

Fosselyngen Runespeak

mai og juni 2023
Volume 48 No. 3



Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

PO Box 20957, Milwaukee, WI 53220

FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY** **8*** 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: Liv Marit Haakonstad, Author of “A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration”
(See full details of meeting on Page 3.)
***Note:** The **May 8th** date of our May lodge meeting **is changed** from the original date listed in the “Schedule for Fosselyngen Meetings for 2023” in the January/February 2023 *Runespeak*.
- 31 Wednesday Trip to Stoughton (Page 5)
- NO LODGE MEETING IN JUNE***
- JUNE** 10 Saturday Trip to Viking Ship in Good Templar Park (Geneva, IL) (Page 4)
- JULY** 10 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** 14 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
(See July/August 2023 *Runespeak* for details of meeting.)

Contents of This Issue:

- Pg. 1: Calendar of Events; Table of Contents
Pg. 2: President’s Report; Mercy Mat Project; Introducing Your Norwegian/American Ancestor; Officers
Pg. 3: May 8th Lodge Meeting; Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration & Transmigration; Butikk Items
Pg. 4: Lodge Picnic; Trip to Viking Ship in Good Templar Park
Pg. 5: Trip to Stoughton; Lodge Xmas Party; Guidelines for Bringing Guests; Choir Concert--Music of Grieg
Pg. 6: Sympathy; Masse Moro 2023 Flyer; Nordic Council Folk Fair Planning; Art Museum Reminder
Pg. 7: Norway Invaded
Pg. 8: Notices; Mail Staff; Newsletter Input Deadline June 15th
Pg. 9: Pettit National Ice Center; Norwegian Language Class Registration Form
Pg. 10: Postal Page

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 2023)

Hello Everybody!

I hope May finds you well and ready for spring and Syttende Mai!

There is still time to register your kids or grandkids ages 9-15 for the wonderful Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI held July 16-29th, 2023. You do not need to be a member to attend. Find more information on the Fifth District website at www.sonsofnorway5.com. Scholarships are available to assist with the cost. (See Masse Moro flyer on Page 6.)

I'm sorry to have missed the great program in April by Mark Bjorgo and his family trip to Norway. I heard it was great. Thank you, Mark!

Many thanks also to Gale Tanger for the wonderful tour of the Pettit National Ice Center on March 16th for our members and guests. We appreciate your time and talents!

I hope you can join us on May 31st for a trip to Stoughton and on June 10th for a trip to Geneva, IL to tour the Viking Ship at Good Templar Park. Please see articles listed in this newsletter. (Geneva on Page 4 & Stoughton on Page 5.)

Thanks,

Sue Roedel

414-526-8312

sjroedel@gmail.com

MERCY MAT PROJECT

May 8th will be our last 3:00 PM early arrival to cut plastic bags. If you took bags home to cut, please bring everything back on May 8th, so we can complete the crocheting of the mats over the summer.

Arlette Johnson

INTRODUCING YOUR NORWEGIAN/AMERICAN ANCESTOR

Daryl Wunrow would like to have more members to volunteer for "Introducing Your Norwegian/American Ancestor" at future lodge meetings. Time slots are available for the September 11th & October 9th, 2023, and the January 8th, 2024 lodge meetings at Mt. Hope.

If you are interested, please contact Daryl at dmwunrow@gmail.com or phone him at 414-460-5285.

In case you haven't already heard, the 2023 Scandinavian Festival has been cancelled.

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 8TH, 2023

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. Menu: Lapkaus (Norwegian stew)

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

**Program: “A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration”
Presented by Liv Marit Haakenstad**

(See description of the program and the presenter in the box below.)

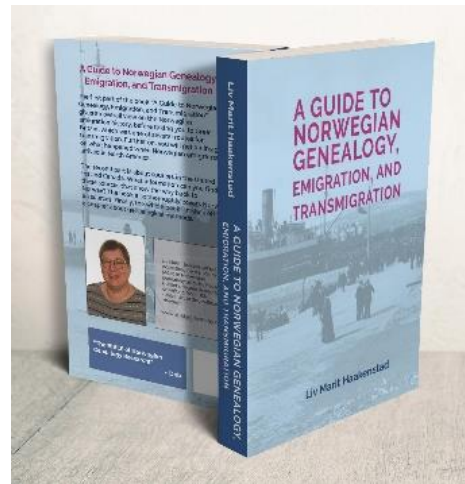
“A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration”

The following is what Liv Marit Haakenstad tells us about her program and about herself:

This speech is a taste of what you will find in my latest book, “A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration”. It gives an overall view of the Norwegian emigration history, different emigration routes, and processes the emigrants had to go through upon arrival in the USA. In the second part of the speech, you will get some information about sources in USA and Norway that might help you find your ancestors in Norway. (The book is hardcover, \$30 USD.)

Liv Marit Haakenstad, AG® (b. 1965) is a well-known author, speaker, and genealogist. She started with genealogy at age 12 and has been working with it ever since. She has experience with classic genealogy, heir research, and forensic genealogy. She has also done research for genealogy TV shows and is a RootsTech speaker.

Liv is an Accredited Genealogist® (AG®) in Norwegian genealogy, and she has a master’s degree in nonfiction writing from USN (University of South-Eastern Norway).



BUTIKK ITEMS FOR SALE

As we have done the past couple months, we will again be bringing items from the Butikk for sale at the May 8th meeting. To celebrate Syttende Mai (May 17th), we will be bringing flags, wind socks, Mai 17 buttons/pins, and other Norway related items. **SALE IS CASH OR CHECK ONLY AND PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF PURCHASE.**

Arlette Johnson

You Are Invited to Attend Our Fosselyngen Lodge Picnic!



Picnic

Monday, July 10th, 2023 at 5PM

Location: 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.

TRIP TO VIKING SHIP AT GOOD TEMPLAR PARK – SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, TOUR AT 10AM

Visit the Viking ship at Good Templar Park. The ship was built in 1892-1893 based on the ancient Viking ship Gokstad. The Viking sailed in 1893 from Norway to Chicago, via the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to the World's Columbian Exposition and now is displayed at Good Templar Park. After our guided tour at the ship, we will continue one mile to the Geneva History Museum displaying an exhibit about the ship featuring the magnificent nine foot tall just restored original carved and gilded head and tail of the ship, which has been locked in storage at the Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry for the past 50 years. If interested, we may try Stockholm's for lunch (at your own cost), which is one of Geneva's favorite Scandinavian themed spots.

Since we did not have enough interest to charter a bus, we will be carpooling. I can drive and take up to six additional people. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to drive and to take additional people. Drivers who can take a minimum of two additional members with them will receive a stipend from the lodge for expenses. We could meet at State Fair Park and Ride (approximately two-hour drive to Geneva, IL) at 7:30AM or set a meeting place with your riders. Our private tour begins at 10AM. Cost for this trip is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

Please call or email me to register. Thank you.

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

TRIP TO STOUGHTON – WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

If you would like to join us for the May 31st trip to Stoughton, reservations along with payment are due no later than Monday, May 8th. You can either mail your check to Arlette Johnson (180 East Cherokee Circle, Fox Point, Wisconsin 53217) or bring it to the May 8th meeting (please list names of attendees). Cost is \$25.00 per member or \$30.00 for non-members. This price includes lunch at Mandt Lodge (MINIMUM 20 PEOPLE FOR LUNCH) and Group Tour charge at Livsreise Museum. If we do not have 20 people for lunch at Mandt Lodge, \$20.00 of your deposit will be given back to you, and you can have lunch on your own at an area restaurant.

Currently we have three tentative drivers who can take about 12 people. When you send in your reservation, please let Arlette know if you want to be included in the carpool, or if you will drive yourself. Any member who will be driving and can take a minimum of two MEMBERS with them (not including yourself) will receive a stipend from the Lodge for gas. Please let Arlette know ASAP if you can take riders with you.

Please note that our Museum tour starts at 10:00 a.m., so you will need to arrive before then.

Arlette Johnson

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

If you have suggestions for a place to have this year's Christmas party, please let Arlette, or Gretchen, know ASAP. Guidelines for restaurants: NO STAIRS, open on a Sunday (party is from noon-4:00), private room that can accommodate 50-60 people, PREFERABLY NO BUFFET (family style meal if possible), parking lot (no street parking), and within 15 mile radius of West Allis.

Arlette Johnson

GUIDELINES FOR BRINGING GUESTS

Members are encouraged to invite guests to our monthly meetings to learn more about our Lodge. If a guest would also like to join us for dinner prior to the program, they may do so at no cost for one time only. Should they want to come again, they will need to pay \$10.00 for the dinner. As a member you are not charged for any regular meeting meal and also receive a discounted price for the picnic and Christmas party, so please encourage your friends to join to receive these benefits and become a member of the Fosselyngen Family.

Arlette Johnson

CHOIR CONCERT TO FEATURE MUSIC OF GRIEG

My name is Elizabeth Carlson, and I'm a member of the Chant Claire choir here in Milwaukee. We will be singing a concert on Saturday, May 13th that will feature the Fire Salmer by Grieg. We have been enjoying learning Norwegian as we prepare! We'd love to invite anyone from the Sons or Daughters of Norway groups here in the Milwaukee area to come to hear us!

A little about me: my mom is 100% Norwegian, I went to college at St. Olaf (studying abroad for a short time in Tromsø), and I'm a big fan of Iefse! My aunt is a member of the Daughters of Norway in Bellingham, WA. That's how your group came to my mind!

A little about our choir: We are a group of about 60 singers from around Milwaukee, most of us are young adults, and we love to sing together!

Information about the concert: <https://www.chantclaire.org/concerts-events/spring-concert-2023>
Saturday, May 13th at 7:30pm

St. Monica Parish
5681 N. Santa Monica Blvd.
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

Tickets: <https://www.chantclaire.org/tickets/that-eternal-day>

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.

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- To the family of Walt Thomson who passed away on March 3rd, 2023. Walt was a member since 1985.



- To the family of Jerry Smeiska who passed away on April 2nd, 2023. Jerry was a member since 2022. Jerry played the accordion at some of our lodge picnics and Christmas parties.



- To Mary Taylor whose husband Dennis passed away on April 10th, 2023



District 5

Give a lasting gift to your children or grandchildren!



Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

July 16 –29, 2023

Children ages 9 to 15

Fall Creek, Wisconsin

For more information: www.sonsofnorway5.com or massemoro.org

District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation



MASSE MORO
SONS OF NORWAY FIFTH DISTRICT NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP



REMINDER:

Be sure to go to the Milwaukee Art Museum, to visit the exhibition *Scandinavian Design and the United States, 1890–1980* which is open now through July 23rd, 2023.

Nordic Council Folk Fair Planning Committee

Each Lodge in the Nordic Council is asking for volunteers to help plan a cultural booth at the 2023 International Folk Fair. This is a new effort for Scandinavian organizations to work together to promote our culture. We are looking for one or two members to help. Call Daryl Wunrow (414-460-5285) if you want to be a part of this planning. Our organizational meeting is Tuesday, May 9th, 6:30 PM.

Norway Invaded

By Timothy J Boyce

Reprinted with permission

April 9, 2023

If you were a Norwegian going to bed on the evening of April 8, 1940, you fell asleep in a country at peace with the world, and with the reasonable expectation that you would wake up the following morning in a country still at peace.

After all, Norway was officially neutral in World War II, which had begun seven months earlier, with the German invasion of Poland. Norway had no quarrel with either the Allies or the Axis powers. It had previously safeguarded its neutrality through the long and bitter years of the First World War. [Although it did send a mission to the U.S. to negotiate some relief from the Allied blockade, a mission headed by none other than Fridtjof Nansen.] Norway saw no reason why it could not sit out the Second World War as well.

Norway should have realized, however, that Adolf Hitler was no respecter of neutrality. As William L. Shirer noted in a radio broadcast from Berlin as early as December 7, 1939: “[T]onight we have a semi-official statement severely taking the Scandinavian states to task and telling them in effect that they must choose between friendship with Britain and friendship with Germany. In the German view, so far as I can make it out, a neutral country hasn’t the right to be friendly with both.”

Heck, Hitler wasn’t even a respecter of nonaggression treaties he had previously signed. Examples: Poland (1934); Denmark (1939); and the Soviet Union (1939). In mid-December 1939, just days after Shirer’s broadcast, arch-traitor Vidkun Quisling secured two meetings with Hitler, where he convinced the dictator that if Germany did not soon seize control of Norway, Great Britain was surely planning to, a move that would imperil Germany’s access to Sweden’s iron ore and once again allow the Allies to blockade and slowly strangle the Axis powers. Apparently, Hitler saw no ulterior, self-interested, motive in Quisling’s warning—such as a desire to rule Norway as Hitler’s puppet—behind Quisling’s urgent warning.

So, unbeknownst to you on the evening of April 8, 1940, six German naval task forces, which had been launched at sea five days earlier, were now poised to strike, and occupy, all the key coastal ports of Norway: Narvik, Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand, and Oslo. Oslo was by far the biggest prize of all: home to the Royal Family, all government ministers, the Storting (Norway’s parliament), and last, but by no means least, Norway’s central bank and the nation’s gold reserves, all 54 tons of it.

Five of the six task forces performed flawlessly, and seized their objectives at dawn on April 9 in a *coup de main*. The most important task force—*Gruppe V*—aimed at Oslo, failed miserably, allowing the King and his family, government ministers, the members of the Storting, and the all-important gold supply, to escape to the north.

All this was due to the courageous actions of one man: Col. Birger Ericksen, who commanded an antiquated fort—Oscarsborg—which sat at, and guarded, a bottleneck in the Oslofjord about 20 miles south of Oslo. Firing antediluvian weapons and fielding a force of raw recruits and trainees, Ericksen nevertheless turned back the German spearhead.

Much of this story, and the Norwegian efforts to keep their gold supply out of the grasp of the invading Germans for thirty frenetic days, is recounted in an article I recently published in the Spring issue of *World War II Magazine*, entitled “Rescuing Norway’s Gold.” Here is a link to the article (you may need to increase your screen size to 100% to read it): [WW2P-230400-NORWAY-final \(1\) \(1\) \(1\)](#)

Happy reading!

Video Tip: The movie “The King’s Choice,” a 2016 Norwegian film with English subtitles (available on Amazon Prime), opens with the dramatic events at Oscarsborg Fortress on the morning of April 9. The movie is an excellent depiction of the agonizing dilemma faced by King Haakon VII: whether to capitulate and spare his country from destruction, or resist and face the mighty Wehrmacht. He chose resistance, and exile, and the eternal gratitude of his nation.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

To Phone: Call 414-526-8312

To Send Postal Mail:

Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082
Sons of Norway
PO Box 20957
Milwaukee, WI 53220

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

7042 Kinnikinnick Drive
Roscoe, IL 61073

Phone: 815-623-8817 (Office)

Email: gragan51@gmail.com

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

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

Notice: All articles & information for the July/August 2023 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.

Pettit National Ice Center

On March 16th, ten members of Fosselyngen Lodge and six members of Nordlyset Lodge (Racine) were given a tour of the Pettit National Ice Center (PNIC) by Gale Tanger. Gale is a member of Fosselyngen Lodge and is involved in the figure skating community: locally, nationally, and internationally. She was involved with the PNIC since the planning stages of building the facility. She told us of the PNIC being built in anticipation of the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer and the indoor skating facility in Hamar. Nationally, Gale has been inducted into the US Figuring Skating Hall of Fame. She has also been involved internationally in the development of the new International Judging System for figure skating after the issues at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.



Gale walked us through the PNIC and explained how the facility works for speed skating on the oval and the inner rinks for figure skating and hockey. The water used on the oval is demineralized for speed skating training and competitions. We are truly fortunate to have this Olympic caliber training facility in our community that is also open to the public.

Gretchen Bjork

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 2023

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (mixed beginner and intermediate).

Held at: MT. HOPE CHURCH 86th and Becher in West Allis

2023 Dates: September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25th, and November 8th & 15th -- all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L. Baran

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by August 25th, 2023.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge and mail to Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

Call Heidi w/questions 262-716-9118.

(You can also give payment to Gretchen or an officer at a regular meeting.)

If not enough students sign up, the lodge reserves the right to cancel classes and refund money. So please sign up soon and bring your friends.

Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$22 per session. (\$132 total)



Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082
Sons of Norway
PO Box 20957
Milwaukee, WI 53220

Ole and Sven were talking about chickens, when Sven remarked, "My dad once had an old hen on the farm in Dakota. Why, dat old hen could hatch out anything from a tennis ball to a lemon. Why, one day she sat on a piece of ice and hatched out two quarts of hot water."

"Dats nothing," exclaimed Ole. "Dat doesn't come up to a club-footed old hen my mother once had. They had been feeding her, by mistake, sawdust instead of oatmeal. Vell, dat old hen laid 12 eggs and sat on dem, and vhen they hatched, 11 of the chickens had wooden legs, and the 12th was a woodpecker!"

Ole was irate and called the newspaper office, loudly demanding to know where the Sunday newspaper was.

"Sir," said the employee, "Today is Saturday. The Sunday newspaper is not delivered until Sunday."

Then there was a pause, followed by a ray of recognition. Then Ole said, "I'll bet that's why no one was in church today, too!"

The older you get, the more you need to keep a fire extinguisher close to the birthday cake!

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.

This information is for official Sons of Norway business use only. Use of this information for solicitation or commercial purposes is a violation of the Sons of Norway privacy policy and is strictly prohibited.

Fosselyngen Runespeak is the official publication of Fosselyngen Lodge 5-082. Fosselyngen Runespeak is published 6 times a year by Fosselyngen Lodge 5-082, Sons of Norway, PO Box 20957, Milwaukee, WI 53220. Annual membership in Fosselyngen Lodge includes subscription to this newsletter.