



Fra Presidenten

Kjaere Venner,

Idun members are finally able to meet in person at the church! August 4th was the first in person get together inside and everyone felt safe. Most of us did put on masks until we were seated and tables mostly stayed in bubble groups, so for anyone who is concerned, we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. We all had a great time visiting and watching an inspiring video of a group of kayakers spending months in the fjords of Norway. A new and beautiful way of touring the country.

In previous newsletters we had articles about using plastic bags for Mercy Mats instead of throwing them in the landfill. On Wednesday September 1st at 6:30 we will learn how to make the mats and have a hands-on opportunity to be part of this project. There are many jobs and lots of ways to get your hands busy. Bring all of the bags you have been saving and come join us for this worthwhile project. Come even if you don't have bags, we would appreciate the help. Instead of pot-luck Idun is providing desserts and snacks with coffee, lemonade and water, or bring your own beverage, while we enjoy the program.

Looking ahead to October, we plan to continue the safe guidelines for gathering with desserts and beverages provided by Idun.

October is Foundation Month in SOFN and along with learning about the Foundation we will have an event that Idun had a few years ago which everyone enjoyed very much called the Pound Auction. Read inside about the auction and see what interesting things you can come up with. (Remember to bring your wallet, but we also take checks.)

Looking forward to seeing you.

Hilsen, Mary Z

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Membership Update

In Memoriam - Gordon Ansell Erickson died on April 26, 2021 at age 91. He was born March 9, 1930 in Green County WI to Gerhard and Clara (Knudtson) Erickson. "Gordy" graduated from Madison East High School in 1948 and served in the U. S. Air Force. He married Joanne Schneider in 1954. He served as a detective for the City of Madison for 32 years, and was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a proud member of the Sons of Norway and the VFW Post No. 1318. Our condolences to wife Jo and their three sons, Mark, Paul and Steve.

Norwegian Idioms

Å snakke rett fra leveren

Translation: To speak directly from the liver.
Meaning: To speak plainly/truthfully without sugar-coating.

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September 1st Meeting

Mercy Mats for the Homeless

In September, Idun members will gather at Trinity Lutheran Church for our September 1 meeting to learn how to make Mercy Mats woven out of plastic grocery bags. These plastic waterproof mats are given to organizations for homeless people to use as sleeping mats. Bring the many “clean” plastic bags you have collected from grocery stores, and any other stores from your shopping trips. Currently recycling areas and stores that used to accept these plastic bags for recycling are no longer taking them.

By making these Mercy Mats we recycle this plastic material into a useful product and keep the plastic bags out of the landfill. It takes several hundred plastic grocery bags to make one adult-size sleeping mat so start saving your plastic bags and even ask your neighbors for their “clean” plastic bags too. At our August meeting Dee Grimsrud brought a large plastic garbage bag full of these bags to help start us out. This is an on-going project. We will all learn the basic steps in the process so we can continue work at home.



If you want more information, google:

plastic bags for homeless tutorial or use this link <https://youtu.be/5JNe-hce0sY>

October 6th Meeting

October is Foundation Month!

A live "pound auction" is being planned for the October 6th meeting to benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation. Each person attending the meeting is asked to bring an item for the auction. The item should weigh about a pound. The items should be new, gently used, food or baked goods. Please wrap your items so it's a mystery what is being bid on. After all packages have been auctioned off, they will be opened to discover the treasures inside. All proceeds will be donated to the Foundation. If you have any questions, contact Mary Bennett at 608-837-8335.

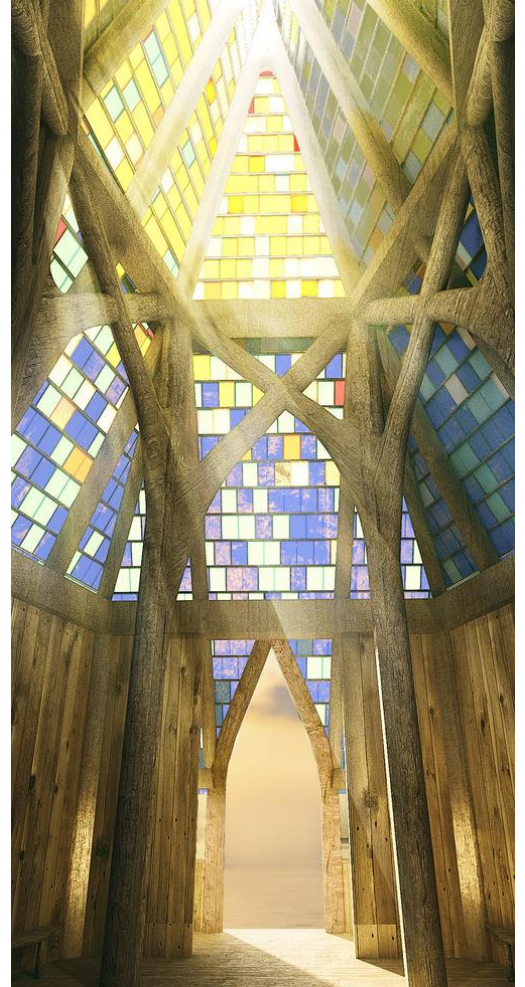
Hope Floats

Inspired by Norway's stave churches, Hope Cathedral is a unique structure, floating on a barge near the mouth of the river Glomma in Fredrikstad, Norway. It is constructed out of timber and over a thousand recycled plastic fish boxes. The multi-colored fish boxes, recovered during shoreline clean-ups, have been recycled into jewel-like roof tiles.

Solveig Egeland, an artist and cultural advisor to the Church of Norway's Diocese of Borg, was inspired to start the project back in 2018 as she witnessed more and more plastic waste being deposited on her favorite beaches. In their stead, she envisioned an edifice of many colors rising from the sea. That fall, 35 volunteers banded together to realize her dream.

They have since been joined by thousands of people from across the globe, binding people of different faiths and nationalities together into a supportive, sustainability-focused community. Now nearly finished, Hope Cathedral was opened to the public on June 5, 2021.

To find out more, visit their website: hopecathedral.no



Sons of Norway Foundation Month

Happy Foundation Month!

in 2021, the whole Sons of Norway Foundation:

-Awarded \$110,000 in 2021 scholarship awards

-Offered over \$20,000 in grants to support Nordic culture and heritage events

It is amazing the impact we can have sharing our culture and heritage we love!

A Lit På Norske

Kunstig intelligens kan hjelpe deg å forstå musikk bedre

UiO-forsker jobber for at ny teknologi kan åpne folks ører for ny musikk.

Akkorder, takt, klang, rytme og harmoni – alle disse aspektene ved musikken gjør at den låter som den gjør. Men har du tenkt over hvorfor du liker akkurat den musikken du gjør?

– Musikk er ganske magisk, når du tenker over det. Når du lytter, kjenner du på mange følelser. Du forstår at det er et slags språk, men ser ikke hva som skjer. De fleste forstår ikke hva som egentlig foregår. Det sier Olivier Lartillot, forsker ved RITMO Senter for tverrfaglig forskning på rytme, tid og bevegelse. Han utvikler nye digitale verktøy som han håper vil gjøre musikkens magi tilgjengelig for alle. Først ut er norsk folkemusikk.

– Folkemusikken er så rik, og en skatt for norsk kultur. Likevel er det ikke så mange som hører på den. Hvis vi lager et verktøy som kan hjelpe folk å forstå musikken, kan folkemusikken kanskje få en renessanse i Norge, sier Lartillot.

Trener opp kunstig intelligens med hardingfele

Musikken maskinen skal klare å transkribere, er Nasjonalbibliotekets katalog med folkemusikk. Ifølge Lartillot er norsk folkemusikk og særlig hardingfela vanskelig materie for maskinen.

– Den store mengden eksempler som trengs, var i utgangspunktet ikke tilgjengelig. Derfor har vi bedt musikere, den profesjonelle felespilleren Olav Luksengård Mjelva og studenter fra Norges musikkhøgskole, om å spille for oss, og designet en programvare hvor de kunne se lydene visuelt og plassere notene for oss.

Visualisering hjelper musikkforståelse

Med appen Lartillot vil lage, vil du kunne bla i katalogen av folkemusikk og dra på oppdagelsesreise i musikken. Når du finner en slått eller et stev du liker, kan appen peke deg i retning av noe i samme landskap.

Enn så lenge vil det en slik app kunne brukes til spesifikk folkemusikk. På lengre sikt ønsker Lartillot å utvide kunnskapen til den kunstige intelligensen, slik at den kan brukes for all musikk.

Artificial Intelligence Can Help You Understand Music Better

University of Oslo researcher works to ensure that new technology can open people's ears to new music.

Chords, tempo, timbre, rhythm and harmony - all these aspects of the music make it sound the way it does. But have you thought about why you like the exact music that you do?

“Music is quite magical, when you think about it. When you listen, you feel many emotions. You understand that it is a kind of language, but do not see what is happening. Most people do not understand what is really going on.” That's what Olivier Lartillot, researcher at RITMO Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Rhythm, Time and Movement, says. He is developing new digital tools that he hopes will make the magic of music available to everyone. First up is Norwegian folk music.

“Folk music is so rich, and a treasure for Norwegian culture. Still, not many people listen to it. If we create a tool that can help people understand music, folk music may have a renaissance in Norway,” says Lartillot.

Training artificial intelligence with the Hardanger fiddle

The music that the machine must be able to transcribe is the National Library's catalog of folk music. According to Lartillot, Norwegian folk music, especially the Hardanger fiddle, is difficult material for the machine.

“The large amount of examples needed was initially not available. Therefore, we asked musicians, the professional fiddle player Olav Luksengård Mjelva and students from the Norwegian Academy of Music, to play for us, and designed software where they could see the sounds visually and place the notes for us.

Visualization helps music understanding

With the app Lartillot wants to create, you will be able to browse the catalog of folk music and go on a journey of discovery in music. When you find a song or a vocal tune you like, the app can point you in the direction of something in the same vein.

For now, such an app can be used specifically for folk music. In the longer run, Lartillot wants to expand the knowledge of artificial intelligence, so that it can be used for all music.

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Kalendar

September

1 – Member Meeting and Mercy Mats

October

6 – Member Meeting w/Pound Auction

November

3 – Member Meeting

December

1 – Member Meeting

All events are free and held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, at First & Winnebago Streets, unless indicated otherwise. Please use the entrance closest to the parking lot on Atwood Ave (or the accessible entrance on Winnebago St) and proceed to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

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