

Sons of Norway

Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.
St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

President's Message



President Ken with Polar Star group at the Swedish Day Parade

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

Barb and I, along with our Polar Star delegates, Steve, Kelly and Floyd, attended the District 5 Convention last month. It was a great convention week and we are fortunate to have outstanding leadership in our district. Many issues were discussed and I have been asked by several members if our dues will be going up. The answer is yes. The dues will now be \$84.00 per year. I hope that our members continue to support our Lodge and look at the increase as supporting our Norwegian heritage. I also encourage all of you to reach out to potential new members to keep our Lodge active and strong.

We are now about to enter our Lodge Fund raising season. Start baking everyone since our Vasa Park Bakeri will be here before we know it.

Hope to see some of you next Sunday at the Vasa Park Kubb Tournament and Picnic.

Your President
Ken



Geneva Days June 23rd

Polar Star UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4th
Polar Star Viking
Games and Piknik
1:30p.m.

See details on page 2

Scandinavian Days

at
Vasa Park

Sunday September 8th

see article on Page 3

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month. Please
submit all articles to Barb Johnson at
barbijohnsonb@aol.com
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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

Geneva Days
Parade
June 23, 2024

AUGUST LODGE EVENT
AUGUST 4, 2024

Viking Games and Pkknik



Kjeppepinne



Potluck Pølse Pkknik begins at 1:30
St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Montgomery, IL

Please bring a picnic dish to pass, your own table service and lawn chair.



Vasa Park Scandinavian Festival

Sunday, September 8, 2024



“This will be the 44th Scandinavian Day Festival. Many years have passed and the festival has evolved but it remains loyal to its roots; the heritage of the five Nordic countries.”

The Festival planning team is working to select the entertainment and finding vendors to prepare those delicious Scandinavian foods and an assortment of Scandinavian goods for you. They are excited to bring to our 5 Nordic communities, and the Midwest, a vibrant and fun-filled Festival for 2024”



Editor's Note: Polar Star will be on site at the Scandinavian Day Festival selling our baked goods and Norwegian collectibles. See the event schedule on the Vasa Park website https://www.scandinaviandayil.com/schedule_of_events.asp

POLAR STAR CULTURAL CORNER

by
Barb Johnson

The District 5 2024 Convention Culture Report

As most of you know, our Sons of Norway District 5 Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in June. I attended the Convention, not as a delegate, but as a convention volunteer, Culture Class instructor and culture class/presentation participant. My sister, Connie Kross, and I taught a “nisse” Needle Felting Class and we were students in the “Sami Inspired Bracelet” class led by Cleng Peerson members, Dawn Gunderson and Mandy Beck. I also attended presentations on Sami culture, Viking history and listened to Norwegian American author book discussions. What a wonderful time we had making new friends from our District who all share our love for our Norwegian heritage. Following are pictures of some of the highlights of how a non-delegate enjoyed the week.



Needle Felters at work!

“Nisse” Needle Felting Class Finished Projects



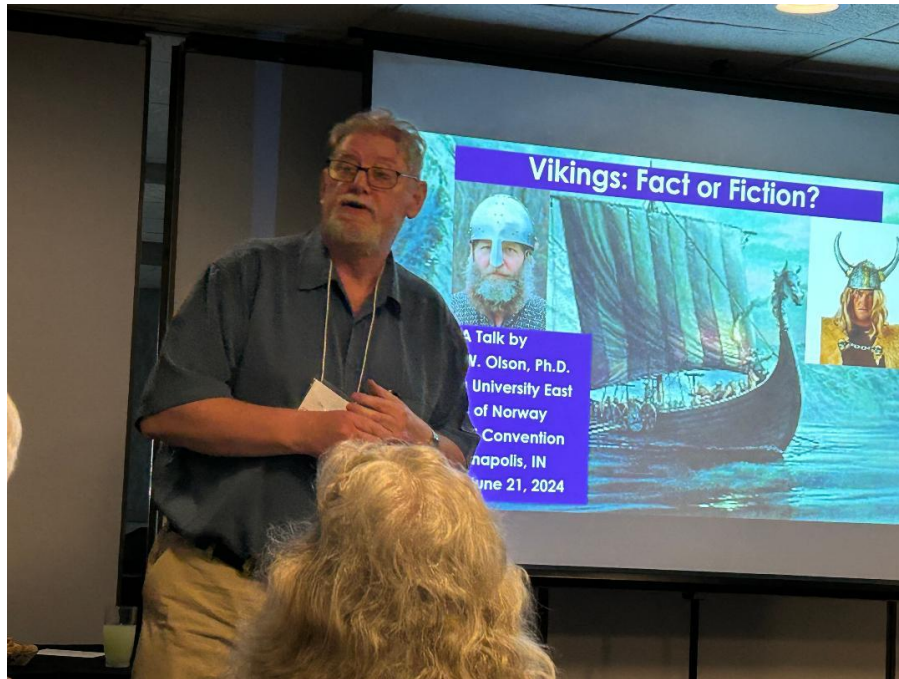
Sami Inspired Bracelets Class



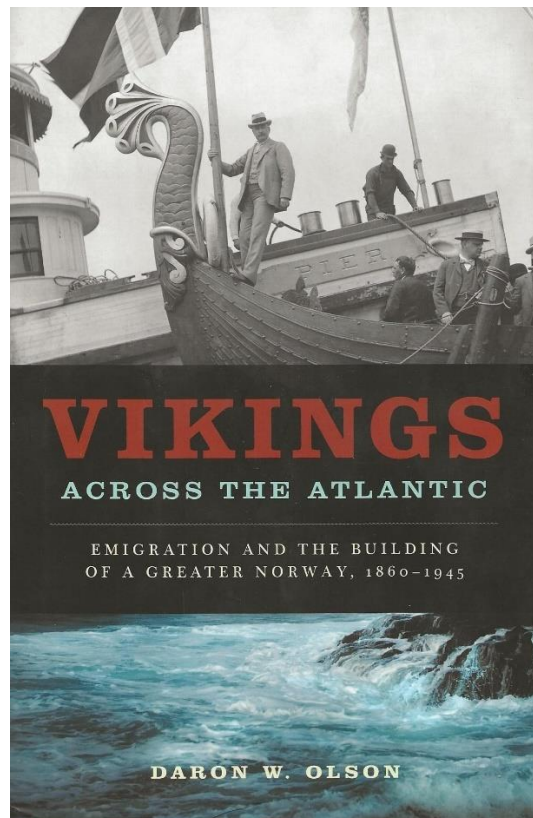
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Convention Speakers and Presentations



Daron Olson PhD: Vikings



Berit Skaare: **Tanzania, The Education Project**



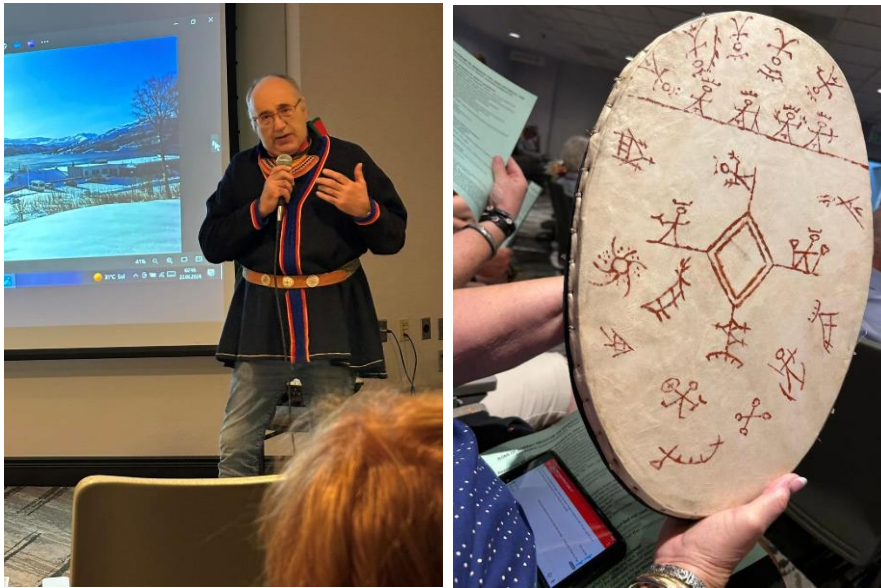
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their Community
- A mission program in the United Methodist
Church, founded 1998



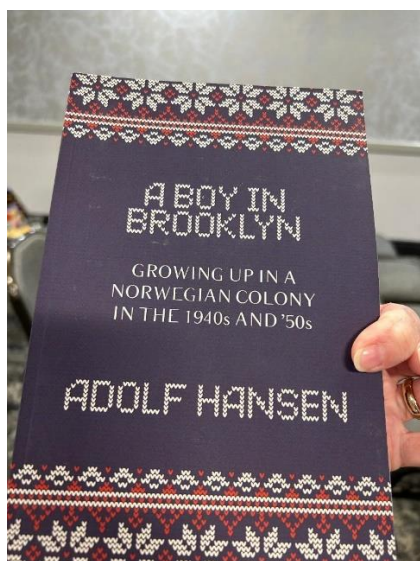
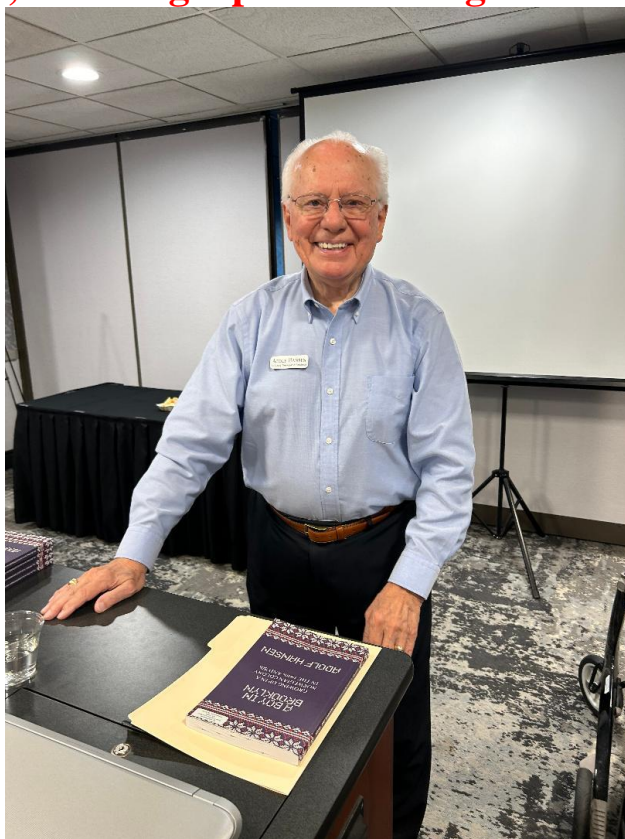
Rijoven Jørn Magnus: Sami Culture/Art



Anne Grete Sangseth: Sami Culture Within the Lutheran Church



Adolf Hansen:
A Boy in Brooklyn, Growing Up in a Norwegian Community 1940-1950



Editor's Note: Adolf Hansen attended the same high school as Arthur Andersen

District 5 - Folk Art Exhibition



“People’s Choice award”



Dawn and Mandy’s Entry



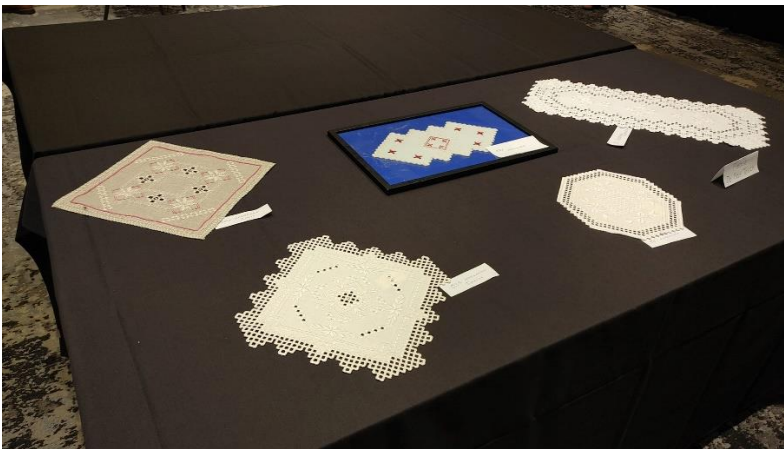
Felting Class “Nisser Class Entry”



Carol Devito’s Rosemaling Entry



Barb's knitting Entries



Hardanger Entries

Norwegian Photos



Editor's Note: Thanks to all of our Convention Volunteers!!! The young people on the left made all of the cookies for the Convention with their Grandmother.

Installation of 2024 District 5 Officers



Cleung Peerson Leadership

District 5 in Action!!



POLAR STAR CULTURAL CORNER

by
Barb Johnson

August main read: *The Edge of the World: A Culture History of the North Seas and the Transformation of Europe* by Michael Pye

August Mystery read: *“Rupture”* by Ragnar Jonasson

To be placed on the Zoom Book Club list cobtact **Bill Brownig** at
SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com

Editor’s Note:

CW Browning was the guest author at the Sons of Norway Author Night on July 15th. We were honored to hear about her research and character development for her “Shadows of War” Series set in England, France and Norway during WWII. I highly recommend all of the books in the series. The seventh book “Enemy Sighted” was released on July 16th.



Mark your calendars!!!!



If you are interested in participating in the planning of this special Culture Event that will celebrate the history of Norwegian immigrants who made an impact on our Fox Valley communities, please contact barbjohnsonb@aol.com to be added to the zoom link.

**Next zoom planning meeting will be held
October 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

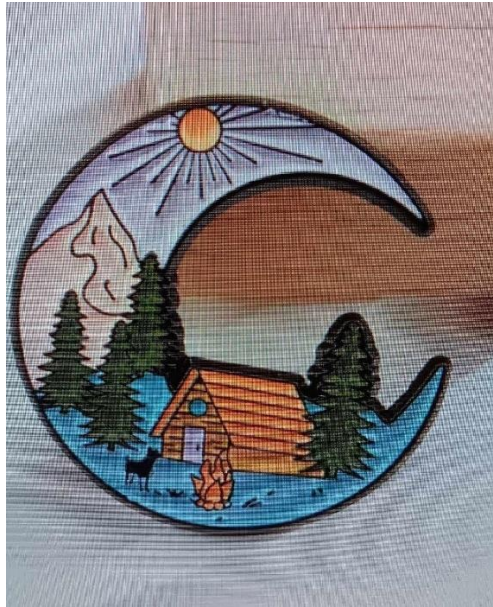
Polar Star Sports and Activities

by
Jerri Lynn Baker

The Polar Star Walk in England will end on August 3rd. Please get your miles in to Jerri Lynn and be at the August meeting if you have earned extra tickets for miles beyond 149 and for participation at other Norwegian summer events.



Viking ship drawing August 4



2025 Norwegian Immigration Walk Participation pin

New Walking Event starts August 4th In honor of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Restauration in New York - Polar Star will be walking from New York to Norway, Illinois. The walk will begin at our August 4th meeting and will end in 2025. More details will be given at the Lodge meeting.

We will also be be **“Sluppen” Around Norway” in 2025!** More details on this fun walking event, that will be held during the “Celebrating Norwegian Immigration” Culture Weekend on October 4, 2025 will be in future newsletters.



Kubb Tournament

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Join us at Vasa Park for our second annual Kubb Tournament!

Vasa Park

35 W 217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 60177

Gates open 11:00 AM Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

Tournament starts 12:30 PM

We'll have a catered picnic lunch, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase and a beautiful setting along the Fox River for an afternoon of fun! Never played Kubb before, but interested? No previous experience is necessary,



Catered lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, boneless chicken breasts, side salads & chips

Vasa Park Members (also get 2 drink coupons) \$15.00 per person

Non-members \$20.00 per person

Kubb Tournament entry fee: \$60/team of 3-6 players—there will be 2 categories of teams: Team A—Skilled Teams Team B—Backyard Teams

Preferred payment method online via PayPal at

www.vasaparkil.com

or mail in checks using form below

Make checks payable to **Scandinavian Park, Inc. NFP**

Name _____ Member _____ Team A _____ Team B _____

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Amount enclosed \$ _____

Forms with payment must be received by July 15, 2004

Mail to: Johannes Smits 315 Chatham Lane, Roselle, IL 60172

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July 16--August 15

16. Juli – Barb Johnson

16. Juli – Richard Jensen

18. Juli – Cary Hatteberg

21. Juli - Doris Pittman

25. Frank Krawczyk

27. Beatriz Vann

5. August – Tristan Meek

POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Montgomery, IL at 1:30 unless otherwise listed

August 4 – Polar Star Viking Picnic 1:30

SEPTEMBER 8 - VASA PARK Scandinavian Festival - 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 6 - Annual Sloop Mtg in Norway, IL

NOVEMBER 3 - Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 1 - JULETFEST

SAVE THE DATE....

OCTOBER 6TH 2024
SLOOPER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING



Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps

Track your 2024 Volunteer Hours!!!

Activity Volunteer Hours Tracking Sheet - Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Member Name _____ Phone _____ Service Year _____

This data is used for mandatory reporting that maintains Sons of Norway tax-exempt status, and for National Sons of Norway to lobby on behalf of Fraternal benefit societies. Annually, by end of January, submit your completed form to the Polar Star Secretary. Tusen takk.

- **Membership Activities** – Volunteer time spent on preparing, running or supporting projects/programs organized by Sons of Norway at a lodge, district or international level that were devoted to lodge business affairs, recreational/social events, training seminars, cultural classes, officer duties, etc. **Include only volunteer time** spent organizing, planning or working at/for the events. Do **not** include lodge meeting attendance time.

Member Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Lodge Meeting/Food <small>(prepare food for pot luck; set/clean up; kitchen duty)</small>													
Lodge Meeting Programs/Activities <small>(plan/prepare/lead)</small>													
Training/Seminars <small>(plan/prepare/lead)</small>													
Officer Duties													
Manage Newsletter/ Facebook/Website													
Board/Committee Meetings													
District or National Meetings/Training													
Other <small>(describe)</small>													
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP HOURS:													

- **Community Activities** – Record time that you volunteered in the name of / on behalf of Polar Star lodge, another Sons of Norway lodge, or SON district or international level at events focusing on community involvement/interest. **Include only your volunteer time** working at, planning for, or traveling to/from the event. Do **not** include time just attending.

Community Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Høstfest <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Fox Valley Norwegian Choir													
Vasa Park <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Norsk Museum <small>(docent/manage/maintain)</small>													
Norsk Museum Fundraisers <small>breakfast/smorgasbord/etc (prep/food/work)</small>													
Syttende Mai Parade/Banquet <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
How to be a Viking <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Norwegian National League <small>(plan/prepare/lead)</small>													
Viking Ship <small>(docent/manage/maintain)</small>													
Red Hat Knitting													
Tubfrim													
Barnebirke/Norge Ski <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
MSI Christmas Tree													
Other <small>(describe)</small>													
TOTAL COMMUNITY HOURS:													

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