

# Med Vennlig Hilsen

## With Friendly Greetings

Sons of Norway - Grønnavik Lodge 5-632 - Green Bay, WI

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### Kalender

#### March

9—National Meatball Day  
10—Daylight Savings Ends  
19—Cultural Meeting 6:30,  
Trinity Luth Church  
25—National Waffle Day  
31—Easter Sunday

#### April

7—National Coffee Cake Day  
(and National Beer Day)  
16—Cultural Meeting 6:30,  
Trinity Luth Church  
21—Deadline for Newsletter  
22—Earth Day

### Gratulerer med dagen!

#### March

1 – Stacey Gruenke  
3 – Aspen Gruenke\*  
7 – Jon Reuter  
11 – Steve Below  
13 – Roberta Kutlik  
13 – Elle Taylor  
21 – James McKanna  
23 – Kathryn Romsos  
23 – Kathy Braun  
26 – Karen Vedvik  
28 – Ann-Marie Bennfors

#### April

3 – Peggy Odegaard  
3 – Noah Jensen  
7 – Mary Swain  
8 – Sally Schlise  
13 – Karen Hepp  
13 – Alec Nitti  
15 – Dawn BergsBaken  
15 – Lynn Jensen  
16 – Bjorg Jensen  
19 – Josh Agen  
26 – Alaina Noll  
28 – Greg Welhaven

Oops!! My boo-boo! I missed this info last edition:

Fra Medlemsdirektør: Carol Brunner Say "hello" to Anne Hareid when you see her; hopefully, at our next meeting. Formerly from Appleton, and now residing in Green Bay, Anne is our newest member. We are delighted to have her.

A shout out to: Phyllis Fitzgerald, Bjorg Jensen, Dixie Jorns, Cheryl Meingast, and Gerald Tallackson from Door and Kewaunee Counties for renewing their membership. Thank you.

A sad note to inform you of the death of former member Ramona Eliason. Ramona, and her late husband Ken, who was a Golden Member, were both wonderfully involved with Grønnavik as long as their health allowed them. Ken referred to Ramona as his "precious darling/better half". She was a special person, and will be truly missed by her family and friends.

## Card Making Club

If you missed the announcement at our last meeting, a few members gathered to work on making cards with a Norse flair for the lodge. We are planning on starting a Card Club. There are a few options for the use of these cards. We could make Birthday, Thank You, Get Well, and Sympathy cards for our Sunshine Person to use for lodge purposes. We could make cards for our Membership Secretary to send to members that have joined as a welcome and members that have fallen behind in their dues. We have also thought of selling cards at Viking Fest along with our baked goods. The possibilities are endless!



The stamp sets that we are working with are available from District 5, but those interested can bring other appropriate stamp sets if they choose. A couple of members have offered to let us come and make cards at their homes and we are looking for another available facility.

Please let Mollie B. know if you are interested: text or call 715-853-4357 or email at [mollie.bergsbaken@live.com](mailto:mollie.bergsbaken@live.com)



Oslo	Flam	H	W	S	V	G	Q	G	E	I	R	A	N	G	E	R	F	J	O	R	D	K	P
Bergen	Vikings	Y	V	C	L	X	A	P	A	O	Z	H	U	R	T	I	G	R	U	T	E	N	H
Tromso	Oppland	O	M	E	V	L	Q	B	E	R	G	E	N	B	B	W	V	I	K	I	N	G	S
Rokt Laks	Gravlax	B	S	N	A	L	E	S	U	N	D	S	U	N	N	M	O	R	E	U	D	W	L
Peninsula	Hedmark	G	T	I	K	A	Y	N	Q	Z	J	O	W	H	M	G	S	I	X	P	L	H	O
Hurtigruten		A	A	C	Z	T	T	Z	Y	W	T	B	L	Q	V	H	E	D	M	A	R	K	F
Winter Sports		L	V	R	V	W	H	Y	S	J	T	R	O	N	D	H	E	I	M	S	G	D	O
Geirangerfjord		D	A	A	Z	I	B	K	X	I	C	Y	A	D	T	C	S	F	K	Q	R	W	T
Buskerud		H	N	I	R	N	J	T	J	V	I	G	Z	S	V	H	K	U	Y	T	A	B	E
Trondheim		O	G	L	Z	T	O	P	C	N	L	G	G	F	L	A	M	M	J	R	V	V	N
Stavanger Region		P	E	R	S	E	M	S	W	E	W	E	D	O	K	K	Y	C	B	O	L	V	I
Alesund Sunnmore		I	R	O	K	R	S	Z	L	P	E	N	I	N	S	U	L	A	G	M	A	D	S
Galdhopiggen		G	R	U	A	S	N	Q	E	O	Z	M	T	J	D	H	T	B	A	S	X	Q	L
Akershus		G	E	T	G	P	P	B	V	I	T	L	I	U	L	B	O	F	H	O	S	H	A
Scenic Routes		E	G	E	E	O	F	X	B	U	S	K	E	R	U	D	A	Z	O	B	J	W	N
Skagerak		N	I	S	R	R	L	R	O	K	T	L	A	K	S	O	P	P	L	A	N	D	D
Bryggen		W	O	Z	A	T	M	M	F	N	D	U	A	K	E	R	S	H	U	S	T	U	S
Lofoten Islands		X	N	E	K	S	T	N	T	O	S	L	O	F	J	O	R	D	W	K	T	W	G
Oslofjord																							

## Book Club

Grønnavik Sons of Norway book club will be meeting on April 8th at 7pm at Darlene Gast's home—2843 Newberry Ave, Green Bay.

We would love to have new participants. The book for this month is 1222 by Anne Holt. It is a mystery. Please let Darlene know if you can attend: 920-465-1936 or [pgast@new.rr.com](mailto:pgast@new.rr.com)

According to [Visit Norway](#), the custom of binge-reading [Påskekrims](#) (or "Easter crimes") during the Easter season dates back a century. On the Sunday before Easter in 1923, the front page of the Norwegian newspaper *Aftenposten* announced a train robbery on the country's Bergen line. The sensational headline was actually an advertisement for a new crime novel with that premise, but many readers took the fictional statement as fact. The book sparked enough attention to become a best-seller, and today it's considered the first Easter crime story in a long Norwegian tradition.

1222 by Anne Holt: hva handler det om?

[mentalfloss.com](http://mentalfloss.com)

A train on its way to the northern reaches of Norway derails during a massive blizzard, 1,222 meters above sea level. The passengers head for a nearby hotel, centuries old and practically empty. With plenty of food and shelter from the storm, the evacuees think they are safe, until one of them turns up dead.

With no sign of rescue and the storm raging, retired police inspector Hanne Wilhelmsen is asked to investigate. Paralyzed by a bullet lodged in her spine, Hanne has no desire to get involved. But when another body turns up, panic takes over. Complicating things is the presence of a mysterious guest, a passenger who traveled in a private rail car and now stays secluded on the top floor of the hotel. No one knows who the guest is, or why armed guards are needed. Hanne has her suspicions. Trapped in her wheelchair, trapped by the storm, and now trapped with a killer, Hanne knows she must act before the killer strikes again. [Amazon.com](#)

## Notater Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen

We enjoyed a yummy variety of treats during our February gathering! Thank you everyone for bring & sharing!

We will be celebrating Påske in March!! Mollie & Karen will be putting on their aprons! Hope they remember to turn on the ovens!

A tasty meeting is scheduled for April! Get ready for a demonstration of Norsk open faced sandwich making! Takk, Colleen & Karen

One day Lena confided to her friend Hilda that she had finally cured her nervous husband, Ole, of his habit of biting his nails. "Good gracious," said Hilda, "How did yew ever dew that?" "It vas really simple," was Lena's reply. "I yust hid his false teeth."

**Uff-Da!**



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**Fra vår president:**

**Eileen Larson Below**

I hope you didn't miss Nels Lawrence's program "Wooden Skis in War and Peace" at February's Lodge meeting. Even as someone whose singular attempt at skiing involved falling

down three times going up the tow rope, I was captivated by his presentation. Deftly moving from the impact of skiers in the WWII Norwegian resistance movement, to wooden skis and skiing styles, to the Birkebeiner, Nels shared his knowledge and passion for All Things Ski, and left us quietly clamoring for more.

Ah, Pseudo Spring. As we wait for the other (snow) shoe to drop, let's look forward to future cultural offerings from Grønnavik Lodge. Kari Jensen will be our speaker for March's Lodge meeting. His topic, "The Washington Island Stavkirke: A Gem in our own Backyard" promises to be a winner. Norwegian Open-Faced Sandwiches (learning to make, and, of course, sampling), will dominate the scene in April.

Keep those trinkets pouring in (So far I have 3) to provide the fabulous prizes for an upcoming Norske Trivia Game. Plans for Syttende Mai and our 30th (!) anniversary are in the hopper... and a partnership with Norse Valley Lodge of Appleton will result in a very special program during the last week of June. Stay tuned.

Yours,

Eileen Larson Below, Grønnavik Lodge President