



# Budstikken

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## Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ April 7, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00
- ♦ April 12, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ April 20, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ April 27, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ May 5, Syttende Mai banquet at Drugan's Supper Club, 7:00

## Fra Presidenten



As I write this month's letter, the calendar says it is spring but outside there is a heavy snow coming down. Another definition of March Madness? Well, we know it won't last long and we will be back to our spring time activities.

It was good to meet our new members at our breakfast held on the 19 of March. If you are a new member, welcome, and if you are a member who recruited someone, thanks for spreading the word.

At the February meeting I asked people to do some brainstorming for possible fund raising ideas for the lodge and several of you have already brought some forward. In fact, two have already been put in motion (see page 3, Chicken Q and record sale) and a couple others are being looked into. Thanks to everyone.

Of course we get busy in May with Syttende Mai. Remember that tickets will be available for the banquet before and after the meeting this month. Also our chicken Q is scheduled for the Amy 19. We will need some workers but more importantly we will need some people to feed. Tickets for this event will also be available for both purchase and taking to sell.

Finally, those of you who were at the March meeting probably heard me say that this month's meeting was at 6:30. I was wrong, it will be at 7:00 so if you are there at 6:30 you will have an extra half hour to visit.

Have a great Easter and I will see you at the next meeting.

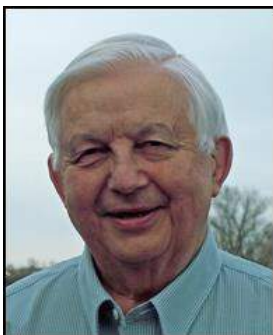
Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N Salem Rd, La Crosse**

## Program for April

**"Shadows of Time, Minnesota's Surviving Depots" by Bill Schrankler**



Based on his new book, this presentation compliments the depot stories he has gathered in traveling and researching over 200 some existing depots in Minnesota. Each presentation is a lively program with lots of pizzazz - entertaining and enlightening.

It's a refreshing topic of the remaining train depots, presented in a manner that is informal and understandable to all groups and ages. Many of the wood or brick depots, dating to the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century, are lovingly cared for. Bill will have books to purchase after his program.

**Bill Schrankler** served as an elementary school principal in St. Paul Public Schools from 1963 through 1994, having earlier worked as a Twin Cities public television science teacher. A University Minnesota graduate, Schrankler later earned a PhD in Educational Administration at his alma mater. Schrankler possesses a deep interest in history and currently serves on the Board of the Woodbury Heritage Society.



## April Birthdays

1 Carlie Burkhardt  
 1 Carol Stekel  
 1 David Tostrud  
 2 Lois Betz  
 5 Wayne Jacobson  
 5 Judith Konop  
 6 Ruth Everson  
 8 Elaine DeBuhr  
 8 Alvin Forde  
 12 Neil Nelson  
 13 Rachel Trautmann  
 17 Richard Fonstad  
 19 Phyllis Galstad  
 20 Keith Briggs  
 20 Daniel Green  
 20 John Lillejord  
 21 Carla Burkhardt  
 22 Elaine Nelson  
 22 Zachary Stekel  
 23 Mark Everson  
 23 Philip Johnson  
 24 Ben Everson  
 25 Zachary Johnson  
 25 Tilmer Ofte  
 26 Mary Borreson  
 27 Karen Larson  
 28 Kerste Melby  
 28 Winnie Solberg  
 29 Glenn Borreson  
 30 Ronald Sacia



## Lunch providers for April 7 meeting

**Sandwiches (2 1/2 dozen):** Eugene Johnson, Ron & Vivian Sacia, Kathy Anderson, Dorothy Paulikas, Laura Ira, Doris Henderson

**Cheese & Crackers:** Kathi Beane

**Cakes:** Carol Stekel, Marilyn Trisch, Ann Sprain, Annette Sherry, Frieda Nowland

**Fruit Plate:**

**Pickles:** Dave Glomstad, Corrine Abegglen

**Members are asked to donate \$2 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.**

## Program for May

Drugan's Supper Club is a natural location for Norwegians to celebrate, and we hope you will be able to make it. The program will be "Syttende Mai in Stavanger" by Dave Amdahl of Decorah IA.

## Sekretær Notater...

### Minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting

President Dave Glomstad commenced the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and announced today is the opening day of spring baseball training. He welcomed the members and guests.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the three national anthems.

The President called for the introduction of guests: Ann Kathan introduced her brother Chris "Buck" Kathan who is visiting from Washington, D.C. Ann Sprain introduced John and Marlene Sund from Sparta. Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, the District 5 Youth Director and member of the Mount Horeb, WI Lodge is present.

The President announced that the Minutes from the last general Lodge meeting were approved at the February 2016 board meeting and printed in the Budstikken. No questions were raised by the members. The President declared the Minutes will be filed in the Lodge's official minute book.

### *Treasurer's Report, Collection, and Correspondence Received*

Marilyn Rudser explained the opening of a new savings account for the purpose of memorials. When a member passes away \$25.00 is transferred to the memorial list. At the end of 2012 the Lodge transferred \$800.00 of those funds into the scholarship fund. Since then, the Lodge has accumulated additional funds of \$800.00. We have received \$842.00 in memorials for Marilyn Hammes to be used only for the Wergeld Dancers. Other memorials will be added to the memorial account as designated. Members are to designate how memorial or scholarship funds are to be used by making a notation on the memo line of their checks.

Marilyn Rudser presented her February 2016 Treasurer's Report: The Lodge's checking account had a beginning balance on February 1, 2016 of \$364.11. Total income received during February was \$1,280.66 consisting of: Foundation \$56.66; table collection \$132.00; Lodge directory sale \$4.00; dues refund \$133.00; Dan Hammes refund check charge \$5.00; and transfer from savings (SON MSP account) \$950.00. Expenses for the month totaled \$296.86. The ending checking account balance was \$1,347.91 as of February 29, 2016.

The beginning balance of the SON savings account (MSP) as of February 1, 2016 was \$8,996.24. Interest was added in the amount of \$28.21, bringing the balance to \$9,024.45. The Treasurer transferred \$2,000.00 to the general checking account. The ending balance of the SON savings account as of February 2, 2016 was \$7,024.45.

The beginning balance of the scholarship account on February 1, 2016 was \$1,081.00. Funds were deposited into the account consisting of: raffle proceeds \$42.00; \$10.00 memorial for Elaine Nelson; and \$10.00 for Doc Brudos' birthday from the Sweeney family. The ending balance as of February 29, 2016 was \$1,943.00.

The Treasurer transferred \$1,050.00 from the general checking account into the memorial savings account resulting in an ending balance of \$1,892.00 as of February 29, 2016.

The Foundation contribution cans were passed throughout the membership.

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## Tusen takk...

To **Dan Hammes**, **Sig Rudser**, **Janice Johnson** and **Carla Burkhardt** for the fund raising ideas. Although we are not able to sell Dan's coffee as a fund raiser it will still be available to individuals if you are interested.

To all of the new members and sponsors who attended the new member breakfast. Special thanks to **Helge** who overcame some bad roads and a scary spin to make it on time and give his presentation to the breakfast. Watch for bios of the new members in upcoming editions of the Budstikken.

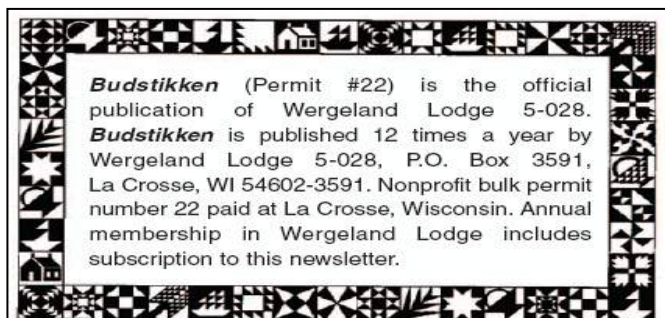
## Norskedalen Spring Luncheon

Norskedalen's annual Spring Fund Raising Celebration will be held Sunday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year Sons of Norway members will be especially interested in attending. As usual there will be a good meal, "Chinese" auction and "Squares" raffle, a speaker on the importance of curators in museums, musical entertainment and the awarding of the prestigious Norskedalen Award. Receiving the award this year are two people who have been active Sons of Norway members, one in Westby and **Shirley Schoenfeld** at our own Wergeland Lodge. Our members **Mark Quade** and **Anne Farning** will provide music.

The theme for the day is "Caring for the past into the future" which fits in well with what Sons of Norway is all about. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown La Crosse. Tickets are available by calling Norskedalen at 608-452-3424.

## Attention music lovers

Are you a fan of Big Band, Bluegrass, Jazz, Country Western, or the music of Old Time Bands? Well, here's a money-making idea for the lodge. Wergeland member, Janice Johnson, has more than 7,000 records itemized on paper and is offering 50% of the proceeds to lodge members who would sell them. Many are collectible titles. For more information, call Janice at (608) 782-8261.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wergeland Lodge will be holding a chicken-Q on Thursday, May 19 from 11 am until 6 pm in the Big Lots parking lot on Mormon Coulee Road. The meal will consist of a half chicken, potato salad, beans and a roll



for a cost of \$9. Tickets will be available at the April meeting. We will also need some volunteers to help serve during the day. There will be three shifts: 11 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 3:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 6 pm. You can sign up for a shift at the April meeting or call Sig Rudser at 608-519-1713.

It's not too early to think about Syttende Mai. Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting for our banquet which will



## God 17. mai!

be held at Drugan's Supper club on Thursday, May 5. This promises to be a great event again as we join together to celebrate Norway's Independence day.



Wergeland Lodge is planning another bus trip this fall. The trip is scheduled for September 7 with a destination of Stoughton, WI. The trip will cost \$64 per person and will include the bus, admission to Livsreise, Nordic Nook, lunch at Mandt Lodge and admission to Olbrich Gardens. Contact Shirley for further information or to get you name on the list.

## Gratulerer til...

**Solvang Lodge** of Westby as they prepare to celebrate their 100th anniversary in April.





## KAREN'S KORNER

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**'The Lady with the Pen'** is an intriguing title to me. This month's featured book is another gift from Norskedalen, a Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA) book published in 1961. The book contains the letters and correspondence of Elise Twede Foyen Waerenskjold after her immigration from Norway to Texas in 1847. Elise Twede was born in 1815 in Kristiansand Diocese, a preacher's kid. She was home-schooled with lessons in German, English, French, painting, etc. Her father died when she was 19; she became a school teacher and founded a handicraft school for girls. She married Svend Foyen, a very successful businessman who made a fortune in the whaling industry.

Elise volunteered for social causes and put her pen to paper to write pamphlets for the temperance society. She provided loans to "worthy" individuals to purchase tools/equipment/books/supplies to begin a business, farm, or school. She submitted articles for **'Norge og America'**, a monthly periodical of Christian and Johan Reiersen to promote emigration, eventually becoming its editor. She took the scandalous step to separate from her husband and subsequently divorce him, due to incompatibility. He wanted a wife to "iron my shirts and darn my socks". She preferred to write.

In 1847 at the age of 32 she immigrated to Texas and shortly thereafter married again, to Wilhelm Waerenskjold, who had sailed on the same boat from Norway. The privileged preacher's kid became a prairie wife -- raising three sons, Otto, Niels, and Thorvald, plus cattle, sheep, chickens; planting wheat, vegetables gardens, and orchards. She continued to write for publications in Norway and American, promoting the Texas Territory as the answer to the immigrant's prayer -- warm climate, cheap land, open spaces. She wrote that "Texas is the Best State". She established book clubs in her community and her home became a 'home church' until the community was large enough to call a preacher and a proper church was built.

Her writings covered all topics -- the temperance issue in American, Civil War, slavery, Indians, religion, weather, prices of milk & eggs, land. Her words were down-to-earth, practical. Here is one of her quotes that resonates today: *"It seems very natural to me that in both politics and religion people can have different opinions, but to hate one another because of them seems very unchristian."* Elise Waerenskjold was called a *'foregangskvinne'* a woman leader, a *'first Lady of Texas'*. She spent 46 years on her Texas farm in Van Zandt County, southeast of the Dallas area, surviving droughts, floods, tornadoes, epidemics, grasshoppers, etc. She was widowed in 1866; she operated the farm on her own for 29 years. At the age of 80 when daily chores became too much for her, she moved to her son's house in town and died that year, 1895. She continued to write until a few months before her death. NAHA considered this collection of letters of Elise Waerenskjold worthy of publication. I think you will agree.

Karen Scarseth  
Librarian

## Looking Back Through the Budstikken By Historian Karen Broadhead

### Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2011

The April program featured Dr. Sig Gundersen II, who spoke about the Baldishol Tapestry, said to be from the 1300's, and now hangs in the Oslo Museum of Applied Art. Dr. Gundersen also created his own reproduction of the tapestry, and other needleworks.

Wergeland Lodge sponsored the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers and a Norwegian Foods Bake Sale at the Holmen High School on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The High School Dancers tour every year and have performed in many states and also in Norway.

Ramona and Adrian Johnson and Fred and Dee Johnson toured the Midway, an aircraft carrier from the Korean and Viet Nam wars which is permanently docked in San Diego, California.

### Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2006

Deb Nelson Gourley was the speaker for the April program. She spoke about her new book, "Astri, My Astri", and the story of how she found long-lost relatives in Norway through the name on an old rosemaled trunk.

Wergeland member Inga Jorgensen was honored with Norskedalen's Homesteader Award for her more than 500 hours of volunteer service.

New members welcomed at the Membership breakfast included Randolph and Judith Eddy, Kathy Eirschele, Ardelle Ender, Robert and Judean Everson, Jeffrey and Diane Gunvalson, Karen Hanson, Orlene Hough, Mary Johnson, Jeremy Knudson, Robert and Laurie Nicholson, Marilyn Rudser, Thelma Severson, Bill and Carole Solsrud, and Orlando and Carole Wadel.

### Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2001

The April meeting at the Harry J. Olson Center featured a White Elephant Silent Auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

Marian Smith, Aaron Hanson, and Ruth Everson were awarded their Golden Memberships.

Waldo and Tina Tangen celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception at English Lutheran Church. Neil and Helen Nelson celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently.

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

## “The Kings of Norway”



Members enjoyed a program presented by the Wergeland Lodge youth at the March meeting. Directed by youth directors Hayli McGuire and Montaya Harter, the youth presented skits on the lives of four different Norwegian kings that they have studied. Tussen takk to Hayli, Montaya and the youth for a great show. We were also reminded that there is always room for more youth so if you have children or grand-children, bring them along and have them join in.



## What does it mean to be a member of Wergeland Lodge?

Sons of Norway is a unique organization in that all members have something in common and that is our ties to Norway – either through our heritage or in our desire to learn about Norway and Norwegian people and customs.

Being a member of SON comes with a certain amount of responsibility to take ownership of the organization and to realize that we are all part of whether Wergeland succeeds or fails. We all must ask ourselves how important we think it is to carry on the customs and traditions of our parents and grandparents so they will be available for our children and grandchildren.

Norway is an extremely important country on the world scene. It is a leader in environmental issues, it is a very generous contributor to disaster relief around the world, and it is called upon when there are world situations that need clear and honest resolutions.

It is necessary to know the Norway of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Take some time and think about what you would like to see, hear or learn about at the monthly programs. You are the members and you should have a say in what happens at those meetings.

Your ideas are always welcome!

To be a part of Wergeland Lodge, just jump in with both feet. Introduce yourselves and ask what you can do to become involved. **(Don't wait to be asked.)**

There are many meetings and events that need lots of workers. The best part is that it is fun and we all get to know each other better.

Contact any of the officers or committee members with comments and suggestions.

## Gustav Vigeland

Woodcarver, sculptor, and artist describe the life and many talents of Gustav Adolph Vigeland. Vigeland, although not well known outside Norway, is considered one of the greatest artists of Norwegian culture. He was born on April 11, 1869. He struggled during the earlier stages of his life, but overcame his struggles to realize his dream of becoming a sculptor. The Norwegian government commissioned him to design and complete sculptures for Frogner Park in Oslo. This project became his life work. His works concentrate on the human family and the phases of life. With the exception of a few works, Vigeland's sculptures, drawings, etc. have remained in Norway. Vigeland entrusted his works to those he trusted in Norway, therefore helping them to remain in Norway. He died of a heart attack on March 12, 1948. Vigeland left a lasting impression in Norway and to those who visit “Vigeland's Park.”

—Kiaja Morgenthaler, SON Intern



## March meeting minutes (cont'd from page 2)

The President read the note received from LeRoy Hougom and his family thanking the Lodge for the memorial in memory of Charlotte Hougom.

### Upcoming Events

The President announced various upcoming events:

**New Member Breakfast:** The new member breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Days Inn on French Island at 8:30 a.m. Free breakfast will be provided to new members and their sponsors. \$5.00 will be taken off membership dues for the first year for those who apply for Lodge membership on the day of the breakfast. Sign up should be done by contacting Ramona Johnson or President Glomstad.

**Norskedalen:** Frieda Nowland presented upcoming Norskedalen activities: the annual fundraising event this Spring. Shirley Schoenfeld will be receiving an award on Sunday, April 24, 2016. It is a luncheon event. More information will follow in the Budstikken.

**Fundraising:** The President discussed fundraising ideas. One idea is to host a chicken q. Sig Rudser presented the details. The intended date is May 19, 2016 with dinners to be sold for \$9.00 (half a chicken, beans, potato, and a roll). The Lodge will receive \$3.00 profit from each sale. The goal is to sell 500 to 700 dinners. Tickets will be sold in advance. The chicken q will be held at Big Lots, which is a high traffic area. Volunteers are needed.

March birthdays were celebrated by the singing of "Happy Birthday to You."

The President announced: The next general meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The President announced Norskedalen is having an Easter egg hunt for 3 -12 year olds on March 19, 2016. You must register by March 14. Kids will be looking for bird eggs and turn them in for prizes.

He further announced that Steve Marking will be doing a musical show on April 11, 2016 at the Black River Beach Community Center; lunch will be included. Call ahead for tickets.

Eugene Johnson thanked the membership for bringing cookies for the Barnebirkie ski race; 54 dozen cookies were provided from our Lodge. He and his daughter drove to Hayward in under 3 hours and they worked the cookie tent serving cookies and hot chocolate to the skiers. It rained most of the day. The kids were soaking wet. 870 kids participated.

The raffle drawing was conducted by the President. Dennis Sprain had the correct number and won \$40.00. Judy Nieverrron's name was drawn from the general membership and she won \$40.00. The remaining \$40.00 was placed in the Scholarship Fund.

The President announced Dan Hammes is here tonight to discuss the coffee products that he sells. Mary Jo Sanchez discussed the food table has lots of diversity tonight. She passed around the sign-up sheet for next month's luncheon. We will focus on fellowshiping and getting to know each other. Each member and guest will sit at the table number corresponding to his or her birthday month (12 tables, 12 months).

Counsellor Adrian Johnson will return next week. The President recited a poem.

The President declared adjournment of the general meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The Closing song *Aften solen* was sung in alternating verses in English and Norwegian.

District 5 Youth Director Cheryl Wille-Schlesser presented Masse Moro Camp which means "lots of fun." \$700 for two weeks. Youth ages 9 to 15 can attend. You do not need to be a SON member. The camp is located in Falls Creek, Wisconsin. Naturalists are on staff along with scientists at the Hobbs Observatory—which makes the camp unique. The camp offers: Sports -Viking Olympics; camp songs, a recording was recently made; Norwegian arts and crafts; making friends, networking with kids from across the nation; enjoying nature; cooking; Norwegian language; storytelling; drama. Concordia Language Village, in comparison, costs \$1,985.00 for the same two-week experience. An Registered Nurse will be on staff. Scholarships are available from local lodges, District 5, and Draxten Funds. Lots of information is located on the Masse Moro Facebook page.

Mary Sween announced Bill Shenker will present the cultural program next month.

**Cultural Program:** The Lodge youth, directed by Montoya Harter and Hayli McGuire, presented a play about the lives of the kings of Norway: Margaret the First; Christian the Sixth; Olaf the Fifth; and Olaf the Third. Montoya Harter asked the membership to spread the word and have more youth join them. Each week the youth do a craft and learn about Norwegian heritage.

The President announced that the Lodge library rolls again with new casters. Members and guests were urged to check it out.

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser discussed the upcoming District 5 conference. Classes we can sign up for have been scheduled: genealogy, rosemaling, Hardanger, and more. There will be a cultural arts competition and sagas by the fire on Friday evening as well as trips to a long house.

Attendance: 65 adults and 16 children = 81

Table collection: \$129.00

Foundation collection: \$51.10

Two directories sold: \$8.00

Ann N. Kathan, Lodge Secretary



## A little in English...

### Vigeland Sculpture Park tops the tourist list

If there's one thing Norwegian tourists do when they are on vacation in Oslo, it is visit Vigeland Sculpture Park. The sculptures top the list of sights Norwegians have visited in their own country. These results were shown by a [2014] nationwide survey by TNS Gallup for the Norwegian Hospitality Association. 1,057 Norwegians over 18 were asked about their vacation plans. So again this year, many will pose angrily in front of Sinnataggen—the Spitfire—in a running pose in front of running sculptures and a lifting pose in front of the figures that are lifting. In addition to Vigeland Park, there are two other attractions from the Oslo region among the top five most-visited: Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum and Tusenfryd amusement park just outside the city. The same survey also shows that "everyone" has been to Oslo, and that among those who are taking a summer vacation in their own country this year, most are spending it in the eastern part of Norway. "It's clear. Oslo is Norway's biggest tourist town," says director of the Norwegian Hospitality Association, Kristin Krohn Devold. She says she is a bit amused when small towns are allowed to have stores open on Sundays because they are tourist towns. It is actually Oslo that most people are visiting. "We have national monuments in this city that everyone wants to experience, such as the Opera. It has become a tourist destination much like Vigeland Park. People mostly aren't going to see an opera, but they want to stroll on the rooftop. And Vigeland Park has become Norway's answer to Central Park. People jog, run, exercise and go for walks. The park is widely used both by those who live there and tourists, she said. The Norwegian Hospitality Association's vacation survey also shows that Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) and Nordkapp (The North Cape) are at the very bottom on the list of sights Norwegians have visited. "It probably has a bit to do with where these sites are located. Preikestolen is just outside Stavanger, and many Norwegians may think of Stavanger as more of a business hub than a vacation destination," says Krohn Devold. Preikestolen is by far the most-visited mountain in Norway, much more visited than the Galdhøpiggen and Besseggen. But apparently it is more attractive among foreigners than among Norwegians. The same goes for Nordkapp. "For Norwegians it's probably not a big goal in itself to stand at the northernmost point of Europe. For us it's probably more interesting to travel to Tromsø or Lofoten to have interesting experiences in Northern Norway, says Kristin Krohn Devold. The Norwegian Hospitality Association's survey also shows that one in four Norwegians have never been in Northern Norway. And the Norwegian Hospitality director thinks this is too bad. "Yes, Norwegians need to wake up. Northern Norway is so amazing. Now it's possible to get cheap flights to several places in Northern Norway, to the airports where there are two competing companies. These include Tromsø, Bodø, Kirkenes and Evenes among others," she says. Kristin Krohn Devold encourages anyone who has not been to Northern Norway before to buy a plane ticket and rent a car to see more of the region.

**Norwegians have visited these sights:** 1) Vigeland Sculpture Park 78% 2) Kristiansand Zoo 74% 3) Tusenfryd amusement park 71% 4) Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim 70% 5) Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum 63 % 6) Fløibanen, funicular in Bergen 62% 7) Hunderfossen Familiepark - amusement park 60% 8) Geiranger Fjord 46% 9) Vøringsfossen – 500 ft (163 m) waterfall 46% 10) Fredriksten festning – fortress in Halden 44% 11) Lofoten archipelago 42% 12) The National Gallery 42% 13) Flåm Line - scenic railway 28% 14) Preikestolen – Pulpit Rock 21% 15) Nordkapp – The North Cape 21% 16) None of these 1%

**Norwegians have been to these cities:** 1) Oslo 98% 2) Bergen 89% 3) Trondheim 87% 4) Drammen 80% 5) Kristiansand 84% 6) Stavanger 76% 7) Fredrikstad 70% 8) Tromsø 60% 9) Ålesund 59% 10) Bodø 53% 11) Førde 37% 12) Alta 30%

## Litt på Norsk...

### Vigelandsparken på turisttoppen

Er det en ting norske turister skal gjøre når de er på ferie i Oslo, så er det å besøke i Vigelandsparken. Skulpturene topper listen over severdigheter nordmenn har besøkt i eget land. Det viser en [2014] landsomfattende spørreundersøkelse som TNS Gallup har gjennomført for NHO Reiseliv. 1057 nordmenn over 18 år er spurt om sine ferieplaner. Så i år igjen kommer mange til å posere i sinnaformasjon foran Sinnataggen, i løpepositur foran løpeskulpturer og i løftepositur foran skulpturer som løfter. I tillegg til Vigelandsparken er to andre attraksjoner fra Oslo-regionen med blant de fem mest besøkte: Holmenkollen med skimuseet og Tusenfryd like utenfor byen. Så viser også den samme undersøkelsen at «alle» har vært i Oslo, og at blant de som skal ha sommerferie i eget land i år, skal de aller fleste tilbringe den på Østlandet. - Det er klart. Oslo er jo Norges største turistby, sier direktør i NHO Reiseliv, Kristin Krohn Devold. Hun sier hun blir litt lattermild når små kommuner får lov til å ha søndagsåpne butikker fordi de er turistkommuner. Det er jo Oslo de aller fleste kommer til. - Vi har nasjonale monumenter i denne byen som alle vil oppleve, for eksempel Operaen. Den har blitt et turmål på samme måten som Vigelandsparken. Folk skal ikke først og fremst se en opera, men de skal gå tur på operataket. Og Vigelandsparken har blitt Norges svar på Central Park. Det jogges, løpes, trenes og gås turer. Parken brukes mye både av de som bor der og av turister, sier hun. NHO Reiselivs ferieundersøkelse viser også at Preikestolen og Nordkapp, befinner seg helt nederst på lista over severdigheter nordmenn har besøkt selv. - Det har nok litt med hvor disse severdighetene ligger å gjøre. Preikestolen er like utenfor Stavanger, og mange nordmenn tenker nok på Stavanger mer som et businesssted enn et feriested, sier Krohn Devold. Preikestolen er det desidert mest besøkte fjellet i Norge, mye mer besøkt enn både Galdhøpiggen og Besseggen. Men tilsynelatende er det mer attraktivt blant utlendinger enn blant nordmenn. Det samme gjelder for Nordkapp. - For nordmenn er det nok ikke noe stort mål i seg selv å stå på Europas nordligste punkt. For oss er det nok mer interessant å reise til Tromsø eller Lofoten for å få interessante opplevelser i Nordnorge, sier Kristin Krohn Devold. NHO Reiseliv-undersøkelsen viser også at en av fire nordmenn aldri har vært i Nord-Norge. Og det synes NHO Reiseliv-direktøren er ille. - Ja, nå må nordmenn våkne. Nord-Norge er så fantastisk. Nå er det jo mulig å få billige flybilletter til flere steder i Nordnorge, til flyplassene hvor det er to konkurrerende selskap. Det gjelder blant annet Tromsø, Bodø, Kirkenes og Evenes, sier hun. Kristin Krohn Devold oppfordrer alle som ikke har vært i Nord-Norge før til å kjøpe flybillett og leie bil for å oppleve mer av landsdelen.

**Disse severdighetene har nordmenn besøkt:** 1) Vigelandsparken 78% 2) Kristiansand Dyrepark 74% 3) Tusenfryd 71% 4) Nidaros Domkirke 70% 5) Holmenkollen med skimuseet 63% 6) Fløibanen 62% 7) Hunderfossen Familiepark 60% 8) Geirangerfjorden 46% 9) Vøringsfossen 46% 10) Fredriksten festning 44% 11) Lofoten 42% 12) Nasjonalgalleriet 42% 13) Flåmsbanen 28% 14) Preikestolen 21% 15) Nordkapp 21% 16) Ingen av disse 1%

**Disse byene har nordmenn vært i:** 1) Oslo 98% 2) Bergen 89% 3) Trondheim 87% 4) Drammen 80% 5) Kristiansand 84% 6) Stavanger 76% 7) Fredrikstad 70% 8) Tromsø 60% 9) Ålesund 59% 10) Bodø 53% 11) Førde 37% 12) Alta 30%

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Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

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**May 1: Program with Bill Musser on Norwegian American mu-  
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**May 7: May Madness free admission day open house 10 am-3pm**

**May 15: Wisconsin authors program, Larry Scheckel**

**June 5: Normandy Academic Scholarship adventure with Philip  
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**June 18-16: Midsummer Fest**

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