



June/July

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Saturday, June 23 **Midsommarfest** **with VASA**

Cadwallader Park - noon

Keeping with years of tradition, our lodge is invited to join in the fun at the VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park in Hickory Corners. The activities start at noon and the smörgåsbord meal begins around 1 p.m.

Beverages and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish to pass of any type of food – Scandinavian preferred. The park has a covered pavilion for our picnic, and a playground for the kids. Planned activities include a maipole and a round of the Viking game Kubb, the game described in the June 2017 *Viking*.

Cadwallader Park is 20 miles northeast of Kalamazoo. It is 2 miles east of the Gilmore Car Museum on Hickory Road.

If you need further information, call Holly Jensen at (269) 385-3693.

Directions to Cadwallader Park
from several points are on page 2.

Quarterly Board meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 19, at the residence of Earnie Best at 7 p.m. Interested lodge members are welcome to attend. This was originally scheduled for June 12.

Sunday, July 15

Norwegian **Fjord Horses** **Crandall Farm - 2 p.m.**

Please join us for this favorite summer outing, a treat for the child in all of us. This is an indoor event, so it takes place rain or shine. You may want to bring your camera to capture the beauty of the majestic Fjord horses. You will definitely want to bring your children or grandchildren.

After the fascinating educational program in the first half of the event presented by Anne Crandall, and assisted by her husband George and her mother Bernadine, we will be given the chance to take turns riding the horses. Long pants and appropriate shoes (not sandals) are recommended. Riding helmets are required, but they will be provided for us.

You are encouraged to bring drinking water as no food or beverage will be provided by the Lodge at this event. You may show up as early as 1:30 to visit the horses and other animals in their stalls and get pictures (no flash) with them.

The Crandall's farm (Nottawa Crossing Fjords) is located at 12987 G Drive S, Marshall, 49068, if you prefer to use your GPS locator or **directions from I-94 can be found on page 2.**

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Directions to Cadwallader Park from I-94

Exit I-94 at Exit 85 (Galesburg-Augusta). Turn toward Galesburg-Augusta.
Travel north on 35th St 1 mile.
Turn left on M-96/E Michigan Ave and follow .8 mile.
Turn right at N 33rd St for 3.1 miles.
Continue on N 32nd St for 5.5 miles.
N 32nd St turns right and becomes M-43/Wall Lake Rd.
Follow 3.3 miles.
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (If you get to Hickory Corners, you've gone too far.)

Directions to Cadwallader Park from inside Kalamazoo (Gull Road & Sprinkle intersection)

Follow Gull Road/M-43 northeast for 5.1 miles to traffic light in Richland.
Turn left (north) on M-43/M-89 and follow 5.7 miles.
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)

Directions to Cadwallader Park from US -131 North of Kalamazoo (or M-89)

Exit US -131 at Exit 49A - Plainwell.
Follow M-89 east 12 miles to stop sign at M-43.
Turn left (north) on M-43 and continue for 5 miles.
Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.
Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)

Sons of Norway at Portage Heritage Festival

Our lodge had the opportunity to represent Norwegian culture at the first-ever Portage Heritage Festival at Celery Flats in May. Our display consisted of items representative of Norwegian culture and was laid out in several sections. The handicrafts section included hand-knit sweaters, mittens, and socks as well as rosemaled items, needlepoints, and a hand-carved knife. The travel section featured travel brochures, maps, travel books, photo albums, *Viking* magazines and a poster of Geirangerfjord. We also focused on national costumes with bunad magazines, photos of bunads and a Barbie Doll wearing a Norwegian bunad. People were fascinated by Norwegian money, both paper and coins, which is so different from ours. The traditional Norwegian cheese cutter was also popular. Many thanks to Audrey Renoos, 2012 Askeladden Norway trip recipient, who assisted with our display, provided information on Norwegian culture, and made many children at the festival happy by passing out Norwegian flag stickers.

Directions to Crandall Farm from Kalamazoo (I-94 & Sprinkle intersection)

A: I 94 & Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

START	1: Start out going SOUTH on S SPRINKLE RD.	0.1 mi
	2: Merge onto I-94 E toward DETROIT.	28.4 mi
	3: Merge onto I-69 S via EXIT 108 toward MARSHALL/FT WAYNE.	6.5 mi
EXIT	4: Take the M-227/F DRIVE SOUTH exit, EXIT 32.	0.4 mi
	5: Turn RIGHT onto MI-227/F DR S.	0.1 mi
	6: Turn LEFT onto 15 1/2 MILE RD.	0.3 mi
	7: Turn RIGHT onto G DR S.	0.7 mi
	8: G DR S becomes 15 MILE RD.	0.2 mi
	9: 15 MILE RD becomes G DR S.	1.4 mi
	10: G DR S becomes H DR S.	0.7 mi
	11: Turn RIGHT onto 13 MILE RD.	0.5 mi
	12: Turn LEFT onto G DR S.	0.0 mi
END	13: End at 12987 G Dr S Marshall, MI 49068-9249	

Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

June/July Birthdays

June	-	Kaeler James Stafne
June	-	Anne Rapp
June	-	Terese Sherman
July	-	Terilyn Koretsky
July	-	Sondra Phillips
July	-	Marilyn Sogge
July	-	Karin Loberg Code
July	-	Iona Robbins



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Lodges treated to wonderful Grieg piano duet concert for Syttende Mai

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Committee Chair

Twenty-five people attended our May Lodge meeting, the “Syttende Mai Celebration,” a joint meeting of the Sons of Norway and the VASA Lodges.

After a hearty meal, the members enjoyed a 45-minute piano concert, featuring the music of Edvard Grieg, performed by Margery Selden and Mary Jane Sullivan, “Four Hands - One Piano.” Between songs, Margery discussed the people who influenced the life and music of Grieg, including Ole Bull, Franz Liszt, Henrik Ibsen, and Rikard Nordraak.

As a tribute to Memorial Day, members sang two songs, “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “This is my Song.”

Formal Toasts were presented. Curtis Cleveland proposed a Toast to King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway. Roger Drong proposed a Toast to the other Nordic countries.

Margery Selden of the Scholarship Committee presented checks of \$1,000 each to Christina and Elizabeth Sherman, the recipients of the 2018 Myrtle Beinbauer - Askeladden Lodge Scholarships. Elizabeth and Christina are the daughters of David and Terese Sherman of Alto (Grand Rapids area).

Members completed the Syttende Mai Quiz, 14 questions, half of them about Norway and the other half about Sweden. Roger Drong, a long-time member of both lodges, was the only person to answer all questions correctly.

To conclude the meeting, members sang “God Bless the King,” in honor of King Harald V of Norway.

We held a food drive and collected money donations for the food banks as part of the Lodge’s community service program. Members donated 11 items (14 pounds) of nonperishable food, which was given to Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Members donated \$68 for the food banks, which was also given to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

At this joint meeting, there were 13 members and 4 guests of the Sons of Norway Askeladden Lodge present.

Betsy Fish was in charge of the set-up duties for this meeting with Joan O’Bryan and Holly Jensen assisting in place of Joyce Hare, who was still in Norway at the time.

There was no business session at this Lodge meeting.

Fra Presidenten

Shortly after joining the Sons of Norway Askeladden Lodge, I became involved with the Cultural Committee, which has the responsibility to select the cultural programs at the monthly meetings.

Here, at Askeladden Lodge, we select cultural programs that have a connection to Norway or the Nordic countries. This rule is followed almost without exception. I was curious if other lodges had the same policy, or did it differently.

By reading the minutes of other lodges, I discovered that some lodges do it differently.

For example, Sonja Henie Lodge in Lansing frequently has Norwegian-themed programs, including Norway travelogues. Last month’s program included the topics “History of Norway’s Liberation Day” and “Order of Succession to the Norwegian Throne.”

But occasionally Sonja Henie selects topics other than Norwegian culture or history. For example, in April the topic was “Gerrymandering,” which covered the current practice of gerrymandering in Michigan and steps that are being

undertaken to work to change this practice.

I’m not advocating that we change our guidelines at Askeladden Lodge when selecting cultural programs. I continue to favor – as I believe many of our lodge members do - programs that are related to Norway and Nordic countries. With only 8 or 9 meetings a year, we have plenty of topics to choose from. But, I find it interesting that some other lodges do it differently.



Margery Selden of the Scholarship Committee presents \$1,000 awards to Lodge members Christina and Elizabeth Sherman.

photo credit: Joan O'Bryan

Yours truly, Curtis Cleveland, Lodge President

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Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.













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JUNI/JULI KALENDER

-  • juni 5 - Grundlovsdag - Constitution Day of Denmark
-  • juni 6 - Sveriges nasjonaldag - National Day of Sweden
-  • juni 7 - Unionsoppløsningen - Norway-Sweden Union dissolved 1905
-  • juni 14 - U.S. Flag Day
-  • juni 17 - Icelandic National Day
- juni 17 - Father's Day
- juni 19 - Askeladden Board Meeting 7 p.m. Earnie Best Residence
- juni 24 - Sankt Hans Dag - Jonsok - Midsummer Day
- **juni 23 - VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park - noon**
-  • juli 1 - Canada Day
-  • juli 4 - U.S. Independence Day
-  • juli 4 - HM Queen Sonja's Birthday, 1937
- **juli 15 - Askeladden Lodge event - Norwegian Fjord Horses at Crandall Farm - 2 p.m.**
-  • juli 20 - HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' Birthday, 1973
-  • juli 29 - St. Olav's Day (Olsok)
- juli 31 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles for the August issue

Editor's note: With this issue we return our printed version to black and white. We have experienced production problems with color in recent issues. But resolving those problems would be very expensive and it already costs 50 cents just to mail each printed newsletter. Our full-color version remains deliverable to your email inbox free of charge. It is also downloadable from the District 5 website for one year.



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.