

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



Upcoming Events

Swedish Days

Parade

June 28, 2026

Geneva, Il.

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“Viking Kubb”

FAMILY PIKNIK

AUGUST 2, 2026

1:30

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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Sons of Norway
District Convention

Aug 3-6 2026

Stoughton, Wisconsin

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.

Please submit all articles to Barb
Johnson at

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Sons of Norway – Polar Star
Lodge

President's Message



President Ken and “Polat Star “bakstekjerring” at the Norway Museum Breakfast

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

What a busy month of Norwegian fun we have had!!! The Polar Star group attending Syttende events in Park Ridge had a great time. The Norway Museum Breakfast was also a huge success! I am so proud of the many Polar Star members who worked and baked at the event. Total profit for the museum was \$3,000.00.

I encourage all of you to attend the District-5 Convention in Stoughton, Wisconsin the first week in August. Stoughton is a great town with Norwegian history that non-delegates can enjoy. Check out the schedule of events on the District-5 website. I look forward to meeting with other leaders in our District and sharing the outstanding work of our Polar Star Lodge.

Mark your calendars and begin thinking and planning for our fall fund raising season at Vasa Park and at Høstfest.

Have a great summer Polar Star!

Your President
Ken Johnson

VIKING KUBB FAMILY PIKNIK

SUNDAY - AUGUST 2, 2026

Indoor Picnic at 1:30

followed by the family Kubb Tournament



Round up a team of 3 or 6 members and join the Polar Star Family Kubb tournament fun.

Please **register your team** with

barbjohnsonb@aol.com

or text to 630-632-2329 **by July 31st**

Please bring a picnic dish to pass and a lawn chair



Polar Star Lefsa Workshop

with

Lori, JoAnne, Nancy & Arthur, the "Grill Master"



VASA PARK SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 13th, 2026



TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend and work in the Polar Star “Bakeri” Booth. Start baking (and freeze) your favorite Norwegian baked goods to sell in the booth and look for Norwegian collectibles at garage sales to re-sell in our loppemarked (flea market). We will be baking Norwegian Vaffler with Lingonberries on site and selling pre-packaged baked goods and Norwegian knit items and collectibles.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com>



POLAR STAR 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026 PROGRAMS 1:30 p.m. (unless listed)”

AUGUST 2nd – Polar Star Family Picnic
SEPTEMBER 13th - VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.
OCTOBER 4^h - Program TBA
NOVEMBER 1st - Høstfest
December 6th - Juletreres

Norsk Museum June 6th Opening Day Frokost



Swedish Days Parade – June 28th – 1:00 pm



JUNE 24-28, 2026



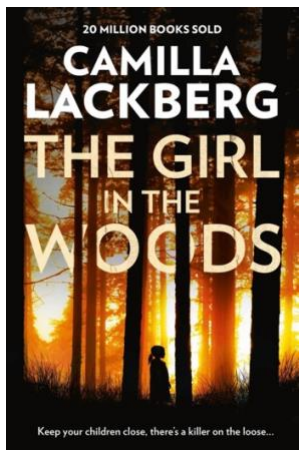
GENEVA CHAMBER'S 76TH ANNUAL

Swedish Days

Polar Star Culture Corner

By Barb Johnson

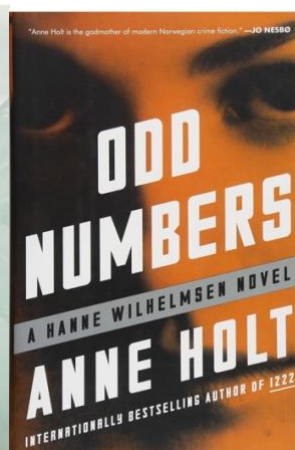
Polar Star Summer Literature Selection



JULY Mystery



JULY Main Read



AUGUST Mystery

Editor's Note:

To join the Sons of Norway Book Club Zoom Discussion email sonsofnorwaybookclub@gmail.com for the zoom link

Last Monday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

NORSK Handverksklubb

Join the fun as we make our next project

Fingerless Norwegian Gloves

JULY 31 at Esther's Place in Big Rock at **10:00 a.m.**

Call 630-556-9665 to reserve a spot



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICA

Editor's note: I was looking through past newsletters and was reminded that in 2018 my Culture Corner featured Polar Star Poets. I thought that as we celebrate America's 250 Birthday it would be a perfect time to share our poems again. If you have written a poem or love a poem about our history and would like to be featured, please send it to me at barbijohnsonb@aol.com



POLAR STAR POET...Carol Vigsnes

A PRAYER

I saw Christ in our world this morn-as I looked out the window at the earth
Reborn. Dear Lord as I start each day anew; may you be in everything I say and do.

I saw Christ in our world today-as I knelt I the garden to weed and to pray; Dear
Lord pull the old me out so your Spirit may take root and sprout.

I saw Christ in our church tonight-in you and in me sharing at twilight; Dear Lord
as you feed both our body and our soul, join us together and make us whole.

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday) Polar Star JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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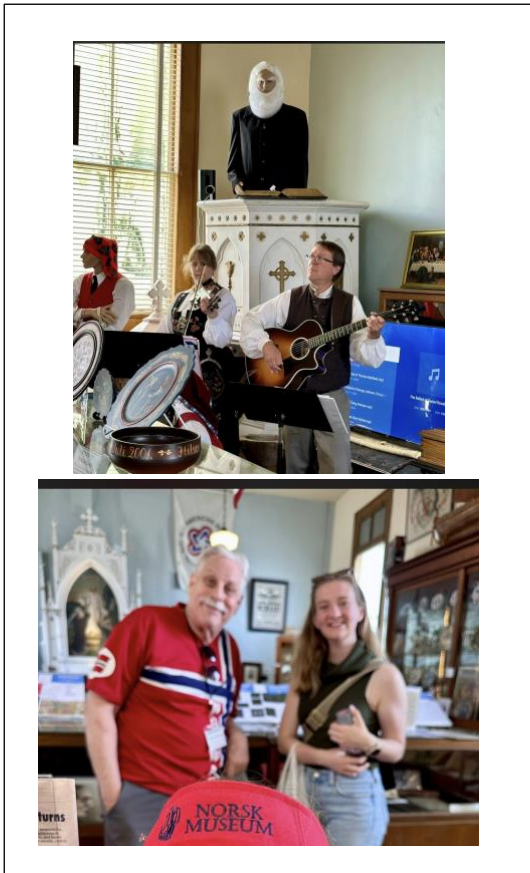
- 3. Nilsee Kreppert
- 4. Nels Johnson
- 13. MaryAnn Doetschman
- 18. Marcin Baber
- 21. Jim VanWinkel
- 25. Jeanne Keifheit
- 29. Harold Broten

Polar Star June Membership Anniversaries!



JULIANNE PETERSON
JUNE 10, 1992
"Gratulerer"
34 years

Norway Museum Open for the 2026



Help is needed at the Norway museum Saturday and Sunday through September. Contact Dave Johnson at david7dog@yahoo.com to be placed on the 2026 schedule

