



Budstikken



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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ September 1, General meeting at North Presbyterian Church, 7:00.
- ♦ September 13, 8:30 am, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ September 19, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ September 28, Budstikken mailed to members.
- ♦ ****NEW LOCATION****
October 6, General meeting at Harry J. Olson center, 7:00
****NEW LOCATION****

Fra Presidenten



There is an old saying that "the more things change, the more things stay the same". I don't know if the person who came up with that adage was thinking about Sons of Norway but it seems that it would apply to us. After several months of researching and visiting possible new venues for our meetings, our search has come full circle. Starting with our October meeting, Wergeland lodge will be meeting at the Harry J. Olson center. Many of you are familiar with the building as it was the meeting place for Wergeland before moving to the Legion. As an added bonus, the Wergeland dancers will also be holding their practices there so we were able to achieve our goal of finding a common location. So the only thing we have left now is to organize a moving party and get our belongings into our new home. We will have a date and take volunteers at the August meeting. So thanks to everyone who put in the time and effort to make this happen and hopefully this will be our last move for a long time.

Before we move, we will be having one last meeting at North Presbyterian which will feature a great program. Wergeland member Hannah Scholze will be speaking about "Researching our Scandinavian Ancestors". It always impresses me when I hear about someone's genealogy knowledge of their family and our cultural customs and I feel that the Norwegian-American community has done a remarkable job through the generations of walking the tightrope of a new culture here while keeping hold of the old from Norway and we are fortunate to have come from people who thought that both the past and future are important to us. Take care and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave

Next meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2016, 7:00 PM

North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N Salem Rd, La Crosse



Program for September

"Researching Scandinavian Ancestors" Presented by Wergeland member Hannah Scholze



Hannah has taught several genealogy classes at the Monroe County Local History Room in Sparta where she works as the Museum Services Associate. She will highlight several online databases available for Scandinavian genealogical research as well as offer some tips, tricks, and tools of the trade when trying to find your Old World roots.



September Birthdays

1 Barbara Anderson
 2 Alice Gums
 3 Beverly Mahlum
 3 Carol Pestel
 4 Stanley Berg
 5 Florence Overgard
 6 Paul Larson
 6 Kent Sween
 7 Audra Benish
 9 Teresa Sacia
 9 Hannah Schroeder
 9 Kelli Skogen
 10 Kimberly Gatica
 10 Hannah Scholze
 11 Lillian Malzacher
 14 Joseph Stekel
 15 Mary Jane Berg
 16 Rev. Donald Fox
 16 Art Mahlum
 16 Elise Melby
 17 Rachel Dammon-Nokken
 17 Orlando Wadel
 18 Mary Hanson
 20 Eldon Ostrem
 22 Joyce Allen
 22 Tia Hrudka
 22 Stanton Jorgens
 22 Vernon Olson
 23 Doris Hagen
 23 Morgan Jostad
 24 Maureen Tostrud
 25 Ruth Jostad
 26 Fred Johnson
 27 Ethan McGuire
 27 Lois Preeshl
 28 Cameron Ender
 29 Thomas Larson
 29 Bergene Wilcox
 30 Roger Sorenson

Lunch providers for September 1 meeting

Sandwiches (2 1/2 dozen): Ron & Vivian Sacia, Julia Forde, Kathi Beane, Agnetha Ames, Ilene Pavelko, Marilyn Silbaugh, Sandy Stavlo

Cheese & Crackers:

Cakes: Ramona Johnson, Fran Bateman, Jean Davis, Marion Mickelson, Elsie Olson, Bev Mahlum, Audrey Olsen

Pickles: Laura Ira, Richard Fonstad, Jan Mattison

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

Program for October

October is Foundation month—Blaine Hedberg will be stopping by to give us an update on Foundation activities.

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes of the August 4, 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 Canadian, Norwegian, and American National Anthems.

The President called for the introduction of new members and guests. The following guests were introduced: Ann Clark from Tomah, Wisconsin; Johanna Ender of Lake City, Minnesota (the granddaughter of Ardelle Ender and daughter of Dave Ender); Alex Aakre of Onalaska, Wisconsin; and Roy Munderloh from Holmen, Wisconsin.

The President announced that the minutes of the July 2016 general Lodge meeting were approved by the Board at the July Board meeting.

The Treasurer Marilyn Rudser presented the Treasurer's report: The beginning balance of the Lodge Checking Account (Operating Account) as of July 1, 2016 was \$1,688.09. Total income of \$521.50 was received and total disbursements of \$247.62 were made during the month of July 2016. The ending balance of the checking account as of July 31, 2016 was \$1,961.97.

The Scholarship account had a beginning balance as of July 1, 2016 and an ending balance as of July 31, 2016 of \$2,051.00. The Memorial Account had a beginning balance as of July 1, 2016 of \$1,892.18 and an ending balance as of July 31, 2016 of \$1,892.65 due to interest earned of \$.47. The Sons of Norway Savings Account had a beginning balance as of July 1, 2016 of \$7,049.58 and an ending balance as of July 31, 2016 of \$7,071.39 after the addition of interest earned of \$21.81.

The President announced the upcoming Holmen Korn Fest Parade on August 20, 2016 and asked for volunteers to march. He discussed the recent Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa. Vesterheim held an incredible folk art exhibit during Nordic Fest. All who do Norwegian folk art are encouraged to submit their work for the folk art exhibits next year.

The President announced the Draken Harald Hårfagre ship is only going as far as Greenbay, Wisconsin. Fundraising (for obtaining a pilot) has not been successful to raise funds for the ship to sail all the way to Duluth.

Helge Vestnes reacquainted himself with the group after some extended travel. He discussed savings account options.

The President reminded the group that calendars are available for purchase from the Treasurer. Approximately 20 calendars remain for purchase.

The President recognized all those with August birthdays. *Happy Birthday* was sung in celebration.

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Dis og Dat...

Carla and **Carlie Burkhardt** traveled to Alaska in July. They spent time with three cousins from the Norwegian side of the family. One lives in Seattle and the other two have lived in Ketchikan, Alaska for 30 years. After visiting the relatives Carla and Carlie toured Juneau and Skagway. Seattle was sunny but only one of the ten days in Alaska was sunny and dry.

Royce and **Lynn Curtis** traveled to Norway for 10 days in June with a tour with Bethel Home Foundation/Borton Travel. Had a great time, connected with friends and saw such great sights.

Tana Bondy, an unger venner member and granddaughter of **Jean Davis** is in route to Phoenix, Arizona. A new adventure for her as she will be at the University of Arizona part time and working. She will be staying with her uncle **Robert Davis**. We wish her well and will miss her.

Bob and **Marian Mickelson** were at Navy Pier in Chicago to see the "tall ships". They were able to go on board the Viking ship and had a great tour with a young lady who made the trip from Norway to the US.

Richard Granum returned from spending a month in Norway. While in Norway he and his host, **Jan Ramsvik** spent a week in Croatia. Norwegians are concerned about political news coming from the USA, unemployment and the economic affects of low oil prices.

Miranda Rodriguez, granddaughter of **Fred** and **Dee Johnson**, graduated from Cal-State Fullerton in California as a nurse and has accepted a position in Pomona, California. She is a past recipient of a Wergeland Lodge scholarship.

Tusen takk...

To all who marched in the Holmen Kornfest parade on Saturday, August 20. We once again had a great turnout and the rain stayed away giving us a perfect day.

Condolences til...

Linda Sherwood whose husband **Jim Sherwood** passed away on July 29. Funeral services were held on August 12 at Christ Episcopal Church in La Crosse.

Sonja Banegas whose husband **Jim Banegas** passed away.

Helge Vestness whose father passed away in Alesund, Norway.

CONVENTION

CORNER

The 2018 District 5 convention is beginning to take shape as our first meeting was held on August 15. Eleven people attended the first meeting with several volunteering to chair or co-chair various committees.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26 at 11:30 in the Wisconsin room at the Radisson. This meeting will coincide with the District 5 board meeting being held in La Crosse on September 23 and 24. District President Andy Johnson will be meeting with committee members on Friday September 23 where we will get a clear understanding of the division of responsibilities between our lodge and the District regarding the convention.

This promises to be a large yet rewarding undertaking for our lodge so if you would like to be a part of this, come to the next meeting or contact convention co-chair persons Dave Glomstad or Ann Kathan.

Uff Da...

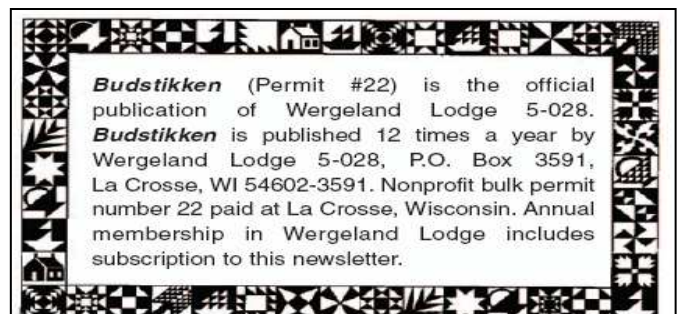


Gregory Buczynsky was omitted from the list of Wergeland Lodge scholarship winners in the August Budstikken. Gregory is from Brownstown MI and attends the University of Toledo school of business. He plans to graduate in 2019.

His majors are accounting and marketing, and he plans to get a job with a professional sports organization.

After last year, he realized the cost for textbooks was very expensive, so he will use this scholarship to help cover the cost of his textbooks.

Greg is the grandson of member **Richard Granum**.





KAREN'S KORNER

I do not have a book about this character in our Sons of Norway library, because I don't think it would be a popular check-out. This character was a very prominent figure in Norwegian history – infamous, not famous, notable, not noble. He has an impressive name: Vidkun Abraham Lauritz Jonsson Quisling; born in 1887 in Fyresdahl in the Telemark region of Norway. His father was a pastor and genealogist, his mother came from a wealthy ship-building family.

A quote that sums up Quisling: “a dictator and a clown on the wrong stage with the wrong script”. Why does he have such a bad reputation? In 1940 he attempted to seize control of the government in a radio-broadcast coup but was not supported by citizens of Norway. After Germany invaded Norway, Quisling served as Minister-President jointly with Josef Terboven, the German administrator from 1942-1945. This pro-Nazi government participated in ‘Germany’s Final Solution’, the annihilation of the Jewish race. He organized the deportation of Jews from Norway to the death camps. After World War II Quisling was tried and found guilty of embezzlement, murder, and high treason. He was executed by firing squad at Akershus Fortress, Oslo, in 1945 at the age of 58 years old. His legacy is that the word “quisling” has become a synonym for “collaborator” or “traitor”.

Quisling received a quality education and had a good start to a long political career. He studied at the Norwegian Military Academy and then the Military College, graduating with the highest score in the college’s history. In his studies he had focused on Russian history. After graduation he joined the General Staff of the Norwegian Army in 1911. Norway was neutral in World War I but Quisling disagreed with that stance. He had a varied career – Attache to the Norwegian delegation in Petrograd, Russia; Intelligence Officer with the Norwegian delegation to Helsinki, Finland; assisted the League of Nations for humanitarian relief in the Balkans and Armenia; studied in Paris; returned to Norway and became involved with the communist Norwegian labor movement; served as a diplomat for British affairs in Russia; appointed as Minister of Defense of Norway for two terms. He worked for a Norwegian company in Russia and became embroiled in a black-market ruble scandal. He failed at starting his own political movements and parties in Norway, most notably *Nasjonal Samling* (National Unity). As the earlier quote alludes, he seemed to be supporting the wrong group at the wrong time. At some point he had to sell off paintings and antiques that he had purchased cheaply during his years in Russia. Prior to the beginning of World War II he presented lectures on “The Jewish problem in Norway” and publicly supported the emerging Adolf Hitler. He sent Hitler a 50th-birthday greeting thanking him for “saving Europe from Bolshevism and Jewish domination”. On April 9, 1940, Germany invaded Norway.

During his time in the Soviet Union he married a Russian, Alexandra Voronina, in 1922. The next year he married a Ukrainian, Maria Pasetzjinilova. There doesn't seem to be documentation of the divorce from Alexandra or official marriage to Maria. The congenial trio traveled and lived together for a while, Vidkun and Maria treating Alexandra as their foster daughter. He did not have children with either wife. In an ironic twist, after his death his mansion in Oslo, now called Villa Grande, became a holocaust museum. We know the name Quisling but it is not a Norwegian name that many respect.

Information is from various interest sites.

Karen Scarseth,
Librarian



Looking back through the Budstikken by Historian Karen Broadhead

Fem år siden (5 years ago)2011

For the September program, several Wergeland members spoke about the cultural skills they have been doing. Anne Farning and Madeline Anderson spoke about researching family ancestry, Shirley Schoenfeld shared how to find some ancestral information locally and also showed some hardanger embroidery she was working on. Carol Stelkel shared her hardanger wall hanging and how she tied it to genealogy discoveries. Glenn Borreson shared how to get more out of history and culture by reading and expression. Frieda Nowland shared the enjoyment of studying the Norwegian language.

A sound system was purchased for use at our meetings, along with lockable storage cabinets for the speakers and stands.

Frieda Nowland and Shirley Schoenfeld will lead classes in speaking and reading Norwegian for all interested lodge members.

Ti år siden (10 years ago)2006

Featured on the September program was Pastor Paul Hasvold of Decorah, Iowa, speaking on the topic “The Spirit of Early Norwegian Immigrants: Free, Independent, and Committed.” He has made an extensive study of early Lutheran churches in America and knows the controversies and arguments of Norwegians because of strong stands on controversial subjects, which sometimes resulted in building separate churches within sight of each other!

Sports medals were awarded to several members: Arnold Temte, walking, silver medal; Trygve and Karan Mathison, bronze, silver, gold and enamel for All Sports; Arnold and Eileen Temte, silver and gold for biking.

Alvin and Julia Forde, children and grandchildren visited relatives in Norway; Dianne and Dean Dickinson spent a week in Norway with their two children; and Kristy Stokke and her sister Stephanie traveled by ferry from Germany to Norway.

Several members entertained visitors from Norway. Spencer and Joan Everson’s guests were from Snertingdal, and Shirley and Gene Schoenfeld had guests from Førde.

Femten år siden (15 years ago)2001

Ron Nowland presented the program “The Inside Story of Outhouses”.

Eugene and Florence Johnson welcomed the birth of their 34th grandchild, Charlene Kate, and 35th grandchild, Noah Patrick.

Ron and Audrey Helstad and Shirley Schoenfeld attended the Hedmark Lag stevne in Madison, Hjordis Helgestad attended the Totenlag in Rapid City, SD, and Harry and Ardis Bolstad and Shirley Schoenfeld attended the Sognefjordlaget in Decorah, IA.



2016 Kornfest parade



Mary Sween and Vivian Sacia lead the way through the streets of Holmen with the Wergeland banner at the 2016 Holmen Kornfest parade

Dick Marking at the wheel of the Pischke convertible with Dave Glomstad and Adrian Johnson following with the U.S. and Norwegian flags



Wergeland members carrying the May pole round out our parade entry. Tusen takk to all who participated.

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The next general Lodge meeting is Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The next board meeting is Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins by the Mall. Monday, August 15, 2016 is the first group convention planning meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Radisson. All those who are interested in helping are invited to attend.

The Scholarship Committee members Marilyn Rudser and Kathy Beane announced the five scholarship recipients who were awarded \$200.00 each from the Lodge's Scholarship fund: Liesl Marie Allen from LaCrescent, Minnesota; Kyle Hoff from Coon Valley, Wisconsin; Johanna Ender from Lake City, Minnesota (present); Katelyn Canepa from Grafton, Wisconsin; and Gregory Buczynsky from Brownstown, Michigan. Biographies of each student were read. The President wished the recipients well in their future endeavors.

There were no further remarks for the good of the order.

Counselor Adrian Johnson conducted the raffle drawing. Joan Everson had the winning number and was the winner of \$26.00. Arlan Henderson's name was drawn from the general membership and he won \$26.00. The remaining \$26.00 was added to the Lodge's Scholarship Fund.

The President thanked the officers and members for their time and efforts. He adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

The closing song *A Sailor's Greeting (Hils fra mig der hjemme)* was sung by all.

Counselor Adrian Johnson closed the meeting and asked that peace and harmony prevail in our Lodge.

Co-cultural Director Mary Sween introduced Ann and Larry Scheckel who gave a presentation entitled *Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers* about growing up in Crawford County, Wisconsin.

Attendance: 64 persons

Table collection: \$139.00

Kathy Beane, Assistant Lodge Secretary

La Crosse Community theatre ushering



Wergeland members will again have an opportunity to represent the lodge while enjoying the Christmas production at the La Crosse Community theatre. This year's Christmas show will be "A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play". We have been contacted by LCT regarding ushering and have asked for the Thursday, Dec. 8 show at 6:00 pm and the Saturday, Dec. 10 show at 12:30 pm. We will need 12 ushers who are 12 or older for each show. Those ushering are required to arrive one hour before show time with jobs ranging from scanning tickets to assisting with seat location

to selling 50/50 raffle tickets. For your help you will receive a complimentary seat to that night's show while also helping the lodge with publicity in our own community. If interested, contact Shirley Schoenfeld at the next meeting or give her a call.

2017 Norwegian calendars still available

We are approaching the last quarter of 2016 so it is time to start thinking about calendars for 2017. Wergeland lodge can help you out but only until our supply of calendars is gone. The 2017 Norway calendars sell for \$11.00 (compared to around \$15 in gift stores). We have around 20 left and when they are gone, they are gone. Call Marilyn Rudser 608-519-1713 if you have an order for several calendars or contact her at the next meeting.



A little in English...

Dramatic changes mark Norway's mountain landscape

Today's picture of Norway's mountain cultural landscape is actually an idealized image of how the scenery looked roughly 50 years ago. That was when today's adults went to the mountains as children with their parents and grandparents.

A research project on which biologists, paleoecologists, archaeologists and historians have collaborated, shows how mistaken we are when we think of the mountain scenery as unchanging.

No such thing as real mountain landscape

The main message from the scientists behind this pioneering Norwegian research is that there is no such thing as authentic landscape in the mountains. The mountain landscape is constantly being changed by humans. Today when the mountains are affected by extensive overgrowth, it is probably in part because of climate changes. Paleoecology tells about the past

Per Sjögren is a paleoecologist whose research involves examining pollen from the past (paleo). Because pollen can be well-preserved in peat bogs, this research method opens great opportunities. Pollen samples from peat can tell us what the mountain landscape looked like back in the Ice Age.

When the paleoecologist takes pollen samples from down into the peat at several different places in the mountains, it is possible to say with reasonable accuracy how much the trees and plants grew at this location in the past. When historical and archaeological knowledge about the same place is added, it is an interdisciplinary research project that can reveal new knowledge.

Surprising research findings

The researchers behind this study have found several parallel developments, which probably surprise many. Findings reveal that

- The overgrowth of mountain scenery is largely a return to a state that the mountains have been in before.
- The reduced use of hayfields in mountain landscape has meant that we have been able to let more sheep loose in the mountains.
- Overall, there are probably more animals in parts of the Norwegian mountains today there have been previously, increasing to new high levels what scientists call "grazing pressure."

Litt på Norsk...

Norges fjellandskap er dramatisk forandret

Dagens bilde av hvordan kulturlandskapet i fjellet («egentlig») skal se ut, er i virkeligheten et bilde av hvordan dette landskapet så ut for sånn omtrent 50 år siden.

Da var dagens voksegenerasjon barn som fikk være med foreldre og besteforeldre i fjellet.

Et forskningsprosjekt der biologer, paleoøkologer, arkeologer og historikere har samarbeidet, viser hvor feil vi antakelig tar om vi tenker på fjellandskapet som noe uforanderlig.

Ikke noe ekte fjellandskap

Et hovedbudskap fra forskerne bak dette banebrytende norske forskningsprosjektet, er at det ikke finnes noe ekte landskap i fjellet. Fjellandskapet er stadig blitt forandret av oss mennesker. Når fjellet i dag rammes av omfattende gjengroing, skyldes det antakelig delvis klimaendringer.

Paleoøkologi forteller om fortida

Per Sjögren er selv paleoøkolog. Mye av forskningen hans handler om å undersøke pollen fra fortida (paleo). Fordi pollen kan bevares svært godt nedover i torvmyr, åpner denne forskningsmetoden store muligheter. Pollenprøver fra torv kan fortelle oss hvordan landskapet i fjellet så ut helt tilbake til istiden.

Når paleoøkologen har tatt pollenprøver nedover i torv på flere ulike steder i fjellet, blir det mulig å si noe nokså sikkert om hvor mye trær og planter som vokste på dette stedet før i tiden. Når historisk og arkeologisk kunnskap om det samme stedet kobles inn, er det i et tverrfaglig forskningsprosjekt som dette blitt mulig å få fram helt ny kunnskap.

Overraskende forskningsfunn

Forskerne bak denne studien har altså funnet flere parallelle utviklingstrekk, som nok overrasker mange.

- De ser at gjengroingen av fjellandskapet langt på vei er en tilbakevending til en tilstand fjellet har vært i før.
- De ser at den reduserte bruken av fjellskogen gjennom slutten på seterdrift med ysting i fjellet, sterkt har bidratt til gjengroingen av fjellet.
- De ser at den reduserte bruken av slåtter i fjellandskapet har bidratt til at vi har kunnet slippe mer sau løs i fjellet.
- Totalt sett er det antakelig mer dyr i deler av norske fjell i dag enn det har vært tidligere. Det forskerne kaller beitetrykket er antakelig større i deler av fjellet enn det har vært noen gang før.

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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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