



**SONS of  
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# Budstikken

Celebrating **125** Years

Wergeland Lodge #5/028 P.O. Box 3591, La Crosse, WI 54602-3591

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## Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ July 2—NO WERGELAND LODGE MEETING
- ♦ July 14—"Zoom" Board Meeting 5:30. Email [cburkhardt@uwlax.edu](mailto:cburkhardt@uwlax.edu) for link to join.
- ♦ July 20, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ July 30, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ Aug 6, General Meeting (hopefully...), American Legion

**The Coronavirus (and actions being taken to limit its spread) continues to alter our plans. Please watch your email for any changes to upcoming events. If you do not have email, please call Ramona/Adrian at 608-788-7507 to check if an event will happen. Stay well, everyone!**

## Fra Presidenten



We celebrate American Independence Day on July 4th. The memory from 1776 represents the birth of the U S A as we gained independence from the U K. Happy July greetings to all my fellow Wergeland Lodge members. We won't be gathering together for our July pot-luck meal. Rachel Storlie was going to entertain us after dinner with singing, piano music and stories. But as we plan ahead to September for the pie and ice cream social, Rachel will be with us then. Yeah!

I hope you had the opportunity to see our Wergeland Dancers perform for Norskedalen's virtual Midsummer on Saturday June 20th this year. They danced at 11:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm, demonstrating and performing dances that were recorded on DVD's after receiving the National Sons of Norway Foundation Grant to promote Scandinavian culture and to educate audiences about the tradition of folk dancing. Thank you to Sandra Kawatski and all the dancers. We are proud of what you do for our lodge for over 40 years!

Here's hoping we can meet together in August. We are following the guidelines as set by the state health department. The American Legion also follows the state directives.

Enjoy the summer being out in the sun for some good vitamin D! It is good for us.

—Ramona

### Treasurer's Report:

May 31, 2020 checking balance	\$6,558.58
June 30, 2020 scholarship balance	\$2,406.50
June 30, 2020 savings balance	\$18,779.04
June 30, 2020 Wergeland has	\$27,701.49



## No July Lodge Meeting

**The July potluck, meeting, and entertainment has been cancelled.**



## Juli Birthdays

- 2 Luanne K Hjelte
- 2 Frieda E Nowland
- 5 Patrick Chang
- 6 David Steven Ranis
- 6 Miranda C Rodriguez
- 9 Jacob A Hagen
- 11 Bruce N Friell
- 11 Sandra K Stavlo
- 12 Ann L Sprain
- 12 Leann M Theisen
- 13 Karen L Scarseth
- 16 Richard A Granum
- 16 Marian E Mickelson
- 17 Corrine T Abegglen
- 19 Cammy K Bauer
- 19 David Trautmann
- 21 Whitney K Herbert
- 24 Nicholas C Sween
- 26 Linda S Trautmann
- 28 Shelley M Jerviss
- 28 Jadelyn M Johnson
- 31 Eugene W Johnson
- 31 Charlene E Lebakken

*In case you missed it:  
The **Holmen Kornfest**  
(including the parade)  
has been cancelled.*

My friend can't afford to pay his water bill so I sent him a card.

"Get Well Soon"



There are a few items left from our merchandise sale last fall for the District 5 Foundation. We still have two aprons at \$18.00 and one Med sweatshirt and three XL sweatshirts at \$25.00 each. We also still have a few assorted sizes of our Convention t-shirts at \$5.00 each and Convention pins at \$1.00 each. Adrian will bring them to our next regular meeting or you can call him to hold them for you (608-788-7507).

## Program for August

The Mons Anderson House

### Sekretær Notater...

Since our lodge has not had a regular meeting since March, you may be wondering what your officers have been doing in all that time. We have not met in person but several items were discussed and handled by phone and our June Board meeting was held via Zoom. So here are several items which were discussed and decided upon since March. As Ramona has stated in her presentations, we cancelled all the scheduled meetings for April, May, and June, one month at a time, using the accepted guidelines as recommended by local, state and Federal authorities to help lessen the spread of Covid 19. At our Zoom meeting of June 9th, we also decided to cancel all in person meetings scheduled for July. We all are hoping we can get our usual schedule starting again in August.

We revised the following meeting forms: 1. Social Directors regular meeting instructions. 2. Social Directors pie social instructions. 3. Social Directors May and December banquet instructions. 4. Lunch sign up sheet for food at regular meetings.

We cancelled the new member breakfast and donated to the Salvation Army \$200 as well as the SON headquarters donating them \$200. instead of the funds we would get for the new member breakfast. We agreed to give each new member and their sponsor a \$10. certificate to have breakfast at the Arterial which is where the new member breakfast would have been held. All new members in 2020 recruited through June will be awarded the free breakfast.

The following were present at the Zoom meeting on June 9th: Ramona and Adrian Johnson, Carla Burkhardt, Florence Overgard, Shirley Schoenfeld, Kathy Beane, Karen Broadhead, Lynn Curtis, and Carol and Joe Stekel. Thanks to Carla for setting up that meeting as it was our first attempt at a virtual meeting.

We agreed to order 50 calendars again and this year the price will be \$12.00. We also will order greeting cards like last year.

We will send \$572 to the District 5 Treasurer for the amount of items we sold last winter which was a fund raiser for the District 5 Foundation.

Shirley will ask Rachel Storlie if she will present our entertainment at our September meeting which will be our rescheduled pie and ice cream social.

We decided to continue for the rest of the year eating lunch before the business meeting.

We will honor our new Golden Members at our December Heritage Banquet.

We voted to hold another Zoom board meeting in July. Carla will set it up for July 14th at 5:30. Anyone else who would like to join us, let Carla know and she will send you a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Adrian Johnson, lodge secretary.

## Condolences til...

...the family of **Elmer and Lillian Grassman**. Elmer passed away on June 4 and Lillian passed away on June 14. The Grassmans were friends of many of SON members, as they traveled on some of the Wergeland trips.

## God Bedring til...

...**Cathy Ofte**, who had knee surgery June 17 at Gundersen. We wish her a successful rehabilitation.

...**Bernice Herder**, former Wergeland Lodge President and Golden Member, who suffered a fall that resulted in a compression fracture to a vertebrae in her lower back. She was hospitalized in Madison, where she has been living with her daughter and son-in-law. Cards may be sent to Debra Roe, 7314 Harvest Hill Rd, Madison, WI 53717

## Gratulerer til...

...**Lynn Curtis**, who received the Cultural Skills pin for Cooking in the Dessert/Baking category. Quite a bit of work



goes into the application to receive this honor on top of the cooking involved! There are different categories. You have to submit 5 entries to get a pin, or if you already have a pin, a bar.

## Norwegian Calendars for 2021

We have placed an order for 50 Norwegian 2021 Calendars like we usually get. Adrian Johnson will be selling them soon, perhaps in August. So if you would like to make sure you get them, see him in August. They are a couple dollars more this year. We will sell them for \$12 per calendar. We will make about \$3.50 each for lodge profit.

## Norwegian Note Cards

We will also be taking prepaid orders for the blank note cards. They also went up in price, and do NOT have 5 cards of one kind and 5 cards of the other together like last years cards.

You choose the kind you want, for example

- ◇ 10 Rosemaled cards with envelopes are \$10
- ◇ 10 Dala Horse cards with envelopes are \$10

If you would like to order some cards, please contact Shirley with your prepaid order. She hopes to have a sample group to see again. Please plan to order them, by the September meeting.



## Nordic News

The Nordic News weekly event continues. It is a "radio show" produced by the Fifth District, on **every Tuesday at 6:20 PM (Central)**. Nordic News also brings you Fifth District news.



Upcoming "Nordic News"

- 6/30/2020 - Norsk Museum, Norway IL - Dave Johnson
- 7/7/2020 - Norskadalen Norwegian-American Cultural Center - Lori Dubczek
- 7/14/2020 - Viking Ship Funeral - Debra Kraft
- 7/21/2020 - Erie Canal: Immigrant Gateway to the West - Daryl Wunrow

You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at: [sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers\\_bureau.php](https://sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php)

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday. By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>  
By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)  
By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

## Riots in Minneapolis

Portions of a message forwarded from Sons of Norway June 5: "Minneapolis has been the site of significant riots in the past week. The epicenter of these riots has been Lake St. in south Minneapolis where the new Sons of Norway headquarters building is located.

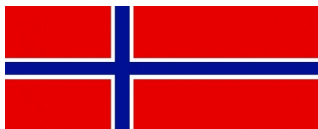
We at Sons of Norway are grieving the racism that is still so prevalent in our society and the violence we've seen in our streets in response. We continue to hope and work for a more peaceful, just, and inclusive society; and believe our fraternal purpose of strengthening our communities continues to play an important role in achieving this shared goal.

Our staff is safe and no one has been harmed or seen property destroyed. We are most thankful for this. The new Sons of Norway headquarters has not been damaged. This is in spite of the fact that the building is only a few blocks from some of the worst of the riots...

...this serves as a good time to remind all of our members to only mail checks to our PO Box: Sons of Norway PO Box 856812 Minneapolis, MN 55485-6812

We so appreciate all of your concern for the well being of our staff and Sons of Norway's physical assets. We are continuing to stay focused on our mission and delivering value and excellent service to our members."





## Dis og Dat



**Carol and Joe Stekel** enjoyed a beautiful day in early June and share some photos. She posted: "Beautiful perfect weather at Norskedalen this morning.....we hiked about 1.5 miles and had sandwiches and dried apples for lunch. If you aren't already a member, it's worth it just to use the trails."



## Looking Back

### Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2015

One of the things that has helped to make this country what it is – is the volunteering spirit among its citizens. We as Norwegians are by no means the only group to have this spirit but I have seen countless examples of it amongst our members since joining. Just a reminder, if you have any volunteer hours to record on behalf of the lodge, make sure to record the hours and get them to Shirley. ( Written by President Dave – July 2015)

The Charter was draped in memory of two SON members – Wayne Burkhardt, Trustee; and Hazen Ames, Marshal. A moment of silence was held in their honor.

Founded in 2004, Norway House is a nonprofit which serves as a convener, connector and facilitator of Norwegian-American business, educational, social and cultural organizations. We are excited to be Norway House's first partner organization since they have moved to their new bright-blue building on Franklin Avenue.

### Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2010

The sun has been shining on the Riverside Norway Gardens, and someone must have funded the two waterfalls.

They will also be building the Torvtak and some other components of the garden this year, and it might take another year to get the Viking Ship in place.

Keith and JoAnn Briggs have just returned from a trip to CA where they witnessed with pride as their granddaughter received her degree in Engineering from San Diego State.

President Shirley received a First and Best of Show for her hardanger piece at the district convention. She also showed our 2009 Gold Lodge of the Year Award.

### Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2005

The July program by Janet Melby, Elaine Nelson, and Inga Jorgenson reviewed the highlights of their recent Norkedalen tour to Norway. The Hidden Gems Tour included being in Oslo on June 7, 2005 during the celebration commemorating Norway's separation from Sweden.

Ron Nowland announced that the SofN Foundation has presented a \$500 grant to the Wergeland Dancers. This maximum amount award was received by only four of 21 lodges. Ron also read a letter from Arvid Iverson, making a special contribution of \$400 to the Wergeland Dancers.

## Sons of Norway 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.



**District 5 Virtual Walk Challenge to Ringsaker, Norway in celebration of the 125th Anniversary for 2020 Convention**

**WOW!! LOOK AT OUR PROGRESS!!** —Karen Broadhead received a number of miles from people (and a few had been saving up since the beginning of the challenge) so we plotted **2141 miles!!!** We made it to our convention destination, Ringsaker, Norway. We are now headed back, flying over Iceland already! Keep sending your miles to Karen at kbroadhead @centurytel.net. The challenge runs until **December 15.**

**Virtual Walk to Norway**

We're still on our virtual walk to Norway! Let us know what kind of activity you are doing, whether it's walking, running, biking, swimming, gardening, hiking, mowing, golfing, or any other activity. Everything counts! You can send your miles to kbroadhead@centurytel.net or call me at 788-2485. If you don't have one of the conversion charts handy, just send the name of the activity and the minutes or hours involved.

Also, our District Sports Director, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, would like photos of various activities done for the virtual walk. She'll put them into a power point slide show for the 2022 convention. Send them to rogcher@mhtc.net (608-219-4464). You could also copy cburkhardt@uwlax.edu for printing in the Budstikken!

**June: Tobacco Planting Time for Early Norwegians**

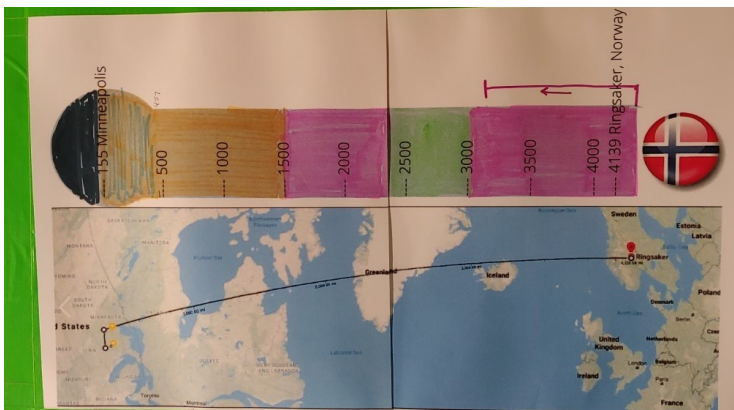
Growing up on a farm near Viroqua, life was busy in June. The hay was ripe and had to be cut and stored, and the tobacco plants were ready to be transplanted. Did you know that Vernon and Crawford counties were the largest and produced the best quality in the state? The Norwegians in these counties monopolized the growing of tobacco in the state. In 1908, Wisconsin harvested more tobacco than any other state in the union! The tobacco leaves in this part of the country were of such good quality, that they were used for the outside wrappers on cigars!

Gunnerius Olson, on the Kickapoo, was the first to raise tobacco, beginning in 1876. There are several large warehouses in all the small towns in the area. There is a large one in Viroqua where men and women from the Norwegian settlements were employed in the sorting of tobacco leaves.

Tobacco was a "cash crop" for these farmers. When their crop was sold, the check arrived and the money was available for paying taxes and buying needed supplies.

We know that tobacco isn't raised much in this area anymore, but it remains part of our history and it helped our ancestors make it through hard times. A personal note: My husband Adrian worked at the tobacco warehouse in Viroqua during his summer vacation. He wanted to earn enough money to buy me an engagement ring! How good is that? This was in 1960 when he was a Junior at Luther College in Deborah, Iowa.

*Submitted by Ramona Johnson. Information is from the "History of the Norwegian Settlements" by Hjalmar Rued Holand.*



**Fun Fact #7**

A group of Norwegian men (our founding fathers) met to determine a means to protect one another and their families. Many of these men originated from Trondheim, where in exchange for a small weekly fee, members were given access to medical care. The immigrants built on this idea and started to develop Sons of Norway.





## District 5 photo contest

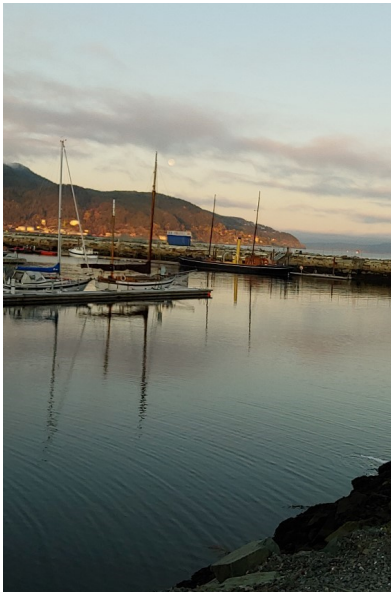
The District 5 photo contest will end soon, so if you have not yet submitted some photos from a trip to Norway, now is the time! July 5 is the deadline for entries. You may submit up to five photos that you've taken in any Scandinavian country.

After July 15, all entries will be posted on the District website for all to cast their votes for favorites. The winning photos will be featured on a deck of cards, which will be available for purchase later this year. If one of your photos is selected, your name will be credited under the photo.

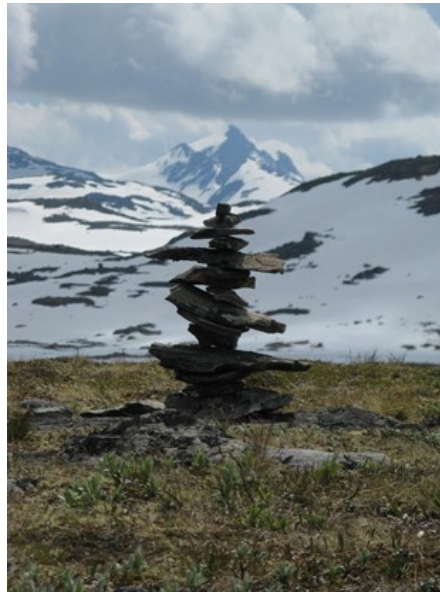
Rules and entry form are at [www.sonsofnorwa5.com/coventions/convention\\_contest.php](http://www.sonsofnorwa5.com/coventions/convention_contest.php). Digital photos are preferred, but 5 X 7 photos are also acceptable. If you want to check out some of the entries so far, go to [sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5-Scandinavian-Photo-Contest](http://sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5-Scandinavian-Photo-Contest)



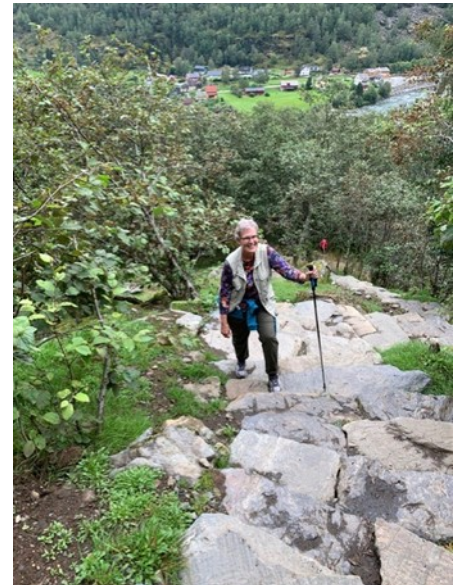
One of Shirley Schoenfeld's submissions: "Goats walking along on the side of the road by Gloppen, Norway"



One of Carla Burkhardt's submissions: "Sailboats in the Trondheim harbor"



One of Lynn Curtis's submissions: "Our Cairn at mountain plateau. Sognefjellet, Norway"



From Ilene Pavelko: "Our afternoon hike outside of Flåm to Brekkeflossen. Taken on my Journey to the Motherland with my girls in August 2019."

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## The Royal Palace Buried Treasure

During World War II, the Norwegian royal family hastily abandoned the royal palace as Hitler's army began its invasion of Norway. Although the family managed to flee to safety, they left behind many precious belongings, including the royal jewels.

Two years later, a Nazi collaborator named Vidkun Quisling took great interest in the royal palace and the abandoned treasures inside. However, upon entering the castle, he discovered the valuables were missing. Fortunately, Carl Otto Løvenskiold, head of the royal court, had decided to safeguard the royal jewelry when the monarchs fled. In the middle of an April night, he went to the palace and packed the jewels into five large suitcases. He took them to his family's cabin, deep in the forest near Oslo, and buried them under the woodshed. The jewels remained hidden there for five years.

When the war ended in 1945, Løvenskiold returned the royal jewelry back to the palace. His efforts earned him The Royal St. Olav's Order and a personal thank-you letter from the king.

## A little in English...

### Viking men also had kitchen equipment in their graves

**What were the gender roles like in the Viking Age? A Norwegian archaeologist believes that we often misinterpret the past.**

"I think we must move away from a clear division between men and women in the Viking Age. There were not as many differences as we like to believe," says Marianne Moen of the University of Oslo. She has earned a doctorate in Archeology on gender in the Viking Age and found that women and men in the upper class were largely buried with similar things.

Moen has reviewed the contents of 218 graves in Vestfold and sorted them by type of objects.

#### Not just housewives

In the tombs in Vestfold, both common tools and objects related to the home are fairly evenly distributed between the sexes. Men are buried with kitchen equipment as often as women. Ten graves with cookware belong to men, eight are women. Moen thinks this is fun. Because that could mean that men also cooked, she believes.

#### Genderless graves

More than 40 percent of men's tombs contain personal ornamentation such as brooches or beads.

Researchers in Norway are having trouble determining the gender of tombs that lack a clear distinction in weapons, jewelry and textile tools. Every fourth grave in Vestfold is genderless.

"Archaeologists should lift their gaze and avoid focusing on buckles and swords as if they were the most important objects," Moen writes in her dissertation.

"Generally within Viking Age studies, grave goods are interpreted as associated with the deceased. So this should not change in those cases where the grave goods do not fit with modern expectations of what a man or woman should have in the grave."

## Litt på Norsk...

### Også vikingmenn hadde kjøkkenutstyr med seg i graven

**Hvordan var kjønnsrollene i vikingtida? En norsk arkeolog mener vi ofte feiltolker fortida.**

– Jeg mener vi må bevege oss bort fra en tydelig deling mellom menn og kvinner i vikingtida. Det var ikke så mange forskjeller som vi liker å tro, sier Marianne Moen ved Universitetet i Oslo. Hun har tatt doktorgraden i arkeologi om kjønn i vikingtida og funnet ut at kvinner og menn i overklassen stort sett er begravd med lignende ting.

Moen har gått gjennom innholdet fra 218 graver i Vestfold og sortert det etter type gjenstander.

#### Ikke bare husfruer

I gravene i Vestfold er både vanlige verktøy og gjenstander knyttet til hjemmet ganske jevnt fordelt mellom kjønnene. Menn er begravd med kjøkkenutstyr like ofte som kvinner. Ti graver med kokekar tilhører menn, åtte er kvinners. Det synes Moen er gøy. For det kan bety at også menn laget mat, tror hun.

#### Kjønnsløse graver

Mer enn 40 prosent av mannsgravene inneholder personlig pynt som brosjer eller perler.

Forskerne i Norge får problemer med å kjønnsbestemme gravene som mangler et tydelig skille i våpen, smykker og tekstilredskaper. Hver fjerde grav i Vestfold er kjønnsløs.

Arkeologene bør løfte blikket og unngå å fokusere på spenner og sverd som om det var de aller viktigste gjenstandene, skriver Moen i doktoravhandlingen sin.

– Generelt innenfor vikingtidsstudier blir gravgods tolket som tilknyttet den avdøde. Da bør ikke dette endres i de tilfellene hvor gravgodset ikke passer med moderne forventninger til hva en mann eller kvinne burde ha med seg i graven.

*Excerpted from: <https://forskning.no/arkeologi-historie-kjonnog-samfunn/ogsavikingmenn-hadde-kjokkenutstyr-med-seg-igraven/1338668>*



### Coming Soon: Viking for Kids

As part of our 125th anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to announce the return of Viking for Kids. Coming this August, Viking for Kids will be a quarterly digital publication that will be available for download on our website. It will include Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to the launch of Viking for Kids. For updates, visit [sofn.com/vikingforkids](http://sofn.com/vikingforkids).

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## Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center  
Hours From May - Oct:  
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm  
Saturdays 9am--5pm  
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

Norskedalen phone: 608-452-3424

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