



# North Carolina Vikings



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## President's Message

I heard that we had a great turnout for September's potluck dinner and that everyone really enjoyed the food and libations – I wish I could have been there! *Mange takk* to Chris Christiansen for hosting the meeting, and to Kari Crenshaw and Martha Arnum for organizing the dinner and setting up the tables.

For those of you who missed the September meeting, the lodge's board recommended a change to the lodge's bylaws – modifying the term of the board members from 1 year to 2 years, and to make it retroactive to the current year, thus extending the term through the end of 2017. The bylaw change and accompanying recommendation was voted on and approved by the attending members.

Our October lodge meeting will feature Contemporary Scandinavian Crafting presented by Karin Mede. Please note that there will not be a November lodge meeting (see the lodge meeting schedule in this newsletter).

Congratulations to our editor, Jennifer Axness, for being awarded 3rd place Category C in the 2015 District 3 newsletter contest. A well-earned recognition!!!

Remember, that the Sons of Norway is about all of us - being able to give while sharing it with others. We can continue to be a prosperous lodge as long as we continue to have your participation. So please, step up and get involved.

Vennlig hilsen,  
Mike Tilder  
President, North Carolina Vikings 3-675



## Upcoming Vikings Lodge Programs and Lodge Meetings

Meetings will be held Underwood Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27613) unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming Events –

### October-December, 2016

October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Contemporary Scandinavian Crafting Presented by Karin Mede	4pm – 6pm
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scandinavian Christmas Fair Holshouser Building, NC State Fairgrounds	10am – 5pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jultrefest	3pm – 5pm

### January-May, 2017

January 28 <sup>th</sup>	DNA & Norwegians: How and why to have Your DNA tested and what you might learn Presented by Ann Myhre	3pm – 5pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	3pm – 5pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Syttende Mai Celebration	11:30am – 2pm

## Scandinavian Christmas Fair

The Scandinavian Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to work 2 hour shifts during the fair. If willing to volunteer, please contact Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 or [mmtilder@twc.com](mailto:mmtilder@twc.com).



## Help Plan a Meeting

Can you invite a professional or line up an expert or even fun person to help us with cultural programs at our lodge meetings? Call Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 to pick a month or activity you can line up for the lodge!

## Items for the Newsletter

Don't forget – if you've got an announcement, would like to pass on some information or just something interesting to share with the group, please email Mike Tilder at [mmtilder@twc.com](mailto:mmtilder@twc.com).

## October / November Birthdays

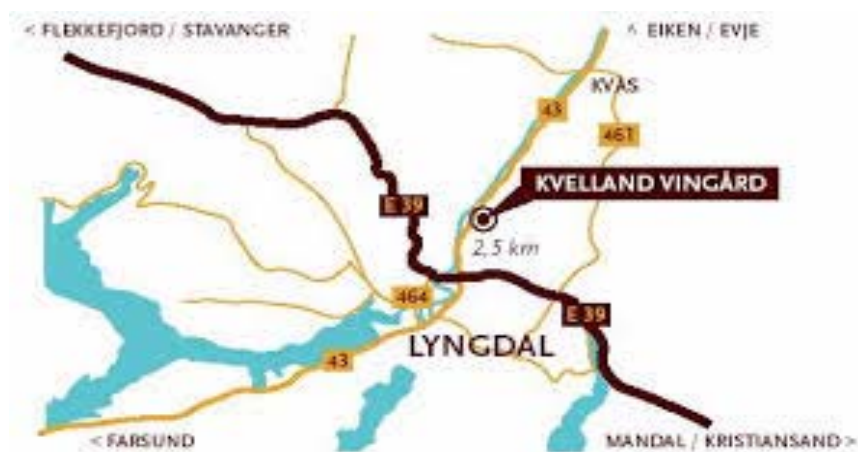
Harry Iverson	10 / 4
Karen Kvam	10 / 4
Chis Higgins	10 / 9
Diane Mickelson	10 / 12
Dennis Oglesby	10 / 21
John Myhre	10 / 23
Judy Vanhoozier	10 / 25



# Kvelland Vingård

<https://scandinaviantraveler.com/en/lifestyle/scandinavian-vineyards>

Did you know that there is more than one vineyard in Norway? (I did not.) In Lyngdal between Stavanger and Kristiansand you will find Kvelland Vineyard, idyllically surrounded by high mountains and the Lygna River, full of sea trout and salmon. This establishment has been making wine, both red and white, in southern Norway since 1999. You can sample them in the vineyard's wine bar.



## Columbia's President, Juan Manuel Santos, Is Awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2016

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/08/world/americas/nobel-peace-prize-juan-manuel-santos-colombia.html>



The president of Colombia was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for pursuing a deal to end 52 years of conflict with a leftist rebel group, the longest-running war in the Americas, just five days after Colombians rejected the agreement in a shocking referendum result.

The decision to give the prize to President Juan Manuel Santos may revive hopes for the agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, with whom the country has been waging the last major guerrilla struggle in Latin America.

Mr. Santos said he was told of the Nobel committee's decision by his son Martín, who woke him before dawn on Friday. The winner dedicated the prize to his fellow Colombians, especially the victims of the long conflict, and called on the opponents of the peace deal to join him in securing an end to hostilities.

"I invite everyone to join our strength, our minds and our hearts in this great national endeavor so that we can win the most important prize of all: peace in Colombia," he said alongside his wife during his first public appearance since the Nobel announcement.

But Colombians are so deeply polarized over the issue, it was not clear the prize would do much to shift public opinion. If anything, voters seemed to dig into their positions after the announcement.

"They rushed in giving him this prize," said Marianella Suárez, 36, who works at a shoe warehouse in Bogotá and voted against the peace deal. "This didn't seem the right moment. He hasn't achieved peace, and we don't know if the FARC will accept jail time for their crimes."

Jairo Rodríguez, a 49-year-old driver who supported the deal, said he hoped the prize would ease the renegotiation and soften the stances of hard-liners like Álvaro Uribe, Mr. Santos's predecessor as president, who led the campaign against the deal. "We all want peace," he said.



# The Most Remote Hotel in Norway

<http://dailyscandinavian.com/the-most-remote-hotel-in-norway/>

**“In Canvas Hotel, in the deep, magic forests in the county of Telemark, the check-in point is a tent, or ‘yurt.’ You have arrived at a paradise for biking enthusiasts.**

This niche hotel has been developed for mountain biking and offers miles of guided hikes with overnight stays in yurts (Mongolian portable tents).

The initiator, Øivind Lie, says he has been biking in the woods for quite a few years and has always talked to his friends about creating a place for mountain biking. “We were looking for the best spot in our area and found the owner of a property who also was a mountain biker. We didn’t want to destroy the wilderness, so that’s how the idea of the yurts arose,” he says.

Beside mountain biking there’s plenty of alternatives. There is a gourmet chef, you may relax in the sauna and there are outdoor bathtubs at all tents as well.”



Guests can choose between small routes ranging from about half an hour to two hours and big routes which are seven hours. In Norway you are by law allowed access anywhere in the forest, so it’s very easy to get on a bike and go wherever you want.



The yurts are standing on posts, and some are partly over the water. The yurts have wooden platforms and each has its own wood-burning stove. The tents are insulated with a layer of wool with canvas on the outside. They are cozy and warm and completely made of natural materials.

## Message From the District 3 President, Mary Andersen



" hooked on a feeling " from a BJ Thomas song...

As I write this letter, I have just returned from a weeklong trip to Maine. My goal was to disconnect from electronic media and get out and walk. Since I went with the Philadelphia Trail Club, walk I did!!! But as they say, it is not the destination it is the journey. While planning for my trip I contacted Charlie and Sally Abrahamson from Maine Nordmenn (Charlie was a 3D auditor and LOV treasurer; Sally was the LOV Marketing Director. Charlie and Sally were also instrumental in forming the Maine Nordmenn lodge.) I mentioned that I was going to Acadia and asked if I would pass them along the way; their response we have a spare bedroom with your name on it!

We had some great discussions regarding the Sons of Norway and agreed that the feeling of fraternalism can't be beat. That fraternalism is experienced at the local lodge level, the Zone level and the District level. The fraternal feeling extends to the District President's meetings, the International Board and the home office staff.

The question is do we take full advantage of it? Do we reach out to other lodges whether they are in our zone or not? When you travel through other Districts, do we look to see if there are any SofN lodge activities that fit our travel schedules? Do you read other lodge newsletters for programming ideas and information about their lodge? It is a great way to get to know people from other areas.

We are entering our holiday season where many lodges have bazaars, festivals and great food!! Step over the boundary lines of your lodge and visit other lodges; you will be glad you did!

All the best,  
Mary



### ***Find out more about Sons of Norway!***

Sons of Norway Website:

<http://www.sofn.com/home/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SonsofNorway/>

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/SonsofNorway>

LinkedIn:

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/2080826>

Sons of Norway Blog:

<http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com>

### ***... and here are some informative Genealogy Websites!***

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~norway/>

A comprehensive list of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy.

<http://www.nndata.no/home/jborgos/register.htm>

Oldest church registers in Norwegian Parishes. Shows the year in which different parishes began keeping church records.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/norway/>

List of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy

<http://www.nb.no>

The National Library of Norway, including Norwegian newspapers.

<http://www.emigrationcenter.com/index.cfm>

The Norwegian Emigration and Genealogy Center

<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraak=e>

Norwegian National Archive. Includes the 1660, 1801, 1865 and 1900 censuses.

<http://home.online.no/~cfscheel/index.htm>

List of Norwegian local histories, dictionary, calendar, and more

[http://www.dokpro.uio.no/dipl\\_norv/diplom\\_field\\_eng.html](http://www.dokpro.uio.no/dipl_norv/diplom_field_eng.html)

Search amongst 16,000 documents from Norway during the period 1050 – 1590.