



Sons of Norway Fagernes Lodge 5-616

January, February, March 2019



Upcoming Events

All meetings are at the Blair Community Center unless indicated otherwise

January 26, 2019 - noon

Potluck Meal and Installation of Officers

February 8, 2019 - 5:00

Wii Bowling at Bob & Marie Thill's - potluck meal

February 9, 2019

Barnelopet at Arcadia Park

February 23, 2019 - 1:00

Meeting - Program to be announced

Servers: ?

March 16, 2019 - 1:00

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Servers: LaMoine Jacobs, Mary Herness

April 14, 2019

Stoughton Dancers at Blair-Taylor

April 27, 2019 - 1:00

Exchange student from Belgium

Servers: Mary Jo & Todd Fetsch, Terry Thompson

Oslo Plans to go Carbon Neutral by 2030

Norway has plans to stop the sales of gas and diesel-fueled cars in the next four years, and the city of Oslo is working toward an ambitious goal of being carbon neutral by 2030. Here are a few of the initiatives currently underway in Oslo that will help the city meet its impressive goal.

Since transportation makes up the largest part of the city's carbon footprint, Oslo is promoting electric cars by creating new "low-emissions zones" where only electric cars can drive. The city is also removing parking spaces to add 40 miles of bike lanes. To promote biking even more, the city is providing grants for electric cargo bikes.

Businesses are also working diligently to support this initiative. Construction companies are purchasing new electric-powered equipment, and will have to comply with a zero emissions standard for new building construction sites. A computer data center in Oslo pumps heat from servers into a heating system that heats approximately 5,000 apartments in the city. A newly built office space is encouraging their employees to go carbon neutral by including space for 500 bikes and 10 electric car charging stations.

If all goes according to plan, Oslo will be leading the way for other cities striving toward a carbon-neutral environment.

Re-enactments Provide Glimpse into the Viking Age

Viking re-enactment groups are becoming more prevalent than ever, with groups popping up in the United Kingdom, mainland Europe and Northern America. Related Facebook groups may be a reason for the rise in awareness and popularity, with several groups each boasting thousands of members.

Reenactment groups strive for authenticity in their activities, be it scenes from everyday life (baking, forging, gardening, carving) or participating in re-created battles. Many members of these groups study Viking life and culture in detail, from exploring ancient Viking sites, studying Norse sagas or scrutinizing artifacts and old trade routes.

There are active online marketplaces for buying, selling and trading Viking replicated clothing, accessories and equipment. On websites such as Etsy one can source jewelry, tunics, headwear, footwear, tankards, shields, props and more. To get a real flavor for Viking re-enactment, check out a recent issue of National Geographic, "The Vikings, Lords of Sea and Sword." Re-enactors were used in photographs to illustrate in detail various aspects of Viking life.

Save cancelled stamps. The Tubfrim project can use them. Stamps must be trimmed to have at least a 1/4 inch border. Bring them to the meetings.

a little in English...

Singing in Norwegian

Hanne Sørvaag had always sung in English. Now the artist is releasing an album in Norwegian.

"The texts came so easily. The subject matter became a bit different. And it's a bit more to the point," says musician Hanne Sørvaag. She'll soon be ready with the album "Som om me hørte samene" (As if we belonged together). It's her first in Norwegian.

This is Sørvaag's seventh solo studio album. The first one came out in 2002.

Sørvaag has written several songs for others. This is one of the reasons she spent time discovering Norwegian as a singing language.

"I have received a good response to Norwegian songs, but I wanted to do so much. I wanted to make songs in Nashville in the United States. I wanted to write pop with the Swedes," she told news agency NTB. [Norsk Telegrambyrå / Norwegian News Agency] She chose English. That way she could reach the world.

Sørvaag wrote the song "My Destiny" for singer Katharine McPhee. It ended up in 2nd place on the Billboard Charts in 2006.

The musician also wrote the song "Brief and Beautiful." It went to number one in Norway. The song was sung by Maria Arredondo.

Last year, Sørvaag participated in the TV program "Hver gang vi møtes" (Every time we meet). She sang songs belonging to other artists. "God morgen min kjære" (Good morning my dear) became really popular.

That made Sørvaag change her mind. Now she wanted to take a chance on Norwegian. "The ideas began coming to me in Norwegian," she says.

Sørvaag uses her own upbringing in her songs. It can be a bit painful. Her parents divorced when she was four years old. This gave her inspiration for songs.

Singing in Norwegian brings her closer to her audience, she thinks.

"I've noticed that audiences are singing along. They understand more easily what the songs are about. It's incredibly fun!"

litt på norsk...

Synger på norsk

Hanne Sørvaag sang alltid på engelsk. Nå gir artisten ut en plate på norsk.

– Tekstene kom så lett. Temaene ble litt annerledes. Og det er litt mer rett på sak, sier artisten Hanne Sørvaag. Hun er snart klar med albumet «Som om me hørte samene». Det er hennes første på norsk. Dette er Sørvaags sjuende egne studioalbum. Det første kom i 2002.

Sørvaag har skrevet flere sanger for andre. Dette er noe av årsaken til at hun brukte tid på å oppdage norsk som sangspråk.

– Jeg har fått god respons på norske sanger, men jeg ville så mye. Jeg ville lage sanger i Nashville i USA. Jeg ville skrive pop med svenskene, sier hun til nyhetsbyrået NTB.

Hun satset på engelsk. Slik kunne hun nå ut til verden.

Sørvaag skrev sangen «My Destiny» for artisten Katharine McPhee. Den havnet på 2. plass på lista Billboard i 2006.

Artisten skrev også sangen «Brief and Beautiful». Den ble nummer én i Norge. Sangen ble sunget av Maria Arredondo.

I fjor var Sørvaag med i TV-programmet «Hver gang vi møtes». Hun sang låter som hørte til andre artister. «God morgen min kjære» ble svært populær.

Det gjorde at Sørvaag tenkte seg om. Nå ville hun satse på norsk.

– Ideene begynte å komme på norsk, sier hun.

Sørvaag bruker egen oppvekst i sangene. Det kan også bli litt sår. Foreldrene hennes skilte seg da hun var fire år gammel. Dette ga henne inspirasjon til låter.

Norske sanger gjør at hun kommer nærmere publikum, tror hun.

– Jeg merker at publikum synger med. De får lettere med seg hva sangene handler om. Det er utrolig gøy!

FOCUS ON A FAGERNES LODGE MEMBER:

Leland Wier (written by his wife, LaVonne)

Leland Wier was born on a Monday, which was wash day. His mother, Amanda, needed to get the clothes on the line before heading to the hospital to deliver her new baby boy. Unfortunately, she took a little too much time, and he was born in a '46 Ford on the way to Arcadia. He didn't cry, so she reached down and found the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, and removed it.

He is the 9th of 12 children - 9 girls and 3 boys. He missed going to school in Maplewood, the one-room schoolhouse, where his older siblings attended. He learned all about farming and stayed on the farm after graduating from high school. As his two brothers were several years older, and they married and left home, he was the only guy amongst all those girls. As a devoted son, he worked side by side with his father, Lloyd, on the farm, planting and harvesting crops and milking cows.

When Amanda became ill with kidney disease, Leland was her main caretaker. She was on home dialysis for a time, and Leland was in charge of that process. When she needed to go to town for the procedure, he took turns with his sisters bringing her to the hospital.

In 1984 he had a tractor accident. The doctors said he wouldn't walk again. With his determination, he was able to recover and went back to farming. He still has pain from his injuries, but he manages to work through it.

After his mother died in 1985, Leland got a Chinese pug, Bandit. This dog was the first in a line of 6 pugs we have owned. Yes, we are pug people.

He met me in 1986 and we married in 1987. We bought the farm and moved there in 1992. In 2006, we travelled to Russia to adopt our son, Sergei, on his 9th birthday. He recently changed his name to Jack.

We quit milking in 2010 when Leland became a mail sub for the Galesville Post Office. He now has a full-time route, and we raise beef cattle.

We built a new home on the farm in 2016 and enjoy it very much.

I am married to the most wonderful man in the whole world. He is very devoted to family, and loves his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. How blessed I am, and all who know Leland Wier.

If you don't have one on you, get yourself some blank membership applications, and carry them with you, along with our lodge business cards. You never know when you might have an opportunity to bring in a new member. Make sure to put your member number on the form and fill it out with the Fagernes Lodge information **before** you have someone complete the form. Application forms are available on the Sons of Norway site, and at each lodge meeting. Membership cost is \$60.00 for individual; \$90,00 for family.

PAST HAPPENINGS AT FAGERNES LODGE.



Byron Britten, Roger Instenes, and Dannel Toth prepare for presenting the flags at our Dec 2018 meeting.



Well, lookie here! That's the Julenisse with some happy girls at the Juletefest in Dec 18.



Charlotte Dahl and LaVonne Wier showed the Blair-Taylor kids how to make lefse during Snowfest, the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Todd Fetsch was in another classroom with his woodcarving and snowshoes.



New members Lance and Tami Bagstad demonstrated making flatbread during our November meeting. Good stuff!! And, they shared the recipe!



Everyone loves a sweater guy or girl, right? Members donned their sweaters for the December 2018 meeting.

Velkommen til Fagernes Lodge
to all our new members that joined us in 2018! They are: Christy Anderson; Lance, Tami and Jillian Bagstad; Christopher Hamilton; Joseph, Brianna, Mary Anna-Mete and Nora Iverson; Anja and Isla Kettinger. We hope you enjoy being part of our group! ***Mange takk for joining!***

President's Message

Ord Fra Din Fagernes Losje Presidenten [Words from your Fagernes Lodge President].

Hei and hello to a crazy and fun year of events coming up and so long to 2018 and lefse making and bread baking (for a while!!!) Our weather surely has been not 'normal' what with the warm weather and little snow. Now as I write this it was 20 below this morning out on the farms and 15 below in Arcadia. Uffda!! So its winter and with it comes the delight of us Norseman(Norsewomen). Snow activities!! Some snow has arrived so we can hold the Barneløpet on February 9th in Arcadia. Pray for more snow so I can groom some trails for skiing!!. We want to go skiing and snowshoeing right???!?! Perhaps I should bring my snowshoes I made and working on a second pair ...I could show you.!! Maybe people will want to make their own???. Norse people are a hardy and innovative people, right?



Our program committee has lined up some great activities. One of which will be the Norwegian Dancers visiting Blair at the Blair High School on April 14th. We have an opportunity to show our communities some of Norway's best traditional dancing demonstrated by these young people from Stoughton, Wisconsin.. Very energetic and fun. We must promote this event strongly to get people to come and enjoy. We will discuss this program at our meetings to promote it.

Glenn Borreson can't come to make a presentation on March 16th. The program committee is working on finding a replacement. for that day. Perhaps one of our SON Directors will come and talk about Stave churches in Norway.Those are some of the exciting programs for the year.

The program committee should be announcing its program events so I won't elaborate on those ideas.

We as a lodge have done well to recruit new members. We hope to make sure we make it interesting enough for these new members to become active and add to our lively group!!!

Yes the bread oven is done and covered (photo)and being used...when its not so cold out there.!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meetings in the newly remodeled Blair Community Center. I've rambled on enough for now!!

På gjensyn,
Todd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Due to privacy concerns, only the month is listed.

January

Jillian Bagstad, Donald
Ronning, Renee Solberg,
Danniel Toth, Noelle

February

Lance Bagstad, Charlotte
Dahl, Beatrice Fredrickson,
Sierra Instenes, Mary Ann
Jacobs, Isla Kettinger,
Beverly Solberg, Jacob
Thompson

March

Izabella Britten, Marleen
Berg, Zacharie Dobson,
Gage instenes, Charlene
Saxe, Shirley Stanford,
Patricia Truax, Dawn
Volkman, Susan Zubke



IN MEMORY OF ERLING OFSDAHL

H. Erling Ofsdahl, 90, died on Saturday, November 17, 2018. He was born on January 29, 1928 in French Creek. He graduated from Blair High School in 1948. Erling farmed the family homestead with his brother Peter until they discontinued dairying in 1992. He was a lifelong member of French Creek Lutheran Church. He was a devoted member of Fagernes Lodge 5-616, Sons of Norway. For years he was on the crew of our boat float in many parades. As a member of the float committee, he helped keep our vessel shipshape. He earned many sports medals, as he was an avid walker. We remember him as a generous, quiet, humble man who enjoyed serving his church and as one who was devoted to his Lord. We miss him.

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers are coming to Blair!!!

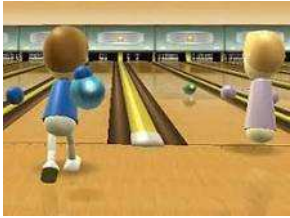
Yes, we will have them right here in our own area! They will be at the Blair-Taylor School gymnasium on **April 14, 2019**.

Lodge members will need to work together to make this event a roaring success! We will do *lots* of advertising. Probably is a great time for a bake sale, like the LaCrosse Wergeland Lodge did last year in Holmen. We'll be talking about this at our upcoming meetings.

Dreaming of a Trip to Norway this Year?

Member discounts are available on fjord and river cruises, guided tours and auto and hotel rentals. Save on your travel in North America, Scandinavia and beyond. Learn more from your local lodge's cultural director or log in at sofn.com and go to MemberResources.

Save your printer cartridges and bring them to LaVonne. We get \$2.00 credit for each cartridge at Office Depot to use toward new cartridges and paper!



Wii Bowling to benefit the District 5 Scholarship Program will be played on **February 8, 2019** at Bob and Marie Thill's home. Their address is: **N22682 Bakken Road, Ettrick**. They aren't far from French Creek Church. Everyone brings something for a potluck meal at 5:00, and then we bowl! Bob has a lot of us already programmed in on his machine. More people are welcome. It is fun, and it is easy!! In case you get lost, the Thill's phone number is 608-525-7266. Come and join the rest of us in a fun night. All you pay is \$5.00 toward the scholarship fund. If you can't make it by 5:00, come anyway!!

Sven and Ole were carpentering on a new house. Sven who was nailing down siding would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it in.

Ole, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you trowing dose nails away?" Sven explained, "If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TOWARD me, I trow it away 'cause it's defective. If it's pointed toward da HOUSE, den I nail it in!"

Ole got completely upset and yelled, "You MORON!!! Da nails pointed toward you aren't defective!....."

Dare for da OTHER side of da house!!"

Trailblazer was Known for Preserving Svalbard's Nature

Norwegian botanist Hanna Resvoll-Holmsen (1873 –1943) is known for paving the way for women in both academia and polar research. Often working alone, Hanna would take expeditions to Svalbard to study the archipelago and its historic sites and fossils. She crossed glaciers, climbed mountains and walked miles of shoreline to document arctic plants and fossils. Her efforts to preserve nature in Svalbard is why she is recognized as Norway's first nature and environmental conservationist.

Hanna was independent, resourceful, passionate and continuously pushed boundaries. She became the first woman to attain a doctoral degree in botany in Norway and the first female lecturer in phytogeography (the study of the geographical distribution of plants). She was also an accomplished photographer, and the first to capture Svalbard's plants in color.

Hanna was truly a pioneer for women of her time. As such, she was recently honored through art by Anne-Karin Furunes, displayed at the Fram Centre, Tromsø.





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Maud Returns to Norway After more than a century abroad and 85 years at the bottom of the sea, Roald Amundsen's expedition ship Maud has finally returned to Norway. Maud was built in 1917 for Amundsen's second expedition to the Arctic and set sail from Vollen in Asker, Norway, the following year. The ship was intended to be a floating scientific research station to collect data across the North Pole. Unfortunately, numerous conflicts complicated the mission, and the Norwegian explorer was forced to sell the ship in 1925 to the Canadian Hudson Bay Company. Maud was then docked in Cambridge Bay, Canada, and used as a radio station and storage unit until she sank in 1931. Several plans to retrieve Maud from the Canadian seafloor were started, but all fell flat. It wasn't until 2011 when real estate company Tandberg Eiendom finally found success, and was able to help Maud reach surface in 2016. The journey home then took an additional two years, being towed by tugboat around Greenland and through the Atlantic Ocean, and was complete in August of 2018. Maud now sits almost exactly where she was launched more than 100 years ago in Vollen, Norway. A museum will feature the ship's remains and share her remarkable story while above and below sea level. Amundsen's two other ships, the Gjoa and Fram are currently housed at the Norwegian Maritime Museum in Oslo.