

Askeladden News



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Next event

Sunday August 9, 2026, 2-5 p.m.

Lakeside Ice Cream Social

Diane and Jeff Andert will host us for ice cream and summer sunshine at their lakeside home in Battle Creek. Join us for sweets, yard games, boat rides and fellowship!

Where: 144 Waupakisco Beach, located on the northwest side of Goguac Lake two blocks south of the corner of Columbia Avenue and S. LaVista. Parking is at the Andert's home or on the street.

What to bring: Bring your favorite Norwegian treat if desired, but it is not necessary as everything will be provided.

Detailed directions:

- Use Exit 98 off I-94 (Business I-94 and M66) North toward downtown Battle Creek.
- Take the first exit, Columbia Avenue, and turn left.
- At the third stop light, S. LaVista Boulevard, turn left.
- After two blocks Waupakisco Beach is on your left.
- The Andert home is the third house on Waupakisco, which is a dead-end street.

Call or text (269) 967-1311 if you have any questions.



August/ September Reminders



- The **online-only Norsk language learning group** (with Nordkap Lodge) will resume meeting in the fall- stay tuned.
- Regular monthly Lodge meetings will resume after our summer hiatus on **Sunday, September 13** at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo.

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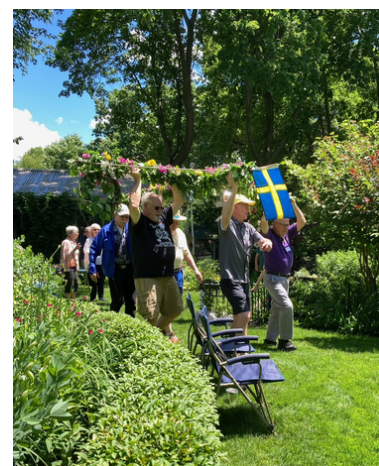
June 20th Event Recap- *Midsommar Celebration with Vasa*

Joan O'Bryan, Membership Secretary

Members and friends of Askeladden and Vasa gathered in June to celebrate a Swedish midsommar. The maypole (midsommarstång) was beautifully decorated with freshly cut flowers and greens. It seems to get more beautiful every year. Some people wore flower crowns and most of us danced around the maypole doing fun Swedish dances. I believe that everyone had a great time!

Mange takk to Holly and Rick Jensen of Vasa for hosting us again in their incredibly beautiful yard. The amount of effort and careful preparation the two of them undertake is mind boggling. We are so lucky to enjoy their amazing hospitality. Thanks also to everyone who helped to decorate the maypole and who brought a dish to share. The array of foods was wonderfully delicious.

June 20, 2026, Askeladden member attendance: To be published in September's newsletter.



Rosmaling Workshop in Norway (Illinois)

Elizabeth Kraatz, Cultural Director

Kaaren DeWitt and Elizabeth Kraatz joined 85 others from coast to coast (California to Maryland) to learn Norwegian Rosmaling techniques in a workshop sponsored by the Cleng Peerson Lodge and the Norsk Museum in Norway, Illinois. This well-organized inaugural event was held in the Norway community center where Lodge meetings are held. After class, there was time to visit the Norsk Museum. A repeat event would be very welcome! There was no charge to participate and it would be an easy day-trip for an Askleladden member carpool.



Save the Date- Upcoming Lodge Events

Sunday, October 4 th	Fish Boil with Vasa at TLC with a Business Meeting
Saturday, October 24 th	Norwegian Foot March at Fort Custer, Battle Creek (tentative)
Sunday, November 8 th	Cultural Program at TLC with a Business Meeting
Saturday, December 12 th	Santa Lucia Festival with VASA (tentative)
Sunday, January 10 th	Cultural Program via Zoom with a Business Meeting



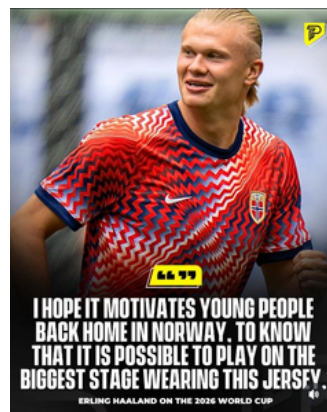
August Kalender

- 8/9 **Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m.** (Andert's lakeside home, Battle Creek)
8/19 HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit Birthday
8/29 Last day to submit Sept. newsletter articles

August Birthdays

Gratulerer med dagen til:

John Ambrosen	Joyce Hare
Curtis Cleveland	Abigail Renoos
David Code	Daniel Renoos
Michelle Croce	Kate Phillips
Caleb DeWitt	Svein Thoen



Norske ord

Ro, Norsk Lag! (*ROH, Norshk lahg!*) = Row, Team Norway!

Erling Haaland spilte flott fotball! (*Airling Hohlan SPILLteh float FOOOOTbawl*)= Erling Haaland played great soccer!



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 to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



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Norway Trip Drawing Deadline

You are reminded: Under our Lodge's established Norway Trip drawing rules, if you want to be considered for the October 2026 drawing, you must submit your request in writing (email is preferable) to the Membership Secretary by the September meeting. If you would like more information about our annual trip drawing, consider becoming a member of our Lodge, or attend an event to find out more. Members can contact the Membership Secretary for a copy of the current policy.

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