

Nyheter fra Løven



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Sons of Norway
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Løven Lodge 5-029
Organized April 14, 1904

The Friendly Fifth

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

september/oktober 2026

Fra Presidenten

Uffda! Such an exciting, busy summer for Løven Lodge with parades, volunteering for the Kubb championship, supporting the Ager Association with the Tusenbeiner fun run/walk, picnic with fellow lodges, and a trolley tour outing. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our lodge meeting at Spirit Lutheran in September.

On September 15th, we'll look at the fall meeting agendas, speakers, convention results and activities. Servers for September are Barb Hardy, and Dale Larson; with Linda Curtis, and Beth Sherman in October. Audrey is our greeter for September, along with Judy Schwellenbach. Set-up and greeter opportunities are still available. So thankful to the Board of Directors and all who volunteer!

I sincerely hope everyone has had a safe, healthy, family filled summer now ready to return to our cozy Norwegian sweaters, and baked goods. If you have any suggestions for future speakers or outings, please share your thoughts with me gutschjc@yahoo.com

Tusen Takk!

Christine Gutsch, Løven Lodge President

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Kalender

Mandag, 7 September 2026, **Labor Day**

Lørdag, 12 September 2026, 3:00-7:30 p.m., **Norge Harvest Dinner** at Big Elk Creek Lutheran Church in Elk Mound. Traditional Norwegian dinner including meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, rutabaga, corn, salads, rømmegrøt, sod suppe, lefse, and Norwegian sweets. **\$14 adults/\$10 children or seniors.** Drive-thru or carry-out, 6118 County Rd M, Elk Mound, Wisconsin.

Tirsdag, 15 September 2026, 6:00 p.m., **Spirit Lutheran church, 1310 Main Street, Eau Claire**, regular meeting. Sara Thielen, president of the Genealogical Research Society of Eau Claire, will be presenting "**Norwegian Remedies and Rituals and the health status of Norwegian Immigrants**". Sara is a lifelong resident of Eau Claire with a deep

passion for history and genealogy. Her interest in family history began in fourth grade and grew into a serious research pursuit after she graduated from nursing school in 2008. A longtime member of the GRSEC, Sara has served in several leadership roles, including Newsletter Editor, and President. She especially enjoys bringing together her love of history and nursing. Sara is also proud of the Norwegian heritage she inherited from her Grandma Elaine. Servers are: Barb Hardy, and Dale Larson, greeters: Audrey Parrett, and Judy Schwellenbach, set-up needed. Tirsdag, **22 September 2026**, first day of fall.

Fredag, 9 October 2026, **Leif Erikson Day**

Mandag, 12 October 2026,

Indigenous Peoples Day

Tirsdag, 20 October 2026, 6:00

p.m., Spirit Lutheran church, 1310

Main Street, Eau Claire, regular

meeting. JoAnn Parks will present a

program on the **Fjords of Norway**

and South America. JoAnn Parks,

from Cadott, Wi is a retired

Geographical Information Systems

Project Manager for Applied Data

Consultants. Servers are: Linda Curtis,

and Beth Sherman, greeters, and set-up needed.

Lørdag, 31 October 2026, **Happy Halloween!**





Gratulerer med dagen!

september

8	Jean Sivertson
9	Shirley Puhl
10	Dorothy Sorlie
29	Linda Curtis
29	Leonell Janke

oktober

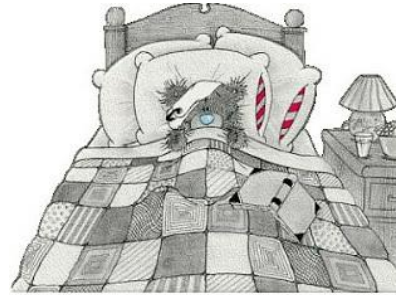
1	Katie Fenno
3	Adriana Amaya
3	Camden Boos
9	Amelia Thul
12	Jim Puhl
21	Jedidiah Kellerman
27	Elody Boos
31	Gordon Dahl



We welcome new member, Mary Jo Rathke to Løven Lodge. Mary Jo decided to join Sons of Norway to learn more about Norway. Her great-grandfather was born in Faaberg, Norway and upon coming to America changed his name from Vosrud to Ward. A brother-in-law has family in Oslo and a son-in-law had full blooded grandparents. Mary Jo hopes to do a DNA in the future see how much Norwegian she has. Mary Jo reports loving adventures. We welcome her to Sons of Norway and may

it be another good adventure with Løven Lodge.

~Audrey Parrett, Membership Secretary



Bli frisk!

Get well wishes have gone out to Priscilla Strizic, Mary Elworthy, and Chris Gutsch. Hope they are all doing much better!



Kondolerer

Our deepest sympathies to Mavis Gardow on the death of her brother-in-law Darrel Gardow, and to the Royal family on the death of King Harald V of Norway. They will be missed.



Book Group

After taking a hiatus from reading Norwegian/American books this summer we are back at it, Sons of Norway book group is reading "The Half Drowned King" by Linnea Hartsuyker.

~Deb Jarvar

Stamps for the Wounded

SftW sends donated postage stamps and other philatelic material and supplies to wounded, ill, and isolated veterans.

They will have their own stamp collection. If you know of a veteran who can benefit from this program, just let me know and I will make the contact for you. SftW has been helping veterans since 1942.

They can use any postage stamp from the US or a foreign country except damaged stamps: stamps with tears or staples or other fasteners in them; stamps that are cancelled or defaced with pen, pencil, magic markers, crayon, etc. Also, they do not want recent non-profit rate and bulk rate postage stamps from the US and common stamps, primarily flag stamps or stamp facsimiles.

How to prepare the stamps: Carefully clip or tear the paper around outer edges of the perforations. Leave at least 1/4" of margin around the outside edges. Do not try to steam, soak, pull or peel the stamps off the paper. The veterans will do this, as part of the fun work of stamp collecting. If you have new and gently used philatelic supplies (album pages, mounts, hinges, stock books, etc.), they can also be used.

Bring your stamps to a Løven Lodge meeting and I will send them on to SftW.

~Jean Sivertson, Stamp Coordinator



"I love to watch the Norwegian National Symphony between selections when they empty the saliva

from their instruments. What's funny is that it's a string orchestra."

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"Did you hear about the Norwegian who broke his shoulder during a milk drinking contest? A cow fell on him."

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"A Norwegian in a hardware store asked if they had any burned out light bulbs. He needed one for his photography darkroom."



The Norwegian Forest-Finnish Museum



On Saturday, 25th of October 2025, the new Norwegian Forest Finn Museum finally opened! At last, visitors to the Norwegian side of Finnskogen can learn all about the unique Forest Finn culture under one roof at Svullrya, in the heart of Finnskogen.

Experience the Norwegian forest finn museum

When the forest finns immigrated to Eastern Norway in the 17th century, they introduced several traditions and customs that did not previously exist in

Norwegian culture and everyday life. The forest finn smoke rooms, agricultural buildings and smoke baths have been unique types of buildings in Norway now for almost 400 years.

The forest finns also brought with them other customs and traditions related to food production, such as sowing rye in ashes and a number of traditional dishes such as "motti & flesk" (pork meat and lingonberries), slippu (pork meat, potatoes, lingonberries) and hallo (lingonberries and roasted oat flour). The border area between Norway and Sweden in Solør is considered to be the core area of forest finn settlement on the Norwegian side.

On Saturday 25th of October 2025, the new Forest Finn Museum, which has been eagerly awaited for many years, will finally open, offering a fascinating insight into Forest Finn culture.

The Norwegian forest finn museum is an amalgamation of four older cultural preservation institutions that worked with Finnish forest history and culture: Gruetunet museum (established 1942), Finnetunet (established 1942), Austmarka historielag (established 1977) and Åsnes Finnskog historielag (established 1990).

Together, these four institutions founded the Norwegian Forest-Finnish Museum in December 2005. Right from the establishment, the four have actively collaborated with conservation and communication within their areas.

Gruetunet

Gruetunet is the oldest museum under the Norwegian forest finn museum. It was established in 1942 to save a listed building that was about to be demolished to make way for housing.

On the museum grounds, you will find 25 buildings, divided into the main courtyard, farmstead and seats. In the 1960s, Gruetunet was one of the most

visited party venues in the whole of Eastern Norway, and several of the buildings from this party period are housed in a separate section of the open-air museum. There have been many such "people's parks" for outdoor parties in the south-eastern part of Hedmark.

Finnetunet

Finnetunet was founded in 1942, but due to the World War and other factors, practical development did not begin until the 1950s. All the buildings have been moved here from Grue Finnskog and Brandval Finnskog. Altogether, the museum's 13 buildings show the principle of how a Finnish forest farm might have looked in earlier times.

Finnetunet is open all year round and is one of the few museums in Scandinavia that displays all three types of forest Finnish buildings that are heated with smoke stoves; smoking room, smoke sauna and rie.

Austmarka historielag

Austmarka historielag was founded in 1977, and has its open-air museum, Austmarka Bygdetun, on the site of the former Kiærsaga in the center of Austmarka. The history team also owns Holmen mølle in Austmarka, which has been preserved in its original location and which can be used for demonstration painting.

In the village yard there is also a smoke sauna where those interested can take part in bathing on the last Saturday of the month throughout autumn, winter and spring.

Åsnes Finnskog historielag

The history team was founded in 1990 and works mainly within the Finnskog part of Åsnes municipality, they own two fine facilities preserved in their original location: The Tyskeberget farm and Faldaasen school.

Faldaasen school was the village school for the Fallåsen ridge and is

today located far into the forest in relation to what are now the settlements on Åsnes Finnskog. At that time there was a large settlement in many hamlets scattered around the forests.

Tyskeberget with the entire building environment, infield and chattels is now the starting point for much of the history team's activities.

~article from Visit Norway website

Also to read more about the Forest Finn culture:

https://skogfinner.no/?Forest_Finns



Clockwise l-r: Linda, Mary Jo, Mavis, Kay, Georgia, Beth, and Pat; photo Deb Jarvar



July picnic



Dale serving fløtegrøt; photo Jim Fenno



l-r: Deb, Pat, and Mindy; photo Jim Fenno

Tusenbeiner



Løven participants l-r: Jeanne, Janet, Tom, Kristin, Mark, Kathy, and Kay



Løven desserts never disappoint; photo Jim Fenno

Chippewa Falls Pure Water Days Parade



Deb was detained briefly, but we got her released in time for the parade. Photo
Kathy Nelson



Fjord Cruiser cruising along! Photo
Kathy Nelson



Vikings ready to hand out candy. Photo
Deb Jarvar



District 5 Convention



Barb Hardy, and Jeanne Anderson were delegates representing Løven Lodge at the convention in Stoughton. Here with a Gold Merit Award for 2025.



Young Vikings! Photo Deb Jarvar

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LEIF ERICKSON DAY



Uffda! Scandinavian History Trolley Tour

l-r: Dale, Linda, Audrey, Lydia, Jeanne, Chris, Barb, Mavis, Janet, Donna, Tom, Mary Jo, Mark, Kristin, Kathy, Jeff, Georgia, Beth, Judy, and Pat. Was a fun evening!