

**Taryne J - the  
52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary/  
Welcome New  
Members' Cake**



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# Trollheim News

Greetings to all members!

I hope you all are well and enjoying our spring weather. We had a very busy April with four events. First was the monthly genealogy class that Faith Anderson's reported about her wonderful trip to Norway (photo and summary included). Second was the beautiful Dameklubb Tea also on April 11. It was sold out and all attendees had great fun and were impressed with the beautiful bunads the ladies and Bruce modeled in a fashion show. (See the detailed article and photos.) Third, on April 18, was our Cultural Program (the new name for General Meetings); Taryne Jensen and I remembered members who died in 2025 with a rose ceremony. Also, we presented longevity pins and cultural awards to members, and appreciation awards to our great volunteers. (More photos are included.) Fourth and finally, on April 18, we welcomed new members and celebrated the lodge's 52 anniversary. Notice the beautiful Norwegian flag cake Taryne Jensen ordered for the event.

May will bring our Norwegian Constitution Day "Syttende mai". We'll celebrate it at our Cultural Program on Satr, May 16 at 2:00; Wear red or your Norway costume dress and bring a Norway flag for our parade. I'll give a talk on the history on Norway's Syttende mai parade. I encourage you to attend on May 16 at 2 pm to celebrate Norway's BIG DAY. Our Joan's Butikk is open on Sat for your shopping pleasure with lots of new, fun, and interesting items to buy.

Fraternally, Perry Monkelien, President

**Freedom  
Fraternity  
Progress**

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Bjorn Dahl, Perry, Diane Molter

# Trollheim Calendar of Events 2026

## May



Linda Adcock
Dale Edwards
Diane Edwards
Patricia Geary
Lowell Meredith Hardy
Barbara Hooker
Jeff Jenson
Donald Peterson
Colin Yuri Servis

- 4 - Board Meeting 12noon
- 5- Rental, evening
- 12- Rental, evening
- 16 - Cultural Program 2pm Snack and dessert potluck and celebrate Syttende Mai with a parade and costumes
- 19- Rental, evening
- 26- Rental, evening

## June

- 1- Board Meeting 12noon
- 2- Rental, evening
- 6- Cooking Academy, Lefse
- 9- Rental, evening
- 11-14 District 6 Convention, Sacramento, CA
- 16- Rental, evening
- 20- Cultural Program 2pm. our 4 delegates report on the Dist. 6 convention; Snacks/desserts potluck
- 23- Rental, evening
- 30- Rental, evening

## July

No Meetings



### Joan's Norske Butikk

A Scandinavian Gift Shop

located in

Trollheim Lodge

6610 W. 14th Ave

Lakewood, CO 80214

(303) 232-1700

Open Saturdays 9:30am - 1:30pm



Monthly Cultural Event

### Syttende Mai

Join us as we celebrate Norway's Constitution Day  
 Syttende mai means the 17th of May but we  
 will celebrate it on

**Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM**

If possible wear red or traditional clothes.  
 Join the parade around Trollheim and 14th.

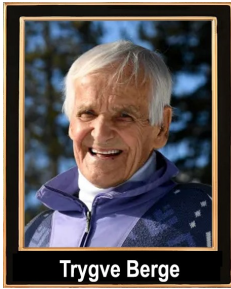
Bring Norwegian goodies to share.  
 We will have ice cream as well.

**Let's all celebrate Norway's independence**

See you there



# Sunshine News



**Trygve Berge**, long time Trollheim Lodge member and one of the co-founders of Breckenridge Ski Area, died April 2 after a brief illness. He was 93. Celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Full obituary printed in the Summit Daily: <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/obituaries/obituary-trygve-berge/>

**Joann Bradley** has passed away. Her obituary can be read at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/joann-bradley-obituary?id=58196684> Another lady who nearly made 100 years! RIP Joann!

Longtime Denver resident **Ron Thorstad** - beloved husband, dad, Grandpa-T, brother, and friend—died at the age of 77, after a 15-year battle with cancer. Born in Dickinson ND, Ron carried his small-town roots, love of the outdoors, and deep humility with him throughout his life. A civil engineer by trade, he helped shape major transit projects across the U.S. and Canada, though he was far prouder of the life he built with his wife Cynthia, and their blended family. Ron never lost his humor, often saying, “It’s hard to kill a Viking!” Ron joined Trollheim Lodge in 2024. He leaves behind a legacy of connection, kindness, and love. The obituary is at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wheat-ridge-co/ron-thorstad-12857414> RIP Ron and sympathy to Cynthia/family

**Sue Peterson's** oldest sister, Donna Sears, passed away on April 11. If you would like to send a card to Sue, her address is: 9350 Dorchester St.. #122, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129

## GENEALOGY

Tony Hjelmstad of the Fjelldalen Lodge hosts a Genealogy class on Thursdays at 1pm. Upcoming topics are Geography (May) and social class & ownership (June). For more information contact Tony: [genealogy@Fjelldalen.com](mailto:genealogy@Fjelldalen.com)

## CAMP NORGE in CA



Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

**MAY 22-25, 2026**

STAY

Choose from: Main Lodge, Dorms, Cabins or bring your RV or tent.  
Make reservations at: [campnorge.org/site/reservations](http://campnorge.org/site/reservations).

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend!

Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities.

Meals provided or on your own.

Open to all Sons of Norway and Young Scandinavian Club members and their family and friends.

REGISTER FOR MEALS

[campnorge.org/site/memorial-day-meal-registration](http://campnorge.org/site/memorial-day-meal-registration)

Deadline to register for meals 5/14/26

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Trollheim Lodge donates \$50 to the Scholarship fund in remembrance of each departed member.

# The Annual Dameklubb Tea Displays Our Norwegian Heritage to the Community & Raises Funds for Lodge

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Thank you to the 100+ guests at our April 11<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser tea "Bunads of Norway." Due to the creativity of **Barb Hessel**, every guest had a menu/program with a 3D paper bunad on the cover. During the program, **Diane Molter** explained what bunads are and their history. **Diane, Jackie Groe, and Janet Cunningham** ran the bunad fashion show where 10 ladies and **Bruce Bailey** modeled their Norwegian bunad and other festive costumes. Tusen takk to:

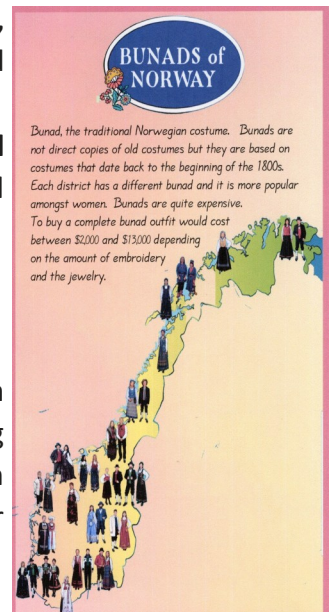
- Table hostesses/helpers and food preparation: **Faith Anderson, Connie Bartram** and her visiting sisters **Ardis Jerome (SC) & Lisa Thievin (MT), Louise Bath, Delphine Becker, Janet Cunningham, Suzanne Eugster, Gail Greene, Barb Hessel, Taryne Jensen, Kirstin Lewis, Amy Jo Martinson & mother, Karalou Mattern, Diane Molter** and friends **Nancy Colburn & Lisa Woods, Ruth Peterson, Cyndy Sample, Barb Stover** and **Penny Sargent.**

- Tea steepers and kitchen cleanup: **Michael Homan, Perry Monkeliën, Cyndy Sample, Earl Bartram**

Receptionists:  
**Barb Hessel & Anne Wormley**

The event brought in over \$2000 to Trollheim Lodge. Thank you lodge ladies for contributing food to increase the fundraiser's proceeds! On behalf of the lodge board, tusen takk Dameklub for your generosity of time, talent and resources.

*Connie Bartram, Treasurer*



Trollheim 6-110 Dameklubb ladies performed a successful Bunad themed Tea Party. It included a delicious spread of Scandinavian food, desserts, a Bunad fashion show and concluded with prizes for the guests.



### Tea Attendee Reviews:

- *What a pleasure it was to attend the 2026 Dameklubb Tea Bunad Event and to meet many Trollheim Lodge members! The tables were beautifully decorated, and the food was unique and tasty. The work by everyone involved was much appreciated. Fondly, Lisa Thievin, Connie Bartram's MT sister*
- *Wonderful, beautiful Dameklubb Spring Tea 2026! The food was delicious! Thank you ladies! Barbara Bessen* ❤️
- *The Tea was wonderful, really enjoyed it. Diane Edwards*

### Lodge Anniversary Celebration and New Members Welcomed

Membership Longevity Pin Recipients in Attendance: 5-years: **Mary/Severt Kvamme** accepted for their 2 generations' family members; **Juliann Jenson** accepted for her 4 Martin family members; 15 years was **Martha (Marty) Dahl**; 20 years was **Dennis Reynolds**; and 30 years were **Daniel & Martha Ondrejko**. New Members installed and recipients of welcome packets were **Mark, Jessica, and Lowell Hardy** and **Cyndy Sample**.

#### Pin Recipients

**30 YEARS**  
Ondrejko, Daniel  
Ondrejko, Martha

**25 YEARS**  
Lewis, Jennifer  
Nerheim, Kimberly

**20 YEARS**  
Johansen, Kristin  
Reynolds, Dennis  
Jorgensen, Kari

**15 YEARS**  
Dahl, Martha

**10 Years**  
Bradley, JoAnn  
Kusek, Kari

**5 years**  
Kvamme, Lauren  
Kvamme, Avery  
Kvamme, Emsy  
Jenson, Juliann  
Martin, John  
Martin, Jens  
Martin, Siri  
Martin, Charlie  
Degerness, Randy

#### New Members

Transferred  
Dianne Sauder Jacobsen  
Cynthia Ann Thorstad  
Ronald Thorstad  
Jessica Ann Hardy  
Lowell Meredith Hardy  
Mark Meredith Hardy  
Keith Riley

New  
Cyndy Sample  
Whitney Jones  
Jessica Quenette  
Jeff Jenson



### Ron Taylor Resigns as the TBC President

On behalf of the entire Trollheim Lodge membership, we thank **Ron Taylor** for his extended service as the Trollheim Building Corporation's President. Ron, along with **Dani East** and **Michael Homan**, worked directly with an attorney to rectify our temporary loss of the property (real estate) tax exemption that non-profits can have. The 3-year lapse filing for the exemption triggered the IRS to terminate the property tax exemption. This resulted in legal complications that a hired attorney helped Ron, Dani, and Michael eventually corrected. During the entire period, Ron provided tenacious leadership in getting the proper documentation provided to the attorney and was an excellent liaison with the attorney. Tusen takk and be well Ron! *Perry and the Board*



The Memorial Ceremony included placing a red rose in a common vase for Billy Wadsworth (Diane), Al Ehret, Jr. (Suzanne E), Orvid Olsen (Marilyn B), Jim Haugen (no photo), Linda Theilgaard (Juliann J), and David Stover (Joan J).

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