

LAFT HUS NEWS

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ELLESTAD WIIK DUO



ADMISSION BY DONATION
FRIDAY AUGUST 4 AT 7PM

Come to the Laft Hus this summer to experience some wonderful music! We have the Ellestad Wiik Duo on August 4th and some young ladies from Norway that sing, dance and play the Hardanger Fiddle on August 12!

Check the last newsletter for more detail on all of the performers!

Members of the Laft Hus are hosting a potluck lunch for Marta, Malin, and Vilde. Please bring your meal items to the Laft Hus by 11:30am so that lunch can be served at noon!

NORWEGIAN PERFORMERS



Marta Malin Vilde

Join us August 12 at 1 pm in Heritage Square to see these incredible Norwegian performers!

Admission by donation



Children's Festival 2023



The Children's Festival was another great success! Look at some of the talented artists that visited the Laft Hus!

Our summer students (Gwen in blue, Brianna in red) looking particularly Norwegian in their Laft Hus Bunad! They have done a great job giving tours and sending out wonderful information through their emails!



We want to extend a very big TUSEN TAKK to all the volunteers that housesat during the month of June with Gwen, your time is much appreciated!



We have been visited by quite a few Vikings this summer! They are all fierce warriors, keep an eye out for them!



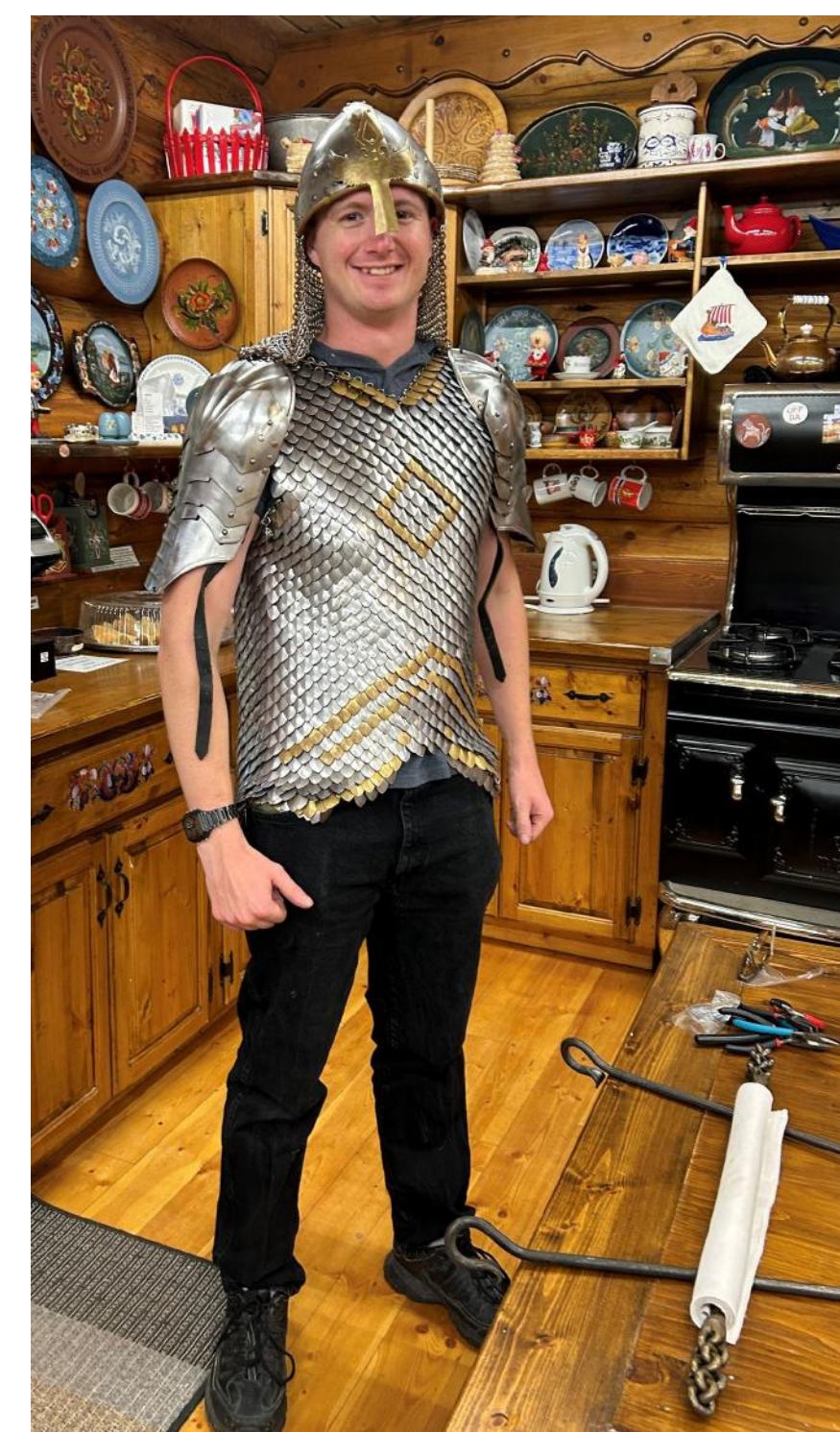
Public Progammming



Marianne Harris taught a class on painting a landscape image of the Laft Hus! 5 people took the class and they all did very well!



Jason Stepler taught 7 people how to chainmail! We still have extra kits for sale in the Butikk.

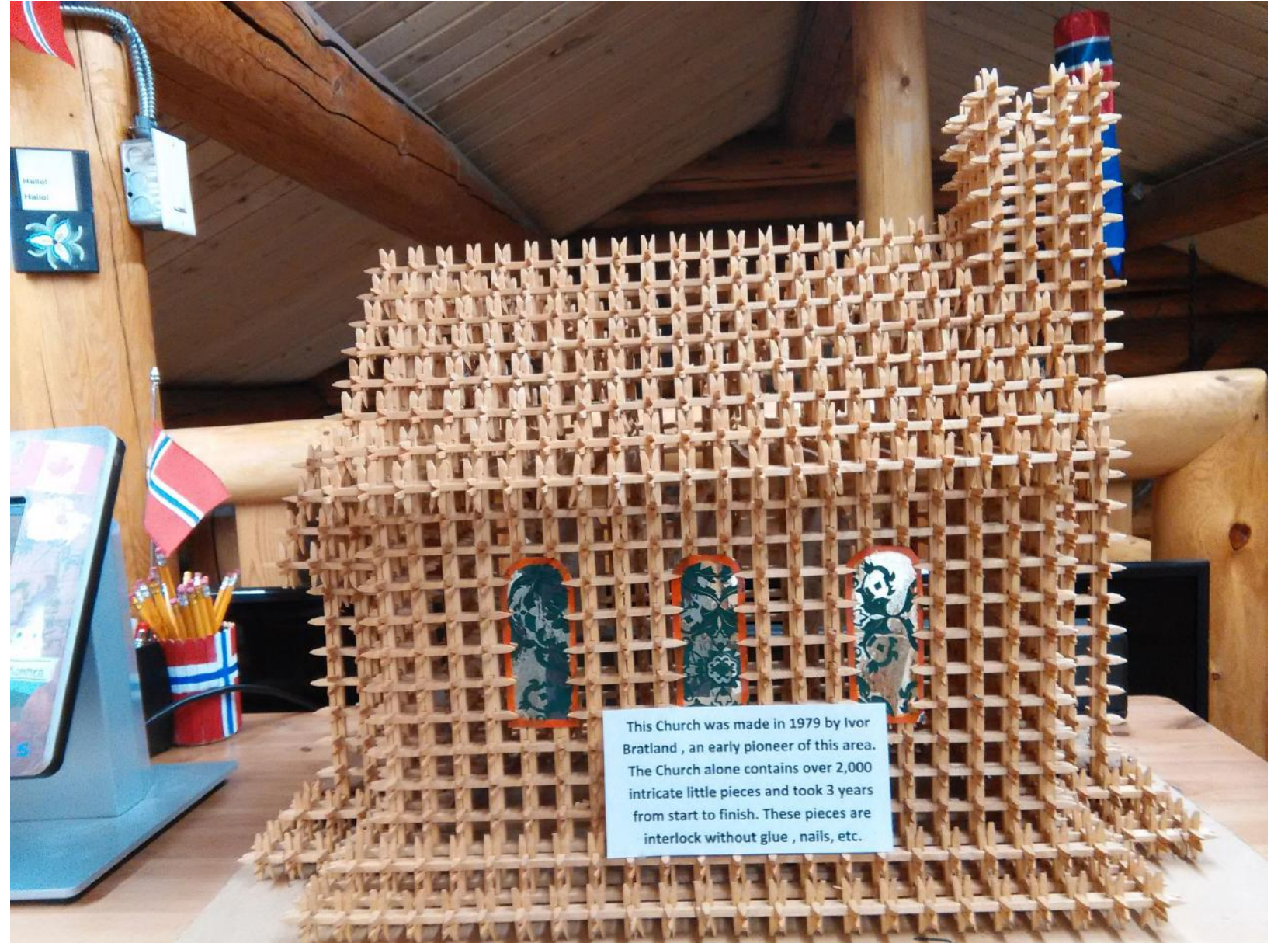


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< Mange Takk (Many thanks) to Dylan Viste for weedeating the roof of the Laft Hus!



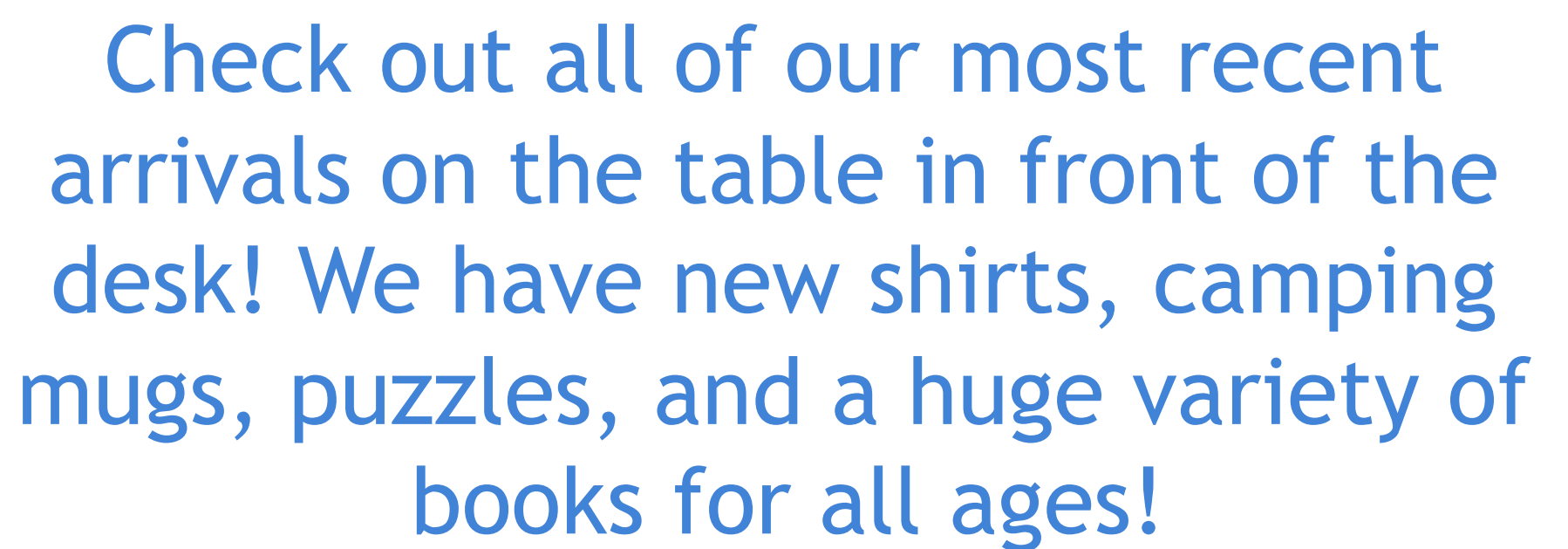
FOR SALE:

We have these beautiful picture frames and church made by Ivor Bratland for sale. They are made completely of wood, they are not held together by glue or nails, etc. Each cross (as shown in the hand) is worth \$1. We are open to offers!

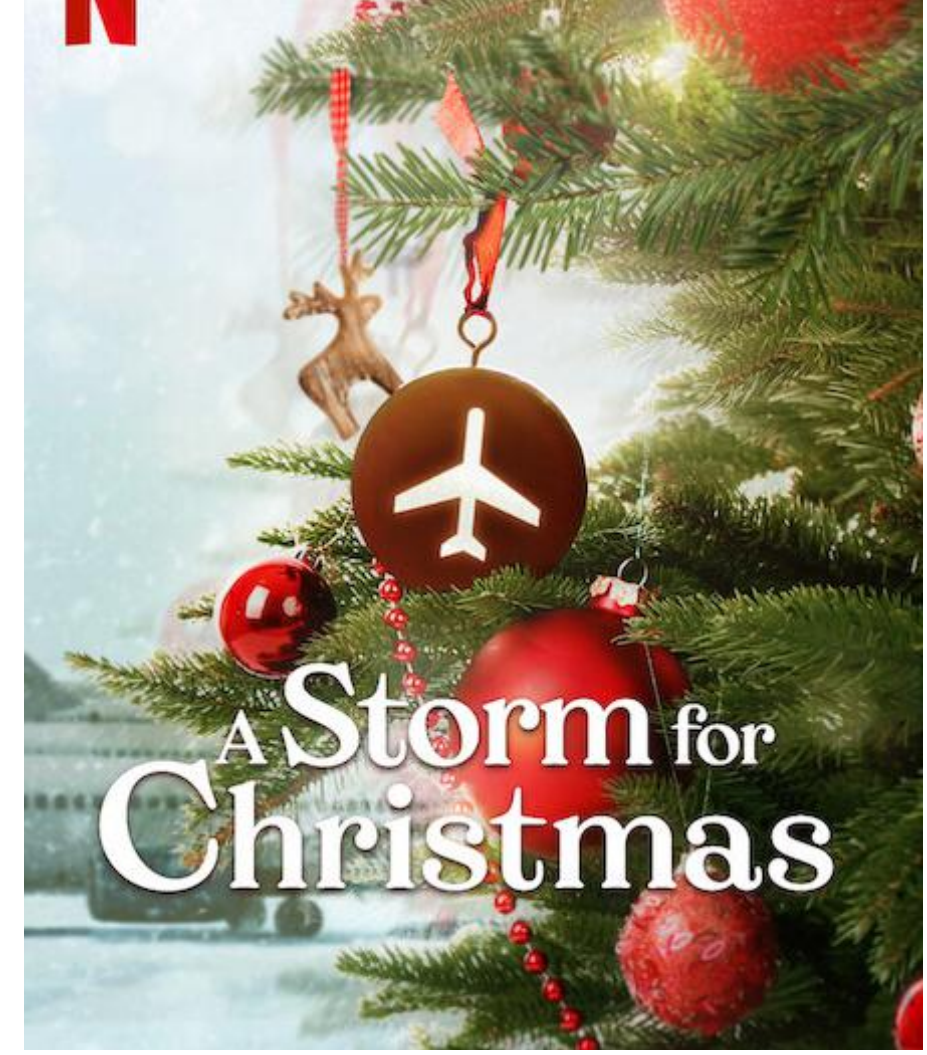


We had a group of seniors from the Sylvan Lake Lodge at the Laft Hus recently. Christine and Gwen taught the group how to make heart baskets! A great time was had by all!

The image shows a variety of children's books and coloring books arranged on a wooden surface. At the top center is a white sign that reads "NEW ARRIVALS". To the left of the sign is "The Moomin Coloring Book" featuring a Moomin character. To the right is "Princesses and Queens Don't Wear Crowns" with illustrations of royal figures. Below these are "NORWAY A Coloring & Activity Book" with a red cover, "Slush Mountain" with a winter scene, and "The Story Orchestra" with a forest scene. In the middle row are "DRAWING THE VIKINGS" with a Viking ship, "VIKING IN LOVE" with a Viking on a horse, and "The Story Orchestra" with a forest scene. The bottom row includes "BROWN" with a superhero, "BLACK" with a superhero, "THE VIKING HONDBOK" with a Viking ship, "Viking Folktales" with a circular design, and "OLE & LIE JOHNSON" with a boy in overalls.



We just finished a Christmas in July sale at the Laft Hus. There was also a Norwegian Christmas in July show on Netflix called "A Storm for Christmas." It was very good and Julie Macrae recommends it! >



On the topic of Christmas: Did you know that Norway sends a Christmas tree to London every year?

To say "thank you" for their help in World War II, Oslo sends a large Norwegian Spruce tree from Oslo forest. This tree is displayed in Trafalgar Square in London and has been sent yearly since 1947. It is decorated in the traditional Norwegian style with bright white lights.

Jessica Blenis from the Derina Harvey Band asked to borrow our Hardanger fiddle back in January. She played it on this album that they just finished and they gave us a shout out on their social media pages! The blurb is on the right >



"My darlings! We'd love to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the people who worked so hard, and who were so generous with their time, talents and instruments to help us bring this album to life!

PRODUCED BY: Derina Harvey Band

RECORDED AT: The Audio Department - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

ENGINEERED & MIXED BY: Scott Greene

ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING: Danny Danger, Derina Harvey

MASTERED BY: Joao Carvalho Mastering - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

PHOTOGRAPHY BY: Chris LeDrew Photography, Peter Dervin Photography

ARTWORK: Sheilagh Harvey

GRAPHIC DESIGN & LAYOUT: Kyna Harvey

SPECIAL THANKS FOR BORROWED INSTRUMENTS: Steve Morrissey,

Norwegian Laft Hus Society and Museum - Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

And of course thanks again to all of you for listening to, enjoying and sharing the album!"

The link to their website is below:

<https://www.derinaharvey.com/>

Member Story: Natasha Burger (Natasha Ravensdaughter)



Hi, my name is Natasha Burger. I'm a nurse by trade, living the acreage life near Lacombe and I create things inspired by my Viking heritage. My father was a Dutchman who studied Norse mythology, so I grew up with the ancient stories. My mother is Canadian born - her Swedish father Eric Ericson married a Canadian Norwegian woman Myrtle Wade. In studying my history I have fallen in love with the world of the Scandinavian people, especially the Viking age time of world travel and trade. Did you know the Vikings had silk that they likely traded with the far east for?



Natasha has some products available in the Laft Hus Butikk. She has Comfrey Ointment, an original painting, and rune sets!



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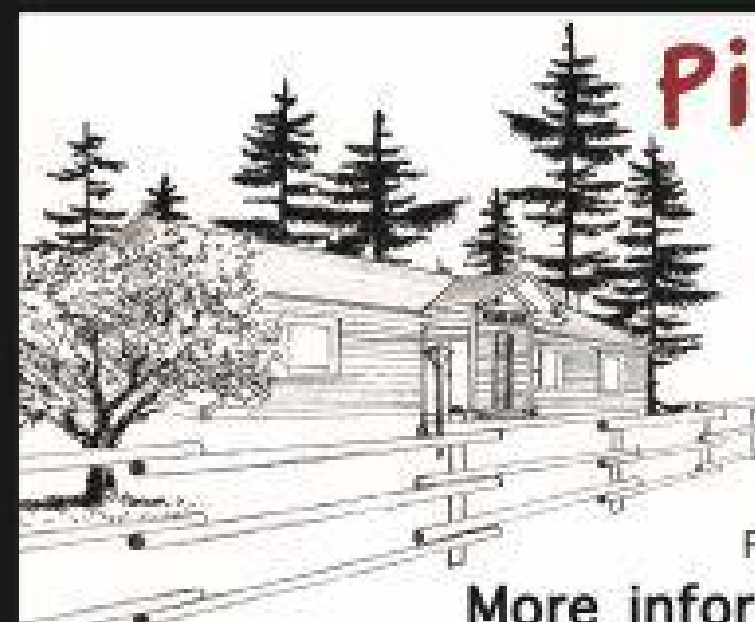
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