



# Budstikken

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## Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ May 5, Syttende Mai banquet at Drugan's Supper Club, 5:00 social hour, 6:00 meal
- ♦ May 10, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ May 13, 9:00 am flag raising at City Hall/ breakfast at Ardies
- ♦ May 19 Wergeland Chicken Q
- ♦ May 16, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ May 25, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ June 5, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00

## Fra Presidenten



Happy Syttende Mai and Happy Mother's day!

May is the busiest month to be a Norwegian and we once again have a full slate of activities to participate in. We will kick off the month on May 5 with our annual Syttende Mai banquet, held this year at Drugan's supper club. On Friday, May 13 we will gather at 9 am at City Hall in La Crosse for our annual flag raising ceremony with the mayor. We will then go to Ardies for breakfast followed by a visit to the grave site of Martin Dock for a brief memorial.

Westby will be hosting their Syttende Mai festival from May 13 to May 15. The festival includes a Saturday morning Frokost, numerous Norwegian craft displays and food tasting, Scandinavian music and much more. It will conclude on Sunday with the parade which will once again include our Wergeland dancers on their float and our traditional car. Finally, May 19 will wrap things up as we host our chicken-Q which you can read more about on page 5. So if you can make it out, try to enjoy one or more of these events.

Before I wrap this up, I would like to mention two events that I recently had the opportunity to attend. The first was Solvang lodge of Westby's 100th anniversary held at the Snow Flake ski club which included a great crowd, wonderful food and an all around fun evening. The second was the annual Norskedalen spring luncheon held at the Radisson where our own Shirley Schoenfeld joined a growing list of Wergeland members to be named volunteer of the year. Both events were well run and well attended. Hats off to both of those groups for their efforts.

Have a happy Syttende Mai and I will see you at the next meeting.  
Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Drugan's Supper Club, 5:00 Social hour, 6:00 Meal**



## Program for May

### Syttende Mai banquet at Drugan's

Plan to join us on Thursday, May 5 at Drugan's supper club for our annual Syttende Mai banquet. Tickets are \$20 for a delicious meal of cod, meatballs, and all the other fixings, with a dessert. The price includes your meal, the tip, and taxes. Call Ramona at 608-788-7507 to reserve your ticket. After the meal enjoy another fine program...

### "Syttende Mai in Stavanger" with Dave Amdahl of Decorah IA

The first portion will deal with the history on the events that resulted in the separation from Denmark, the Norwegian Constitution and the subsequent union with Sweden.

The second portion is seeing a traditional Syttende Mai celebration in Stavanger area and in Randaberg, a small town in the area. The Norwegian way of celebrating is quite different from our Midwest Syttende Mai celebrations.

Start your Syttende Mai celebrations this year with our program and see how the true Syttende Mai is actually celebrated in Norway.



## May Birthdays

3 Nancy Borgen  
 3 Daniel Hammes  
 8 Claire Everson  
 8 Nicholas Johnson  
 10 Joyce Halvorson  
 11 Alex Hagen  
 12 Ardelle Ender  
 12 Benjamin Skogen  
 13 Robert Kathan  
 15 Emily Rhody  
 16 Adrian Hagen  
 16 Nathanael Rhody  
 20 Debra M Kennedy  
 20 Grant Simons  
 22 Trygve Mathison  
 22 Eric Pederson  
 23 Alex Stekel  
 24 Trygve Holter  
 25 Sarah Dammon-Nokken  
 25 Helen Nelson  
 26 James Gums  
 26 Rod Ofte  
 27 Brian Rainer  
 29 Gregory Buczynsky  
 30 Erling "Pete" Sherry  
 31 Ruth Anderson



## Program for June

The Luren singers will present a concert for us at our June meeting. The Luren Singing Society was started 146 years ago and is the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in continuous existence in the United States. They trace their beginnings to 1868, when four young Norwegian immigrants started a quartet to preserve memories of music from their native land. After the concert there will be a pie and ice cream social in the fellowship room with a free-will collection for the pie, ice cream, and coffee.



## Sekretær Notater...

### Minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting

President Dave Glomstad commenced the meeting at 7:02 p.m. 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: Carla and Carlie Burkhardt introduced the exchange student Ms. Azka Rehman from Karachi, Pakistan, whom they are hosting.

The President announced new members from the New Member Breakfast held on Saturday, March 19, 2016: Karen Allness, Katelyn Canepa, Royce Curtis, Mark Dregne, Barbara Friell, Bruce Friell, Nicole Friell, Dan Hammes, Stephanie Haug, Mary Hudson, Ann Kathan, Lois Kathan, and Robert Kathan. Mike Cunningham and Dale Olson were visitors who attended the breakfast.

[Note: The new member list should be amended to set forth that Meg Canepa and Beverly Ranis joined the Lodge as new members.]

The President announced that the Minutes from the March 2016 general Lodge meeting were approved at the March 2016 board meeting and printed in the *Budstikken*.

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

The Treasurer Marilyn Rudser presented her March 2016 Treasurer's Report: The Lodge's Checking Account had a beginning balance on March 1, 2016 of \$1,392.91. Total income received during March was \$2,246.97. Expense disbursements from the Checking Account for the month of March 2016 totaled \$939.52, resulting in an ending Checking Account balance of \$2,700.36 as of March 31, 2016.

The beginning balance of the Scholarship Account on March 1, 2016 was \$1,943.00. Funds were deposited into the account consisting of \$40.00 resulting in an ending balance of \$1,983.00 in the Scholarship Account as of March 31, 2016.

The Lodge's Memorial Account had a beginning balance of \$1,892.00 on March 1, 2016 and an ending balance of \$1,892.00 as of March 31, 2016.

[Note: The information regarding the Lodge's SON Savings Account was not read. The Treasurer's written report for March 2016 sets forth that the beginning balance of the SON Savings Account as of March 1, 2016 was \$7,024.45 and the ending balance of the account as of March 31, 2016 remained the same at \$7,024.45.]

Lodge Librarian Karen Scarseth discussed the Lodge library holdings and how to check out books. The holdings include books, DVDs, genealogy resources, history, and more. Pam Knudtson is the Assistant Librarian. *Han Ola* and *Han Per* are popular cartoon books recently received from Norskedalen. The Librarian asked the attendees to provide any suggestions or recommendations for the library.



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## Dis og Dat...

**Kent and Mary Sween** visited their son Gordon in Tampa, FL for 11 days in February. It was a nice break in the winter.

**Adrian and Ramona Johnson** spent January 2016 in Mesa, AZ enjoying the sunshine and February in Boise, ID visiting their daughter, son-in-law and five grandchildren who go to school there. Grandson **Travis** was part of the state champion basketball team and was named most valuable player at the state tournament.

**Joe and Carol Stekel** attended the musical "Mary Poppins" at the Rochester Civic Theater. Their son **Scott** played the part of George Banks, one of the major roles.

**Glenn and Mary Borreson** returned from spending 3 1/2 months in Florida.

**Doris Henderson** traveled by Amtrac to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Corvallis, OR. Trees and flowers were blooming there. She came home to snow.

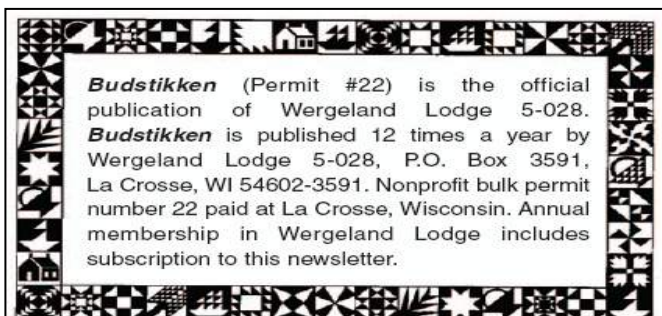
**Kristin Glomstad** has completed her first of two years at Tuft's University in Boston in pursuit of her masters degree and will be starting a summer internship at Vesterheim in Decorah, IA in late May.

## Uff Da...

**Carly Burkhardt's** birthday was printed in the April Budstikken as being on April 1. It is actually on January 7.

# Did you know....

You can subscribe to the Norwegian American weekly! For \$70 per year (less than \$6 per month) you can learn about all things Norwegian-travel, art, food, politics, economics, stories and much more.



# Did you know....

Saturday, May 7 is Membership Madness day at Norskedalen. See what Norskedalen has to offer free of charge that day. Your free admission will include: Flint-knapping demonstrations, Kubb game, guided homestead tours, video, museums, and gift shop, trails for hiking, birding, and wildflowers, wildflower Hike at 11 am, Gundersen pond reconstruction tours, event displays, Paulsen cabin tours, library research/tours and the Walter Johnson Memorial Pancake breakfast fundraiser (pancake breakfast, 10 am – 1 pm; cost for this meal.)

Ole and Lars are walking down a street in Minocqua WI, when they see a sign on a store that reads, "suits \$5.00 each, shirts \$2.00 each, and trousers \$2.50 per pair."

Ole says to his pal Lars, "Looky here! We could buy a whole gob of dese, take 'em back to Dulute, sell 'em to our friends, 'n make a fortune. Now, when we go in der, you be quiet, okay? Just let me do DA talkin cuz if dey hear yur accent, dey might tink we're ignorant 'n try to cheat us. No way, dey'll know we're from Minnesota.

They go in and Ole says with his best "Wisconsin" accent, "I'll take 50 of those suits at \$5.00 each, 100 of those shirts at \$2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at \$2.50 each. I'll back up my pickup and.."

The owner of the shop interrupts, "You're from Minnesota, ain't you?"

"Vell...yeah," says a surprised Ole. "How'd ya know dat?"

"Because this is a Dry Cleaners..."

## Gratulerer til...

Our two newest Golden members - **Agnetha Ames** and **La Vonne Larson**; and our three newest 25 year members - **Lois Preeshl**, **Linda Sherwood**, and **Howard Christianson** who will be honored at the Syttende Mai banquet



## KAREN'S KORNER

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The informative and humorous presenter at the April meeting who showed us the railroad depots of Minnesota, referenced the depot in Montevideo, Minnesota, which was used for the filming of the movie 'Sweet Land'. He also referenced the Kensington Runestone in Kensington, Minnesota. Our library has the **'Sweet Land'** DVD and a very large book on the Kensington Runestone, purchased a few years ago when the author presented a program at our lodge. We have also purchased the book "Shadows of Time, Minnesota's Surviving Depots" from the presenter at our April meeting, Bill Shrankler. Your little Sons of Norway library has a lot to offer!

Another offering from Minnesota is the Commonwealth Theatre in Lanesboro. Do you like a leisurely drive on winding roads through beautiful countryside? Last weekend the Commonwealth Theatre presented an Henrik Ibsen play, **'The League of Youth'**. We are privileged to have a quality theater in our area presenting the plays of such a well-known Norwegian playwright.

Henrik Ibsen was a playwright, poet, and theater director. He is referred to as the "father of realism" and modernism in the theater. He is considered the second most influential dramatist and poet of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; Shakespeare is the first. Ibsen was born in Skien, Norway in 1828, a port/shipping town. He was the oldest of 5 children in an affluent merchant family. Life changed dramatically when he was 8 years old and his father was bankrupt and turned to alcohol. Some of Ibsen's plays had themes of family struggles, depression, despair. He first apprenticed as a pharmacist, then applied to the University of Christiania. Unable to pass the entrance exams, he started writing and painting, eventually going to work at the National Theatre of Bergen. Difficult financial times in Norway drove him to Italy and Germany where he lived for 27 years. He was married to Suzannah Thoresen and their only child, Sigurd Ibsen, became Prime Minister of Norway.

Ibsen was influenced by the acclaimed poet and playwright, Henrik Wergeland. Ibsen's first success was a play called **'Brand'**, written in Italy in 1865. That was followed by his premiere work, **'Peer Gynt'** in 1867. His legacy includes: **'A Doll's House'**, **'Ghosts'**, **'Wild Duck'**, **'Hedda Gabbler'**, and **'Master Builder'**. His plays were considered scandalous, revealing realities some didn't want to see. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1902, 1903, and 1904. I saw Hedda Gabbler a few years ago at the Commonwealth. It was a powerful play, very well done and I found the Gabbler character utterly despicable. It must be good writing and performance if someone reacts that strongly to the character. After a series of strokes Ibsen died in Norway at the age of 78 in May, 1906. His writings influenced later playwrights such as George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Arthur Miller, James Joyce, and Chekhov.

Karen Scarseth  
Librarian



## Looking back through the Budstikken by Historian Karen Broadhead

### Fem år siden (5 years ago)2011

The Syttende Mai Banquet was held at the Legion Hall. Members enjoyed a dinner of baked chicken, baked ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, salad bar, and dessert.

Program for the May meeting was provided by Pastor Paul and Lois Christenson of Red Wing, Minnesota. They showed slides and told of their year living on an island at the Arctic Circle in Norway when Paul served as pastor of a Lutheran congregation there.

Several Wergeland members gathered at the City Hall on May 17 to participate in the raising of the Norwegian flag with Mayor Harter, followed by breakfast and a visit to the grave of Norwegian immigrant Martin Dock.

### Ti år siden (10 years ago)2006

The Syttende Mai Banquet was held at Dragan's. Speaker for the program was Steve Molin, author of If There Were No Lutherans Would There Still Be Green Jello?

Honored at the banquet for their Golden Membership status (member for 30 years and over age 65) were: Evelyn Pertzsch, Elwood Harebo, Elizabeth and Robert Lee, and Leon Edman. 25-year members are: Edith Netzer, Ellen Powell, Esther Ruud, and Bernice Herder.

Ernie Hanson celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends and family at English Lutheran Church.

Carol Stekel was elected president of the Coulee Country Embroidery Guild of America.

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

The Syttende Mai banquet was held at the Harry J. Olson Center, catered by Mrs. B. The program for the evening was presented by Brenda Simonson of Sparta, who spoke about fjord horses, including those that she has owned.

Leif Marking presented a program "Bluebirds Forever" to Fagerness Lodge 5/e616 at the Blair American Legion. He showed nest box design and maintenance techniques for developing a successful nest box trail.

Ernie Tande and Vern Olson were thanked for organizing the white elephant/silent auction fundraiser. \$962 was raised!

**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.**

## Bus trip to Stoughton/Madison



Our bus trip to Stoughton and Madison on Sept. 7th is taking shape and we already have 20 people signed up to go. We are only taking a total of 35 so if you would like to go on this trip sign up now. Those who pay first are automatically on. Should be a lot of fun, and besides seeing Livsreise, we will get to meet the Mandt Sons of Norway people as we enjoy the nice dinner there - they are next

door to Livsreise. We will be going to the Nordic Nook gift shop there too. Then we go to Madison to the Olbrich Conservatory and beautiful gardens. Sept. 7 is the perfect time of the year to enjoy that. As before, we will have coffee and a treat on the bus, and also make a rest stop on the way there, and on the way back. If you have any questions or want to get signed up, see Shirley at the next meeting or call her at 608-526-6596.

## Wergeland chicken-Q

Don't forget that Wergeland lodge will be hosting our chicken-Q on Thursday, May 19 in the parking lot of Big Lots at 3960 Mormon Coulee Road on the south side of La Crosse. Tickets are available now to buy and to sell. The cost is \$9 per meal which will include 1/2 chicken and the trimmings. The chicken-Q will run from 11 am to 6 pm.

If you need tickets to buy or sell, see Sig Rudser at the Syttende Mai banquet or call him at 608-519-1713. Large orders (10+) will be available for delivery by calling 608-498-1526.



## From the kitchen/marshalls

After our evening meetings and lunch, the kitchen crew would appreciate some help cleaning up. We need to leave the church in order, floors vacuumed, garbage removed, kitchen clean and things put back where we found them. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Tussen Takk

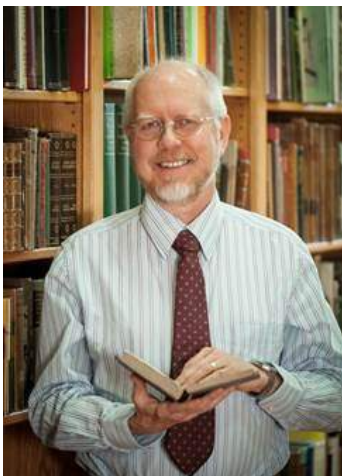


## Sometimes on a Sunday at Norskedalen

Bill Musser will present "Waltzing in the Garden: Playing Heirloom Tunes, Planting Heirloom Seeds" on Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm as part of Norskedalen's Sometimes on a Sunday series at the Thrune Visitors' center.

This program brings together Bill's avocation as a Norwegian-American old-time dance musician/tune-collector and his work as the librarian at Seed Savers Exchange, celebrating both tune-saving and heirloom gardening as examples of "the folk process."

Bill will share Norwegian-American music, images, and individual seed stories from Seed Savers Exchange as he relates how different forms of folk traditions --- old time Norwegian-American dance music and heirloom or historic garden varieties --- are passed down from one generation to the next.



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

The Foundation contribution cans were passed throughout the membership.

The President highlighted the history books in the Lodge's library holdings.

### Upcoming Events

The President announced various upcoming events: Syttende Mai is approaching. Our Lodge's Syttende Mai banquet will be held on May 5, 2016 at Drugan's in place of the Lodge's regular monthly meeting. Cod, salad bar, and trimmings will be served. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. A program on Syttende Mai and Stavanger will be presented by Dave Amdahl.

The Lodge is selling tickets for its upcoming chicken que. Get your tickets now! Tickets are \$9.00 and the dinner includes chicken, beans, potato salad, and a roll. All are encouraged to sell tickets. This is a significant fundraiser for the Lodge. It will be held on May 19th at the parking lot of Big Lots in LaCrosse from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Shirley Schoenfeld is selling tickets for a bus trip to Stoughton and Olbrich Botanical Gardens; lunch is included. The trip is limited to 36 passengers; half of the seats have already been sold.

The Westby Syttende Mai parade is coming up in Westby, WI on Friday, May 13 through May 15, 2016. Our Lodge will again have a float and a car in the parade. On Friday, May 13th, the Lodge will raise the Norwegian flag over City Hall with breakfast to follow. The Mayor usually appears and joins in. [More details can be found at <http://westbysyttendemai.com>.]

Doris Hagen announced she has a sweater for sale for \$25.00 and the sales proceeds will go into the Lodge's general fund.

Florence Overgard announced that the Norskedalen luncheon is coming up on Sunday, April 24, 2016. The theme is "Caring for the past into the future." Shirley Schoenfeld and Ruth Ann Wilson (deceased) will be honored at the luncheon.

The President announced that on Saturday, April 23, 2016 the Solvang Lodge of Westby is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The cost to attend is \$22.00. Sandy Iverson is the Lodge President. The RSVP deadline has been extended. Contact Ron or Sandy Iverson if you would like to attend. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m., Norwegian dancers at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Carla Burkhardt, the Lodge Sports Director, presented two medals to President Dave Glomstad: a gold medal for cycling for 375 miles and an enamel award for 500 miles. The President shared his flat tire experiences; they are many and resulted in a new tire.

Sig Rudsal announced he has a chicken que help list and passed it around for sign-up. The Lodge's goal is to sell 600 chicken dinners.

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

The President announced: The next general meeting will be the Syttende Mai dinner at Drugan's on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Perkins by the Mall.

The President announced we will continue to mix during the luncheon. Colored tickets were handed out and we are to sit at the table that matches the ticket.

The raffle drawing was conducted by Counsellor Adrian Johnson. Kathy Anderson had the correct number and won \$48.00. Dave Glomstad's name was drawn from the general membership and he won \$48.00. The remaining \$48.00 was placed in the Scholarship Fund.

Mary Sween reminded the members that the cultural contest ends on May 31, 2016. We should submit our paperwork to her. She introduced the presenter Bill Schrankler.

The President declared adjournment of the general meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Schrankler presented a program conducted based upon his book *Shadows of Time . . . Minnesota's Surviving Railroad Depots*. He travelled 8,000 miles throughout Minnesota researching his book. He recognized John Erickson for his help. John has an extensive collection of depot pictures. There are 400 surviving depots in Minnesota.

Mr. Schrankler began his presentation with a Minnesota Treasure Hunt where the attendees were asked to identify ten famous Minnesota landmarks. Joseph Stekel got more than 5 correct and won a door prize. Mr. Schrankler's presentation was fascinating, fact-filled, and fun.

Counsellor Adrian Johnson gave parting words and dismissed the attendees.

Attendance: 101 adults and 8 children = 109

Table collection: \$183.00

Foundation collection: \$78.00

Ann N. Kathan, Lodge Secretary

## A little in English...

### Ancient DNA Shows How Vikings Impacted Plants and Animals

Biologists Sanne Boessenkool and Anneleen Kool at the University of Oslo are researching how the Vikings' travels contributed to the spread of genetic material and development of biodiversity. For this purpose, they are using the DNA material of flax, barley and horses from the Viking era.

"The questions we are investigating have not been researched using ancient DNA material," explains Boessenkool. She specializes in evolutionary genetics and has been researching ancient DNA for the past nine years.

#### Past secrets revealed

"The fascination of old DNA material is that it reveals the secrets of earlier times. We gain insight into areas of life that we otherwise could not become aware of. It's almost like being detectives," says Boessenkool. Anneleen Kool works as a botanist and curator at the University of Oslo Botanical Gardens. She is particularly interested in the interaction between plants and people. Kool has been heavily involved in the planning of the University Botanical Garden's Viking Garden, which was dedicated in August 2014. The facility shows 70 crops that were used in Scandinavia during the Viking era. "It was natural to team up to seek new knowledge, not just about horses, flax and grain, but also about how the Vikings may have helped spread the genetic material to the areas where they settled, thus affecting the genetic composition of plants and animals," explains Kool.

#### Pivotal horses

"We have heard a lot about how exotic spices, silk and other fabrics were imported to Scandinavia during the Viking Era. But we know little about the genetic background of the plants and animals that the Vikings used and how they altered them both consciously and unconsciously," adds Boessenkool. When she chose specifically to research horses from Viking times, there were several reasons. The horse was of great importance for people both in practical matters, transportation and travel - and in religious ceremonies. A total of 26 horses were buried in the ship burials at Oseberg and Gokstad. Vikings from Norway had brought horses along to places such as Iceland and the Orkney Islands.

What similarities and connections we can find between horses from this era that have been found in various places? How did they change genetically and what percentage of Viking Era genes is found in modern horses? These are some of the questions the two biologists want to answer.

## Litt på Norsk...

### Eldgammelt DNA viser hvordan vikingene påvirket dyr og planter

Biologene Sanne Boessenkool og Anneleen Kool ved Universitetet i Oslo, forsker nå på hvordan vikingenes reiser bidro til spredning av genetisk materiale og utvikling av naturmangfoldet. Til dette formålet bruker de DNA-materiale av lin, bygg og hester fra vikingtiden.

– Spørsmålene vi undersøker har ikke blitt forsket på ved hjelp av gammelt DNA-materiale, forklarer Boessenkool. Hun har spesialisert seg på evolusjons-genetikk og har de siste ni årene forsket på gammelt DNA.

#### Fortidens hemmeligheter avdekkes

– Det fascinerende med gammelt DNA-materiale er at det avslører hemmeligheter om tidligere tider. Vi får innsikt i deler av tilværelsen som vi ellers ikke kunne fått kjennskap til. Det er nesten som å være detektiv, sier Boessenkool, som opprinnelig er fra Nederland. Anneleen Kool, også hun opprinnelig fra Nederland, jobber som botaniker og kurator ved Botanisk hage. Hun er spesielt interessert i samspillet mellom planter og mennesker. Kool har vært sterkt involvert i planleggingen av Vikinghagen, som ble innviet i august 2014. Anlegget viser 70 nyttevekster som ble brukt i Skandinavia i vikingtiden. – Hva var da mer naturlig enn å gå sammen om å søke ny kunnskap, ikke bare om hestene, linet og kornet, men også om hvordan vikingene kan ha bidratt til å spre genetisk materiale til områdene der de bosatte seg, og dermed påvirket den genetiske sammensetningen av dyr og planter, forklarer Kool.

#### De viktige hestene

– Vi har hørt en del om hvordan eksotiske kryddere, silke og andre stoffer ble importert til Skandinavia i vikingtiden. Men vi vet lite om den genetiske bakgrunnen til plantene og dyrene som vikingene brukte og hvordan de endret det både bevisst og ubevisst, supplerer Boessenkool. Når hun har valgt spesielt å forske på hester fra vikingtiden, har det flere årsaker. Hesten hadde stor betydning for menneskene både i praktiske gjøremål, transport og reiser – og i religiøse seremonier. Til sammen ble 26 hester gravlagt i skipsgravene ved Oseberg og Gokstad. Vikinger fra Norge hadde med seg hester til blant annet Island og Orknøyene.

Hvilke likheter og sammenhenger kan vi finne mellom hester fra vikingtiden funnet på ulike steder? Hvordan forandret de seg genetisk og hvor mye av vikingtidens gener finnes i dagens moderne hester? Dette er noen av spørsmålene de to biologene ønsker å få svar på.

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**Norskedalen Activities**

Throne Visitors Center:  
(January 1-March 31)

Monday-Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Norskedalen 'Member's Use' Program in Place with Windshield  
Parking Pass Sunrise time to Sunset time



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