



Norse Valley Lodge 5-491 Nytt Notes June 2024

The picture below is a family riding a dressin. It appears as though one person pedals a bike gear-like platform on some abandoned rail road tracks.

This is an activity you can do for free or small fee in Skulerud, Norway. Skulerud is a small village, southeast of Oslo and about halfway to the Swedish border. The railroad came to Skulerud in 1898 and was in operation until 1960. The railroad station is being refurbished with improved tracks, switches, and turntables and additional buildings. Another ½ mile of track is being laid for dressin.

Here is a YouTube video link of some folks dressin. <https://youtu.be/yB-KqTWZZGQ?si=Xq2tndNRzy6eCme>



In case you missed it

On Sunday May 19th our Lodge members celebrated Syttende Mai with a picnic at Derks Park in southeast Appleton.

Attendees ate lefse wrapped hotdogs, other homemade dishes, and ice cream for dessert...Just like our relatives in Norway. Door prizes were given away based on Scandinavian trivia knowledge and spirited games of corn hole were contested.



We will continue the tradition of suspending our monthly Lodge meetings during the summer months so we can take advantage of the little warm weather we have in northeast Wisconsin but will start up again on Saturday 5:00 p.m. September 21st. Our autumn kick-off Lodge meeting will feature Erich Knapp and a Scandinavian cooking demonstration so mark your calendars according taking special note of the earlier start time.

Mark this Special Program on your calendar!

The Fox Cities and Green Bay Sons of Norway lodges will be jointly hosting a presentation by **Jorn Magnus Rivojen Langseth on Saturday June 29th at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Church of Appleton, located at 3701 North Gillett Street in Appleton.**

Jorn Lengseth is well-known for his drums and other artistic pieces connected with the Ume Sami culture in Northern Norway as well as interesting presentations advocating for Sami language preservation and describing Sami culture and history. He will give presentations on Sami culture, specifically regarding the significance of Sami drums. The presentations will include slides of his drums and other works of art ranging in size from large outdoor installations to small, exquisite knives.

Langseth's passion about his Ume Sami heritage fuels his creativity and is expressed in his works to preserve the symbols, language, art, food — every aspect of the Sami culture. He shares his knowledge with others through art shows, personal appearances, and at the Umesamisk ressursententer in Norway.

His art has been featured in shows throughout Norway and in other parts of the world. Some of Langseth's art will be on display at Vesterheim Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa during the month of May 2024.

Rivojen Art can be found on-line for examples of Langseth's work.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday July 24th, we are looking for Norse Valley members to volunteer at Feeding America on the north side of Appleton to pack food for the less fortunate. Please contact Norse Valley member Linda Hash (lhash@new.rr.com), our volunteer coordinator, if you would like to help out.

Here are some pictures of our smiling volunteers helping out on the Native American Tribal Elder pack yesterday at Feeding America.



Carol Dier and Lee Hash



Jo Norman, Lois Greutzmacher, Linda Vanden Elzen



Stuart Jo Linda H. Lee Lois Linda V. Carol Patrick

Still Another Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

On Wednesday July 10th, we invite our Norse Valley Lodge members for a day of volunteering at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center near the state capitol building in Madison. Some outdoor grounds clean-up and indoor filing are the two projects we are usually tasked with. We usually carpool down and some folks stay for the nearby Concerts on the Capitol Square by the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra at 7:00 p.m. with feature artists Bill Miller on flute and Jane Story on Violin. A piece by Bergen, Norway's own Edvard Grieg will be featured.

By July 1st, please contact Corey Olson at clobadger87@gmail.com or (920) 858-7642 if you are interested in helping out on July 10th. I know I will help out again this year. It's a fun, educational, and worthwhile day. I hope you can join us and volunteer.

And Yet Another Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

With sending and reimbursing delegates to the District 5 Convention in Indianapolis in mid-June, our Lodge funds have been reduced. To pump those funds back up so that we can help defray children's costs with Masse Moro Norwegian immersion summer camp scholarships and reimburse interesting guest speakers at our monthly Lodge meetings, we will conduct a brat fry as a Norse Valley Lodge fundraiser at Festival Foods on Saturday August 3rd in Darboy. Corey Olson has reserved **August 3rd** with Festival Foods as the date of our Brat Fry.

We will need at least 2 volunteers for each shift (one griller and one for sales) but would like to have 3 (one griller and 2 working sales). Shifts are 8:30AM to 11:30AM, 11:30AM to 2:30PM, and 2:30PM to 6:00PM. Corey will act as griller/setup for the first shift and come back at 5:00 p.m. to help with shut down and settling up with Festival.

If you were unable to sign up at the May 19th Syttende Mai picnic, please email Corey at clobadger87@gmail.com with the time that you would like to work, if you want to work as a griller or sales, and your telephone number.

Be sure to take a look at our Facebook page ([norsevalleylodge](https://www.facebook.com/norsevalleylodge)) **and encourage friends and family to like it**. We also have information about our Lodge on a website that can be found at www.norsevalley.org. Got a question? Send an email to norsevalley@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or concerns about lodge activities, please contact Judy Ghastin at judy62ghastin@gmail.com or 920-450-3584.