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No. 218  
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Come to the Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner on Friday **February 7, 1992**. The bar opens at 6:00 pm and the dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Our business meeting will follow the dinner. We welcome Sierra Kronan members as our guests for the evening.

someone to take over. Contact them at 428-7161 to offer your assistance.

— Myrtle Widmark

The food committee is planning a delicious traditional pea soup dinner with pancakes. We appreciate all the work these members do, and we would like others to learn their recipes and take over the preparations. It would be a big help if some member(s) would be responsible for seeing that the kitchen supplies are replenished as needed. Contact an officer if you would like to help do this.

Also, is there someone who has knowledge of working at a bar, or wants to learn? Gil and Camilla Holm have been doing this for years now and could use

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Russell Ellis has made more name badges. Please contact the Secretary if you don't have one. The program books for 1992 are here. You may pick yours up at the next meeting or you can arrange to have someone pick it up for you.

#### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We thank District Master Helen Mingram and District Deputy Audrey Fales for installing the officers for 1992. It was a nice installation ceremony at the conclusion of our January meeting. These officers will be working together to make Monitor an exciting lodge to belong to. Many lodge activities are planned, not only here in Sacramento, but also in the Bay Area in May.

It takes input from all members to keep an organization functioning, so speak up and let the officers know about your ideas. Also help out when possible, a good way to meet and know your fellow members.

Looking forward to the new year,

*In truth and unity*  
— Myrtle Widmark

#### PROGRAM BOOK CORRECTIONS

Scholarship Committee:  
delete "Ethel Hoffman"  
add "Ruth Volkoff (3 yr.)"

March 4: delete "Guest: Nord,"  
add "Sacramento  
Savings and Loans,  
2150 Watt Avenue, 2

blocks south of  
Penney's on Maryal  
Drive"  
March 6: add "Guest: Nord"  
March: delete "TBA," add "7  
& 8, Camellia  
Festival," add "14,  
International  
Friendship Luncheon,  
12:00 noon, Red Lion  
Inn, \$18.00"

April 11: add "10497 Coloma  
Rd."

May 6: add "Sacramento  
Savings and Loans"

June 6: add "Micki Grove,  
Lodi"

June 20: add "Elk Grove Park"

September: add "TBA" after  
Pancake Breakfast

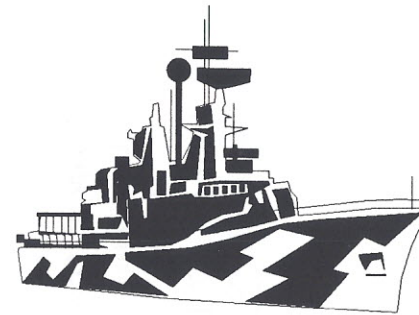
Change Burl Van Alstyne to Durl  
Add Don Carlson, 500 Lynhurst  
Ave., Roseville, CA 95678, phone  
783-0262

#### RECIPE BOOKLET

Some recipes have been  
turned in but more are needed.  
We want the recipes for all the  
foods served at the Smörgåsbord  
and any additional recipes that  
you use.



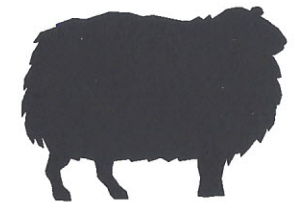
The Faroe islands are located in the North Atlantic roughly halfway between Scotland and Iceland. The area is 540 square miles and the population is about 50,000. While they are isolated they appear to have been populated since before 800, at first by Irish hermits and then by Viking settlers from Norway. The present inhabitants are descended from these Norsemen. Their language is still Old Norse. King Olaf Tryggvesson of Norway introduced Christianity about 1000. The islands became a Norwegian fief in 1035. When Norway became associated with Denmark in 1380 under Queen Margareta this interest was transferred to Denmark. When Norway was separated from Denmark in 1814 the Danish king retained the Faroes.



Great Britain took control of  
the islands during the German

occupation of Denmark 1940-1945. This prevented German use of the islands as a naval base. The British developed a system of roads on the islands.

The principal industry of the islands is fishing. Because of the latitude and exposure there are no trees but extensive meadows. Sheep have been raised on the islands from earliest times, the name "Faroe" may be derived from the name for sheep in old Norse.



The Faroes received their limited independence in 1947. They have complete control over local matters such as schools and taxation but remain within the kingdom of Denmark for foreign affairs. Self-government is exercised through the "lagting," a council which goes back to Viking times.

— Ted Olson

illustrations. In other words, picture composition was often borrowed - a framework on which to build. But thereafter, the painter seemed to give his imagination free rein and unleashed his whole creative joy.



He filled his paintings with people wearing the costumes of his native parish. He painted houses, plants and multitudes of decorative motifs. In Dalarna, nobody knew what Jerusalem looked like, but people had been to the county seat, Falun, and were convinced that the houses in Dalarna towns were as fine as those in Jerusalem. The Dal painters also copied from illustrated prayer books and fashion magazines.

Although Biblical motifs dominate Dal paintings, artists also depicted everyday episodes, royalty and other historical characters.

"Here be both Roses and Flowers which grow both in Winter and Summer." This text is

to be found above a painting, dated 1797 by Winter Carl Hansson, from Leksand. Hansson was one of the leading Dal painters. In Dal painting these "Roses and Flowers" are known as "KURBITS," a word which actually means "gourd." "Kurbits" and "kurbits painting" refer to the floral decorations applied to painted furniture, stylized and developed up to the 1790's until they came to be incorporated into the motifs depicted on the wall hangings in the cabins. The name *kurbits* is taken from the Old Testament Book of Jonah. The plant or gourd is a symbol both of vitality and of death (Jonah, Chapter 4).

Each Dal painter had his own way of expressing *kurbits* and always allowed room for this decorative motif to grow in the painting. *Kurbits* has come to be the distinguishing characteristic of Dal painting.

Submitted by

— Eivor Pfannkuch  
Cultural leader

#### THE OTHER NORDICS

If the Icelanders consider they are often ignored because they are few in number and isolated, what about the Faroese? These are the inhabitants of the Faroe Islands. They are recognized as a separate nationality, self-governing with their own language, their own flag, their own stamps and coinage.

Please send your favorite recipes to Marie Tillman, 1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695.

#### ANNIVERSARY AND DISTRICT CONVENTION

A letter and packet of information have been sent to the district lodges and a follow up letter will be sent in February. It looks like things are coming together, but there are still details to be worked out. There will be a committee meeting at my house in February (date to be announced at the meeting.) Keep bringing your cans and bottles to be recycled as we want to raise as much money as possible to just cover our expenses.

The raffle tickets are here. First prize is a 17 inch Orange Dalarna horse, second prize an Avatar Stereo Bench, and third an Orrefors Crystal Bowl. All members will want ticket books for chances to the prizes and other books to sell to relatives and friends. The tickets are in books of 6 for \$5.00, but individual tickets can be sold for \$1.00.

— Myrtle Widmark

#### MUSIC

Marianne Ek has scheduled rehearsal for the chorus at 5:30 pm on **February 7th**, before the lodge meeting. They have been invited to perform at several places. Anyone can join the chorus, just contact Marianne at 972-7485 if you would like more information.

— Myrtle Widmark

#### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Camellia Festival will be **March 7th and 8th** at the Sacramento Convention Center. The hours are 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday. Our committee is working on the scheduled events. We have raffle tickets to sell, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. First prize is \$1,000.

The International Friendship Luncheon is **March 14th** at 12:00 noon at the Red Lion Inn. Spain is the host nation this year and the lunch will be a Spanish meal. We have 10 luncheon tickets at \$18.00 each, to sell, which will be one table. Anyone can come to support our maid of Sweden, *Susan Lydecker*.

The next planning meeting is February 11, 1992.

— Myrtle Widmark

#### NÅL OCH TRÅD

Tisdagen den 11 februari, kl 19.00 hos:

Ethel Johnson  
4344 53rd Street  
Sacramento, CA 95820  
(916) 457-0966



Tisdagen den 25 februari, kl 19.00 hos:

Doris (Fran) Haas  
11508 Armour Court  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
(916) 638-9341

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**REMEMBER**

- ★ Turn in your expense sheets.
- ★ Bring in your aluminum cans and bottles to be recycled.
- ★ Share your favorite recipes for our cook-booklet, for sale at the Scandinavian Festival.
- ★ Wear your name badge at all meetings and sign the attendance sheet.
- ★ Submit your lodge receipts to the secretary before meetings.
- ★ Make payments to the Financial Secretary before meetings.



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**DUES ANNIVERSARIES**

If you have already paid, please ignore the listing of your name. Thank you for your promptness.

*Anderson, Evelyn*  
*Anderson, Annika*  
*Anderson, Thomas*  
*Barney, Jean*  
*Barney, Meghan*  
*Barrett, Robert*  
*Barrett, Jeanette*  
*Beal, Judy Rae*  
*Bergman, Sue*  
*Ellis, Russell*  
*Haas, Ronald*  
*Haas, Doris (Fran)*  
*Holmquist, Julius*  
*Jenson, Helen*  
*Lundberg, Lynn*  
*Nordquist, Holgar*  
*Olsen, Lilmer*  
*Ostlund, Lars*  
*Sims, Louise*

*Spencer, Cecile*  
*Stockham, Brian*  
*Stockham, Jill*  
*Tura, Helen*  
*Volkoff, Ruth*

Dues are \$14.00 per year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the February 7th meeting or mail them to the Financial Secretary; Ethel Johnson, 4344 53rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Phone number: 457-0966



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**SICK REPORT**

Faye Powell of San Jose is recuperating at an aunt's after a hernia operation.  
Thelma Bagdley has back trouble, so she is in some pain. However, her stepdaughter is there to help her and Charles.  
Harry Johnson is doing well after his knee replacement surgery on January 11th and will be home soon.  
Ruth Lundberg is taking medication for her blood and has some bursitis in her arm, but hopes to come to the meeting.  
Ethel Hoffman has had some bleeding in one of her eyes so she cannot drive at night.  
Eva Allred also has some problems with her eye.

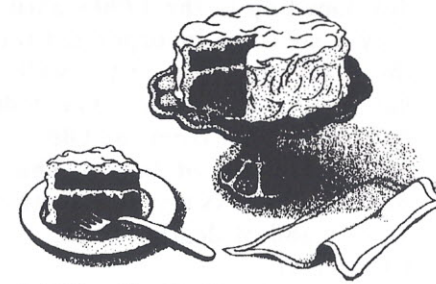
Marge Skicklig is doing all right. A lot of people have caught the flu that is going around. Let's hope the rest of 1992 will be better.

— Myrtle Widmark  
& Margaret Carlson

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen! Congratulations!



2/01 *Cecile Spencer*  
2/02 *Lucy Dahlberg*  
2/03 *Mimi Hjersman*  
2/03 *Mary Ingvarsdan*  
2/04 *Stanley Hagstrom*  
2/04 *Gustav Mattson*  
2/05 *Annabel Audet*  
2/06 *Charles Johnson*  
2/06 *Renea Ostrom*  
2/09 *Ethel Johnson*  
2/09 *Ruth Volkoff*  
2/10 *Carol Kwolek*  
2/11 *Maude Udvardy*  
2/13 *Jill Stockham*  
2/18 *Richard Westrup*  
2/19 *Kurt Pfannkuch*  
2/20 *Audrey Fales*  
2/22 *Joan Canady*  
2/22 *Marie Tillman*  
2/26 *Vera Anderson*  
2/26 *Birgit Dillard*  
2/28 *Richard Forsty*

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

Thank you Ingegerd Kennedy for volunteering to do the newsletter for March. Members, please send your articles for the March newsletter to Ingegerd Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, by February 15, 1992.

— Marie Tillman

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**FOLK PAINTINGS FROM DALARNA (cont.)**

Through the church, the people of Dalarna could expand their physical world with the world of the Bible. It was from the world of the Bible that the Dal painters took most of their motifs. The majority of the population was at this time illiterate, but to enable them to "read" their Bibles, various editions of "Picture Bibles," sort of "Biblia Pauperum" were issued during the 18th century. These contained illustrations of salient episodes and accorded only secondary importance to the text.

The illustrations, which were also in part included in the Swedish Bible translation of 1618, came originally from North Germany and were made about 1580.

The research of the past fifty years into Dal Painting has shown that the Dal Painters were bound by the illustrations of the "Picture Bibles." Figures, buildings and objects were placed in the same position as in the Bible