



# VIKING POSTEN

News of the Norwegian Society of Texas Viking Chapter aka NST Viking  
Vi Skal Holde Ved Like Vaar Norske Arv

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## NST Viking event calendar 2017:

- Wine and Cheese - 26 Aug
- Leif Eiriksson Day - 06 Oct
- Althing - 07 Oct
- Jultrefest - 09 Dec

*Photo: Norwegian flag in Telluride, Colorado*



## Wine and Cheese Party this Saturday, August 26!

There is still time to register for the party this Saturday! Many NST members and friends have already been to the website and sent their quick rsvp. NST Viking wants you there, too! The party will be at a member residence near the SMU campus in Dallas. Details are on the website. Register now!

<https://www.norwegiansocietyoftexas.org/events/viking-wine-cheese/>

**THE NORWEGIAN SOCIETY OF TEXAS**  
*Viking Chapter invites you to our annual*  
**WINE & CHEESE PARTY**

Join good friends for a wonderful Norwegian evening,  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 5:00 PM**  
at the home of  
Elisha and Sigurd Enoksen,  
2921 Dyer Street,  
University Park, Texas 75205  
\$15.00 per person



RSVP by August 23. Event details, map and registration online at  
[NorwegianSocietyofTexas.org/events/viking-wine-cheese](http://NorwegianSocietyofTexas.org/events/viking-wine-cheese)

## Leif Eiriksson Day Banquet

The annual Viking Leif Eiriksson Day banquet will be held on Friday, October 6 at the Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson. Our guest speaker this year will be the Consul General of Norway in Houston, Mr. Morten Paulsen. We look forward to his visit and trust all who love Norway will endeavor to be at the event and welcome him to North Texas. Event details and website registration to be available soon.



Norway in the United States

<https://www.norway.no/en/usa/>

Consulate General in Houston

<https://www.norway.no/en/usa/norway-usa/houston/>

## Althing

The NST Althing statewide meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7 at the Wooden Spoon in Plano. The NST Althing Executive Board and Chapter Representatives from across the entire state meet semiannually to conduct the business and planning of NST. All interested members are welcome to attend the meeting and join in the fun.

The Wooden Spoon Scandinavian shop and cultural center is owned by Viking member Gwen Workman and located near historic downtown Plano in a nineteenth century home. Event details and registration will be available soon.

**THE WOODEN SPOON**  
SCANDINAVIAN FOOD & GIFTS

## Jultrefest

Our Viking Chapter Jultrefest Christmas party is scheduled for December 9 at Central Lutheran Church in Dallas. Last year's party was great. Save the date and be there!



## Syttende Mai event review

Syttende Mai

17 Mai

Norwegian Constitution Day

Norway's National Holiday

In May, Vikings and friends observed a wonderful Syttende Mai at Central Lutheran Church in Dallas. A total of 43 adults and 12 children had a superb time. A raffle raised \$139 for chapter needs. Everyone enjoyed traditional hot dogs and ice cream and also other foods and desserts. The children played games outside. The event began with an opening ceremony which was followed by a traditional processional parade around the large grounds. Tusen takk to everyone who was there. Next Syttende Mai 2018!

On the occasion of the wonderful day, His Majesty the King of Norway sent his greetings to the Norwegian air force pilot families who are in Texas for training at the Air Force base in Wichita Falls. Mr. Ed Fjordbak, Honorary Consul of Norway in Dallas and North Texas, delivered the message.

The U.S. Department of State Office of Foreign Missions in Houston (headed by Nicholas Papp, Regional Director) also sent congratulations on the occasion. Mr. Fjordbak conveyed the following in return:

“Thanks, Nicholas and team, for recognizing the importance of Norway's Constitution Day. I have been given the privilege of delivering a message regarding this day of celebration from HRH King Harald to the Norwegian pilots at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. They will be holding their own celebration on the base.

Ed Fjordbak

Hon. Consul for Norway in North Texas”



## **Sankthansaften event review**

For probably the first time in over forty years, the Viking chapter did not enjoy a Sankthansaften event. A wave of heat was the suspect behind a lack of expected event registrations. The following message was sent to all:

“With great regret, NST Viking Board members voted yesterday to cancel this year's Sankthansaften Midsummer's Eve Viking Rekefest event. Although good friends were looking forward to it, there simply were not enough guests who had RSVP registered, especially to place the order for Greenland shrimp to be airfreighted in for the occasion. So, rather than delicious Greenland shrimp and a traditional bonfire, perhaps we will mark this summer solstice with a little aquavit.

If your payment for the event was received by the Viking Financial Secretary, it will, of course, be returned to you soon. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Ha det bra,  
Viking Board  
The Norwegian Society of Texas”

We look forward to even better food, drink, friends, bonfires and solstices in the future!

## **Good friends and loyal NST members have moved away from DFW**

Tom and Lou Randers have moved to the Lubbock area and want everyone to have their contact information. They recently said: “Please see the contact information for us attached. Feel free to publish it announcing our move. We also still have the same phone number published in the Viking phone list over 40 years ago: 972-475-1764. Thank you for keeping us on your (Viking Chapter) list even though we have moved here (to Lubbock). We do miss you guys, but also still go back to Dallas on occasion. If any of you are here for an NST or Texas Tech event or any other excuse to be in Lubbock, we sure hope you let us know! We would really appreciate seeing any and all of you. Lou and Tom Randers 972-475-1764”

We've Moved

**Lou & Tom (Thomas) Randers**

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**Correspondence** received by the Viking Chapter after the Viking Syttende Mai event in May:

“Maria and I want to express how much we think of you for all you do for NST. You do so much dedicated and inspiring work without which our organization would not continue to prosper. Tusen takk is not really enough. It is also difficult to spread the work, I know.

We are so thankful that you are so inspired. Looking back on all who have passed who similarly contributed of themselves, we know how the organization has continued these over 40 years surviving the vagaries of time and change while staying true to our mission "vi skal holde ved like vaar Norske arv".

Please extend our thanks also to the indefatigable partners of yours - Laura and John! Our membership owes so much to all who help in small or large measures time and time again. We ask all members to volunteer to help out in any way you can. In that way we all benefit.

I ask our Viking Posten editor to post this message.

Hilsen,  
Gunnar and Maria Engen”

(Thanks, Gunnar and Maria! We are just trying to continue this great thing you started.)

## **Viking Board Elections**

On February 21, 2017, and on behalf of the NST Viking Chapter, Christina Moore shared the results of the 2017-2018 Viking Board election. The election, coordinated electronically through the easy to use, secure online voting system called electionbuddy, was closed on Sunday, February 19.

The new Viking Board is: President Steve Haynie, Vice President Mari-Anne Haga Moore, Financial Secretary Elizabeth Varhaug, Treasurer Jessica Ring Moore, and Secretary Toni Celum.

Each board member continues another term except for new Treasurer Jessica. Mari-Anne, Elizabeth and Toni are invaluable in their continuing dedicated service. Toni is also the NST Website Coordinator and Nyheter Editor. Jessica takes over from Dave Mason, a great and longtime member of NST Viking who is becoming the next statewide Althing Treasurer. Tusen takk to all.

## **Great Folklife Booth available**

Mr. Wayne Rohne, NST Legal Advisor for four decades, wrote the following:

“Do you or anyone in NST have a use for the booth which we used for some 20 years at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio? It is a sturdy and large piece of furniture. It assembles into 24 feet of counter, from which we dispensed 4 beer taps on one end, and 4 soft drink taps on the other end, with space in between to serve heart shaped waffles, lapskaus, open face sandwiches, lefse and assorted goodies. I have it stored in a storage unit in Clifton and would love to lighten my load, so to speak. I hope that it can be used by a Norwegian person or group because it is designed to resemble a stabbur. But any recipient of this treasure would be welcome. I would appreciate your putting info about the folklife booth in the Viking Posten. I do not seek compensation for the booth. It was designed by an art teacher at Texas Lutheran College and built by volunteers in San Antonio. It was used for maybe 20 years at the Folklife Festival. It has been stored at my expense in Clifton for several years. I am closing down my law practice and other activities and would like to escape some expenses. I expect the recipient of this treasure to haul it away. Kind regards to all!

Wayne A. Rohne 817-277-4078”

Sounds cool. Contact Wayne for more information.

## **NST Viking ship Ormen Lange II needs our help**

The NST Viking ship, which has sailed in countless parades and events of all kinds, including the great State Fair of Texas, was recently damaged by a severe storm. The ship was built by members years ago, and has been taken care of and stored at the Moore's farm for a number of years. We will be needing all interested members and friends to help rebuild and paint the ship. The sails, mast and shields were likely stored separately from the hull and not damaged, but the storm damaged the main body of the ship and the metal roof and structure long used as a cover. As the old saying goes, you know it is a strong Texas wind when a logging chain stands straight out from the fence post it is hanging from. Please be ready for a call to arms regarding the Ormen Lange II (named after King Olaf Tryggvason's warship from over 1,000 years ago).



## **Breathtaking cabins in sensational locations**

Scandinavian architects have long experience of bringing a true sense of delight to an old and familiar typology. On the northern Norwegian island of Manshausen, polar explorer Børge Ousland commissioned architect Snorre Stinessen to design a striking quartet of cabins as guest accommodation for his “getting away from it all” resort, which opened two years ago. (FT)

<https://howtospentit.ft.com/house-garden/200588-high-design-contemporary-cabins>

## **Norway’s electric car success**

Norway has become a global leader in electric cars but rapid progress presents challenges such as when to withdraw subsidies. [Financial Times reporting](#) from the world’s largest charging station. (FT)

<https://www.ft.com/video/00f09222-1ab4-42e8-a2c0-1e6ba4174f56?emailId=5942056679c28100045f734f&segmentId=22011ee7-896a-8c4c-22a0-7603348b7f22&playlist-name=latest&playlist-offset=2>

## **Oil v fish: a fight for Norway’s soul**

Richard Milne, Nordic and Baltic correspondent, visits the stunning Lofoten Islands in northern Norway and finds growing tension between fishermen and environmentalists, and supporters of moves to explore and drill for oil off the islands. (FT)

<https://www.ft.com/video/d507741d-1674-46b5-a29d-482c3e1cef1e?playlist-name=editors-picks&playlist-offset=2>

## **Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund**

The Government Pension Fund Global - latest report and news

2Q 2017 QUARTERLY REPORT

<https://www.nbim.no/en/transparency/reports/2017/2q-2017-quarterly-report/>

WEBCAST FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE (IN NORWEGIAN)

<https://www.nbim.no/en/transparency/news-list/2017/return-of-202-billion-kroner/>

A FILM ABOUT THE FUND

<https://www.nbim.no/en/>

