

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News

October 13, 2023

In Memory of Burt Bittner – D5 Board member from 2006-2012

To all who loved Burt,

The family of Burt Bittner wish to have a private service for him after which his family will gather and enjoy the warmth of fellowship and the fulfillment of reminiscing. As a Navy veteran and lover of the ocean beaches his remains will be cast into the ocean 3 miles off the coast of New York at a later date.

Condolences can be sent to:

The Family of Burt Bittner
7117 Lantern Road
Indianapolis, IN 46256

Memorial contributions can be made to:

Sons of Norway Foundation
1455 West Lake St.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

His and Jean's service to our lodge have been immeasurable. They were charter members and inspired many (especially me) with their strong commitment to things Norwegian and Sons of Norway. Burt was a District 5 Officer at one point and lodge officer as long as I can remember.

They led by example, pursuing their education about Norwegian folk arts by taking classes at various folk art schools, making folk art, and inspiring others to learn about it. They have held workshops in their home for others. One was a rosemaling event in which local rosemaler extraordinaire Sally Hurst first met her mentor John Gunderson. I took a primstav carving class at their home and was amazed at the art, weavings, carvings, dishes, etc. in their home - all on a Norwegian theme. They have the only carved kubbestol that I have seen locally.

I also remember that when it is time to prepare for the Intl Festival it seems no one has the time to design and set up our booth. One year, in the absence of anyone else, Jean and Burt designed and made everything, and in their typical pursuit of excellence, made a Viking ship out of plywood where one could sit behind it and have your photo taken. We won an award for the Educational Quality of the booth.

Everyone knows how good a cook Burt was and how he could prepare and serve a meal for dozens of people. Even as his health was preventing him from doing a lot of the work, he would coordinate and manage the workers who did the same.

Burt was also a father figure for me and frequently gave me advice on how to handle the situations that occasionally arose with my two sons. Jean and Burt cared so deeply for their family and were always telling how their children or grandchildren were doing, especially if it involved anything with Norway. They took granddaughter Mary to Norway and were eager to show the photo of her Syttende Mai cake decorated with strawberries and blueberries in the shape of a Norwegian flag.

Oh the memories! I could go on and on. But I won't. Instead we can all reflect on our memories of Burt.

Rest is peace, dedicated Servant Burt!

Jerry Rud

Destination Stoughton- SN District 5 Adult Camp

October 27-29, 2023

Details on all of the events and activities will be continuously updated on the **Chamber website, District 5 Website and Facebook: Sons of Norway Stoughton WI**

Registration deadline extended to October 21, 2023

Lodging: Make reservations on your own. There are a number of events happening in our area which prevented us from being able to get room blocks. Check these local listings:

<https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/category/lodging-52>,

<https://www.oregonwi.com/list/category/hotels-motels-49>,

<https://www.mcfarlandchamber.com/members/category/lodging-and-travel>

or google your own! There are Air Bnb's (<https://www.airbnb.com/> and then put in Stoughton, WI and the dates), Bed and Breakfasts

(<https://naesetoe.com/>, Altemus Corners House Bed and Breakfast) and other options around our area.

Friday, October 27- Mt. Horeb, Madison and Stoughton

Out and about options for the morning and afternoon

Madison

- Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library- NAGC will be open from 9-4 exclusively for District 5 Adult Camp participants. The staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist visitors with finding research materials and answer genealogy questions. The daily use fee will be waived for that day. Limited off-street and on-street parking is available at no charge. **To register, contact NAGC directly at 608-255-2224 or genealogy@nagcnl.org.** They are located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

Mt. Horeb area

- **Hauge Log Church**- 10:30 AM- Built in 1852, the Hauge Log Church was the first Norwegian Lutheran Church constructed in western Wisconsin. Adjacent to the church is a small cemetery where members of the first congregation are buried, including Arne Ruste who cut the first log used in building the church. Howard Kietzke will lead our tour. Visit www.haugelogchurch.org to learn more! Address: 1359 County Hwy Z, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. You will have a guided tour and time to explore this fascinating part of Hauge history!
- **Driftless Historium**- open 10-4 on Fridays- <https://www.mthorebhistory.org/>. Regular admission is \$5 for Seniors (60+) and \$7 for Adults, and can be paid that day at the front desk. Driftless Historium
The Driftless Historium is an unexpectedly big-time museum in the heart of small-town Mount Horeb, with something for everyone!

- Stroll through the award-winning exhibit, “Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless.” You’ll experience the stories and see the stuff of generations of Native Americans, migrants, settlers, farmers, innovators and others who have lived, loved and died here.
- See “History in 3D” in our newest exhibit that invites you to use special glasses to get a three-dimensional view of Wisconsin’s past. Available for a limited time only!
- Soak up some culture via a rotating slate of local art installations.
- Indulge in retail therapy in our fully-stocked and eclectic gift shop and bookstore.
- Snap a selfie with Mount Horeb’s FIRST troll, the “Chicken Thief.” (Teaser: you’ll see how nature took back what this mischievous troll swiped.)

The museum store features the Village’s largest book selection: local author-signed works and histories, Wisconsin-themed titles, a children’s section and a wide variety of other tomes chosen to entertain and enlighten. You’ll also discover a delightful and quirky array of miscellany, from Troll Town souvenirs, locally-produced artistry, vintage-inspired toys and kitchenware, to ethnic gifts, yard art and cast-iron statuary, t-shirts, jewelry and more. And a colony of trolls waiting to join your family! **We specialize in carrying an array of genuine, vintage, crazy-haired trolls, scouted from estate sales, basements and attics—and, of course, our exclusive Mount Horeb trolls!** The three-building facility also serves as the base of operations for the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. Genealogists, historians and researchers are encouraged to take advantage of the Society’s expansive archival and artifact holdings, with free research visits and commissioned research services available by appointment. The Driftless Historium calendar includes special events and programs for all ages.

- **1:30 PM-** A presentation by Brian Bigler on the Norway House (limited to 50 people) at the Historium’s Community Room. Brian Bigler, is an expert on the Norway Building that sat on the Little Norway grounds for over 80 years. He recently published an article about it in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (see here: <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/wmh/id/53863/rec/2>), and has given several lectures on the topic.

The Norway Building of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair: A Well Traveled Building
Constructed in Norway in the winter and spring of 1892 -93 the Norway Pavilion outlived its temporary purpose as a World's Fair showpiece by traveling from Illinois to Wisconsin and landing back in the place it was built 122 years later – Norway. This presentation will follow the building on its journey through 5 constructions and 5 disassembles with several ownership's from wealthy tycoons and estate owners, its tenure at a Wisconsin tourist attraction and back to the mother country and its environs. Attendees will also learn of the making of the World's Fair and its long-lasting influence, the development of a Wisconsin tourist attraction and the efforts by a group of Norway's citizens to save the building from being lost to history.

- Shopping and lunch on your own in Mt. Horeb- <https://www.mounthorebchamber.com/>

Stoughton

- Livsreise- Norwegian Heritage Center- 277 W. Main Street. New hours: Open from 9:30-5:00 but closed from 12-12:30 PM. Free admission. *Innovators and Inventors* is an exciting new exhibit on loan from the Vesterheim Museum that celebrates the creativity and ingenuity of

Norwegian immigrants and their descendants in America. This exhibit will also highlight some contemporary women inventors or innovators and others with ties to Wisconsin. Livsreise is also hosting an exhibit of several Norwegian immigrant trunks, all of which belong to someone who settled in the Midwest. If they could talk each one would tell a story of trials and tribulations, hopes and dreams for a better life in America.

- Visit our stores and local businesses! <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/shopping-specialty-retail-23>, <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>, and <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/arts-culture-entertainment-3>.
- Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street
 - 6 PM- Supper with reservations only- meatball supper- Meatballs, potatoes, hot vegetable, cucumber salad, bread item, milk, coffee or water. Norwegian dessert. \$20/person
 - 7:30 PM – SHS Norwegian Dancer Presentation- Trip to Norway and how the Dancers can help your lodge!
 - 8:15 PM- Gary Nauman and Nathan Peterson, The Authors and Illustrators of *Vidar and Hans*, will share their story of starting an independent comic book right when the pandemic hit. The Vidar and Hans Series is about a Viking and a Troll hanging out in Stoughton, hiding their secret identities, and aspiring to be superheroes. This comic book is a love letter to Stoughton, Celebrating its heritage, artiness, beauty, charm, and entrepreneurial flare. Hear about the challenges and opportunities of this unique indie endeavor.
 - Later evening - *Kaskeland* movie downstairs about the Koshkonong Prairie
 - Socializing and idea sharing

Saturday, October 28- Stoughton

- The Wisconsin State Rosemaling Association's Holiday Bazaar: 9 AM – 2 PM. Our community loves to be creative! During our annual Fall Bazaar, see how our members get creative with the rosemaling styles and add so much fun to this amazing heritage art. It's a 'gotta-be-there' event! Finding rosemaled Christmas ornaments is an annual tradition for many rosemaling fans. We will have traditional rosemaled pieces along with nordic holiday handiwork and lots of fun! This is your opportunity to purchase rosemaled items and learn more about this group's activities, classes, competitions, and sales. A wide variety of quality items will be offered – you won't want to miss this shopping opportunity. Location: Stoughton Fire Department's Training Room, 401 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI
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- Stoughton Historical Society Museum Open- 10:00 – 1:00 for tours (self-guided or scheduled)
324 South Page, will be open from 10:00-3:30. For a \$2 donation, visit Stoughton's museum featuring displays including Ever-changing Main Street, bunads, rosemaling, military history, various Norwegian collections, a fire truck, much more! The museum is right across from Mandt Lodge! Make a \$2 donation to visit the museum- you won't be disappointed!
- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers: Community Building - 320 North Street. One performance at 4:30 PM. Join the dancers at the Community Building after the downtown adventures for their 4:30 performance, more treats with the dancers, and autograph and meet & greet opportunities!
- Lunch on your own- <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>

Events at Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street, Stoughton

- 11:00 am – 12 noon- Card Kit Class - \$22. Includes: 1 NLF stamp set, grid stamp block, black stamp pad, tape runner, notions, pre-cut cardstock for one card plus envelope. Instruction sheets on how to use stamps and make the card. (NLF Stamp Set order form included). You must pre-register for this class!
- 12:30-1:30 PM- St. Paul's LLC – A Vossa-land Church- Roxy Engelstad- The presentation will focus on the early history of the church, which is the oldest Norwegian Lutheran church in the U.S. that has continuously held worship services in the same sanctuary. Roxy Engelstad will share her research on the Norwegian immigrants (and many of them were Vossings) that built the church and how they constructed one of the largest limestone and mortar structures in this area during the 1850s. Major renovations to the church were completed in 1914, and now the congregation at St. Paul's has initiated a second renovation to hopefully sustain the church for the next one hundred years. Please join us as Roxy talks about the details of the renovations, both in 1914 and 2019.
- 1:30-2:30 PM- Author Talks- Steve Fortney (Colonel Heg) - Hans, Christian Heg what is the highest union officer to have died in the Civil War. He was a Norwegian immigrant and settled with his family and the wind Lake Wisconsin. He had been elected to the Wisconsin prison commissioner before the war, which was the highest elected office a Norwegian, American have ever been elected to in Wisconsin up until that point. He was the volunteer colonel of the 15th Wisconsin, the all Scandinavian regiment in the union army. It fought many battles led by Heg until his death of Chickamauga in 1863.
- 2:45-4:00 PM District 5 Updates and Masse Moro Presentation
- Adjourn at 4:00 for the 4:30 PM- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancer Performance at the Community Building.
- 6:00 PM- Supper at Mandt Lodge- Fish chowder, sandwich/wrap, milk, coffee, water and a Norwegian dessert. \$15/person
- 7:00 PM- Yahara Chocolate Presentation- Brook Johnson- Brook Johnson has been collecting chocolate for more than 20 years and started Yahara Chocolate & Tea in 2019 to share his knowledge of chocolate with Stoughton. Come to learn about the history of chocolate, chocolate making, and enjoy samples from all over the world

including from Freia and Fjåk from Norway. Brook will start over 4,000 years ago in the jungles of South America and finish in Norway on the opposite side of the world. Your registration covers the cost of this presentation- otherwise a \$5 charge/person.

- 8:15 PM- Bill Amundson - Stoughton's Norwegian Culture: An Outsider's Guide- details to come but be ready for a fun, humorous and educational program to end our day!
- Socializing and visiting afterwards

Sunday, October 29- Cambridge and Deerfield area

- 9:00 AM- Church service at East Koshkonong Church- 454 E. Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523 <http://www.eastkoshkonong.org/Worship.aspx> . East Koshkonong is the first Norwegian American congregation started by a Church of Norway missionary. J.W.C. Dietrichson preached his first sermon in the United States for the people on the eastern part of the Koshkonong Prairie on September 1, 1843. These pioneers made a commitment to start a congregation on October 9, 1843. We have two buildings, what we fondly call the "Upper Church," which is the historic church to the west, and the "Lower Church," the primarily used building to the east. The twin steeples are a prominent landmark in our community.
- 10:00 AM- tour of the historic East Koshkonong Church and cemetery (same address)
- 11:15 AM- tour of Liberty Prairie Church - 3494 Oak Park Road, Deerfield, WI 53531. St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church has a rich and interesting history. Though it has not been officially confirmed, the church may be the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in the United States that has been continuously worshiped in, and that has not been moved from its original site. In the late 1840s, faithful Norwegian immigrants settled on Liberty Prairie. A nearby pastor, J.W.G. Dietrichson, began to preach in the neighborhood. When Pastor Dietrichson returned to Norway in 1850, Reverend A.C. Preus – encouraged by the faithfulness of those who gathered in the area – decided to begin a mission congregation on Liberty Prairie. A group of people began worshiping in the home of Sjur Reque, but it soon became clear that their mission required a building.
- Lunch on your own as you head home, or we can find a place to gather as a group in Cambridge or Deerfield!

Sons of Norway District 5 Adult Camp Registration Form 2023
One form per person please! Registrations are due October 21, 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lodge: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Make check out to: **Nordic Legacy Foundation**

Mail to: Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589.

If you have any questions, contact Darlene at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-514-4951

Registration includes coffee and treats at Mandt Lodge, all speakers and presenters at Mandt Lodge and on Sunday, and District's expenses for hosting the event. Additional costs are listed in the two sections below.

Activity	Cost	Total
Registration	\$40/person	\$
Friday Night Meatball Supper	\$20/person	\$
Saturday Card Making Class	\$22/person	\$
Saturday Night Fish Chowder Supper	\$15/person	\$
Total enclosed		\$
These activities have a charge at the door and are NOT part of this order form but we need to know you are going!		
Driftless Historium and Brian Bigler Presentation (Bigler presentation limited to the first 50 to register for it)	\$5 seniors (60+) and \$7 adults under 60 years old. Pay when arriving.	
Stoughton Historical Society	\$2 donation at the door	
NAGC & NL	Must pre-register with them directly!	

Office use: Received on _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Type of payment: ___ cash ___ check Confirmed registration _____

Viking Photo Changes!

There has been a change in the due date for photos to be submitted to me. I review them and send them forward to SON headquarters to be considered for publishing in the Viking.

As the Viking is published 6 times a year, there isn't as much opportunity for our photos to be included. The Viking staff need to give equal space to the other districts.

Even though not as many District 5 photos show up in the Viking, they *might* be included in The Happenings area on the www.sofn.com website. You can go to District 5 and see photos that didn't make it into the magazine.

There has been some difficulty with the photo submission form. I sometimes have people send the form in the mail, I take a picture of it, and forward it to my computer. Sometimes people type all the information that **would** be on the form into an e-mail. That has to be transferred to the form. I am attaching the form directly from the SON website. I hope this version is easier to maneuver. It also can be accessed by going to the Publicity Toolkit on the website. If you still have difficulty, I will work with you to get your photo submitted.

The new due date differs for me with each issue. To keep things consistent, the new due date to send pictures to me, the publicity director, is by **the 20th of the month**. If possible, please send the photo, which has not been altered, through email to 2nor1rus@gmail.com. Include the photo submission form and make sure to fill out the description area with who, what, where, etc. If you can't do the e-mail submission, send it to me at: LaVonne Wier, N17625 Hammond Lane, Galesville WI 54630.

I would love to see more photos, as not very many are coming my way lately. Any that arrive after the due date will be considered to be sent the next month.

Don't be discouraged if you don't see your photo right away. For example, the photos submitted in October 2023 may possibly be in the Jan/Feb 2024 issue; the December 2023 photos are for the Mar/Apr 2024 issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing pictures of your activities!

LaVonne Wier

District 5 Publicity Director

608-865-0164

(I'm no longer listing my home phone, as it is a landline, and people try to send me texts to that number. That doesn't work!)

SALTY PROVISIONS by Wanderlust Sea Salt LLC

Reserve your free packet of Norwegian Flaky Sea Salt from Salty Provisions at Idun Lodge's November 1st program. We start at 6:30 pm with potluck supper and the program begins at 7:15 pm. Email Lucy Ghastin (legghastin@gmail.com) by October 23 with your name and the number of people coming with you. Our presenter will give everyone a sample of Norwegian Flaky Sea Salt.

Amy Beyer of Salty Provisions by Wanderlust Sea Salt LLC will explain how she and her husband Linn fell in love with the taste and texture of salt from the North Sea and used it on all their favorite foods. She will share how they began adding different infusions to get various flavors. Some interesting names of the salts are Coffee Salt, Double-Onion + Roasted Onion Salt, Nine Pepper Salt, Wanderlust Blend, Thai Chili Lime Salt, Lemon Rosemary Salt, and Hot Salt or Hotter Salt. Amy will have many of their salt products for sale after her talk.

Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

- October 1- 31- Sons of Norway Foundation Month
- October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 20- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- **October 21- registration deadline for Adult Camp**
- October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI
- November 20- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- December 20- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhagen (ATuchenhagen@sofn.com). Sherry Gorse is no longer employed at Sons of Norway.
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4 – Contact Connie Aiello and Judy Ghastin to reserve them

Trunk--zone 3 – Contact Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to reserve them

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com