

**Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News**  
**September 22, 2023**  
**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**

**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://naesetroe.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@nagcni.org](mailto:genealogy@nagcni.org).** They are located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

### **Mt. Horeb area**

- **Hauge Log Church**- 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](http://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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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. Livsreise is right next door to Mandt Lodge!

- 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 15, 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](mailto: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		\$
<b>These activities have a charge at the door and are NOT part of this order form but we need to know you are going!</b>		
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 <b>with them directly!</b>	

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Office use: Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of payment: \_\_\_ cash \_\_\_ check Confirmed registration \_\_\_\_\_



## Task Force Call- August 26, 2023 Notes

There were 20 on the call. Darlene updated the group on communications since the last call.

We discussed the Pros-Cons survey. It is clear that there are still misunderstandings that something will go away (services, ability to work on joint projects) if zones are changed or go away. We still have members struggling with technology. There wasn't a ringing endorsement for change but also there were ones supporting changing how we communicate. And it was evident that we need a plan coming out of this meeting.

We discussed Mark Agerter's responses to our emails about timelines. Robin Fossum shared that there is no clear consensus on timelines for approving changes but because the governance committee was focused on the new P & P and CCPP, they were slower approving lodge or district changes. That should be more streamlined now. District 5 is the pride and joy of SN. Duane Kittleson shared that he felt we can eliminate zones but keep some in-person events and continue our communications. President Schlessler shared that we are lucky to have weekly communications with the FFFN but we need to promote it more as many (including board members) don't utilize it.

The group discussed that a proposal to change district zones really doesn't have a cost to International so that shouldn't be an issue. Some felt we should leave things as they are but discussion then focused on the problems we have in filling positions. Each zone has its unique strengths, weaknesses, and needs. Some of the outlying lodges are really removed from many zone activities. The value of in-person visits and activities allows us to see any struggles lodges might be having. As we discussed before, observation, outreach, and support is needed and that is something that zone directors can continue to do. Sister lodges and mentors would be something that would provide additional support.

On board structure, if we looked at having an officers and at-large directors, the need for alternates would still be needed. Alternates might also be located in other areas and could help with in-person outreach when needed.

The group discussed the current bylaws of the secretary and treasurer not having term limits and decided that should remain as those two positions have very unique skill sets and if we have someone willing to continue, they should be allowed to. There was a lot of discussion about the two consecutive terms and if that should stay. Some thought to continue, some to allow three consecutive terms, and some to remove it. In the end, we will let that remain and if the delegates in 2024 want to address it, they can.

As the group worked out the details in what they felt would be a good proposal, there was a lot of discussion on logistics and details.

There was a motion made: ***That the task force recommends the elimination of zones in District 5 and charges the board to consider various mechanisms for enhancing cohesion and communications between lodges and how we can serve lodge's needs. The new board structure would be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Director, Sports Director, Publicity Director, Cultural Director and four at-large Directors. All could serve two consecutive two-year terms with the exception of the District Secretary and Treasurer who would have unlimited terms. All positions would have an alternate elected for each position.***

2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

The next call will be on Saturday, September 23, for all District 5 Board members, Task Force Members, and 2022 Delegates (District 5 Lodge members) to discuss this proposal. Their feedback would then be discussed by the Board on October 13-14 and hopefully the board will approve a proposal that will go to the District 5 Lodge members for approval in November. Our hope is that an approved change could be sent to International by the end of December and that their approval would come in early 2024 so our nominating committee work could begin.

Next meeting: September 23, 9:00 AM CST via ZOOM

Notes by Darlene Arneson, Task Force Chair

## **Task Force Call This Saturday**

**The Task Force Call Invitation was sent to the District 5 Lodge members (delegates in Middleton), District 5 Board Members, and Task Force Members but anyone can participate. So if you have an interest, please use the link below to join us on Saturday.**

The Task Force has been meeting via ZOOM, phone and through sub-committee work for the past year. We have done numerous surveys and now have a proposal that we would like to visit with the 2022 delegates, District Board, and Task Force committee.

**We are having a meeting via ZOOM on Saturday, September 23, at 9:00 AM CST to get your feedback and input.** After that, we will propose a bylaw proposal for the board to review and then send to the 2022 delegates (District 5 Lodge Members) to act on in November. Our goal is to have the final changes sent to International in December so they can approve it and we can move forward with the nominating committee working on whatever the board will be structured like.

The resolution was to report to the delegates in 2024 which we will, but after the long discussions and task force work, we feel that action needs to be done now to address the challenges that we have in filling board positions and how our district functions.

A more detailed agenda will follow. All the documents, survey results, and other materials can be found at [https://sonsofnorway5.com/board\\_of\\_directors/directors\\_messages.php](https://sonsofnorway5.com/board_of_directors/directors_messages.php) so you have all the information that we have dealt with!

Thank you-  
Darlene Arneson  
Task Force Chair

Darlene Arneson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SN D5 Task Force Proposal Call  
Time: Sep 23, 2023 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81137635459>

Meeting ID: 811 3763 5459

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81137635459>

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

- **September 23- Task Force Call at 9:00 AM CST**
- October 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- October 7- Zone 2 Meeting in Blair
- October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI
- November 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- December 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier

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## **Who to contact at the home office when you need help**

- You can email [cbs@sofn.com](mailto:cbs@sofn.com) for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhausen (ATuchenhausen@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](mailto:cbs@sofn.com)
- For issues with passwords or website use [ithelp@sofn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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