

The Scandinavian Scoop



Scandinavian Society of



Sunday, June 23



Midsummer Festival

Municipal Park Shelter, 500 Walnut Street, Boise (look for Scandinavian flags)

Activities will begin at 3:00 with decorating the midsummer pole and socializing. Please bring your greenery and flowers at this time and help us decorate.

The Potluck Smörgåsbord Picnic will begin at 4:00. Bring your favorite Scandinavian dish and a salad or dessert, and table service. Club furnishes coffee and lemonade. Family and Friends are Welcome to Join Us.

Festivities include singing and dancing with music by our ScandiBand. Play our Trivia game, mug in the life-size cut-outs, laugh at jokes, play games and more. Refresh friendships and make new ones. Wear Scandinavian-inspired clothing if you can.



******Note** **Family Friendly Midsummer Night Bonfire**, Saturday, June 15, 7:30pm @ Ralph Mellin's Farm (between Maple Grove and Five Mile on Franklin Road, Boise (10100 W Franklin).) Bring your own picnic basket, perhaps something to share. Bring your instruments and Scandinavian stories, both personal and general.



If you are receiving this Newsletter electronically, feel free to call Kirk and ask which year you are paid through. Your small dues pay for rents and incidentals needed to support the Scandinavian Society and to help it grow!!



Visit our Booth at Meridian Dairy Days!!



Scandinavian (and German) Folk Dancing - We need a Teacher. We have diagrams, music and training videos. For Information, call Alan at 208-939-4763.



Movie Nights

No July or August movie
Friday September 6, 7 pm.
These are at Kirk’s home, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise (halfway between Cole Road and Mt. View, on Ustick Road turn south onto Redway, then turn right onto Pomona, house on the corner). Snacks and conversation following movie. For Info call Kirk 208-841-2622



Ya Sure Ya Betcha Lunch Bunch

June 13, 1 pm, Oak Barrel of Eagle, 1065 E Winding Creek Dr. Eagle.
July 18, Thurs, at 1pm @Sandbar Patio Bar & Grill (In the Riverside Hotel) 2900 W. Chinden Blvd. Boise 83714
August 8, , at 1pm @Grit American Cuisine (In the Eagle Plaza) 360 S Eagle Rd, Eagle 83616
Sep 12, at 1pm @Meltz Extreme 6565 W. Fairview Ave Boise 83704
For Information, call Brian/Jill Stockham 208-965-2877

Welcome New Members !!

Sunshine Person - Know someone who needs a get-well card, sympathy card, or “just thinking of you”? Call Connie Bruijn @ 208-250-3361

Need to pay your dues? Mail your check, payable to Scandinavian Society, to Treasurer Kirk Higginson, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise, ID 83704. Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00 **If you would rather have an e-newsletter, let us know.**

Donations are always welcome to our non-profit Society.

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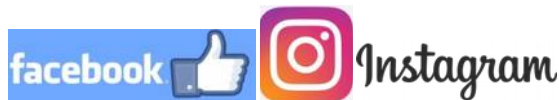


Family Night Bonfire

Bring your own picnic basket, perhaps something to share. Bring your instruments and Scandinavian stories, both personal and general. **Stay Tuned** to Email Updates –possibly Sat, August 24.

Mark Your Calendar !!

June 19-22, 2024 Dairy Days-Visit our lively Booth!
Sept 22, Sunday 3pm Nordic Fall Picnic
~~Dec 8, Sun 4:30 Christmas/ St.Lucia Festival



Scandinavian Society of Southwestern Idaho –
Check these out for some great submissions!! Kudos to those members who offer these delights.

Bring your talents to our Society. We would love to show you off!!

Website at <https://yasureubetcha.com>

Got an Idea for our Society? Step up and lead it!

Been in the Society for awhile? Please submit brief Bio (no more than a page) (and picture?) for our Archives. We would love to remember you. Through the years we have missed many members....



Freyr and Gerd: Lovesick Norse God Seeking Giantess

There is a well-known Norse myth which tells of how the Vanir Freyr fell in love with the giantess Gerd, wooed her, and eventually convinced her to marry him. She was not any easy catch - many attempts and various tactics were needed to gain the proud giantess' hand...

In the Norse religion, Freyr was the son of the Vanir Njord and the twin brother of Freya. According to Norse mythology, Freyr and his father were sent to live with the Æsir as hostages in the peace agreement at the end of the Æsir-Vanir War. Freyr was worshipped as a god of fertility, prosperity, and good harvest. As for Gerd (whose name may be translated from Old Norse as 'fenced-in'), she is said to be the daughter of Gymir, a little-known jötunn, and Aurboda. Gerd is best-known, however, for being Freyr's wife.

A Vanir Falls in Love - The myth of how Freyr fell in love with Gerd can be found in several different literary works. It begins with Freyr sitting on Hlithskjolf (Odin's throne), where he looked over all the worlds. As he set his eyes on Jötunheimr, the homeland of the jötnar, the god saw a maiden walking towards a house on an estate. According to the Gylfaginning, one of the books in the Prose Edda, as the maiden opened the door of the house, "brightness gleamed from her hands, both over sky and sea, and all the worlds were illumined of her." Freyr was immediately love-struck and removed himself from Odin's throne with much sorrow.

A Melancholy Norse God - When Freyr returned home, his melancholy was perceived by his father, who bade Skirnir, one of Freyr's servants, to ask his master what was bothering him. Skirnir did so and found out about Freyr's dilemma. In the Gylfaginning, the god then sends Skirnir to woo the maiden, promising him a reward for his effort. In the Skirnismol of the Poetic Edda, on the other hand, Skirnir volunteers to woo the maiden for his master. In both sources, Skirnir requests a horse and a sword from Freyr. Both the horse and the sword that Freyr gives Skirnir are magical objects, as the former could pass through magical flames, whilst the latter would fight on its own, if wielded by a worthy hero.

Skirnir eventually arrives at Gymir's house, where he attempts to woo Gerd. Whilst the version in the Gylfaginning states merely that Skirnir succeeded in his quest, that of the Skirnismol elaborates on how Skirnir managed to accomplish the task. In this version of the myth, Skirnir attempts to purchase Gerd's love for Freyr with precious gifts, firstly with 11 golden apples, and then with a magic gold ring that belonged to Odin (presumably Draupnir). Gerd refuses the gifts, telling Skirnir that there is enough gold in her father's house.

Seeing that gifts would not persuade Gerd to love Freyr, Skirnir changes his strategy, and resorts to using threats instead. A long list of threats follows, including the promise of using Freyr's magic sword to slay Gerd and placing various curses on her.

Do Freyr and Gerd Live Happily Ever After? - In the end, Gerd agrees to meet Freyr nine days later in a forest called Barri. Skirnir returns to Freyr with the good news, though the god is impatient, and is not able to wait for nine days. Freyr expresses his anguish with the following, "Long is one night, longer are two; How then shall I bear three? Often to me has a month seemed less than now half a night of desire." In both the Skirnismol, and the Gylfaginning, the story comes to an

abrupt end. It is generally accepted that after the nine tortuous days for Freyr, he meets Gerd meet in Barri and the two become husband and wife.

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“We say cheers to our Friends, and those that we know, and those that we don’t know, we say cheers to them as well.” -Danish Toast

The Scandinavian Society will again have an activity and information tent in Storey Park for Meridian Dairy Days. Volunteers are needed to help with Midsummer flower crowns, passing out coloring books, kids dress up and photo opportunities. This was a blast last year! We were very popular. Great food, live music, performances and many other booths to visit. Plus Old Mac Donald’s Farm, and carnival. Free Ice Cream social 6-8 on Thursday. **Volunteers are needed.** Thursday, June 20 5-10pm; Friday, 21 3-10pm; Sat 22 10-10pm. Please call/text Connie Bruijn at 208-250-3361 or email scandifolkbandboise@gmail.com **to volunteer!**



Our Spring Road Gang – Can you figure all of us out?