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**2 p.m. Sunday, August 4**

*(first Sunday!)*

## Ice Crème Social

with VASA

**Holly Jensen residence, Kalamazoo**

It's that time of the year. Please join us for an old fashion Ice Creme Social on the **first** Sunday of August, the 4th, starting at 2 p.m., at the Holly Jensen residence, 1453 Spruce Drive in Kalamazoo (off of Oakland Drive, 2 miles north of I-94). Turn East off Oakland Drive. Second house (white Cap Cod style) on the right. Don't forget to set your parking break on the hill.

This 3-hour affair will be a joint event of the Sons of Norway and the Vasa Order Lodges. Holly has been hosting the Ice Creme Social since 2012.

Rain or shine, share your summer stories and bring a friend. Wee ones can feed the fish, watch some pretty birds or toss the Corn Hole bags. Teens and adults can try the Viking lawn game: Kubb. Yes, there will be plenty of ice cream, along with other food and beverages. Tableware will be provided - so no need to bring anything.

The Board of Directors will convene for a short meeting at 5 p.m. Any lodge member is welcome to attend.

If you need more information, contact Holly at (269) 385-3693.



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*a little in English...*

## Archaeological Findings from Medieval Oslo: Ordinary People Also Built Stone Houses

Archaeologists have found five medieval stone buildings that are not part of any known constructions for kings or clergy. A researcher believes this will upend accepted truths such as stone buildings from this time being solely for the elite.

The excavation in connection with the construction of the Follo [high-speed railway] Line has provided archaeologists with new knowledge about settlements in medieval Oslo. They believe that a prevailing theory that stone buildings were reserved for king and clergy must give way, and that the discovery gives reason to consider whether the Cultural Heritage Act is ripe for an update.

Ever since 1905, the Cultural Heritage Act has used the [Protestant] Reformation as a protection limit. This means that cultural monuments from before 1537 are automatically protected, while cultural monuments younger than this are dependent on different types of exceptions or specific decisions to obtain protected status.

Stone buildings have often been considered to be from "recent times," which in this case means from the 16th and 17th centuries. Thus several stone buildings have been removed after only superficial examination and documentation.

Archaeologist and researcher Egil Lindhart Bauer from NIKU [The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research] has been the project manager for the Follo Rail excavations. He believes that the results of the new discoveries from the medieval city of Oslo prove that this truth about the age of the stone buildings must be reassessed.

"In the excavations from the Follo Line project, we have found five stone buildings dating from between 1260 and 1440. None of these buildings are part of the known facilities of medieval-Oslo kings or clergy, so these are probably buildings of the bourgeoisie," Bauer says.

*litt på norsk...*

## Arkeologisk funn fra middelalder-Oslo: Vanlige folk bygde også hus i stein

Arkeologer har funnet fem steinbygninger fra middelalderen som ikke er del av de kjente anleggene til konger eller geistlige. En forsker mener dette vil snu opp ned på vedtatte sannheter som at bygninger i stein på denne tiden kun var for eliten.

Utgravingen i forbindelse med bygging av Follobanen har gitt arkeologer ny kunnskap om bebyggelse i middelalder-Oslo. De mener at en rådende teori om at steinbygg var forbeholdt konge og geistlige må vike, og at oppdagelsen gir grunn til å vurdere om Kulturminneloven er moden for en oppdatering.

Helt siden 1905 har Kulturminneloven brukt reformasjonen som vernegrense. Det vil si at kulturminner fra før 1537 automatisk er vernet, mens kulturminner yngre enn dette er avhengig av ulike typer unntak eller spesifikt vedtak for å få vernestatus.

Steinbygninger har ofte blitt vurdert til å være fra «nyere tid», som i dette tilfellet vil si fra 1500- og 1600-tallet. Dermed har flere

steinbygninger blitt fjernet etter kun overfladisk undersøkelse og dokumentasjon.

Arkeolog og forsker Egil Lindhart Bauer fra NIKU [Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning] har vært prosjektleder for Follobaneutgravingene. Han mener at resultatene fra de nye funnene fra middelalderbyen Oslo beviser at denne sannheten om steinbygningenes alder må revurderes.

– I utgravingene fra Follobaneprojektet har vi funnet fem steinbygninger med datering fra mellom 1260 og 1440. Ingen av disse bygningene er del av de kjente anleggene til middelalder-Oslos konger eller geistlighet, så dette er i stedet trolig borgerskapets bygninger, sier Bauer.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Heritage Member **James Kraatz** is shown here attending the recent skating association banquet at WMU. James is sporting his National Synchronized Skating Series medal after learning his Synchro team won First Place!

Although only 12 years old, James has co-presented three cultural programs for our lodge in recent years, including two Syttende Mai programs and he has participated in parades with our lodge as well. Way to go, James! Congratulations from Askeladden!

## Askeladden Lodge Library

[www.librarything.com/catalog/SonsofNorway](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/SonsofNorway)

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.

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## Audrey Engstrom September 1930 - May 2019

Audrey was an early member of our newly chartered Askeladden Lodge. Both she and her husband were Charter Members. A sabbatical year in Norway with her young children and husband Robert started a lifelong interest in Nordic Culture.



Audrey will be remembered for her cheerful energy, friendliness and artistic talents by all who knew her.

## June event - Midsommar with VASA

Although we didn't dance around the maipole this year, it was beautifully decorated with colorful flowers and greenery. We had a huge assortment of food and beverages at the pavilion at Cadwallader Park in Hickory Corners. The weather was sunny and some people chose to play Kubb - see photo on page 1.

A brief official Vasa service was held in memory of Audrey Engstrom, who remained a Vasa member until her passing. A large collage with many photos of Audrey was lovingly assembled by Holly Jensen and Karin Forsblad.

Although we missed the Kaarlie's this year - midsommar was one of their favorites - there were five Askeladden members in attendance including Roger Drong, Holly Jensen, Joan O'Bryan, Esther Ann Brown and Betsy Fish. Sadly, we learned Betsy is moving out of state for the next several years. We hope to see her soon at future lodge events when she returns to town to visit her family in Kalamazoo.



## July event - Folk Art Home Tour

*Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director*

A big thank you to Charter Member Anne Rapp and her husband John for suggesting we gather at Luisa's Cafe & Swedish Bakery in Harbert for a tasty brunch and then inviting us to their lovely home. We appreciated seeing and learning about their antique furniture and artwork with all the ornate carvings and decorative painting from Norway as well as other European countries.

This beautiful home, with its rustic interior, sits high above the shore, offering a great view of - and great breezes from - Lake Michigan.

It was such a beautiful day for a lodge excursion to Harbert. Askeladden Lodge members attending were Earnie Best, Curtis Cleveland, Joan O'Bryan, Luke O'Bryan, Audrey Renoos, Anne Rapp, Sandra Santas and Gail Thompson-Hadley. Also joining us were two spouses as well as Rylee Stoneburner, who despite appearing in a dozen parades in downtown

## Gratulerer med dagen!

*Fødselsdag Hilsener*

## August Birthdays

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Jean Darling        | Daniel Renoos |
| Joyce M. Allworth   | Joyce M. Hare |
| Curtis A. Cleveland | David Code    |
| Svein Thoen         | Kate Phillips |

Kalamazoo over the years with our lodge, is still too young to be a member. The Swedish pancakes were a big hit with many of us and are highly recommended, but everything was so delicious!

Sandra and John Santas, the parents of Elizabeth Kraatz, were en route from Champaign, Illinois, to the Growlers baseball game in Kalamazoo, to witness the national anthem sung by their granddaughter, Alice Kraatz, a Heritage member of Askeladden Lodge. The O'Bryan family was headed in the opposite direction on their way to northern Wisconsin for a family gathering. Since Luke's dog accompanied the family on the trip, Luke had to miss out on the art tour while he and the dog enjoyed each other's company on the beautiful Lake Michigan beach.

Thank you to Anne and John Rapp for all the explanations they so graciously gave us. Anne had taken the time to strategically display many items from Norway for our benefit, including clothing and genealogy books. The Rapps also managed to secure a large table for us at a very popular establishment that doesn't take reservations. Many thanks also to Gail Hadley for coordinating with Anne and getting all the event information out to our members. It was a very memorable and enjoyable event.



# SONS of NORWAY

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## AUGUST KALENDER

**You are reminded:** Under our Lodge's established Norway trip drawing rules, if you want to be considered for the October 2019 drawing, you must submit your request in writing (or e-mail) to the Membership Secretary by the September meeting. Amongst other membership requirements, you must have attended at least three regular Lodge meetings or other qualifying events in the previous year to be included in the drawing. Membership Secretary Curt Osborn's complete contact information is found on page 1.

If you would like more information about our annual Norway trip drawing, consider becoming a member of our lodge, or attend an event to find out more. Members can contact the Membership Secretary for the text of the current policy.

- **august 4 - Askeladden Lodge/VASA Satellite Lodge Ice Creme Social  
2 p.m., Jensen residence, 1453 Spruce Drive, Kalamazoo**
- august 4 - Askeladden Lodge Board Meeting 5 p.m. (immediately following Ice Creme Social)
-  august 19 - HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit birthday (1973)
- august 24 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalamazoo Scottish Festival & Highland Games - **Free Admission**  
Flesher Field in Oshtemo Township, 3664 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street 9am-5pm  
<http://www.kalamazooscottishfest.org>
- august 31 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles. Have some good news to share? Submit a photo for our Member Spotlight feature

 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.