Sons of Norway - Mandt Lodge News January – February 2021 Mandt Lodge 5-314 in Stoughton, Wisconsin

Fra Presidenten

As we start the New Year, we look at ways to engage our members during these winter months and times when staying safe is a priority. Using the survey results and conversations, we are trying to set up small group events, coordinate some online socializing, porch visits, phone calls, and encouraging you to use what the District and International are offering too. Not how we envision our lodge functioning, but sometimes we don't have a choice!

We are watching closely the rules, restrictions and guidelines which will affect our spring fundraisers including the spring fish boil, Syttende Mai, and bingo. At this time, we will continue meeting via ZOOM for business meetings and try to organize what we can for safe, in-person activities. As of last week, we can have up to 50 at outside events so our ski/snow shoe events hopefully will continue! But the ten person or less inside is what is really restricting anything at the lodge building itself. Uff da!

We are going to try some individual outreach and hope that we can stay connected. If we can help you in any way, please contact me!

Darlene Arneson, President 608-873-7209 Cell: 608-514-4951 arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

Meetings Online Continue on ZOOM and YouTube

Our business meeting resource packet will have the link to the ZOOM meeting. Watch for the link when we send out the business meeting resource packet. As always, ALL members are welcome to be a part of the business meetings!

We set up a YouTube Channel (Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge- Stoughton, WI) and that is where the lodge meetings/programs will be posted. We continue to add some other videos as we find ones or share other programs and items. Here is the link to our channel-<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcndm5RQLBzNrjqfWnSRksQ/videos?view_as=subscriber</u>

The Lodge Will Be Open for Library Check-Out

Darlene will have the front door and lift entrance of the lodge open on Saturday, January 23 and Saturday, February 13, from 9 am – 12noon if any members want to stop down to check out books, DVD's, or VCR tapes. We have a wonderful selection of books and resources for you to use! If these dates don't work for you, please contact Darlene and we can make arrangements for other times.

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2021 Directory is out!

The 2021 Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge directory has been compiled, printed, sent out or delivered. If your contact information in there isn't correct, then we need to get it corrected in the home office as that is what is listed on your membership profile. Please refer to the first few pages that explain how you can update your information online or email the fraternal office. If we don't have your email address listed and you have one, I really encourage you to get that updated as you're missing many emails from the lodge, District and International on possible programs, activities and other resources that are member benefits! We encourage you to hang on to your directory as we don't put

contact information in all the communications that we send out as some is posted online! So please hang on to the directory and make changes as we update it!

2021 Mandt Lodge Calendar – All subject to COVID restrictions! And whether in-person or ZOOM for business and lodge meetings.

January 2021

- 3 Lodge business meeting via ZOOM- 7 PM
- 9 Snow shoe and ski event at Arneson farm- 2 PM
- 13 Lodge Program meeting taped
- 16 SN Audit Committee 10 am
- 23 Zone 3 Meeting (Virtual)
- 23 Lodge open for library check-out 9 am-12noon

February 2021

- 3 Lodge Business meeting via ZOOM 7 PM
- 10 Lodge Program meeting taped
- 13 Lodge open for library check-out- 9 am- 12noon
- 12-14 Destination Stoughton Weekend

March 2021

- 4 (Thursday) Lodge business meeting- 7 PM
- 11 (Thursday) Lodge Program Meeting- 7 PM
- 12-14 Scrapbook and Craft Weekend
- 19-21 Rosemaling Class Weekend
- 20 Bingo- food at 5 PM and bingo at 6 PM

Sports Medal Awards for 2020

Congratulations to Mandt Lodge members who successfully reached sports medal milestones this past year!

John Arneson	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Enamel
Christine Ciha	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Enamel
Christine Ciha	Sykklemerke	Bronze	Silver		
Vonnie Meichtry	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	
Vicky Goplen	Gangmerke	Bronze			
Darlene Arneson	Gangmerke	Bronze			
Jens Arneson	Gangmerke	Bronze			
Allan Ciha	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	
Christy Tupper	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver		
Todd Tupper	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	
Karen Haugen	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver		
Patricia Boelsing	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	
Greg Haugen	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver		
Todd Fossum	Gangmerke	Bronze	Silver		
Diane Fossum	Gangmerke	Bronze			
Bill Hendrickson	Sykklemerke	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Enamel
Sigrid Arneson	Gangmerke	Bronze			

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!



Karter Seamonson

Ella Ross

Molly Olstad

My name is Karter Seamonson. I am working on earning my Master in Business Administration from Walden University, where I am also employed, working in the registrar's office. I'd like to thank my aunt and uncle, Dona and Jim Backus. Their support encouraged me to apply for this scholarship. I'd also like to thank the Sons of Norway selecting me as a recipient for the Mandt Lodge Scholarship. I'm honored to have been chosen. Thank you.

Hello! I am Ella Ross and am currently a student at the University of Denver and I am studying Engineering. I am not quite sure about which type of engineering yet, but I am excited to look into the many different areas of engineering. My grandparents, Ann and Dave Nelson are both quite involved in the Sons of Norway and have helped me throughout this process. I just want to thank Sons of Norway for the generous gift and for thinking of me. It will be very helpful and I am excited to pursue my degree further!

My name is Molly Olstad, and I'm a freshman and the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I'm currently studying Dairy Science. My grandma, Marcia Seybold is a Sons of Norway member. I would like to thank the Sons of Norway for choosing me to receive this scholarship! I was a Norwegian Dancer in high school and worked an event at the lodge and loved all of the members. Again, thank you so much. It will be put towards school expenses.

Watch in the next newsletter for the 2021 scholarship information and application!

Happy birthday members!

Membership Milestones 2020

January	Date
Harvey E Anderson	2
Steven Dale Fortney	2
William Amundson	3
Craig Daryl Furseth	6
Jodi L Coon	7
Sandra Kay Larsen	7
Michael J Bovre	9
Eric H Knudson	11
Donald K Rorvig	12
John H Arneson	14
Garrett Gundersen	14
Evelyn Louise Lund	15
Keith Arnold Williamsen	16
Jeanette I Bossingham	18
Byron D Olson	19
Nancy A Larsen Odalen	20
Kim D Monsen	23
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40	Ann N Nelson	
40	David L Nelson	
35	Darlene L Arneson	
35	Martha A Asplund	
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35	Margaret A Listug	
25	Kristoffer C Christensen	
25	Jane P Conner	
15	Richard A Hagen	
15	Darlene G Radel	
10	Carol Erstad	
10	Dennis Einar Erstad	
10	Vicky Lynn Goplen	
10	Fern K Hosfeld	
10	Rich K Hosfeld	
10	Dana M Kelly	
10	Dale G Maurer	
10	Jennie Marie Maurer	
10	Katie Lynn Maurer	
10	Julie F Nygaard	
10	Morris James Thompson	
10	Sara Tupper	
5	Anita James- Amundson	
5	William Roger Amundson	
5	Grace C Farnum	
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5	Rebecca Lunde-Ross	
5	David W Nelson	
5	Sara Rabe	
5	Brett Mason Schmidt	
5	Tessa Michaelson Schmidt	
5	Stephanie Louise Stokes	
5	Barbara Ann Zander	

Scrapbook Weekend

Due to the concerns of working closely in a smaller space and the limits on indoor gatherings, the Scrapbook and Craft weekend for March has been cancelled. We encourage you to contact Laurie Barrett if you are interested in participating at some point at <u>lauriebarrett79@yahoo.com</u> or call (262) 492-5242

Rosemaling Class Weekends

Many thanks to Nancy Odalen who has been diligently trying to get rosemaling classes to go this past year. Due to concerns of teaching virtually, the advanced class has been cancelled but Nancy is organizing the beginner/basic class following COVID-19 guidelines. If you are interested in rosemaling, contact Nancy at <u>naodalen@charter.net</u> or 608-873-0890.

Reports and deadlines are being worked on and met!

Many thanks to our financial officers (Scott Barrett, Kim Sime, Jane Conner, and Becky Lunde) and to our audit team (Chr. Fern Hosfeld, Natasha Amundson, and Rich Hagen) for their work on audit preparations, actual audit, and compiling the reports. Their report will be presented during the February 3 business meeting. We are working on all the other required reports for the International SN which are due early in the year.

Community Service Projects for Mandt Lodge

The Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge elves were very busy earlier last fall! When the latest Dane County restrictions shut-down our outdoor Family Christmas Event plans, members came through and lodge members delivered 500 gifts and 175 craft bags to the Stoughton Food Pantry. Children in families using the food pantry were able to request gifts so the children had a gift to give a loved one. The kids also got a craft bag with coloring sheets and a craft kit. Usually the gifts are offered in the Lodge Dollar Store which is part of our annual Family Christmas Event. The event usually has craft stations, free photos with Santa, a bake sale and breakfast. Plans to move some parts of the event outside had to be cancelled with the latest restrictions. Many thanks to Vicky Goplen for decorating all the bags, Sandy Fleming who also volunteers at the Stoughton Food Pantry, to members who donated items or money, to the volunteers assembling bags and kits, and to Thrivent Financial for an Action Grant to help cover expenses.

We also had a great group of members hosting the December blood drive at the Stoughton Fire Department! Many thanks to Kent and Helen Karberg, Scott Wegner, Jodi Coon, Diane Maurer, Patti Boelsing and Joan Behr who helped register donors, assisted with the refreshments, and helped elsewhere. Great way to start the Christmas week!

Sports update

We had an impromptu snow shoe event at the Arneson farm on January 9. The snow and temperature was perfect for the 16 members who participated in the fun afternoon. With snow conditions variable, watch your emails for future outings either at their farm (2056 Skaalen Road) or if we meet at other groomed trails. With the recent increase to 50 at outdoor gatherings, this gives us more opportunity for some fun, outside events.

From District 5- Additional Offerings for you to participate in!

Rosemaling Demonstration -Saturday, January 30, 2021- Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm Central If you need something a little different to do on a Saturday, join this demonstration via Zoom. Lois Mueller VGM, Vesterheim Gold Medalist, will be conducting a rosemaling demonstration. It will begin with a discussion of several different styles of rosemaling that Lois does, followed by a demonstration of one of the styles.

Lois has been rosemaling since 1977 and teaching since 1979. She began at the Technical College in Appleton, WI and now does travel teaching throughout the USA plus a trip to Taiwan and a couple to Canada. In November of 2020, she taught her first Zoom class for the Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Assoc. She received the Gold Medal from Vesterheim in Decorah, IA in 1998. Since that time she has written 9 rosemaling instruction books. In 2016, she was part of a group that created a new organization called, Rosemaling Coast to Coast. The reason for the organization was to have a way of sponsoring a rosemaling convention. They will be holding their 3rd convention, June 21-24, 2021 in Eau Claire, WI, providing Covid allows them to do so.

Lois would love to meet you at the demonstration and share some of the knowledge that she has gathered over her many years of rosemaling. There is no fee for the demonstration.

Cultural Committee and Judy Ghastin, D5 Cultural Director

Lois Mueller is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rosemaling Demonstration Time: Jan 30, 2021 12:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84073203557?pwd=dDZpZG5VT2NnVmcyTHR4QXN2SmMzQT09

Meeting ID: 840 7320 3557 Passcode: 588394 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kwBHNYZGF

Weekly Nordic News

Tune in to Nordic News every Tuesday at 6:30 PM (Central) / 7:30 PM (Eastern): https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5

See the list of archived Nordic News at: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

FFFN- Weekly District Update

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders and members become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, we compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. To see each week's issue, visit <u>http://sonsofnorway5.com/news/friendly_fifth_friday_news.php</u>.

District books and decks of cards

Our lodge has bought 20 more decks of cards that were part of the District's photo contest. They are \$10 each. We also have additional copies of *The First Norwegian Settlements* and of *Hidden Heroes*. If you are interested, contact Darlene Arneson.

Virtual History Class

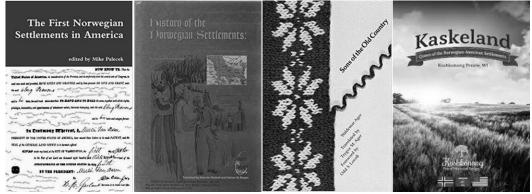
The Sons of Norway District 5 Norwegian-American virtual history course, **Norwegian-American Settlement in IL, MI and WI** will start with sessions offered on Saturday, January 23 (9:00-10:30 AM CT/10:00-11:30 ET) and Monday, January 25 (6:30-8:00 PM CT/7:30-9:00 PM ET). The course will be 16 weeks long.

- Weeks 1-3 will be an intensive overview of Norwegian-American history.
- Weeks 4-10 will cover frontier settlement history in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.
- Weeks 11-12 will be a "book club" format, where we will explore one of the best historical fiction books depicting Norwegian-American life.
- Week 13 will be dedicated exclusively to the Norwegian-American history of Michigan
- Week 14 will focus on special topics of interest in Norwegian-American history, such as inventors and interesting individuals.
- Weeks 15-16 will allow participants who choose to do a project an opportunity to make a presentation on their work.

Faculty include:

<u>Bill Injerd</u>, historian of The Slooper Society; <u>Dave Johnson</u>, president of the Norske Museum in Norway, Illinois; <u>Dana Kelly</u>, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center; <u>Mike</u> <u>Palecek</u>, editor/author of The First Norwegian Settlements in America; <u>Dave and Ruth Amundson</u>, founders of The History Alive Project.

Recommended course materials:



NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN IL-MI-WI **ENROLLMENT FORM**

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Questions?

Contact: mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

Check out the first session and then decide?

Go to: https://zoom.us/j/95253760815?pwd=TIZvdFJqQ3lkdFNaZmFBTTM1N1IMdz09 Meeting ID: 952 5376 0815 - Passcode: D5

Small Group- are you interested?

Based on the responses to the lodge survey, we have been reaching out to the various groups about opportunities and ways to connect them with other SN members who were also interested in that topic or activity. We had some feedback from some who would like to meet and walk in town. Others interested in movie nights. Kubb and pickle ball will need to wait until spring! We also reached out to a number of people interested in Norwegian language, book clubs, carving, rosemaling and other items. If you didn't fill out the survey and want to know what I shared with them, please email Darlene.

We had an update on Hardanger classes from Donna Olson-. *I am teaching virtually again this spring semester thru MATC. Check out the website. We begin again 1/20 for 15 weeks on Wednesday mornings from 8-10. I will refresh them on techniques, offer pattern ideas, show and tell time, etc.* Contact her at <u>dmolson43@gmail.com</u>

Since **Norwegian Language** was the most popular item asked for, here is what I shared with that group if anyone else is interested:

- Vesterheim Language Lessons and Classes <u>https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org/classes/heritage-and-language</u>
- Electronic program called Duolingo an online way to learn Norwegian. You learn speaking, writing, and reading in a fun way. People can just download the app and start! Or, if you don't want to download the app, you can learn more at https://www.duolingo.com/course/no-BO/en/Learn-Norwegian%20Bokm%C3%A5I
- Madison College- has offered Norwegian in the past: <u>https://madisoncollege.edu/noncredit-</u> <u>courses</u>. Sons of Norway Language Lessons-
- <u>https://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/norwegian_language_lessons/</u>
- In the Members Only Section (you must log in), there you will find audio language lessons:
- <u>https://members.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=memberresources/learnnorweg</u> <u>ian.html</u>
- There are a LOT of YouTube videoshttps://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=norwegian+language+lessons
- Library items to check out: Our lodge library has A LOT of Norwegian language tapes, books, and resources too. Some are older cassette tapes but they work! There is also a magnetic game with words. We have Library Check out days on January 23 and February 13 from 9am-12noon if you want to stop down.

Destination Stoughton Weekend- February update

We will be reaching out to the Stoughton Norwegian Summit group members, businesses and organizations to see if they have any activities going on, what their business hours are and if any sales or promotions, and if they are doing any virtual events. We know that the SHS Norwegian Dancers are doing a virtual event and that Livsreise is supposed to be opening again in February. A number of our business partners are open but maybe with different hours. Watch your email for updates as that list gets compiled. We also post it on the Chamber calendar and submit articles to local newspapers.

Want to help us "Reach out to members"?

In delivering the membership pins, directories and other items the past few months, we realized how much we are missing each other and just having a short visit. Whether that was done on the front porch, outside, in a phone call after a porch drop, or however- it sure was good to visit with one another.

We would like to have a "reach out" effort this winter to try to connect with every member of our lodge via the phone, virtual visit, writing a hand-written letter, front porch visit or however! Since everyone has different comfort levels, we will take care to follow recommendation and protocols.

If you are interested in getting some names of lodge members that you could call, visit or reach out to in some way, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Darlene Arneson by February 1 and we will divide up our membership by the number of people who sign up to help. Ideally each person would have maybe ten members on their list. Just call or email Darlene at <u>arnesonfamily5@gmail.com</u> or leave a message at 608-873-7209.

No In-Person Norse Afternoon of Fun- but you can still support them!

The Dancers will be doing a virtual Norse Afternoon of Fun on Sunday, February 14th. The link will be posted on our Facebook page beginning at 1:30 that afternoon. Here's a link to that page... <u>https://www.facebook.com/NorwegianDancers</u>

The Dancers have launched an online raffle and invite anyone who wishes to have a chance at winning any of the really awesome 25 prizes, should visit the RallyUp site to purchase tickets at this link.... <u>https://go.rallyup.com/norse2021</u>. The drawing will be held live at the Koffee Kup on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00pm. The site is very easy to navigate and payments are made online, however, should anyone need help with this, they should contact me at <u>heimstaci@gmail.com</u> and I will help them with this.

The Dancers have been practicing, 7-8 dancers per practice, with masks on and social distancing in place, so no partner dancing yet. We will showcase what we have done thus far this year at our Virtual Norse Afternoon of Fun. There have been no performances and it's been a hard year, but the dancers are keeping their spirits up the best they can. The few practices we have had have helped a lot with morale.

Relay For Life season has started!

The Relay For Life of Stoughton, McFarland and Oregon (SMO) has begun its work in planning for the 2021 Relay event season. With many COVID challenges with team fundraisers, meetings and events, it is very challenging and we are exploring how to move forward. This marks the 20th year that Sons of Norway has a team so we are up and running with over \$250 in donations so far! We'd love to have you join our team too if you'd like. We also welcome cancer survivors to register for the event so we can recognize you during the event and in other ways. Our website is https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR/RelayForLife/RFLCY21NOR?team_id=2560621&pg=team&fr_i_d=99898 and Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/RelayforlifeSMO.

Members can donate by visiting the page and donating to our team or a specific team member. For any businesses that might want to be a sponsor, please contact Darlene Arneson, team captain, for sponsorship information. Our team does get credit for the sponsorships that we help secure. Even though COVID has stopped many things, the fight against cancer does NOT stop!

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COVID-19 Updates and our lodge re-opening

- At this time, we are following the Dane County gathering restrictions which are ten people inside and up to 50 outside for events.
- Before we consider any food preparation, carry-outs or meals, we have to update all our worker agreement forms and have our COVID documents in place.
- We have applied for a Sons of Norway Foundation grant for PPE equipment such as hand sanitizing stations at all entries, a sneeze guard for the downstairs serving window, and Plexiglas barriers to use in the kitchen. Other items are likely needed before we can re-open.
- We continue to be without any fundraisers and will be discussing the lodge rent to the building corporation on the February business meeting call. Currently our monthly bills to keep the building running, utilities and licenses are about \$1,300. We lowered the rent last spring but may need to do that again.
- Our members, visitors and guests safety is our primary concern so we will cautiously consider in-person activities.
- We are following closely the rules at Dane County Public Health and encourage all members to do the same: https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus
- The Syttende Mai food stand meeting is on January 28. At this time, we have no idea what Syttende Mai will look like for Stoughton.
- We have also been in communication with our food inspector for her input and ideas.