

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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## FOSSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For each of the two following Zoom meetings, an email with the Zoom invitation will be sent approximately 1 week before the meeting. If you do not receive an invitation and want to join us, please contact Sue at 414-526-8312 or [sjroedel@gmail.com](mailto:sjroedel@gmail.com) or Daryl Wunrow at 414-460-5285 or [dwunrow1@icloud.com](mailto:dwunrow1@icloud.com).

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	14	Monday	Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members VIA Zoom @ 7PM. Program: <u>Maria the Midwife: Stories of Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest</u> . Presenter: Glenn Borreson, of Wergeland lodge 5-28.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	12	Monday	Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members VIA Zoom @ 7PM. Program Includes Announcement of 2020 Membership Awards (See Page 3) and Officer Election (See Page 3).

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**NOTE:** The October 2020 Scandinavian Festival at Ronald Reagan School has been **cancelled** because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOTE:** The 2020 Holiday Folk Fair will **NOT** be an in-person event because of the pandemic, but instead will be a virtual event on Fri., Nov. 20 thru Sun., Nov. 22. (See Arlette's article on Page 2.)

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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**  
(september og oktober 2020)

Dear Members,

Not much has changed since our last issue of the Runespeak. I was hoping we would be able to be getting together by now, but it looks like we will be having virtual meetings on Zoom for the remainder of the year. Please note that the time spent on Zoom meetings counts as fraternal hours just as it would attending a meeting in person. This is for our service hours needed to report to home office each year. Folk Fair is the latest event to announce virtual meetings only. See Arlette's article below. We are posting the minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting on Page 4 so you can see the items discussed.

I hope you are all coping during this difficult time. Let me know what you are up to and how you are keeping busy. If I can be of assistance to you, please let me know.

Fraternaly yours,  
Sue Berg Roedel

**2020 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR UPDATE**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Lodge will not be participating in this year's Holiday Folk Fair, but plan on returning in 2021. We recently received an update from International Institute regarding the event and have listed some details below. Please check their website or Facebook page for more information.

***Holiday Folk Fair International Announces 2020 Plans***

*The 77th Holiday Folk Fair International, America's premiere multi-cultural festival, will be reimagined for 2020, with the event to be available "wherever you are" Fri., Nov. 20 – Sun., Nov. 22.*

*This year's Holiday Folk Fair International will not be done as an in-person event due to COVID-19, but will take place online and feature the education, entertainment, artisan and cooking demonstrations, photographic exhibits, and shopping that Fair-goers have come to cherish.*

*We are still in the planning stages and more information on the 2020 Holiday Folk Fair International will be shared in the weeks ahead on the event's website and Facebook page.*

**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.

## 2020 Membership Awards

Each year at our October meeting, we award pins to our members based on years of membership. Since we are unable to have in-person meetings and our October meeting will be held via Zoom, we will have to postpone the presentation but want to take this opportunity to recognize the following individuals:

### 5 year

Susan Marie Dillon  
Maureen Welli

### 10 year

Steve Anderson  
Greta McCoy

### 15 year

Kirsten Benidt  
Jane Murnane  
Shirley Kittleson Murphy  
Sharon Pearlman  
Bill Sorenson

### 20 year

Avis Haasch  
Darla Hium  
Julie Instenes  
Reindun Mayer  
Howard Miller  
Sara Miller  
Joan Sande  
Milton Sande  
Nancy Sande  
Alyssa Schimelfenyg  
Michael Schimelfenyg  
Kristin Toth

### 25 year

Carol Hense  
Carolyn LeBeck  
Karen Olson  
Joyce Strom

### 35 Year

Kent Kelly  
Walt Thompson  
Barb Wolter

### 40 year

Betty O'Sullivan  
Ralph Olsen

### 45 year

David Christensen  
Marianne Sambar

### 50 year

Kenneth Loberg

### 60 year

Delbert Gravning  
John Seastrand

## God Bedring

We wish the following member who had health issues since the last newsletter a speedy recovery:

- Helen Davison

**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.

## Officer Election at October 12<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting.

There will be one vacant position at the end of 2020 when Dave Christiansen's Trustee position expires. Dave is willing to continue as Trustee for a new 3-year term. If anyone is interested in running against him, he or she should contact Sue to be put on the ballot. Otherwise, Dave would be elected by proclamation at the October Zoom meeting.

## Voss: An Outdoor Sports Hub With History

Nestled in the mountains between Oslo and Bergen is a haven for outdoor sports enthusiasts and history buffs alike: the town of Vossevangen, more commonly known simply as Voss.

This town of roughly 7,000 people hosts an annual Extreme Sports Week, which is one of the largest events of its type in the world. Fittingly, the area also is home to Norway's largest skydiving club, complete with a skydiving simulation windtunnel for those who wish to experience the thrill of freefall without the altitude.

The area also draws more casual visitors of all skill levels to enjoy the area's excellent year-round outdoor offerings: whitewater rafting and kayaking in the spring, hiking in the summer and fall (including a trail along the escape route taken by Sverre Sigurdsson in 1177), and skiing—both cross-country and downhill—in the winter.

Voss also offers a range of attractions for those less athletically inclined, including a 13th century medieval stone church, a preserved farmstead dating back to the 1500s, and a cable car up the mountainside that offers stunning views of the town in the valley.

*(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)*

## Minutes from Fosselyngen Sons of Norway Meeting 8/10/2020 at 7PM via Zoom

Welcome members to our second Zoom meeting. Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. There were 18 members present: Sue Berg Roedel, Daryl Wunrow, John Schneble, Gary Christianson, Milt and Nancy Sande, Sandra Kelley, Sue Ramstack, Mary Taylor, Karen Riccobono, Melanie Woellert, Susan Van Lith, Arlette Johnson, Gretchen Bjork, Jan Gregiore, Nick Rogneby, Jack Lofte and Reidun Mayer (by phone only).

We do not know when Mt. Hope church will reopen. Sue met the new Pastor Kathy at Ed Strom's memorial service on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business** - Gretchen reported all bills are paid.

Jan read a few thank you notes from our scholarship recipients.

**New Business** - We discussed that our next scheduled meetings through the rest of the year will likely continue to be Zoom only.

The Col. Hans Christian Heg statue in Madison was vandalized by protestors June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Journal Sentinel reported on July 22<sup>nd</sup> that state officials will make a new head for Col. Heg. Lawmakers agreed but cautioned not to replace the monument too quickly. We will follow any new information.

Sons of Norway is celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! They have relaunched the Viking for Kids magazine. This is available to download online at the Sons of Norway website.

Arlette reported that Folk Fair will be only virtual this year. We will not be participating with any programs this year, but plan to next year.

Daryl reported that we had two members, Mark Bjorgo (with two photos) and Sheila Kershek (with one photo) selected in the Fifth District photo contest to have their photos featured on playing cards. Congratulations!

We discussed and voted to cancel our laying of the wreath on the Leif Erickson statue this year.

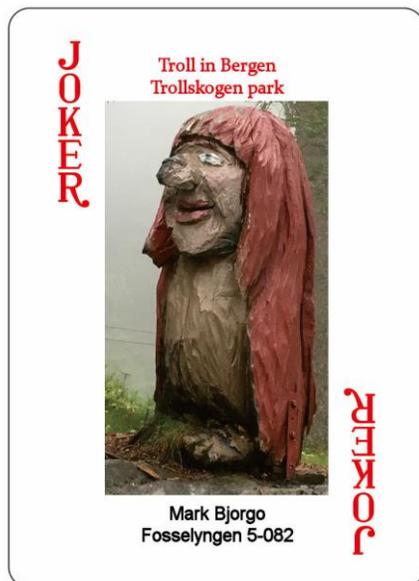
Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. Next meeting will be 9/14/20 at 7PM on Zoom. Daryl will be showing us a program titled: Maria the Midwife: Stories of Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest- Presenter is Glenn Borreson of the Wergeland Lodge 5-28. We hope you will join us. An email with the Zoom invitation will be sent approximately 1 week before the meeting. If you do not receive an invitation and want to join us, please contact Sue at 414-526-8312 or [sjroedel@gmail.com](mailto:sjroedel@gmail.com) or Daryl Wunrow at 414-460-5285 or [dwunrow1@icloud.com](mailto:dwunrow1@icloud.com).

## Results of SofN District 5 Photo Contest

SofN members submitted 331 photos. Three photos sent in by our lodge members were selected and will be included in a deck of playing cards. Mark Bjorgo won with two photos and Sheila Kerchek with one. The deck of cards will include four jokers. All submitted photos are available for viewing on the SofN District website:

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5-Scandinavian-Photo-Contest>

Congratulations to Mark and Sheila!



## Hey Snow Birds!

Those of you who move from one place to another as the seasons change are asked to contact Sons of Norway International headquarters **each time you move**. Please call 800-945-8851 to notify them so you continue receiving your *Viking* and other mailings the home office may send out.



## 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.

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

### 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.

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Designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway.

### NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Sue Berg Roedel & Karen Riccobono.

Thanks for helping with the  
July/August issue.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have a change of postal address, **please** notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department at 800-945-8851.

### TRYING TIMES

Virus war go away!

In trying times, smile & keep moving.

Don't sit & be a sour pus.

Be curious & learn new things.

Use body & mind.

Be inspired by old friends.

Pray for peace.

*(From Reidun Mayer)*

Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net).

John Schneble, Editor

**Notice:** All articles & information for the November/December 2020 newsletter are **due by October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net) or mail to: 1024 North 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.



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Lars: Boy, is my mother-in-law ever mad at me!  
 Ole: Why is dat, Lars?  
 Lars: Vell, last year, on her birthday, I decided to buy her a cemetery plot as a birthday present. But this year, I didn't buy her a gift.  
 Ole: Is that why she's mad?  
 Lars: No, she's mad because when she asked me *why* I didn't get her a gift this year, I replied, "Vell, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"  
*(as seen in Budstikken newsletter)*

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Why does the Norwegian Navy have bar-codes on the sides of their ships? So when they come back to port, they can Scan da navi an!

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A priest, a minister and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit says, "I think I might be a typo."

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

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