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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY** 9, Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
Program: Syttende Mai (17th of May)
Lodge Member Daryl Wunrow will present his PowerPoint of two Syttende Mai celebrations he has witnessed: one in Oslo in 2000 and one on the island community Giske near Ålesund, Norway in 2006. (See full details on Page 3.)

NO MEETING IN JUNE

- JULY** 11, Monday Lodge Picnic at Steepleview Apartments Community Room
12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego; 5 PM
(See full details including reservation information on Page 4.)

- AUGUST** 8, Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Save the date on your calendar.
Program: Norwegian Geography for Genealogy
(See July/August 2022 *Runespeak* for details of meeting.)

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Like the modern alphabet, runes were the written symbols of our Norse ancestors. Understood only by the very wise, they were used to communicate with others, as well as with the ancient gods.

FRA PRESIDENTEN

(mai og juni 2022)

Well, as spring approaches, we are happy to welcome two new members, Paul Maren and Toni Ihler. We are happy to have them join us and look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

Did you know that Sons of Norway has a virtual book club? As members we are all invited to join the zoom meetings. This month the books are "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson or "The Snowman" by Jo Nesbo. You can read one or both books. The meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30-8:30PM. If you are interested in joining, please send Bill Browning an email at SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com and he will send you the meeting link. Also, see the article in the April *Viking Magazine* on page 35.

I was disappointed to learn that Scan Fest will not be held this year but look forward to its return in 2023!

In other news, District 5 Sons of Norway is planning an Adult Heritage Weekend to be held Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, 2022. It will be held in conjunction with the Uff-Da Fest in Spring Grove, MN. Music, frivolity, learnings and fellowship are prominently on the agenda. If we can get a group together, we can carpool and it would be a one night hotel stay. There are various activities planned. Please let me know if you have an interest in this and I will forward more details. They are also available on the District 5 website at sonsofnorway5.com.

Our next meeting is on May 9th, at Mt Hope. Please see the details on Page 3.

Take care,

Sue Roedel

2022 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL CANCELLED

Nordic Council News!

At the Nordic Council meeting on April 12th, 2022, the Council voted to cancel the 2022 Scan Fest. This decision was prompted by poor vendor participation and projected \$2-3000 net loss.

The Nordic Council will focus efforts on 2023 at a new location at its next meeting June 14th, 2022.

Daryl Wunrow

FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
Vice-President	*Arlette Johnson	414-368-3324
Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork	262-502-9197
Secretary (Correspondence)	Janice Gregoire	262-784-6953
Secretary (Recording)	Maureen Welli	414-774-0507

If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

***NOTE:** For membership information, call our Vice-President, Arlette Johnson.

MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2022

Social/Cultural Meeting

At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis
(8633 W. Becher Street)

(Facemasks are optional.)

Socialize at 5:30 PM. (Someone will be at the doors from 5:15 until 6:00. After that, you must call the cell phone number posted on the door for someone to let you in).

Dinner at 6 PM. The menu is roast beef and mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Syttende Mai (17th of May)

Lodge Member Daryl Wunrow will present his PowerPoint of two Syttende Mai celebrations he has witnessed: one in Oslo in 2000 and one on the island community Giske near Ålesund, Norway in 2006. This presentation will focus on four aspects of Norway's National Celebration:

1. History of Norwegian independence
2. Celebration on the small island of Giske on the western coastline
3. The native costume called the bunad
4. Celebration in the capital city of Oslo, Norway

NORWEGIAN COOKIE BAKING

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are having a Norwegian Cookie Baking class to demonstrate how to make Krumkake and Sandbakkels. We have reserved Saturday, August 20th at Mt. Hope Church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dough and batter will be provided, but if you have a Krumkake baker, please bring it with you. We will provide the Sandbakkels tins.

Arlette Johnson

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our next community project will be making Mercy Mats for the homeless. Mercy Mats are made by crocheting plastic bags together. The mats, which are 3 feet wide by 6 feet long, provide the homeless with a cushioned, pest-resistant alternative to sleeping on concrete and also keep plastic bags out of landfills. Just one mat is made from 700-750 bags, and it takes about 100 hours of work to come together.

Please save your plastic bags and bring them to meetings. There is a job for everyone, including sorting bags, flattening bags, making plarn (plastic yarn made from the plastic bags) and for the crafty people in the group, crocheting the plarn into mats. We have not chosen a place for the donated mats but have a couple in mind.

Arlette will have a short demonstration at upcoming meetings as to how to fold and cut the bags.

Arlette Johnson



You Are Invited to Fosselyngen Lodge Picnic

Monday, July 11th, 2022 5PM

Steepleview Apartments Community Room
12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego

Turn off from Janesville Rd. onto S. Lowell Place. Lowell is one block west of SV Main entrance. Use the parking lot on the left and enter the door near the bench. (This is **not** the main entrance door).

Cost- \$5.00 per person. Pay at the picnic.

Catered Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs and Salads. Soft drinks and water provided. Feel free to bring your own preferred drink.

Please RSVP to Sue at 414-526-8312 or email sjroedel@gmail.com by July 1st, so we can order the correct amount of food.

Games: trivia – bingo- live music!

RUNESPEAK NEWSLETTER CHANGES

With the decline in membership, printing costs, etc. we would like to change the way members receive their newsletter in the future. Matters we took into consideration are the number of members who receive the newsletter electronically, more than one newsletter going to the same address, members who are under the age of 21, and training an additional person as to how to do the U.S.P.S. Bulk Mailing program.

Currently we are mailing newsletters using bulk rate postage which is about 1/3 the cost of regular mail. Bulk mail must have a minimum of 200 items, and with our current membership of 193 we are mailing numerous copies to some individuals in order to meet the minimum. We are emailing the newsletter to 40+ members (but in order to qualify for bulk mail we are also sending them a printed copy), 28 households have more than one member living there, and 16 members are under 21, all which total about 44% of our membership. Although regular postage will be more than our current bulk rate postage, printing costs will be reduced, so expenses will be about equal.

Changes we would implement are:

- Members who have an email on file will receive their newsletter electronically. If more than one member is in the same household, each email address will be sent a newsletter. **Please verify your email address on file with Minneapolis and make any changes if needed no later than May 31st. You can either log on to the Sons of Norway website (<https://www.sofn.com>) and view & update your member profile, or call Minneapolis at (800) 945-8851.**
- If there is no email on file, households will only be mailed one newsletter (even if there is more than one member living there).
- Members who are under 21 will no longer receive a newsletter.

We are making this change effective with the July/August newsletter.

Also, did you know that you can view our Runespeak newsletter, current issue or past issues, on the District 5 Website (<https://sonsofnorway5.com>)?

If you have any questions about these changes, please call Sue Berg Roedel (414-526-8312) or Arlette (414-368-3324).

Arlette Johnson

2022 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

I will be working on updating our membership directory for distribution at our July picnic. Please check your address, phone and email on the Sons of Norway directory to be sure it is up to date. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact me. If you do not want to be listed in our directory, please notify me by May 31st. My email is sjroedel@gmail.com or phone 414-526-8312. Our directory is distributed to **members only**, who pick them up at a meeting and are not to be used for solicitation or commercial purposes as this would be a violation of the Sons of Norway policy.

Sue Berg Roedel

Please Note: If you receive a notice or call that a member is sick, in a nursing home or has passed away, call Nancy Sande or Ellie Thoresen so that the person can be remembered and other officers notified.

Also, don't forget to notify Arlette Johnson when a member of the Lodge passes away, since Arlette must notify the Sons of Norway office in Minneapolis. Many people do not purchase a newspaper, and others do not indicate in the obituary that they were a member of Sons of Norway.

God Bedring

We wish a speedy recovery for Marit Hoff.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Toni Ihler
Paul Maren

“Norwegian Geography for Genealogy” Program For Monday, August 8th Social/Cultural Meeting at Mt. Hope.

Members won't want to miss our August 8th meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dana Kelly who is the Executive Director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library. She will speak on the topic, “Norwegian Geography for Genealogy”. Mark your calendars so you won't miss it. See July/August 2022 *Runespeak* for full details of meeting.

Daryl Wunrow

ELECTRIC CARS IN NORWAY

“Last year, Norway reached a milestone. Only 8 percent of new cars sold in the country ran purely on conventional gasoline or diesel fuel. Two-thirds of new cars sold were electric, and most of the rest were electric-and-gasoline hybrids.

“For years, Norway has been the world leader in shifting away from traditional cars, thanks to government benefits that made electric vehicles far more affordable.....

“Still, electric car enthusiasts are stunned by the speed at which the internal combustion engine has become an endangered species in Norway.....Americans might view Norwegians as environmental die-hards who were eager to ditch gas cars.....other transportation experts said that the Norwegians started with much of the same electric vehicle skepticism as Americans. That changed because of government policies that picked off the easier wins first and a growing number of appealing electric cars. Over time, that combination helped more Norwegians believe electric cars were for them.”

Note: This article is a quotation from a January 13th, 2022 *New York Times* article by Shira Ovide that was reprinted in the Central Securities Corporation 93rd Annual Report.

(Article suggested by Steve Welli)

Sons of Norway District 5 Cultural Arts Display 2022

Part of the 2022 District 5 Convention is the display of cultural arts crafted by Sons of Norway members from throughout the district.

This year all judging will be People's Choice. **Pre-registration is needed.**

To participate in the display, fill out the registration form and send to:
Judy Ghastin, 718 Bruce Ct., Madison, WI 53705.

Artists of all ages and levels of experience are encouraged to submit projects.

- Adult professional: instructors and those who sell their work
- Adult amateur: those who do not sell their work
- Heritage: members 15 years and younger

Categories of projects include:

- Rosemaling
- Norwegian Weaving
- Hardanger Embroidery
- Norwegian Needlework -- Klostersøm, Diamantsøm
- Nålbinding
- Hand knitting w/ Norwegian design
- Crocheting
- Tatting
- Carving with hand tools, Norwegian Theme -- Figure Carving, Relief Carving, Chip Carving
- Bent wood -- hand tools
- Photography
- Painting
- Knife-making
- Stained Glass
- Kolrosing

Items need to be recent work completed after the 2018 convention.

Participants must be current Sons of Norway members and must have been members in good standing when the craft work was finished.

Items submitted must be made by the registered person.

Each item must have an identification label provided with the registration form.

Drop off items Thursday, June 16, from 1 pm to 6 pm and reclaim items Saturday, June 18, from 2 to 4 pm.

If you are not attending the convention, you may send your craft item with someone else.

We look forward to displaying cultural projects from throughout the district for everyone to enjoy.

Judy Ghastin
District 5 Cultural Director

Note from Sue Roedel:

I will be attending the convention and will be happy to deliver your craft item to the convention and bring it back. **If you are interested in participating, please let Sue Roedel know and she will send you a registration form.**

Sue Roedel, 414-526-8312 or sjroedel@gmail.com

Introducing your Norwegian Ancestor

Each Fosselyngen member is encouraged to share a 3 to 4 minute introduction of one Norwegian/American ancestor. We would like to schedule a time at each forthcoming meeting in 2022 to introduce your ancestor to our Lodge members.

Your ancestor would be honored to be introduced to our Lodge members!

Signup for one of these 2022 meetings:

May 9 July 11 August 8 September 12 October 10

Circle the date you'd like to introduce your ancestor to our Lodge members. We want two member talks for each meeting. (Shirley and Daryl are planning for the May meeting.)

Below, we have several ideas to help you prepare to share a little about this person. Hopefully you will join us in this activity.

1. My Norwegian/American ancestor's name was:

2. My ancestor was from (place in Norway or USA):

3. Share one special memory or story about your ancestor.

(Attach a separate piece of paper if you need more space.)

4. Have you visited the place your ancestor lived in Norway or the USA?

Yes _____ No _____

Feel free to bring a photo or something to show about this ancestor.

Your name and phone number:

You can participate even if you can't attend meetings.

Return to Daryl Wunrow at 12455 W. Janesville Rd Unit 411, Muskego, WI 53150 or email to dmwunrow@gmail.com or message 414-460-5285.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

<https://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org/index.html>

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

***** JOIN US IN SONG *****

Festival City Chorus, Milwaukee's own a cappella chorus, is working diligently to prepare for performances and contests.

We rehearse most Tuesday evenings at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W. Becher.

ALL males interested in learning more about us are encouraged to call our hotline: 414-281-SING (7464)

Don Doss, SON Member

SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAM

Just a reminder that forms and information about the Sports Medal Program are available. Contact Dennis Dale at 414-771-3470 or by mail at 1527 Alice Street, Wauwatosa, 53213.

NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Arlette Johnson

Thanks for helping with the March/April issue.

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have a change of any of these items, **please** notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department.

Either phone their office at 800-945-8851, or you can log on to the Sons of Norway website (<https://www.sofn.com>) and view & update your member profile.

Have You Had a Financial Checkup Lately?

If not, contact your field staff representative, Greg Ragan, to set up an appointment to discuss your financial needs at no cost to you. This is a benefit of membership.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway Fraternal Benefits Counselor, Insurance & Investments

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Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csjohn@att.net .

John Schneble, Editor

Notice: All articles & information for the July/August 2022 newsletter are **due by June 15th**.

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, csjohn@att.net or mail to: 1024 North 121st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.



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A door to door salesman was forcing a vacuum cleaner demonstration on Lena just the other day. He took a bulging paper sack out of his car and scattered the contents.....coffee grounds, dust, and dirt all over Lena's beautiful living room rug.

Then he said, "Madam, I'll eat every bit of this stuff my vacuum cleaner doesn't pick up within two minutes."

Lena started out of the room, and the salesman asked where she was going.

"To get a spoon," she replied." "Dere is some sort of problem at da power plant, and our electricity is off for da rest of da day!"

Ole met the good doctor on the street just the other day. "How's the pain today, Ole?" asked the doctor.

"I don't know," said Ole. "She's visiting her mother!!"

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings.
 Web site: <http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org>

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.

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