

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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

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Kalender

September

06—Read a Book Day
16—Guacamole Day!!!
19 – Frokost, 9am (So we are set up to eat by 9:30am) Trinity Luth Church.
28—Good Neighbor Day

October

4—Taco Day!!!!
12—Old Farmers' Day
20—Cultural meeting, 630pm, Trinity Luth Church
21—Deadline for News-letter!!

Gratulerer med dagen!

September

09 – Matt Agen
15 – Marlene Bergum
16 – Vegard Slattelid
17 – Peggy Schroeder
26 – Muriel Wallestad
29 – Gwen Oleniczak

October

02 – Deborah Schneider
07 – Paul Gast
19 – Tyler Overby*
22 – Heidi Sherman
23 – Steven Olsen

Greetings to all! Can you believe summer is coming to a close? But time marches on!

Fra vår president: Mollie Bergsbaken

Our September meeting brings us to Frokost and our silent auctions. Please bring an item for our breakfast (let Karen V or Colleen know what you will be bringing) and do you have an item for auctions? Make it fun and be creative.



October 2nd and 3rd will be The Midwest Viking Fest held at the Long House area at UWGB. Heidi Sherman has assured me that a few new things have been added this year. Several different features will be taking place both days. Our Lodge will again have a booth and are selling baked goods and craft items. Members are asked to bring items. Remember this is our BIGGEST fund raiser that we do. Also looking for workers to help with baking, working the booth, and set-up Saturday morning. Many hands make light work!

Info for The Midwest Viking Fest, including list of events, schedule, and maps can be found at <https://www.uwgb.edu/viking-house/midwest-viking-festival/>

At our October meeting, we will have Doug Framnes as our speaker. He has been to Norway a couple times and will be speaking about his travels. He is a member of the Marshfield area lodge and happens to be Janet Bohm's cousin. We will also be having an apple dessert contest. So, bring a family favorite apple recipe and maybe win a prize.

October is also elections for the Lodge. Scott Brunner has recently taken the treasures duties and will continue in that position for the next two-year term. The position of president is also being voted on. I am not taking the position, but will assist whoever will step forward.

Enjoy the fall months! Takk, Mollie B, President

Vår stiftelsesdirektør: Rita Running

Sons of Norway Foundation

October is normally Sons of Norway Foundation month, although Grønnavik Lodge will celebrate this year at our annual Frokost (breakfast) and Silent Auction. The date is Saturday, September 19, 2026. Check the newsletter calendar for the time.

The Silent Auction is held during the breakfast and the proceeds are divided between the lodge and the Sons of Norway Foundation. Other lodges nationally are coordinating some event to support the Foundation in some way. Grønnavik also contributes to the Foundation 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.

Hopefully members and guests who cannot attend a Tuesday evening Grønnavik event will be able to join us on Saturday morning. Enjoy breakfast and bid on an item or two from the donated items. Please bring something to the sale that you would like to share. You won't want to miss the bidding! Also, bring your purse and wallet to purchase a treasure or two to take home with you. You never know what you will find.

Shetland Bus

Have you heard of the Shetland Bus? First of all, Shetland is a small island that is part of Scotland, only 200 miles from Norway. It's economy is based on fishing and farming. At one time it was part of Norway.

Shortly after Germany invaded Norway in April 1940, the first of some 300 small craft (fishing boats) were already setting out for the west and freedom. Some of the boats went to other islands and Scotland, but a majority went to Shetland as it was the nearest friendly island. It was realized that some of those same boats could return to Norway on clandestine operations. This was called the Shetland Bus. Fishing boats were prepared for this operation with plenty of volunteers. They operated during the darkest, stormiest times of the year and appeared to be ordinary fishing boats. On almost 100 trips from Shetland, the boats carried into Norway agents, wireless operators, and military supplies for the resistance. They would bring back returning agents, refugees, recruits for the Free Norwegian forces and in season—Christmas Trees for treeless Shetland!

By April 1943, 44 men and 10 boats had been lost due to weather and German surveillance. Bigger, faster, and better armed boats were needed. A gift of 3 American sub-chasers manned by Norwegian crew provided regular service. 115 round trips were made without further loss. Because of this activity, Hitler and the Germans thought that the Allies would invade Norway. In Scalloway, the museum has a permanent Shetland Bus exhibit.

Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen

Saturday, September 19th: FROKOST (Norwegian Breakfast) Please call to let us know what you will bring to share. Arrive by 9, giving us time to set the foods out.

Tuesday, October 20th: "Apple Bake Off!" Please bring an apple treat and your recipe to share.

Mange Takk, Colleen (920)366-8355 or Karen (920)497-0878



Fra Distrikt Fem:



Sons of Norway Book Club for all members of Sons of Norway



The Sons of Norway Book Club was founded in 2018 and has expanded to include all Sons of Norway members in all Sons of Norway Districts.

To learn more about the Sons of Norway Book Club or to join, send an email to: sonsofnorwaybookclub@gmail.com Please include your lodge name and district number in your email.

Activities include: monthly meetings via zoom, Author talks via zoom, a newsletter, interactions with other Sons members, chance to complete Cultural Skills Medal. Plans are being made for children's and teen's book clubs and an online writing course. More info on the District website at sonsofnorway5.com



Because of the recent damage to Norse Valley Lodge members' homes in the Fox Cities, I wanted to make members aware of emergency grants that the Sons of Norway Foundation has available.

The Sons of Norway Foundation has a program called "Helping Hands to Members". Disaster Relief Grants are offered for up to \$5,000 to provide assistance to current Sons of Norway members whose homes are significantly damaged and are deemed unlivable for a period of time due to a natural disaster. Such disasters include floods, wildfires, hurricanes, tornados and other catastrophes.

To be eligible for consideration for these grants, you must presently be a Sons of Norway member for at least one year and the damage must have occurred to your primary residence.

If you want more information about eligibility and how to apply, please contact me and I will get you the particulars. Please stay safe everyone. Patrick Dier, Norse Valley Lodge Secretary.

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On August 28th at 6:35 a.m. King Harald V passed away at Oslo University Hospital Rikshospitalet after being hospitalized for a rare blood illness. Harald V served as Norway's king for 35 years and passed away just two days before his 58th wedding anniversary with Queen Sonja. At the time of King Harald's death, the Crown Prince became His Majesty King Haakon VIII. King Harald will be laid to rest on September 9th in the Royal Mausoleum at Akershus Fortress, beside his parents and grandparents. His sarcophagus was designed by renowned architectural firm Snøhetta.



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1500-Year-Old Gold Ornament Discovered

Norway continues to reveal its historic secrets by way of archeological finds. The latest discovery was made by a hiker in the southwestern part of the country, in the Austrått district of Sandnes. The rare find was of a highly ornamental gold piece that would have decorated a scabbard, or covering of a sword. The piece is small in size and features filigree ornamentation, indicating it would have been made by highly skilled goldsmiths. The fitting depicts abstract animal imagery, with symmetry tying everything together.



Experts determine the find to be about 1,500 years old, and place it in the Migration Period, which lasted from around 375 – 500 AD. This period was marked by turmoil, with the fall of the Roman Empire and weather and plague epidemics that greatly affected the population.

Only those most influential people would have owned something like this, indicating it may have belonged to a powerful chieftain of the area. The object showed wear, which suggests it was more than just a ceremonial piece of weaponry. Experts theorize that the valuable may have been buried for religious reasons, as a sacrifice to the gods to protect the people at a time of crisis.

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