



Nordkapen

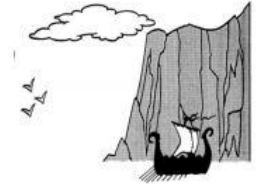
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

The North Cape 71° 10' 21" North Latitude – The Top of Europe

A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway

Organized August 10, 1929 – The first Sons of Norway Lodge in Michigan

<http://www.DetroitNorwegians.com>



NORDKAP CALENDAR

September 8, 1 p.m.
Steak & Corn Roast
The Swedish Club

Sunday, October 27, 4 p.m.
Members Gathering
The Swedish Club

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Scandinavian Market
The Finnish Center

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 – 5 p.m.
Members Gathering
The Swedish Club

Sunday, December 15
Christmas Party
The Kilgour Scottish Centre
Troy, Michigan

Nordkap 2024 Officers

President: Haley Vingsness

Vice President: Heather Vingsness

Treasurer & Scholarship Chair:
Carmen Collins

Secretary: Mary Morehead

Membership Secretary

& Sunshine Director: Carol Jehle

Social Director & Greeter:

Eli Viik Steyskal

Cultural Director:

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Norwegians in Michigan

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We Host the Steak & Corn Roast September 8

Steak dinner with the fixings for \$20—and no tip. Such a deal!

That's what's offered at 1 p.m. Sunday, September 8, at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills.

Our Nordkap Lodge is again hosting this event for the Swedes under the special guidance of **Mike Jarasz** and our President **Haley Vingsness**. Mike is the expert organizer and griller of steaks. Haley is Mike's loyal assistant, not to mention his fiancée.



Mike & Haley enjoy the meal

We offer the Swedes this service to thank them for renting us their beautiful facility (at a great price) for our other Norwegian activities throughout the year. We invite you to come as a paying guest—or, better yet, as a volunteer to help prepare and serve the meal. If you can help, contact Bob Giles at 248-302-2222 or bobgiles@newcarnews.tv.

Volunteers come at 10 on Sunday morning, September 8, at the clubhouse at 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills.

Dinner--complete with New York strip steak, roasted corn, baked beans, cole slaw, fresh tomatoes, garlic bread, dessert, and coffee--is offered for that great price of \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.



Volunteers at last year's Steak & Corn Roast

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



September Birthdays:

Lucille Barnes, Coco Bruner, Janice Capler, Marsha Gilman, Connie Hart, Anne Kristine Kilen, Sandra Miller, Ted Redilla, Timothy Michael Roman, Sherry Rose, Jason Schnitzer, Eli Viik Steyskal, Haley Vingsness, Heather Vingsness, Paul Wiekierak

Your Auction Items Needed!



We need your donated goods—preferably those with a Norwegian theme or origin—to fill the silent auction tables at our Christmas party scheduled for December 15. The auction each year serves as a valuable fundraiser for our Nordkap Scholarship Fund.

If you have articles to donate, please bring them to our October or November gatherings or to the Scandinavian Market in November and give them to auction chair Carmen Collins or Louise Giles.

Four Students Win Nordkap Scholarships

Nordkap again this year awarded scholarships to four college students. Each student was awarded \$900. The 2024 winners, their colleges, and chosen fields of study are:

- **Kevin Duffy** – Fordham University – Art History
- **Thomas French** – Muhlenburg College -- Mathematics
- **Caterina (Catie) Hart** – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Aerospace Engineering
- **Kalina Thompson** – Butler University – Actuarial Science and Statistics

Kevin Duffy is the son of Michael and Sally Duffy of Livonia, Michigan. Thomas French is the son of Magda Pecsénye Zarin of Massachusetts. Catie Hart is the daughter of Connie Hart of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Kalina Thompson is the daughter of David and Margarita Thompson of Livonia, Michigan.

The amount of the scholarship awards is dependent, in part, on money available in the Nordkap Scholarship Fund. Nordkap schedules a series of fundraisers throughout the year to keep the Scholarship Fund at a level sufficient to issue multiple awards, while retaining a reserve to meet future demands.

Donations to the fund are most welcome. Questions can be directed to Scholarship Director Carmen Collins, email address skicarmen@att.net. Checks should be written to Nordkap Lodge 5-378 and sent to Nordkap Lodge c/o Louise Giles, P.O. Box 1198, Royal Oak, MI 48068. Please write “for scholarship fund” in the check memo line.

Besides Carmen, the Scholarship Committee consists of Heather Vingsness and Bob and Louise Giles.

Thomas French was the first of our winners to formally thank the lodge for a scholarship.

“Dear Nordkap Lodge,” Thomas handwrote in a notecard. “Thank you so much for accepting me for a scholarship! I am very much looking forward to not having to worry about the price of textbooks this coming school year. I am also very excited to share heritage with my friends at college.”

“Sincerely, T. W. French.”



Thomas French (Magda Pecsénye Zarin photo)

Nordkap Wins Five Awards at Fifth District Convention in June

It was so Exciting for Eli Steyskal and Mary Morehead who accepted five Nordkap awards from Sons of Norway 5th District at the 2024 5th District Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On Friday, June 21st, at the convention business meeting, Nordkap received two Gold Merit Awards--one for 2022 and one for 2023. (These awards are regularly presented at the District's biennial convention to honor lodges that score high points on their yearly Lodge Achievement Forms. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards are based on a lodge's total Lodge Achievement scores.)

On Saturday, June 22nd, at the Dinner Banquet, Eli Steyskal and Mary Morehead accepted three Gold Awards for Nordkap: 2022 Family Lodge of the Year, 2022 Lodge of the Year, and 2023 Lodge of the Year. It was so Thrilling and Unbelievable at the same time.

Mary Morehead was also instrumental in helping the District raise funds at the convention. Mary made and donated two Norwegian birdhouses to the District's silent auction and also contributed 30 Norwegian Songbooks on behalf of Nordkap Lodge. The birdhouses sold for \$37 each, and the songbooks sold for \$10. It was a Great Event for Nordkap Lodge. Altogether the Silent auction in Indianapolis raised \$3,400.

--By Mary Morehead



Photos from left: Delegates Mary Morehead, Eli Steyskal, and Dennis Flessland; Nordkap's five awards; and Norwegian birdhouse. (Mary Morehead photos)

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Learn More about Benefits that Come with Your Membership

Your membership in Sons of Norway offers many benefits (besides lodge events) that you should try! You can research these on the Sons of Norway website at sofn.com.

If you need help accessing the website, here's a link to a video on how to do that:

<https://youtu.be/4q-7Mxuuv5Q?si=BNgdhKdlv2V687DT>

VIP Guests Bring Stamping Workshop to Nordkap's October 27 Gathering

Our regular October gathering will bring the top officer in the Fifth District Sons of Norway to meet Nordkap members at the Swedish Club.

Fifth District President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser will be coming from Wisconsin with Connie Aiello, District 5 At-Large Director and Foundation Director.

We're looking forward to hearing from Cheryl--and Connie has graciously offered to present a short stamping workshop at our gathering. Stamping involves using a series of specially designed stamps and ink pads to make unique Scandinavian cards.



***Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
(Mary Morehead photo)***



***Connie Aiello
(Photo: 5th District website)***



Delegates ready to vote at the convention (from left): Mary Morehead, Eli Steyskal, Phyllis Skora, Dennis Flessland (Mary Morehead photo)

Also presenting at our gathering will be our four Nordkap delegates to the recent District 5 convention in Indianapolis. **Dennis Flessland, Mary Morehead, Phyllis Skora, and Eli Steyskal** will each offer a brief report on their experiences at the convention.

Also candidates for Nordkap's upcoming election of officers for next year will be announced. This will be an opportunity for other members to announce if they'd like to run for office.

We plan to serve a delicious Norwegian meal as well!

Please plan to join us for this truly special event scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 27th at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills.



A Letter from President Haley Vingsness:

Hi, welcome back from summer vacation!

It's been an exciting summer for our lodge. We won several awards at the District Convention. I'm so proud of how much we accomplish together!

Our award-winning Lodge's events are bootstrapped by a handful of volunteers. We'd love to do more. What do you want to see? More sports activities? Cultural classes? Networking for expats? Run for office! Just like our government, it's election season for our lodge. A leadership role lets you influence decisions, introduce new ideas, and create the club you want to see. If you think our lodge isn't fully meeting your needs, don't just hope for change—lead it! Most of our officers have been in their role for several years and would welcome the chance to show you the ropes.



Haley Vingsness

In other awards, it's been an exciting summer for sports. Norway landed 4 gold medals at the Olympics, including an unexpected upset in decathlon by Markus Rooth. The Red Wings drafted Oslo's Michael Brandsegg-Nygard. And Olympian swimmer Jon Joentsvedt has committed to the University of Michigan.

If you're feeling particularly athletic yourself, register for the Norwegian Ruck March this November in Indiana. A ruck march involves carrying a weighted backpack while walking a set distance, challenging both your endurance and mental strength. This grueling ruck march is sponsored by the Norwegian military. Norwegian soldiers earn a medal for completing the march in a certain time limit.

Refuel and reconnect at our Steak and Corn Roast event with the Swedish Club. You can enjoy great food while networking with members of the Swedish community.

I'm excited to see all your faces and hear all about your summer!

Haley

	Scandinavian Market
	Saturday, November 16, 2024
	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
	Finnish Center Association 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (248) 478-6939
	PUBLIC WELCOME \$2 donation at the door
	Featuring: Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Icelandic Imports, baked goods, hand woven rugs, decorative art, pottery, lavender soaps and lotions, Scandinavian crafts, wood carvings. Lunch available for purchase include pasty, Karelian stew, Swedish meatballs and more. Music by FinnFolk.

In Memoriam



Georgia at 2006 Midsummer

Sadly, we note the passing of longtime Nordkap member **Georgia Roed** on August 21. Georgia passed at just 81 years of age. She had been an active and supportive member of our lodge for 28 years.

Georgia and her late husband, Finn Roed, served as Nordkap's librarians for many years before Finn's passing in 2019.

On her own, Georgia continued to serve others and pursue the many activities she enjoyed.

She officiated as a deacon at her church and was part of a church bell choir. She sought certification as a master gardener and planted butterfly gardens and a dragonfly garden.

Among her Norwegian interests, Georgia attended a Norwegian Trio concert at the Detroit Institute of Arts, took part in "show and tell" and Norwegian Constitution Day festivities at our lodge, and attended Nordkap's Midsummer and the Swede's Midsommar celebrations, among many other events. She was also a generous donor to the Nordkap Scholarship Fund.

We will miss Georgia's kind heart, bright smile, and enthusiasm for life.

Georgia's daughter, Heidi Roed, is working on a memorial service for her mother. We will share those details once they become available.



Displaying a wall hanging at Show & Tell.



With pet cat, Fritz, at a Nordkap Zoom conference.



Nordkap Book Club Announces Selections for the Season

--By Magda Pecsénye Zarin

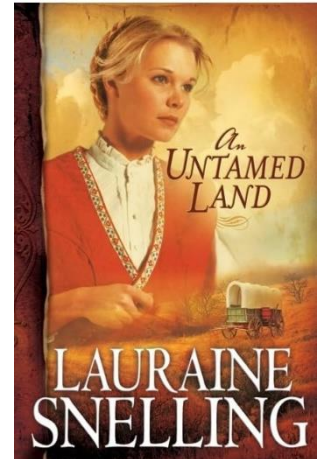
We're so pleased to be doing another season of the Nordkap Book Club!

Last year we did a unit on modern nonfiction books. This year we're reading on the theme of Immigration Stories.

We'll be reading fiction and nonfiction on the topic of immigration from Norway to the US/Canada and stories of immigrants. We read (or listen to) five books from September through April and have a Zoom meeting to discuss each one. (To earn the cultural skills pin for the year you need to read all five books, but you only need to come to one Zoom meeting.)

This year's books will be:

1. *An Untamed Land* by Lauraine Snelling (fiction)
2. *Norway to America: A History of the Migration* by Ingrid Semmingsen (non-fiction)
3. *Giants of the Earth* by O.E. Rolvaag (classic fiction)
4. *Grass of the Earth* by Aagot Raaen (biography)
5. The fifth book will be chosen by the book club members who come to the second book meeting, once we know whether we want more fiction or more non-fiction.



The first meeting to discuss *An Untamed Land* by Lauraine Snelling will be Sunday, September 29, 7-8 pm on Zoom. We'll set the date for the next meeting at that first meeting.

If you would like a reminder email sent to you the day before the meeting, give your email address to Magda Pecsénye Zarin at magda.pecsenye@gmail.com.

College Students Can also Apply for Sons of Norway Scholarships

Yes, the International Sons of Norway Foundation offers scholarships, as does our own Nordkap Lodge. Our lodge has just granted four college scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. But it's not too early for students to be looking ahead to next year and lining up additional financial aid to pay those tuition bills!

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately 25 scholarships to promising students each year. It will open its scholarship applications October 1. Deadlines for submitting applications vary, but they are generally early 2025. Please check the Sons of Norway website and read the description for each fund at <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>.

The applications do take some time to complete, so be sure to allow ample time to finish. Scholarships are issued summer 2025 for the 2025-26 academic year.

Questions can be directed to foundation@sofn.com.

Vesterheim Offers Norwegian Language Classes Online

Interested in taking a Norwegian language class? If you've been looking for a way to start--or continue--your lessons in Norwegian, check out colleges that offer a concentration in Nordic studies. Here's one possible option: Online classes offered by Vesterheim Folk Art School in Decorah, Iowa.

Registration for October through December 2024 and January through March 2025 opened on Tuesday, August 20. Norwegian classes include:

- **Level 2 Norwegian Language** with Nick Rogness Online, Eight Sundays, October 6 - November 24 (7:00-8:00 pm CT), Non-member of Vesterheim \$145/Member \$130
- **Level 4 Norwegian Language** with Lianna Stewart Online, Eight Tuesdays, October 8 - November 26 (7:30-8:30 pm CT), Non-member of Vesterheim \$145/Member \$130
- **Level 1 Norwegian Language** with Nick Rogness Online, Eight Sundays, January 5 - February 23 (7:00-8:00 pm CT), Non-member of Vesterheim \$145/Member \$130
- **Level 3 Norwegian Language** with Lianna Stewart Online, Eight Tuesdays, January 7 - February 26 (7:30-8:30 pm CT), Non-member of Vesterheim \$145/Member \$130
- **Norsk i Sammenheng** (Norwegian in Context—a follow-up to Level 4) with Berit Skogen Online, Four Sundays, January 5-26 (4:00-5:00 pm CT), Non-member of Vesterheim \$90/Member \$80

To register for a class, go to <https://vesterheim.org/> and select "Folk Art School" from the top menu and then "Heritage and Language" on the Folk Art School page. Scroll to the class you want.

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