

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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## LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOSSELYNGEN

- SEPTEMBER 13 Monday** Social/Cultural Meeting at 6:30PM at Mt. Hope Luth. in West Allis (8633 W. Becher St.)  
Meal will be provided by our caterer, Bev's Hospitality Catering. This will be a Norwegian dinner, including the Norway House recipe of Norwegian meatballs  
**Program:** Jeff Wunrow (Daryl's son) will give us a video presentation about his kayaking adventure on the Mississippi River in 2020. (See article on Page 3.)
- OCTOBER 11 Monday** Social/Cultural Meeting at 6:30PM at Mt. Hope Luth. in West Allis (8633 W. Becher St.)  
Meal will be provided by our caterer, Bev's Hospitality Catering. Member awards, election of officers, and program.  
**Program:** Norse Artifacts Show 'N Tell (See article on Page 3)
- DECEMBER 5 Sunday** Christmas Party at Meyer's Restaurant  
Mark the evening on your calendar.  
Details will be in the Nov/Dec 2021 Runespeak

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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 2021)

Dear Members,

Our summer picnic was a great get together! We had a wonderful turn out with over 50 people in attendance. Thanks to Daryl and Bonnie Wunrow for hosting at Steepleview Apartments and to all who helped and attended. We had delicious food (thanks to Bev’s Hospitality Catering), music and Bingo. I believe a great time was had by all.

Did you watch the summer Olympic Games? It was great to see Norway win eight medals, with four being Gold! Congratulations!

Your lodge officers met on July 24<sup>th</sup> to plan for the rest of the year. Elections will be held at our October meeting for the 2022-23 term. If any current officers do not wish to continue their service, please let me know. If any member wishes to run for an officer position, please let me know.

We are excited about our next meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>, at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church! Bev will be preparing our meal which will be our Norway House recipe of Norwegian meatballs, boiled potatoes, green beans, rye bread and dessert. In addition, Daryl has a special program planned. At the time of writing this, Mt. Hope is requiring us to wear a face mask while entering/exiting the building (any halls) and anytime we are out of our room. **In our meeting room, masks are optional.** If there are any changes prior to our meeting, I will email all members who have provided an email. If you don’t have your email on file, please call me for any updates.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you September 13<sup>th</sup>!

Fraternally yours,  
Sue Berg Roedel

**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.

## SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2021 CULTURAL PROGRAM



### **Kayaking Bio - Jeff Wunrow**

Jeff Wunrow was first introduced to kayaking while living in Southern California. A friend invited him to go sea kayaking at Channel Islands National Park, 30 miles off the California coast. One time and he was hooked. Living in Minneapolis really opened his eyes to all that kayaking could be. He has paddled extensively in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Tennessee, his home in retirement. In 2020, he and his cousin Jon Wunrow paddled the entire length of the Mississippi River from the headwaters at Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana. In 2021, he and Jon were the first recorded paddlers of the 652-mile Tennessee RiverLine water trail. Up next for Jeff and Jon, the Missouri River from northern Idaho to St Louis, Missouri.

### **Presentation: Source 2 Sea, The Mighty Mississippi**

Join Jeff for a video presentation on his 2020 Source 2 Sea paddle. The video will be followed by a discussion with him to dig deeper into what it takes to survive the mighty Mississippi.

Read more about Jeff's paddling adventures by visiting his blog: <http://jwunrow.blogspot.com/>

## OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021 CULTURAL PROGRAM

### **Norse Artifacts Show 'N Tell**

The Viking Chest/Immigrant Trunk exhibit is coming to Fosselyngen for our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The chest/trunk contains a wide variety of Norwegian cultural artifacts.

Show 'N Tell - Ten of our members are asked to share one item each and read a description of it. Call (414-460-5285) or email Daryl Wunrow ([dmwunrow@gmail.com](mailto:dmwunrow@gmail.com)) to help present an artifact. We'll send each volunteer a list of the artifact items.

Our Lodge is invited to add an artifact to the trunk/chest. Any ideas?

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FINAL REMINDER**

**WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!** Cold weather will be here before you know it, and we only have two more meetings to collect items for Repairers of the Breach.

We hope you have been busy sewing, knitting or crocheting these past few months, but if not, we hope you will consider purchasing hats, scarves and mittens to donate.

Please bring your items to the September and October meetings so we can deliver them in late October.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those less fortunate.

Arlette Johnson

## HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

As of this writing, International Institute has not made a final decision as to whether Holiday Folk Fair will be an in-person event this November. The last update we have is that the decision will be made in early September.

Should the event be held in person, we will need volunteers to staff our cultural booth for 4-hour time blocks over the three days. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gretchen Bjork ([thebjorks@att.net](mailto:thebjorks@att.net)) so she can put a list together.

Arlette Johnson

## SHRINERS FEZTIVAL OF TREES

Fosselyngen will be participating in the Shriners Feztival of Trees event in November. More details to follow in the November/December *Runespeak*. Check out their website to see what it is all about [www.tripolishrine.com/feztival-of-trees](http://www.tripolishrine.com/feztival-of-trees). We are very excited to participate and hopefully lots of people will attend.

## Sons of Norway Foundation Update - 2021

The mission of the Foundation is to:

- share and preserve Nordic heritage,
- positively affect our members' lives,
- make Sons of Norway communities better places to live.

Since 1966 the Foundation has been supporting our members through scholarships and cultural exchange opportunities, providing disaster relief to members in need, and funding community programs that celebrate Norwegian heritage and culture.

In 2020 the Foundation provided:

- \$10,742 in camperships for youth to attend Norwegian culture camps in the USA.
- \$23,530 in grants for Nordic culture and heritage programs,
- \$17,170 to scholarships for American students studying in Norway,
- \$89,100 for students to study in the United States and Canada.

The Foundation provides grants to our lodges and other partners to enhance core values, scholarships to members and their children and grandchildren, and the opportunity to achieve philanthropic goals that reflect your interests and passions.

For more information about grants and scholarships, members are encouraged to visit the Sons of Norway website ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and click on "Foundation".

The Sons of Norway Foundation is here for you...and it is here for good.

Bonnie Wunrow  
Lodge Member & Foundation Representative  
Fosselyngen Lodge 82



Sue Berg Roedel and Bonnie Wunrow (left & center) played Kubb at the Sons of Norway Zone 4 meeting at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## LIVE TO MAKE A LIFE

*Do not live to make a living,  
rather live to make a life.  
For the measure of succeeding  
is your service in the strife.  
All you ever leave behind you  
when your soul has crossed the bay,  
Is the good you've done for others  
as you tarried by the way.*

Olga Sundsdal (1956)

**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.

## Peace Prize Nominees Named in Oslo

The nomination process for the Nobel Peace Prize (*Nobels fredspris*) begins each September, and the laureates are revealed in October the following year. In December, the Nobel medals and diplomas are conferred along with a prize of 10 million Swedish *kronor* (the 2020 amount), around \$1.16 million US dollars. Who was nominated and who made the nominations is kept secret for 50 years, even from the nominees.

In 1895, the will of Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel set up prizes for Peace, Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to those who have "done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

*Det Norske Nobelinstitutt* was established in 1904 and is housed in Oslo. In 2020, the committee received 318 candidates. The award ceremony takes place at Oslo City Hall before the King of Norway each year on the death date of Alfred Nobel, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize went to World Food Programme for hunger prevention in conflict-affected areas of the world.

*(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)*

## 2021 Membership Awards

At the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the following members will be receiving pins awarded for various years of membership. The following pins will be awarded to these members:

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### 5 year

Mary Reykdal  
Rebecca Taalbi  
Mary Christine Taylor  
Melanie Woellert

### 15 year

Amber Kreif  
Beverly Lee  
Pat Sommer  
Bonnie Wunrow  
Daryl Wunrow

### 20 year

Mark Bjorgo  
Dave Engen  
Nadine Gollither  
Jan Gregoire  
Cari Stein  
Gjert Stein

### 25 year

Gloria Belling  
Patricia Johnson  
Gordon Knutson  
Linda Reed

### 35 Year

John Schneble  
Lila Smick

### 40 year

Joan Mueller  
Barbara Snyder

### 45 year

Susan Anderson  
Randolph Christianson  
Dennis Landsee  
Gilman Thompson

### 50 year

Alfred Oasen  
Gail Oasen  
John Thompson  
Laura Eide Weber

### 55 year

Gunnar Hole  
Eleanor Thoresen

(If you are not able to be at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, call Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324 to make arrangements to get your pin.)

## Lodge Officer Candidates for the 2021 Election at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Social/Cultural Meeting

All Lodge Officer Terms are 2 Year  
[2022/23)] Unless Noted Otherwise.

*(Tentative list at time of release of this newsletter;  
subject to change if someone opts not to continue  
in office, or if someone wants to be added to the  
nomination list for an office.)*

### Fosselyngen Lodge Officers

President	Susan Berg Roedel
Vice President	Arlette Johnson
Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork
Secretary- Corresponding	Jan Gregoire
Secretary- Recording	Maureen Welli
Counselor	Milt Sande
Social Director	Nick Rogneby
Cultural Director	Daryl Wunrow
Marshall	Steve Welli
Assistant Marshall	Gary Christianson
Greeter	Dave Christianson
Greeter	Randy LeBeck
Sports Director	Dennis Dale
Musician	Helen Dale
Editor	John Schneble
Historian	Daryl Wunrow
Trustee, 2022,23,24	Sheila Kershek
Trustee, 2022	Eleanor Thoresen
Trustee, 2022,23	Dave Christianson
Foundation	Bonnie Wunrow
Auditor	Gary Christianson
Auditor	Marit Hoff
Auditor	Glendean Schmidt

# JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 PICNIC AT STEEPLE VIEW

(Thanks to Daryl Wunrow for Pictures)



## 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.



### HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

**To Phone:** Call 414-526-8312

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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

### 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

Karen Riccobono, Arlette Johnson,  
and Sue Berg Roedel

Thanks for helping with the labeling,  
assembly & mailing of the  
July/August issue.

### 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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### 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.

[www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com](http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com)  
Designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway.

Dear Members,

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

John Schneble, Editor

**Notice:** All articles & information for the November/December 2021 newsletter are **due by October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## Norwegian Higher Education Records Set in 2020

In 2020, Norwegian universities and colleges experienced a record year in number of students. In fact, over 51% of bachelor students completed their studies in 2020, making it the first time more than half finished their studies without any delay. The number of students that graduated from Norwegian universities rose about 2,400 people from 2019 to 2020. Additionally, the number of applicants increased 4% from 2019 to 2020. Interestingly enough, some of this growth has been attributed to the coronavirus situation. In an interview this year, Minister of Research and Higher Education Henrik Asheim (H) stated, "Experience from previous crises shows that more people want to get an education when times are bad. We saw that last year [2020], and we see that again this year. For the knowledge nation Norway, this is good news because we need more wise minds in all sectors." 2021 is following the positive increase from 2020 and may see even higher growth.

*(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)*

## NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – Sept 2021

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

**Held at: MT. HOPE CHURCH, 86<sup>th</sup> and Becher in West Allis**

2021 Dates: Sept 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. - all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L Baran, Ed.D. – Associate Professor Cardinal Stritch University

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021\*.

**\*Hurry last chance: Call now to get in or put your name in for next session. Call Heidi at 262-716-9118 to get on list or make special arrangements for this class in September!! Call now.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge to Heidi Strom or mail to Gretchen Bjork W149N8235 Norman Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 – call Heidi w/questions 262-716-9118

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)



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In a double decker bus in New York, Sven sat near the driver. He kept up a continuous conversation, until the driver tactfully suggested that he would find the top deck more enjoyable --- and there was plenty of fresh air up there. Swen was good natured and climbed up, but was down again shortly!!

“What’s wrong?” asked the driver. “Don’t you like the view and the air up there?”

“Oh, ya,” said Ole, “but it ain’t safe --- no driver!!!”

Lars was very lucky. He was a passenger on the inaugural flight of the Big Jumbo Jet from Oslo!! Everyone was really excited, and things were going smoothly when the Norwegian pilot’s voice came over the loud speaker.

“Ladies and Yentlemen. Velcome to our inaugural flight. I regret to inform you dat I have some good news and some bad news!”

“The bad news first --- ve are hopelessly lost!! And now the good news ---- ve are making darned good time!!”

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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