

D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest – Index

^ – Peoples' Choice winner * – Lodge level winner

A–spades: **Diane Piper** ^*

(Solvang 5–457 – Westby WI)

#1080 **Boat on shore near Flåm**

Taken on the “Norway in a Nutshell” tour.

A–hearts: **Ken Johnson** ^*

(Polar Star 5–472 – Montgomery IL)

#1148 **Nels and his reindeer on the North Cape road**

Photo taken on the Bergen Hurtigruten Nordkapp Utflukt (North Cape excursion).

A–diamonds: **Pam Knudtson** ^*

(Wergeland 5–028 – La Crosse WI)

#1212 **Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) overlooking Lysefjorden**

Photo of our son and daughter-in-law after our hike up the mountain in June, 2019.

A–clubs: **Jim Secora** ^*

(Skjold 5–100 – Palatine IL)

#1003 **Midnight sun – Hurtigruten 1 AM – early June**

We planned our Hurtigruten trip for June so that we could see the midnight sun. This picture was taken in Norway from the Hurtigruten at sea, between the Lofoten Islands and Tromsø. The time was 1 AM (really 2 AM as all Norway is a single time zone). This is the lowest point of the sun in early June.

K–spades: **Michael Charman** ^*

(Shawnee Skogen 5–689 – Carbondale IL)

#1242 **Rainbow near southernmost point in Norway, Farsund**

This photo was taken from our sailboat.

K–hearts: **Allen Watrud** ^*

(Vennelag 5–513 – Mount Horeb WI)

#1073 **Boat near Ullensvang harbor**

This was taken in 2017 during a tour with other Vennelag Lodge members. That trip is what prompted me to become an active lodge member. One of many highlights was finding the ancestral farm and meeting the family residing there. The picture was taken with a cell phone held at water level.

K–diamonds: **Evelyn McDaniel** ^*

(Music City Vikings 5–681 – Nashville TN)

#1100 **Sverd i Fjell – Norway unification 872 AD**

Swords in Rock, Stavanger

I was born in Norway, and usually visit family there twice a year. In 2018, my daughter and grandson lived in Skien for six months. We all drove to the Stavanger area to climb Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock), and to visit the park in the Madla section of Stavanger where this photo was taken. The Sverd i Fjell monument symbolizes unity after the large Viking sea battle of Hafsrfsjord took place there in 872, finally uniting Norway into

one kingdom. The monument represents peace, because the bronze swords are firmly planted in solid rock and cannot be removed.

K-clubs: **Mary Ivalis** ^

(Wergeland 5-028 – La Crosse WI)

#1255 Maihaugen stave church at Lillehammer

This stave church is at Maihaugen Open Air Museum. On my first trip to Norway, we attended a brief service there with our tour group.

Q-spades: **Kathy Secora** ^

(Skjold 5-100 – Palatine IL)

#1011 Huldra dances and sings at the Kjosfossen waterfall

A Huldra is a fantasy “woman” with a cow’s tail who sings to entice men. This spectacular waterfall is at a stop on the Flåmbanen railway, which runs approximately twelve miles from Flåm on a branch of the Sognefjord, rising half a mile to the Myrdal train stop on the Oslo-Bergen route. This is a must-do trip full of wild and beautiful scenery and is always a part of any “Norway in a Nutshell” tour.

Q-hearts: **Mathea Diedrich** ^*

(Idun 5-074 – Madison WI)

#1313 Pulpit rock rises 1,982 feet above Lysefjorden

Some in our group were so brave as to sit with their backs to the steep drop to the fjord, but one of my friends contented herself with just dangling her feet off the edge and enjoying the spectacular view.

Q-diamonds: **Connie Kross** *

(Cleng Peerson 5-525 – Norway IL)

#1234 Sami couple

Q-clubs: **Cindy Aasen** *

(Nordlyset 5-183 – Racine WI)

#1138 Låtefossen waterfall 312 feet high

The magnificent Låtefossen waterfall is a two-stream waterfall located beside the National Road 13 in Ullensvang Municipality in Vestland County. The two streams come from Lake Lotevatnet. This was taken on our 2019 trip through Norway.

J-spades: **Florence Weise** *

(Dovre 5-353 – Barron WI)

#1020 Stabbur north of Lillehammer

This old stabbur is on route E-6 north of Lillehammer. Although quite old, it is in good condition.

J-hearts: **Clark Brekke** *

(Vikings of the Smokies 5-677 – Knoxville TN)

#1159 Boats docked on Geirangerfjord

Private pleasure boats at dock on a crystal-clear early summer morning. This photo was taken on a Brekke first-cousin trip in 2008 with 24 first cousins on a bus tour of central Norway, from Bergen to Oslo.

J–diamonds: **Mark Bjorgo** *

(Fosselyngen 5–082 – Milwaukee WI)

#1016 Drinking from a waterfall near the Briksdal glacier

My daughter had the idea for me to take this photo so that it appeared that she was drinking from the waterfall on our hike to the Briksdal glacier. This is from our 2018 family trip to Norway.

J–clubs: **Sandra Olson** *

(Valkyrien 5–053 – Woodville WI)

#1078 Norwegian Fjord horse

This photo of a Norwegian Fjord horse was taken in 2010 at a summer gård på fjellet (farm in the mountains) near Lesja, in Gudbrandsdal, Norway, where I was visiting my relatives. “The Norwegian Fjord Horse is a relatively small but very strong horse breed from the mountainous regions of western Norway... All Fjord horses are dun in color... One of the world’s oldest breeds, it has been used for hundreds of years as a farm horse in Norway, and in modern times is popular for its generally good temperament.”
—Wikipedia

10–spades: **Susan Herman** *

(Edvard Grieg 5–657 – Cincinnati OH)

#1278 Otto the reindeer at Ersfjordbotn

Seeing reindeer for the first time, all of us were amazed at this one, nicknamed Otto by the townspeople. Leaving town to fly back to Oslo, just on the outskirts of town, Otto was in the middle of the road. We had to stop, wait, and drive around him. Was he saying goodbye to us? This was taken on our family trip to Norway in 2016.

10–hearts: **Georgia Kestol** *

(Nordland 5–544 – Beloit–Janesville WI)

#1180 Bryggen and harbor in Bergen

10–diamonds: **Lee Ann Harp** *

(Valhall 5–168 – Rockford IL)

#1065 Norsk Folkemuseum is Oslo

The Norsk Folkemuseum Open–Air Museum consists of historic rural and urban buildings. I believe this is the Husmannsplass Cotter's Farm

10–clubs: **Diane Maurer** *

(Mandt 5–314 – Stoughton WI)

#1106 Rainy Christmas in Bergen

I spent Christmas, 2016, in Norway with my nephews Lars and Jen Arneson. While visiting family, we spent a rainy afternoon walking from the top of Mount Fløyen to the harbor, and then strolling through Bryggen.

9–spades: **Joan O'Bryan** *

(Askeladden 5–610 – Kalamazoo MI)

#1241 Velte and Sunniva at wedding reception

Brother and sister in Trondheim, Norway

This young boy and his sister wearing their festdrakts attended a wedding at the Hospitalskirken (Hospital Church) in Trondheim with us. Hospitalskirken is the oldest

of seventy octagonal churches in Norway. The photo was taken at the first of several small receptions following the wedding. This reception was at a local school in Trondheim.

9–hearts: **Jean Sivertson ***

(Løven 5–029 – Eau Claire WI)

#1050 Nidaros Cathedral Trondheim

This cathedral was built over a 230–year period, from 1070 to 1300. Additions and renovations have continued, with the most recent change completed in 2001. The church seats about 1850 people and was historically used as the site of the coronation of the kings of Norway. Several fires have ravaged the building, but each time it was rebuilt.

9–diamonds: **Erik Duus ***

(Nordkap 5–378 – Detroit MI)

#1285 Sogndalstrand harbor village

Sogndalstrand started out as a fishing village and trading port in the 1600's; now it's a popular tourist destination. It is known for its painted wood buildings in traditional red, white and yellow, and its decoratively–painted doors, just inches from the cobblestone street. It humbly boasts a culture hotel, village shop, gallery and even an outdoor amphitheater where Sissel, Norway's songbird, has performed. Most importantly, Sogndalstrand is the beautiful small part of Norway near where my mom comes from and where much of my family still lives. It is where I first fell in love with nature and the sea.

9–clubs: **Corlene Bartels ***

(Norsemen of the Lakes 5–650 – Elkhorn WI)

#1023 Musikkpaviljongen – Bergen city park

This was taken in 2016.

8–spades: **Linda Hash ***

(Norse Valley 5–491 – Appleton WI)

#1092 Tvindefossen near Voss

In 2005, we drove from Bergen to a family reunion in the Lardal municipality (now part of Larvik) in Vestfold (SE Norway). Tvindefossen was one of many beautiful sights along the way. The waterfall is nearly 400 feet high and is easily accessible from the road. It is near the town of Voss (or Vossevangen) in Vestland. Voss is the birthplace of football legend Knute Rockne, and is considered by many to be the adventure capital of Norway. It sits on beautiful Lake Vangsvatnet, and is one of my favorite places in Norway.

8–hearts: **Kathleen Serley ***

(Rib Fjell 5–496 – Wausau WI)

#1190 Hellesyet, home of Parr's Peer Gynt gallery

At the Peer Gynt Gallery, woodcuts by the well–known woodcarver Oddvin Parr (1933–2010) tell the story of Peer Gynt, a drama written by Henrik Ibsen in 1867. The eleven mural–like woodcarving reliefs depict the adventures of this Norwegian folk hero. Parr spent thirteen years completing the carvings. The gallery opened in 2002

with this exhibit as its centerpiece. A valued part of the community, the Peer Gynt Gallery is owned by residents of the town.

8-diamonds: **Eben Robertson** *

(Ostestaden 5-642 – Monroe WI)

#1103 **Edvard Grieg's piano at Troldsalen concert hall**

Troldhaugen was Nina and Edvard Grieg's home, which has now been turned into a museum where you can see his original Steinway grand piano in the sitting room. Adjacent to the Villa (their home) is Troldsalen concert hall. This concert hall picture was taken in 1998 prior to the building's remodel. It was built originally in 1985 to seat 200 and remodeled in 2012. The view to the outside shows a cabin where he composed many of his works, inspired by the view of the lake.

8-clubs: **James Nelson** *

(Scandiana 5-600 – Chesterton IN)

#1202 **Mäster Mikael's gata, Södermalm, Stockholm**

My Duo Scandinavica music group had a June, 2009, concert in Gamla Stan, and I stayed with a friend at nearby Moseback Torg in Stockholm, Sweden.

7-spades: **Joy Bashara** *

(Grønnavik 5-632 – Green Bay WI)

#1175 **Ringebu stave church graveyard view**

This is the view into the valley from the church and graveyard. Ringebu stave church honors St Laurentinus.

7-hearts: **Dennis Weise**

(Dovre 5-353 – Barron WI)

#1008 **Borgund stave church built in the 12th century**

This distinctive church lies in the narrow valley that stretches from Lærdal, at the end of the Sognefjord, up to Filefjell. The remarkable three-naved stave church was built with 12 posts.

7-diamonds: **Glenn Borreson**

(Wergeland 5-028 – La Crosse WI)

#1026 **View of Nærøy valley from the Stalheim hotel**

This scene from the Stalheim Hotel has inspired travelers for years. Ever since the king established a mail route from Bergen to Oslo in 1647, Stalheim has been a place of hospitality. An old inn, now part of the Stalheim Folk Museum, dates to 1750. Today the Stalheim Hotel is a stop on the popular one-day "Norway in a Nutshell" tour with travel by train, bus, and boat.

7-clubs: **Harley Skjervem**

(Vennelag 5-513 – Mount Horeb WI)

#1172 **Loen mountain hike**

On a family trip to Norway in 2013 we hiked up a mountain right outside of Loen, Norway, and found this wonderful summer cottage with sheep grazing. The views were absolutely beautiful! The picture has special meaning, as our son and wife named their baby daughter Loen two years later.

6-spades: **Robin Fossum**
(Dovre 5-353 – Barron WI)
#1325 **"The fourth stage of life" at Vigeland's Frogner Park**

6-hearts: **Cheryl Wille-Schlesser**
(Vennelag 5-513 – Mount Horeb WI)
#1060 **Trollstigen mountain road at Møre og Romsdal**

6-diamonds: **Wendy Winkelman**
(Shawnee Skogen 5-689 – Carbondale IL)
#1087 **Waffles at Bryggen in Bergen**
When walking on a boardwalk by the water, we came upon a waffle stand. I chose lingonberries for a topping. Wonderful afternoon treat!

6-clubs: **Carol Stekel**
(Wergeland 5-028 – La Crosse WI)
#1120 **Midnight sun – Lofoten Islands**
My husband Joe and I traveled north of the Arctic Circle in 2005 and visited the Lofoten Islands, where we saw the midnight sun almost set and then rise again. Around June 21st, the summer solstice, the sun never completely sets above the Arctic Circle, approximately 66.5 degrees north latitude. Joe was a retired earth science teacher, and he had always wanted to travel north of the Arctic Circle. We also got to see Reine in the Lofotens, one of the most photographed areas of Norway. While I was still working as a nurse I had a poster of Reine on my office wall.

5-spades: **Ruth Wieland**
(Nordlyset 5-183 – Racine WI)
#1295 **Gustav Vigeland's angry boy at Frognerparken, Oslo**
This is one of 200 sculptures in Vigeland Sculpture Park, within Frognerparken in Oslo, Norway. This is the largest park in Oslo and the most popular tourist attraction. Additionally, it is the world's largest sculpture park by one artist. Gustav Vigeland lived from 1869 to 1943. He created the sculptures in bronze, granite and wrought iron, mostly between 1924 and 1943.

5-hearts: **Art Andersen**
(Polar Star 5-472 – Montgomery IL)
#1130 **Edvard Grieg at Troidhaugen**
Grieg's lyrical music built upon Norwegian folk tunes and traditions gave the music of Norway a national identity and brought it into international repertory. Born in Bergen in 1843, Grieg began piano studies at age six with his mother, and continued musical studies in Bergen. At the urging of violinist Ole Bull, Grieg later studied at the Leipzig Conservatory. This statue of Bergen's most famous person stands near his home, Troidhaugen, overlooking Lake Nordås in Bergen. It is now a museum with a concert hall, Troldsalen.

5-diamonds: **Carla Burkhardt**
(Wergeland 5-028 – La Crosse WI)
#1152 **Sunset near Molde**

5-clubs: **Karen Eberhardt**

(Vennelag 5-513 – Mount Horeb WI)

#1218 Little Norway sign at Orkdal (Orkland)

In September, 2017, Vennelag Lodge had a goal of attending the rededication of “Little Norway”. The 1893 Chicago World’s Fair Norway Pavilion, spent many years outside of Mount Horeb, at Little Norway, a local Norwegian pioneer homestead tourist location. When Little Norway closed, the Orkdal, Norway, community purchased the stave church-style pavilion. Orkdal is where the original pre-fab pavilion was designed and the lumber harvested. It was now home. Orkdal became part of Orkland Municipality in 2020.

4-spades: **Duane Kittleson**

(Vennelag 5-513 – Mount Horeb WI)

#1039 Church in the valley

This valley scene with the church by the river was a beautiful photo site.

4-hearts: **Cheryl Miller**

(Nordlyset 5-183 – Racine WI)

#1041 Wooden architecture in Bergen

There are fascinating patterns formed by the architecture of buildings near Bergen’s wharf. The wooden buildings are a variety of colors and these walkways between the buildings lead tourists to quite a variety of arts and craft shops. It was also remarkable to be in Bergen on a sunny day!

4-diamonds: **Barb Johnson**

(Polar Star 5-472 – Montgomery IL)

#1142 Årdal gamle krykje (old Årdal church)

It stands next to my Grandma Mabel Kirkhus (church house) Benson's family house, in Årdal, Norway.

4-clubs: **Chuck Johnson**

(Nordlyset 5-183 – Racine WI)

#1185 Woman sorting fish in Ålesund harbor

Norwegians like to honor ordinary people with their statues.

3-spades: **Jason Jacobson**

(Mandt 5-314 – Stoughton WI)

#1273 Garmo stavkirke dragon head, Lillehammer

Garmo stavkirke is a stave church situated at the Maihaugen museum in Lillehammer in Innlandet, Norway, and is one of the most visited stave churches in Norway.

3-hearts: **Sharol Hopwood**

(Music City Vikings 5-681 – Nashville TN)

#1054 Sunnlvsfjorden view from the ferry

The Sunnlvsfjorden is a branch of the Storfjorden. The more famous Geirangerfjorden branches off nearby.

3-diamonds: **Beth Nelson**

(Nordlyset 5-183 – Racine WI)

#1125 **Midnight sun – Sandnessjøen Norway**

3-clubs: **Sheila Kershek**

(Fosselyngen 5-082 – Milwaukee WI)

#1034 **Fancy butter at family “coffee and tea”**

In December, 2019, we visited Søndeled Church in Søndeled, Norway. Earlier generations of my family were baptized there in the 1800's. The person who gave us a tour of the church, Lars, invited us over for "coffee and tea" afterwards. Little did we know that an invitation for "coffee and tea" in Norway around Christmastime means a Christmas celebration! Lars's wife, Inga, served beautiful, fancy butter (formed in a wooden mold), krumkake, breads, coffee, tea, Norwegian soda, etc. It was our first real, authentic Norwegian celebration! The neatest thing: we learned Inger is related to my mom!

2-spades: **Jeannell Charman**

(Shawnee Skogen 5-689 – Carbondale IL)

#1249 **Old friends docked for lunch**

It is typical for boats to moor together in this manner as the islands of the south coast of Norway are very rocky with limited anchorages. In this picture three families day sailed and stopped for lunch and a hike.

2-hearts: **Bob Giles**

(Nordkap 5-378 – Detroit MI)

#1257 **Oslo Opera House**

The Oslo Opera House is a remarkable piece of architecture that has gained world recognition and has become a “must-see attraction” for tourists and locals alike when visiting Oslo, Norway. This amazing waterfront structure is a world-class opera venue. Visitors can climb its sloping roof right to the very top. Once there, it is a wonderful vantage spot to take in all of Oslo and the harbor activity. I took this photo from the end of a nearby promenade.

2-diamonds: **Michael Jones**

(Valhall 5-168 – Rockford IL)

#1303 **"Norway in a Nutshell" coastal cruise**

2-clubs: **Vicki Rudh-Jones**

(Valhall 5-168 – Rockford IL)

#1322 **Lillehammer ski slopes**

Joker-1: **Michael Charman** ^

(Shawnee Skogen 5-689 – Carbondale IL)

#1244 **Troll at Kristiansand Fritidsparken**

Kristiansand Fritidsparken is a theme park for children of all ages.

Joker-2: **Mark Bjorgo**

(Fosselyngen 5-082 – Milwaukee WI)

#1021 **Troll in Bergen Trollskogen park**

This photo was taken in the “troll forest” park alongside the overlook of the Bergen harbor on a 2018 family trip to Norway. When we got to the overlook we only had ten

minutes to view the harbor before the fog rolled in. But the Troll Forest Park was an ideal setting for the fog.

Joker-3: **Victor Bekkum**

(Dovre 5-353 - Barron WI)

#1030 **Friendly troll**

Many trolls have a frown or mean-looking grin, but not this one.

Joker-4: **Cheryl Wille-Schlesser**

(Vennelag 5-513 - Mount Horeb WI)

#1057

Troll couple at Kinsarvik, Hardanger