



# the ASKELADDEN news

Sons of Norway • Askeladden Lodge 5-610 • Kalamazoo, Michigan

November 2021

*A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters, and Friends of Norway*

11-21

[facebook.com/AskeladdenLodge](https://facebook.com/AskeladdenLodge)

**Meetings:** *In-person cancelled until further notice due to the pandemic. Monthly meetings will be conducted virtually online.*

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## Sunday, November 14 (Farsdag i Norge) 2 p.m. (online) FamilieTid: Scandinavian Storytelling

**Rose Arrowsmith, presenter**

**From the Vesterheim Folk Art School**

“Gather the family together and join author, actress, and oral storyteller Rose Arrowsmith for an hour of Scandinavian stories! Rose’s imaginative style will bring traditional tales to life and delight participants of every age.”—Vesterheim Museum

Once again we are well coordinated with *Viking* magazine. The November 2021 issue has an article on page 18, “A National Treasure,” about the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. As chance would have it, Vesterheim has an online storytelling program that coincides with our November meeting time. The logistics for this presentation will be different from previous meetings. We ask that you register in advance for the Vesterheim program (instructions were emailed to you already). Registration is quick and easy and is found at

<https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org/class/2021-11-14-familietid-scandinavian-storytelling-with-rose-arrowsmith>

We will each watch the Vesterheim Storytelling program separately with our own registered links. Then, immediately after the Storytelling program ends, use the link we email you on Saturday to connect to our lodge meeting at 3 p.m. We need to vote on the slate of officers for the next term and discuss next steps in determining the criteria for when we can think about meeting in person. If you want your attendance at this event to count for the next Norway Trip drawing, you must attend the business meeting so we can document your attendance.

Topic: Askeladden Program & Business Meeting

Time: Nov 14, 2021 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join our meeting:

**The link for the meeting will be emailed to you the evening before the event.**

Meeting ID: 839 9378 7309

Passcode: 160773

Dial by your location (only if using phone for audio)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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# ASKELOADDEN NEWS

## Report of the Nominating Committee

*Curtis Cleveland, Chair, Nominating Committee*

The bylaws require that lodges hold elections in November to select the members who will serve as officers of the lodge during the next two years.

Last month at the lodge meeting, I announced a tentative slate of candidates for the positions. Printed below is an updated slate of candidates as of November 1, 2021.

At the November lodge meeting, I will again announce the slate of candidates. At that time, lodge members will have the opportunity to nominate candidates for the positions from the floor. After the nominations have closed, the lodge will vote on the slate of candidates.

Besides officers and directors, we elect committee members at the November meeting. This is done to get members, especially new members, involved in lodge affairs.

## Slate of Candidates - as of November 1, 2021

*Curtis A. Cleveland, Chair, Nominating Committee*

Here is the Slate of Candidates as of November 1, 2021:

### Board of Directors:

President - Gail Thompson-Hadley  
Vice President - Joan O'Bryan  
Secretary - Karen Hare  
Treasurer - Curtis Cleveland  
Membership Secretary - open  
Cultural Director - open

### Officers, Directors, and Coordinators:

Publicity Director. - Open  
Social Director - Esther Ann Brown  
Sons of Norway Foundation Director - Curtis Cleveland  
Sports Director - Curt Osborn  
Youth Director - open  
Counselor - Elizabeth Kraatz  
Historian - Curtis Cleveland  
Language Instructor - open  
Librarian - Curtis Cleveland  
Musician - open  
Newsletter Editor - Joan O'Bryan  
Newsletter Publisher - Judy Hande-Skutnick  
Sunshine Coordinator - Arden Hetletvedt  
TUBFRIM Coordinator - Holly Jensen  
Webmaster - open  
Volunteer Coordinator - This position will be vacant 2022-24  
Adopt-a-school Coordinator - This position will be vacant 2022-24.

### Committees:

#### Membership Committee:

Joan O'Bryan, Chair  
Members:  
Curtis Cleveland  
Betsy Fish  
Kris Spence

#### Finance Committee:

Curtis Cleveland, Chair  
Joyce Hare, Member  
Kris Spence, Member

#### Scholarship Committee

Joyce Hare, Chair  
Members:  
Esther Ann Brown  
Holly Jensen  
Elizabeth Kraatz  
Dr. John Riggs

#### Publicity Committee:

Chair - open  
Members:  
Curtis Cleveland  
Joan O'Bryan

#### Cultural Committee: Open

#### Auditing Committee:

Joyce Hare, Chair:  
Kris Spence, member  
Judy Hande-Skutnick,  
member

Social Committee: This committee will be vacant 2022-24.

Norway Trip Committee: This committee will be vacant 2022-24.

## October meeting recap and attendance

Askeladden joined Sognefjord for an enjoyable and informative presentation hosted by Sonja Henie Lodge about one man's experience in the 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Separate (the Norwegian unit). Twenty-two members and guests from five Sons of Norway lodges, including District 5 President Andrew Johnsen, attended the cultural program. Former Membership Secretary Curt Osborn conducted the annual Norway Trip drawing and David Sherman's name was drawn. Sending congratulations from the whole lodge to David! If you want to be considered for next year's drawing, make sure you meet all the requirements and verify your attendance here every month:

*October 2021 Askeladden Member attendance: Curtis Cleveland, Betsy Fish, Joyce Hare, Karen Hare, Barbara Heffner, Karen Kunze, Joan O'Bryan, Curt Osborn, David Sherman, Gail Thompson-Hadley, and Crystal Walvoord. Guest: Gordon Hare. Visitors: Andrew Johnsen, Judy Olsen. Speaker: Robert Stepanovich.*

Received from Patrick Skinner:

*November 1, 2021*

*Re: Sons of Norway Hockey Team*

*Dear Sons of Norway Lodge Members,*

*I just wanted to take a minute to thank you personally for your ongoing support of the hockey team. I am proud to say that I have been a part of the team since the beginning, and the continued support we receive is definitely noted, and greatly appreciated.*

*On behalf of the entire team, I would like to especially thank all of you for the recent generous donations towards new team uniforms. I will be placing the order this week, and I will send out some pictures once I receive the new uniforms.*

*Please always feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments that you may have regarding the team; and thank you again for the continued support.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patrick Skinner*

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## Sons of Norway Hockey Team schedule

Curtis A. Cleveland

Sat, Nov 13, 2021, 6:45 PM, at Wings West  
Fri, Nov 26, 2021, 6 PM, at Wings West  
Fri, Dec 3, 2021, 9:05 PM, at Wings West  
Fri, Dec 10, 2021, 7:15 PM, at Wings West  
Sat, Dec 18, 2021, 8:40 PM, at Wings Event Center

The games of the Sons of Norway Hockey Team, which last one hour, are played at one of the following venues: **Wings West**, north of exit 72 off I-94; or **Wings Event Center**, south of exit 80 off I-94.

## 2022 Norway calendars

Inger has placed the orders for the 2022 calendars. She will have a few extra Splendor of Norway available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are local and want to purchase one of these at a nice discount, give Inger a call at (269) 491-9952 (you may need to leave a message) or email her at [ninnit@aol.com](mailto:ninnit@aol.com) with your request and contact information.

## GKSA Synchronized Skating Kickoff Classic

Elizabeth Kraatz

The Askeladden Lodge has provided financial support for the Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association for several years, in recognition of the involvement of two of our Heritage members (Alice and James Kraatz). One of the highlights of the year is always the Kalamazoo Synchronized Skating Kickoff Classic in November.

Started in 1999 with just 11 teams, the competition has grown to involve more than 1,700 skaters from over 130 teams in the US and Canada. The competition will take place at Wings Event Center (3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo MI) on November 20 and 21.

Please consider attending to see what your Lodge supports. And be sure to cheer on the GKSA home team!



2021 Kick-Off Classic  
November 20-21, 2021  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Sunday November 21, 2021

8:00 AM JUNIOR Combined SP  
8:10 AM OPEN JUVENILE 'A'  
9:07 AM OPEN JUVENILE 'B'  
10:04 AM PRELIMINARY 'A'  
11:22 AM PRELIMINARY 'B'  
12:40 PM JUNIOR Combined FS  
12:52 PM ADULT  
1:03 PM JUVENILE  
2:27 PM PRE-JUVENILE  
4:06 PM OPEN MASTERS  
4:19 PM INTERMEDIATE  
5:57 PM MASTERS  
6:29 PM NOVICE

9:00 AM COLLEGIATE  
10:24 AM ASPIRE BEGINNER 'A'  
10:41 AM ASPIRE BEGINNER 'B'  
11:02 AM ASPIRE - PRELIMINARY  
11:15 AM OPEN ADULT  
11:32 AM SNOW PLOW SAM  
11:54 AM ASPIRE PRE-PRELIMINARY  
12:33 PM OPEN COLLEGIATE

## Fra Presidenten

### Holiday Baking Classes from District 5

Sons of Norway District 5 is offering members a series of FREE online Norwegian holiday baking classes in November and December. To register, send a separate email for each class with the code letters in the subject line to: [son5cookingclass@gmail.com](mailto:son5cookingclass@gmail.com) You will receive an email the week before the class with the online link and the recipe.

Here are descriptions of the classes with codes and dates as provided by instructor Connie Aiello. Note that times are listed in Central Standard Time. Find the complete chart with codes & registration deadlines at <https://sonsofnorway5.com/events/>

Kvæfjordkake **KVF-1** Wed Nov 17 @ 6pm CST, **KVF-2** Fri Nov 19 @ 4pm CST, **KVF-3** Sat, Dec 4 @ 10am CST. Ask any Norwegian, Kvæfjordkake and their eyes will light up. This cake has long been reserved for celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, confirmations, baptisms, and holidays. This layered sponge cake is topped with meringue and almonds and filled with a vanilla custard cream. After one bite, you will see why this luxurious and dreamy cake is known as the Verdens beste... "world's best" cake.

Sandbakkel, Rosette, and Fattigmann. What am I doing wrong? **SRF-1** Sun, Nov 14 @ 1pm CST, **SRF-2** Tues Dec 7 @ 6pm CST. Do you find yourself chiseling out your Sandbakkel from the tin? Rosette will not drop off the iron? Fattigmann... how do I get the dough through the slit?...I will be sharing tips, tricks, and techniques to successfully make these cookies on your own.

Lussekatter (St Lucia Buns) **LUS-1** Wed, Dec 8 @ 6pm CST, **LUS-2** Sat Dec 11 @ 10am CST. Lussekatter traditionally kick off the holiday baking season in Norway and Sweden. These saffron buns are prepared in celebration on St Lucia Day, December 13, and served throughout Advent. In this class you will learn about the tradition behind the fluffy saffron yellow buns, why they are shaped like an "S" and/or Rams head, and why Norwegians and Swedes celebrate the Italian Saint Lucia.

Pavlova with Lemon Custard and Fresh Berries **PAV-1** Sun, Nov 21 @ 6p CST, **PAV-2** Tues, Dec 14 @ 6pm CST. Maximum class size: 12 participants. Come bake along with me. We will work through the steps of making this meringue-based dessert. We will talk about how you can store your Pavlova for a great quick dessert. \*Recipe, baking equipment, and supply list will be emailed with the online invitation.

Scandinavian Almond Cake **SAC-1** Wed, Dec 1 @ 6pm CST, **SAC-2** Mon, Dec 20 @ 6pm CST. A longtime favorite with coffee, Scandinavian Almond Cake is one dessert you need to add to your holiday baking. I will be demonstrating how to make this traditional cake as well as its Gluten-free version. I often bake and freeze 3-4 cakes ahead of time.

Happy Norwegian baking. Remember to register for the Vesterheim link and we hope to see you all after the Storytelling program at our online business meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Gail Thompson-Hadley

## Member Spotlight

In case you missed it, Lodge member Sandra Bauman Santas was featured in a story in the recent August *Viking*. She was also featured in the February 2020 *Viking*, as well as in our March 2020 *Askeladden News*: [https://sonsofnorway5.com/library/lodge\\_newsletters/AskeladdenNewsletter2020-03.pdf](https://sonsofnorway5.com/library/lodge_newsletters/AskeladdenNewsletter2020-03.pdf)





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## NOVEMBER KALENDER

- november 1 - Allehelgensdag - All Saints Day
- november 2 - Election Day
- november 7 - Daylight Saving Time ends
-  • november 11 - Veterans Day - Remembrance Day (Canada)
- november 14 - Farsdag i Norge - Father's Day in Norway
- **november 14 - Askeladden Lodge cultural program - 2 p.m.**  
Sign into business meeting at 3 p.m.
-  • november 25 - Thanksgiving Day
- november 29 - last day to submit articles for *Askeladden News*

NOTICE: All Askeladden **in-person** events are cancelled until further notice.

### Askeladden Lodge Library

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

Contact Curtis Cleveland with questions or to reserve resources.

### Gratulerer med dagen!

*Fødselsdag Hilsener*

### November Birthdays

John Thingstad

Judy Hande-Skutnick

Inger Thoen

Christine Hadley

Christy Lindbloom

Vaniar Lander



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.