, Bein - Leg, Bryst - Chest, Fot - Foot, Hals - Neck, Hode - Head, Hånd - Hand, Kne - Knee, Mage - Stomach, Munn - Mouth, Nese - Nose, Rygg - Back, Skulder - Shoulder, Øyne - Eyes
REBUS: Trail Mix, Space Invaders, Split Level, Forgive and Forget, Try to Understand, Win with Ease.
WORD JUMBLE: Easter

MEMORIAL DAY At Camp Norge May 24-27

<https://www.campnorge.org/site/memorial-day/>
Call 530-389-2508 to reserve your spot in Alta, California.

Scholarship Opportunities for District Six Youth

District Six offers up to 3, \$1,500 scholarships per year for students ages 16-23. These scholarships are available for students attending an accredited post-secondary school or training institution. The deadline for this scholarship is May 1, 2024. This scholarship can only be granted two times to recipients. Applicants re reviewed by a District Committee.

District Six offers a \$1000 scholarship to the Concordia Skogfjorden Language Villages. The deadline for this scholarship is May 1, 2024.

Applications are available on the District Six website at www.sofn6.org. Please send completed applications to c/o Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256 or e-mailed to moorongo2@verizon.net.

In addition there are many scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation at www.sofn.com.

Please take advantage of this District Six Member opportunity.

Campership Opportunities

District Six provides half camperships for our two District youth camps, Camp Trollfjell Language and Heritage and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule. These camperships provide half of the camp fees. An application must be completed and submitted. The information is on the District Six website under Youth→Scholarships/Camperships. Due date is May 1, 2024.

Litt på norsk (A little Norwegian)

mars - March
vår - spring
kanin - rabbit
sjokolade - chocolate



God påske

Happy Easter

Ja, vi elsker dette landet

Ja, vi elsker dette landet,
som det stiger frem
furet, værbitt over vannet
med de tusen hjem,
elsker, elsker det og tenker
på vår far og mor
||:og den saganatt som senker
drømme på vår jord.:

Norske mann I hus og hytte,
Takk din store Gud!
Landet ville han beskytte,
Skjønt det mørkt så ut.
Alt hva fedrene har kjempet,
Mødrene har grett,
||: har den Herre stille limpet,
Så vi vant vår rett.:

The lyrics to *Ja, vi elsker dette landet*, Norway's national anthem, were written by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson to a melody written by his cousin, Richard Nordraak.

Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, the Norwegian writer and Nobel laureate, stands tall in the annals of Scandinavian literature as a towering figure of the 19th century. Born on December 8, 1832, in Kvikne, Norway, he would go on to become one of the most influential voices of his time, leaving an indelible mark on Norwegian cultural heritage.

Bjørnson's pen was not only a tool for storytelling but also a weapon for social change. He fervently believed in the power of literature to ignite societal progress and used his works to champion causes close to his heart. One of his most famous plays, "Peer Gynt," written in 1867, remains a cornerstone of Norwegian theater. Through the whimsical and adventurous journey of its protagonist, Peer, the play delves into existential questions of identity and self-discovery.

His commitment to social justice was unwavering. Bjørnson was a fierce advocate for political freedom and human rights. His writing often critiqued the

injustices of his time, whether it was the plight of the working class or the struggles of peasants against oppressive systems. His works inspired a sense of national pride and a call for unity among Norwegians during a time when the nation was striving for independence from Sweden.

In 1903, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, a testament to his literary prowess and his significant contributions to the world of letters. His acceptance speech highlighted the importance of literature in shaping a nation's character and values, emphasizing its ability to bridge divides and foster understanding.



March's *Where's Tove* answer:

Geiranger is a small village in western Norway, located at the end of the UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord. This picturesque village is known for its stunning natural beauty, surrounded by steep mountainsides, cascading waterfalls, and crystal-clear fjord waters.

April's *Where's Tove*

This one can be a challenge as you need to have it on your bucket list to make the effort. It is a very historical locale and well worth the time spent getting there. Answer in next month's newsletter.



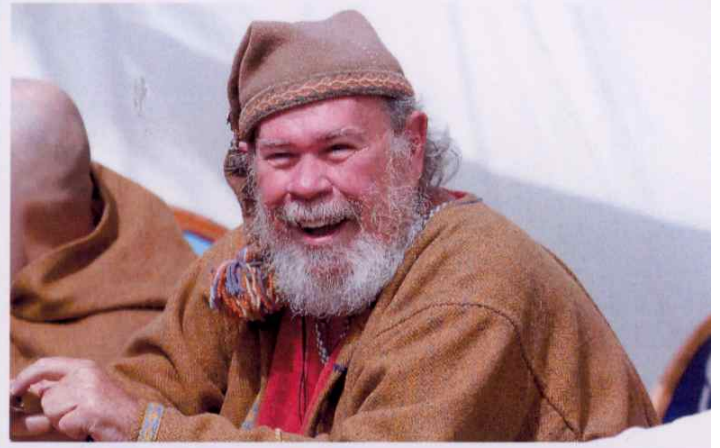
MARK THE DATE

Scandinavian

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

June 14–16, 2024

NEW LOCATION in Golden, CO



Friday June 14
4pm–9pm

Scandinavian market preview,
beer garden, gathering around
the campfire

Saturday June 15
9:30am–9pm

Scandinavian market, food,
performances, activities, beer
garden, evening drum circle and
singing around the campfire

Sunday June 16
10am–6pm

10am–11am Church service
11am–6pm Scandinavian market,
food, performances, activities, and
beer garden



Monthly Happenings

- ✦ Board Meetings - 2nd Wednesday
- ✦ Membership meetings - 4th Saturday
- ✦ Book Club
- ✦ Håndarbeider

APRIL

- ✦ 8th Håndarbeider
- ✦ 10th Board Meeting
- ✦ 6th Genealogy Zoom
- ✦ 13th Genealogy at Trondheim 10-12:00
- ✦ 26th General Meeting

JULY

- ✦ 4th Independence Day**
- ✦ HM Queen Sonja's Day (Dronning Sonja)
- ✦ 20th HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' Day (Kronprins Haakon Magnus)
- ✦ 29th St. Olaf's Day (Olsok)

OCTOBER

- ✦ 9TH LEIF ERIKSSON DAY
- ✦ 27TH NAVY DAY**

Monthly Happenings

- ✦ Genealogy (with Fjelldalen and Trondheim lodges)
- Flag Day 🇳🇴 *
- Flag Day 🇺🇸 **

MAY

- ✦ 1ST ARBEIDERNES DAG, NORWEGIAN LABOR DAY*
- ✦ 12TH MOTHERS DAY**
- ✦ 17TH GRUNNLOVSDAG 1814, NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY* ARMED FORCES DAY**
- ✦ 27TH MEMORIAL DAY**

AUGUST

- ✦ 19TH HRH CROWN PRINCESS METTE MARIT'S DAY (KRONPRINSESSE METTE MARIT)

NOVEMBER

- ✦ 11TH VETERAN'S DAY**
- ✦ 28RD THANKS-GIVING DAY**

MARCH

- ✦ 21st - Book Club - *The Ice Palace* by Tarjel Vesaas. Meet at Kathy Erickson's at 1pm.
- ✦ 23rd General Meeting
- ✦ 31st Easter Sunday*

JUNE

- ✦ 14TH FLAG DAY**
- ✦ 14-16 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL (GOLDEN)
- ✦ 16TH FATHER'S DAY

SEPTEMBER

- ✦ 2ND LABOR DAY**
- ✦ 17TH CONSTITUTION DAY (1787)**
- ✦ 22ND PRINCESS MARTHA LOUISE'S DAY

DECEMBER

- ✦ 3RD PRINCE SVERRE MAGNUS BIRTHDAY
- ✦ 25TH JULEDAG, CHRISTMAS DAY*