

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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

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Kalender

November

6—Daylight Savings
Time ends

11—Veterans' Day

15—Taste of Norway,
6:30 Trinity Lutheran

24—Thanksgiving

December

13—Cultural meeting,
6:30 Trinity Lutheran

25—Christmas Day

Gratulerer med dagen!

November

16 – Abigail DeMeuse*

18 – Ginny Pliner

27 – Sharee Dost

December

7 – Judy Beerntsen

21 – Bailey Below

24 – Colleen Griswold

27 – Linda Galt

Dear members,

Happy Autumn! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather as much as we are. That's what must have been what kept some of members away from our September Foundation Meeting. Our silent auction went well although less was sold than we would have liked. Heidi's report on the Midwest Viking Fest was interesting in all its details. It is not an inexpensive venture. Our participation was appreciated. By the way, our sales are now \$602.00 for the Sons of Norway booth. Thanks again to everyone who participated. Peggy showed slides and spoke about her family's trip to Norway recently. She really keeps us dreaming of going there.

Taste of Norway will be our November 15th meeting. If you haven't signed up to bring something, contact Karen Vedvik. Remember to come by 6pm so that everything can get set up. You also can bring baked goods for sale. Our program may include installation of new officers as well. Our Christmas party is December 13. For Julefest we will have a giving tree with socks, scarves, hats, and underwear. There will be an optional \$10.00 gift exchange.

Thanks from your officers for your continued support and participation.

Ole was on his deathbed and implored his wife Lena, "Lena, ven I'm gone, I want you to marry Sven Svenson". "Vy Sven Svenson?" his wife asked. "You've hated him all of your life!" "Still do," gasped Ole.

by Dean Hostager – norskarv.com

Norway has a similar holiday like our Thanksgiving called høsttakkefest. Since 1899, the State Church of Norway has celebrated høsttakkefest (literally fall-thanks-party) by welcoming fruit, vegetables, and flowers on the altar to represent and give thanks for the good avdeling (crop). Høsttakkefest is not as recognized a holiday as it once was due to the decreased number of Norwegians who driver med jordbruk (farm). Those churches who celebrate the helligdag pick a day in oktober that is suitable to bonder og kondisjoner (farmers and conditions).

Excerpt from <https://blogs.transparent.com/norwegian/thanksgiving/>



Bare til din informasjon:



Our December meeting will be on December 13th at 6:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church. It will be our Julefest! The tree will be trimmed with your donated hats, mittens, and socks. Please let's make it festive. Mary Swain will be doing her braille reading of, "*Why the Princess Doesn't Wear a Crown.*"

We are planning on having musical entertainment and a gift exchange for those who would like to participate. We will exchange a gift of \$10 value. Hopefully, the Nisse will

make an appearance and bring some candy treats to all who were good during the year.

Cookies, hot chocolate, and fellowship will top off the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen

Thanks to all of the people that brought for our breakfast in September and for the soup and accompaniments for our October meeting.

Our November meeting is our Taste of Norway! Please think about coming early and staying a little later for set up and take down. Plus, don't forget to bake for the bake sale. It's a good time to show off what your family treats are. (And buy some of everyone else's)

December will be cookies and hot cocoa. Please bring a plateful. Takk!

Merk følgende!

High school seniors and current college students- it's time to start thinking about 2023!

If you are a member of Sons of Norway or have a parent or grandparent who is a member, you can apply for a scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

There are a variety of scholarships available for college, trade schools, and study abroad, from \$1,500 to \$20,000+. More information can be found at: <https://www.sofn.com/blog/foundation-scholarships-available/>

Fra Medlemsdirektør: Carol Brunner

We welcome new member Paula Jorgensen. Paula is originally from the Upper Peninsula, and of Norwegian and Danish heritage. She fondly remembers the special baking done by her Grandmother Larson on the farm. She considers herself an outdoor person. Paula is eager to participate in Gronnvik's activities.

Vår stiftelsesdirektør: October is Foundation Month

Rita Running

What is the Sons of Norway Foundation? It is a foundation started in 1966 to achieve the goals of preserving and promoting Norwegian Heritage and Culture and to provide assistance to Sons of Norway members, lodges and communities. It awards scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and provides assistance to members and communities in times of crisis.

Grønnavik Lodge celebrated Foundation Month as it held its annual Silent Auction October 18th at Trinity.



The proceeds of the auction are divided between the Foundation and our lodge. Mange takk to all who donated and purchased auction items. It is always a special way to support the Sons of Norway Foundation and to know that those in other lodges nationally are also coordinating some event to support the Foundation in some way. Takk, too, to those who made a monetary donation to the Foundation. Lastly, Grønnavik contributes to Foundation support throughout the year with the use of "Pass the Piggy" (the red piggy bank) at many meetings as well as donating \$25 in memory of members who have passed away.

The October Viking featured the scholarship recipients for 2022, which pictured our own Natalie Brunner. The Viking magazine also included an envelope for individual giving at any time. You may want to find your October Viking and read the Foundation article.



Kulturdirektøren: Eileen Larson Below

A Beery Merry Norse Christmas

Norway's Christmas celebrations involve a number of long-held traditions combined with modern ways to celebrate. Some are unique to the country and others are similar to those in other parts of Europe, Canada, and the United States. Midwinter celebrations, called Jól, date back to Viking times before the spread of Christianity.

Brewing juleøl (Christmas beer) was a traditional holiday activity. The Vikings and old Norse prized their beer and kept plenty on hand during the holiday season. The symbol of the cross was often used during the process to protect or bless the brew.

Sometimes crossed straws in the container or a cross of tar painted on or under each container would serve as enough to protect the special beer. In most districts, the brewer—usually the master or matron of the household—worked alone and started two to three weeks before Christmas on a night with a full moon. The process had to be completed by St Thomas Day (December 21) or winter solstice, because brewing at the turning of the sun was considered to be very tricky.



Ale bowl seen at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, IA



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Heritage Weekend in Spring Grove, MN

Peggy and Charles Schroeder, Barbara and John Nelson, Carol Brunner, Karen Vedvik, Dawn Bergsbaken, and Mollie Bergsbaken attended the first ever Heritage Weekend sponsored by District 5. Approximately 60 people in attendance. Various speakers who addressed the group with poetry reading, genealogy information, author presentations, and Robin Fossum shared her talent on the Hardanger Fiddle. Various singers were included and don't forget an appearance from Ole and Lena!

fra vår visepresident: Mollie Bergsbaken



Rebecca Hanna did a presentation on Ale Bowls. Rebecca is a Vesterheim gold medalist carver. Lunch on Saturday was a traditional Norwegian smorgasbord. Norwegian Lise Kragstath-Furuseth spoke on Norwegian food customs and demonstrated open-face sandwiches and shared for all to enjoy!

Saturday, we enjoyed a play, *Nordic Convention 1935*. Sunday an Old Fashion Norwegian Church Service at Wilmington, MN. In the afternoon we ventured to Decorah, IA for tours of the Vesterheim Museum, both the public displays and behind the scene.

All in all, it was a delightful weekend and we are looking forward to the next one.