



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Ostestaden Lodge 5-642

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In Awe of Nature



Elaine Bethke's latest painting, "In Awe of Nature."

Bill and I are doing well, healthy, a bit bored, sometimes lonely missing contact with family and friends but this is pretty much universal at present. We are making it through one day at a time. I am lucky to have hobbies I love in my artwork and family history research, both fine to do alone. Now that the yardwork and canning are done I will enjoy many afternoons in my "studio". The painting you are showing is my pandemic product. In the midst of all the stresses of the past 6 plus months being outside in nature has been a huge comfort to me, especially up north at Bill's family cabin. I love being out at sunset or early night when you can see the stars coming out. It makes me feel amazed at the wonderful gifts God has given us in our beautiful natural world and that it is our responsibility to take care of it. This painting for me captures that feeling. I call it "In Awe of Nature". I hope people will have experienced the same feeling and it will remind them that God expects us to take care of our world.

**Paul Nelson,
turned 80
October 7!**

Onsker de gen
lykkelig år.
(Wishing you a year
filled with happiness.)

Helen Miller/Butch Blumer

We have been taking Sunday rides in the Monte Carlo and have seen some beautiful fall colors. Also, we drove to an Apple Orchard in Spring Green making small purchases as there were way too many people there. My daughter and I also went to the Edwards Apple Orchard and Currans Apple Orchard in Winnebago, IL. Both were stocked with many different varieties of apples, jellies, and many unique gifts to spend your money on. Those Apple Donuts are well worth the trip.



Butch keeps busy up at his "man cave" shed. He has planted a lot of pine trees, which require a lot of watering. Since he has no water hookup, he came up with the idea of purchasing a water tank which collects water off the roof. This has worked out really well.

Butch and I watch a lot of TV (really enjoy the old "Andy Griffith" sitcom). I also like to read, word fill in, play with my I-Pad, keeping up with my responsibilities for other organizations, and keeping up with computer issues/contacts.

Looking forward to 2021, which hopefully with show much improvement with everything where we can at least reach a "new normal" so we can get together as an organization. Wishing you all good health and strength through the coming days and months ahead.

Fra Presidentent

I am remembering the 1918 Sons of Norway Convention in La Crosse as I knit with some lovely Dale 100% wool yarn. Someone donated it to the silent auction there. I bid and now I am working on a turquoise cable sweater.

Jean Busker, President



Helen Johnson wearing the **Ostestaden shirt** that she received at our last Christmas gift exchange?



Jan Johnson

Last week, on one of those beautiful October afternoons, my mom, Helen Johnson, came outside from her apartment at the Aster Assisted Living facility for our safely distanced visit in the parking lot.

You can see in the photos that she was wearing the shirt she received during our 2019 SON Christmas Party GIFT EXCHANGE game at the Village Inn in South Wayne. Helen loves her Ostestaden shirt! And she's a proud member of Ostestaden Lodge! We don't know who brought it as their "gift exchange gift" but Helen wasn't going to let anyone steal that shirt from her during Marsha's fun game!

Highway clean up

We completed our Fall Highway Cleanup Thursday, October 8 safely. We met at Pleasant view Park. Jan brought trash bags and orange vests. We brought our own gloves. We kept our distance from each other and used our own vehicles. Everyone just worked at their own pace. We left our bags at the closest intersection or near a highway signpost when they got full.



Here's Cathy ready to go!

Helen and Butch did their regular stretch between the Junction House and the first Joy Dell. Jan worked between the two Joy Del intersections. We assigned Cathy to the stretch from County N to the closest Joy Del. Pat and Annette started on the stretch between County N and our Sons of Norway sign near the bypass. Don worked the part down by the bypass and the median strip.

It was a beautiful day to be out in the country! We all were thinking of David especially out here at highway cleanup. We missed your fun energy and spirit of dedication to this project out here in the ditches along the highway.

Community support

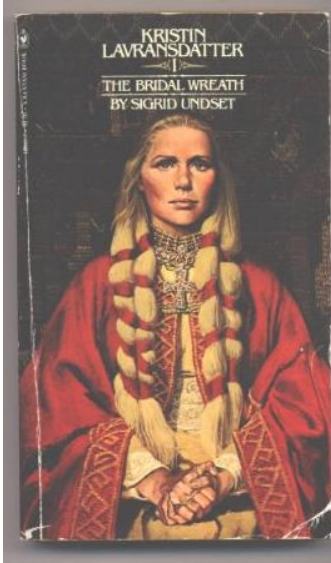
Remember we donated \$100 to the Food Pantry? Our National Sons of Norway matched our donation!



Financial report

October 20, 2020

Checking	\$1761.16
Checks outstanding	
Paddle Fund	1621.33
CD due 8/22/2021 0.10%	4266.46
Total on deposit	\$7648.95
Disbursements:	
Sons of Norway \$73.00 (Liability Insurance)	
Deposits	
Membership \$84.00	
Grace Robertson	



Joan Holmstead

I am reading the book by Sigrid Undset. The book that I have I believe you would call it a trilogy. It is three parts and starts with the Bridal Wreath. It amazes me that it was written in 1923 and won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928. I had written down in my notes that the SON book club had read it and so asked my library to get it.

I wonder what everyone is doing for Thanksgiving.

The Book Club also read *Out Stealing Horses*. Now it's in film. I wonder what themes the film emphasizes.



Robbie Is a Winner!

Robbie's picture of Edvard Grieg's piano in Grieg's concert hall was chosen!

This summer District 5 of Sons of Norway had a Scandinavian photo contest. Members of District 5 were to submit up to 5 photos taken by them in Norway. If any picture was a winner, the photo would become part of a deck of Nordic playing cards. Robbie won and his photo appears on the 8 of diamonds card. He recently received a complimentary deck of the Nordic cards. Congratulations!

Robbie and Grace Robertson have been enjoying drives to see the beautiful colors this fall as well as doughnuts, cider and apples.

Robbie's photo of Grieg's piano is featured on the eight of diamonds card.

Mae Trost



Making lefse May 2020

Hello, Sons of Norway friends! Are you wondering how you will survive this fall without our annual lefse bake? If so, this fall will be a great time to hone your lefse baking skills at home. Just one or two batches should do it. I met a new friend that has experience making lefse, so we started making plans to do our own little lefse making party. Now that is on hold for a while since my new cupboards are ready to be installed. So, if any of you make your own this year, remember me. I also eat rejects. The other thing I really missed is the Sons of Norway auction. The last couple of years I bought some planters with plants in them. Believe it or not, they haven't died. The red shamrock wasn't doing too well last year, so I transplanted some of it to another pot, then that left the rest in the garage over the winter.

As soon as it started to warm up, it came to life! It thrived this summer and even bloomed. At my first auction, I bought a hamburger patty maker for Delvin and a Tupperware potato bin. We use those all the time, and I think of all of you when we use them. Now that winter is fast approaching, I can also dig out the knit hat and mittens, right, Jean? I can't wait until we can be together again.

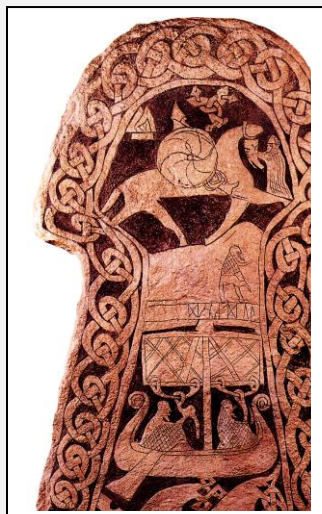
For us, many things have returned to normal, almost. We got baby chicks in September and spent last week butchering. Praise God we have a freezer full of chicken, corn, spinach, pumpkin, and apple cider with potatoes, onions, butternut squash, apples, and carrots stored in the garage. I don't think we will go hungry anytime soon. I have been subbing at school, and we are attending services at our church. I help with modified Awana and youth group on Wednesday nights, and I've even been able to do my water exercise class once a week. But I'm still waiting to be able meet with friends somewhere inside when we can actually be close enough to really see each other. Keeping distance and wearing masks is getting old, but, thankfully, we have been safe and healthy. Prayers for a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Last year's fund raising auction.

Sheri Novak

I painted some rocks for the Monroe Main Street project. Sadly some people thought it was a re-gifting project like other cities had been doing and took them home. Then our grandsons came for a visit and went home with a rock for Halloween. I'm loving the idea of painting rocks and have lined up more ideas to do.



Runestones

Thousands of runestones have been uncovered in Scandinavia. Vikings shared news, memorialized loved ones and lauded their accomplishments by carving messages into rock. Maybe Ole wasn't the uneducated barbarian in our jokes.

(See Viking Magazine article on runestones, Nov 2020 p. 12)



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“The Blinding Sea”

Explorers are first driven to go where no one has been before and second are interested in scientific research. **Roald Amundsen** was an explorer.

Amundsen learned the Inuit in **Arctic** did not study math, but used sophisticated geometry to build Igloos. Sailors did not know what caused scurvy. The **Inuit** knew from trial and error they could eat meat, kelp from seal bellies and berries to avoid scurvy.

Amundson learned to accept Inuit folk wisdom even if he did not understand it.

View “The Blinding Sea” at www.sofn.com through Sunday, November 8th.

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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.

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