



**SONS OF
NORWAY**

Ostestaden News

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Genealogy

Cultural skills award

Eben (Robie) Robertson has completed Part 1 of genealogy. Here is an example of his family story... For three summers Grandma Hagen went up the mountain to learn to make cheese. One summer her boss told her to dress up and go to the fair. When she got to the fair a man took her arm and told her to speak to some people about her cheese making. What she didn't know was that she was competing for \$75 for first place prize money. She was very surprised and excited when she won. Grandma knew exactly what she was going to do with the \$75 – go to the United States and begin a new life.



Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library
415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703-3116
(608) 255-2224 | genealogy@nagcni.org

Livsreise (life's journey) in Stoughton
277 West Main Street, Stoughton, WI 53589
(608) 873-7567
www.livsreise.org

Monroe Public Library and Green County Genealogical Society
www.monroepubliclibrary.org

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Nappet ut tenner (Pulling Teeth) DNA hunters Open Viking Tomb in Normandy



In February, a Norwegian led group opened a Viking sarcophagus in France. They pulled teeth to find DNA. The grave belongs to Rollo, ancestor of the English royal house. Snorre's sagas argue that Rollo and Gange-Rolv from Norway are the same person. If they are the same, the British royal family originated in Norway.

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Fra Presidentent

Greetings Ostestaden Lodge members and friends.

Our Lodge has had a busy year so far with so many great programs and more to come.

The Mid Simmers Eve pot luck and was moved to UPC and the bon fire moved to Sunday PM. Thank you Sheri for offering your home and yard for the celebration. We had great entertainment and a nourishing meal.

Our next meeting will be held at the Peppercorn for our 20th Anniversary celebration. Our Charter members will be honored, pins and awards given out. The date is July 14th. Please make sure you send in your money to Bill Bethke by June 30. You are welcome to bring someone along. The Ladies of the Fjord will be entertaining us during the social hour and again after dinner.

It is handicapped accessible.

A picnic in August with Cheese days royalty and rosemaling demonstrations by two of our members in November. Then our auction in October, our biggest fund raiser. Start putting things aside for it.

Jean Busker, Bill and Elaine Bethke will be attending the SON convention next week.

Thank you all for volunteering. It is a time for learning and lot of fun.

Maren Nelson
President

July 14 social

20th anniversary celebration! Dinner at the Mansion, Ladies of the Fjord hardanger fiddle music, and many guests.
(Check for \$16 by June 30 to Bill Bethke, 703 26th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566)

August 11 social

This is the year for Cheese Days! Picnic potluck. Plan to arrive at 6:00 so we can eat at 6:30. After our delicious meal we will hear from Cheese Days royalty.



Golden Leutfisk at park

July 4 at Twining Park is fireworks and lots of family fun. Children can fish for prizes at a carnival game we sponsor. Take note of the long line of children.



May social report



We celebrated Syttende Mai with delicious food. Two foreign exchange students living in Monroe this year are from Norway and shared this information. They told us 80 percent of Norwegians eat tacos every Friday. Norway has the second longest coastline in the world, next to Australia. Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo has 1,600 sculptures of naked people. College general studies tuition is free. Norway is peaceful.



Helle Hoygilt Karoline Kvilekval
Monroe High School exchange students

June social report

The weather ruled how our 1st Mid-Summer bonfire went. Since it rained, we had to cancel that part but the other parts went well with the live music by Rosalie Huntington & Ron Kittleson (Accordian and guitar duo) from New Glarus. They played a variety of old tunes - everything from the *Tennessee Waltz* to *Happy Trails to You*. Everyone enjoyed listening to them singing, playing, harmonizing, and even yodeling a little!

Also the meal was a great variety of salads, hot dishes and desserts. About 17 made it out. We hope to reschedule for Part II ..the bonfire!
Cultural Director, Sheri Novak



Highway pick up
Those fluorescent vests keep our volunteers safe while they keep the highway shoulders neat. Thanks!



Calendar 2016

Jun 30 Book club at Maren Nelson home
 Jul 3 Wiota parade
 Jul 7 Board meeting
 Jul 14 20 year celebration, plated meal at Peppercorn
 Aug 4 Board meeting
 Aug 7 District picnic at Arneson's
 Aug 11 6:30 Picnic potluck, bring your own beverage.
 Aug 18 5:00 Highway pick up
 Sep 8 Board meeting
 Sep 8 6:30 Social meeting, Coffee roasters?
 Oct 6 Board meeting
 Oct 13 6:00 Auction
 Oct 27 5:00 Highway pick up
 Nov 6 Board meeting
 Nov 10 Rosemaling by Elaine Bethke & Jean Busker
 Dec 1 Board meeting
 Dec 8 Christmas Party

ENTER by front door

When we meet at United Presbyterian church in the future, we will enter by the front door only.

Book Club

All are invited to discuss the next book, *The Legacy of the Lighthouse*, by Kathleen Ernst, Thursday, June 30 at home of Maren Nelson.

June Convention

June 22-26, 2016, the District 5 Convention is in Marshfield. Bill Bethke, Elaine Bethke, and Jean Busker are our delegates. They will report on business, cultural, and social activities.

Parade

July 3rd is the Wiota Parade and Jeff will pull our float. Riders are welcome.

Officer nominations

We will change at least 25 per cent of our officers this year as we need to for our Lodge Achievement Form. If you are interested in a position, let someone know.

Gratulerer med Dagen!
(Happy birthday)

JULY

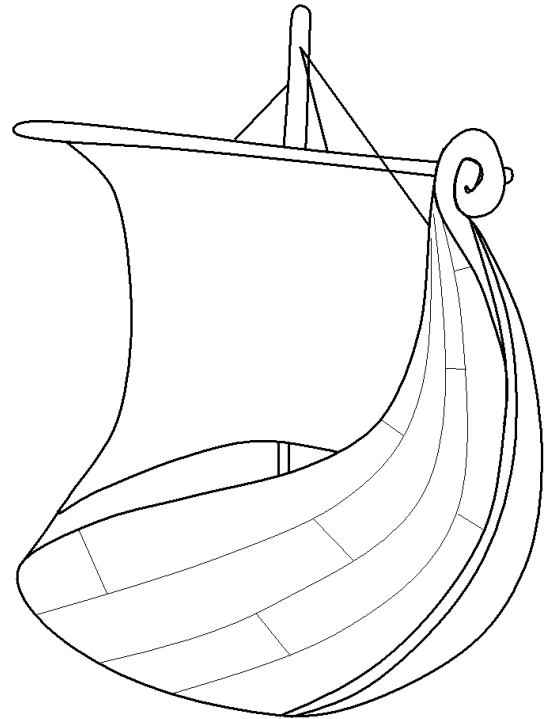
Bobbi J Bergum
 Britta Bureau
 Jenessa Maranda
 John Stenbroten
 Jane Swenson

AUGUST

Warren Burstrom
 Howard Johnson
 Judith Johnson
 Hannah Wild

Treat schedule

AUG Picnic potluck, bring your own beverage.
 SEP Cathy Smith 325-2697 (clynnrd@yahoo.com)
 Jan Johnson 329-5925
 ([janetjohnson@charter.net](mailto:jnetjohnson@charter.net))
 OCT Marsha for treats and beverages
 NOV Helen Miller 325-4777 (hmliller@wekz.net)
 Pat Johnson 329-6392 (quiltjohnson@tds.net)
 DEC Christmas Celebration committee



Viking longship coloring page
Coloring.ws/norse-mythology.htm

Book Club report

THE DAUGHTER'S WALK

The Ostestaden book club recently met at the home of Lois Gordee to discuss their latest read, *The Daughter's Walk* by Jane Kirkpatrick.

This book is a sequel to one about a mother and her daughter who on a wagger walk across America to save their farm from foreclosure. Mother Helga and daughter Clara set off walking following the train tracks hoping to win \$10,000. Despite many setbacks and challenges they manage this amazing feat -- only 2 weeks too late to collect the money. In sorrow and disgrace they return home to find tragedy on the home front -- an epidemic has caused the death of two of Helga's children and the other children and the father blame Helga and Clara for taking off on this wild adventure.

The first book is through Helga's eyes while *The Daughter's Walk*, is from the point of view of Clara. This time we find out she took Clara with to save her from corruption by her employer's son. We also learn that Helga's husband is not Clara's father. This fact colors much of the journey as Clara wonders who her father is and why he left her. From the daughter's point of view the trip exposes many different things about her mother and why she is doing this. We see Clara as being more the leader, trying to protect her mother and to make Helga behave more rationally.

When they return home having reached their goal, but too late, they are rejected by the rest of the family and the father throws Clara out of the house, telling her she is not his daughter. She finds refuge with two business women who take her in and educate her and bring her into their business. Clara finds a cozy home and a good income, but she cannot forget her birth family and keeps trying to "go home". Over the years Clara enjoys much love and fun with her new "family", but she never really feels she deserves this happiness.

As Clara attempts to find her way through life we find the main theme of this book is defining family. Do we owe the most to the family we were born into even if they abuse us and turn us out into the streets? Is our real family the people who are kind to us and share our lives and encourage us through good and bad? Members discussed their own or others' histories with regard to this topic.

Jane Kirkpatrick really held our attention as she painted a new future for Clara and her family. We continued our discussion of Clara and Helga and their different points of view over Lois' delicious dessert and coffee.

about Norway

Pancake printer



A Norwegian robot engineer designs a better pancake. He made a device that uses batter to draw an image on a heated grill. You create a drawing on your computer—using a photo as a tracing guide if you wish—and the food printer will turn the image into a pancake unlike any other. \$300 at [pancake bot.com](http://pancakebot.com)
THE WEEK May 20, 2016

Petroglyphs as billboards

Stone Age hunters left messages on rock to communicate animal migration routes. Archaeologist Kjellman discovered 7,000 year-old rock carvings of elk, reindeer and moose. The animal's muzzles generally headed into a fjord toward the Barents Sea. Hunters would follow the strategically located animal signs.

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Our Mission Statement:

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 provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Newsletter

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Sons of Norway Ostestaden Socials
the 2nd Thursday of each month

with a light lunch at 6:30 PM and program at 7:00 PM
 UPC, 2707 5th St., Monroe, WI 53566

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 a better pancake
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