

# 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

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## President's Message



President Ken leading our Polar Star  
Syttendemai Parade Entry  
“Gratulerer med Dagen Norge”



Brooke Johnson – Granddaughter of Ken and Barb was recognized as the recipient of the Norwegian National League Senior Scholarship by Norway's Honorary Consul, Susan Meyer.

## Upcoming Events

**Norsk Museum  
Opening Day**

**“Taste of Norway”**

**Breakfast**

**Saturday.**

**June 1st 2024**

See details on page 2 & 3

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**Geneva Swedish**

**Days Parade**

**June**

See page 5 for details

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**Polar Star Newsletter Deadline**  
Will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please  
submit all articles to Barb Johnson at

[barbjohnsonb@aol.com](mailto:barbjohnsonb@aol.com)

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# **POLAR STAR JUNE 2nd EVENT**

## **Norsk Museum Breakfast and Polar Star Bake Sale**

Editor's Note: Polar Star will **NOT** host a general meeting event in June  
But we **WILL** work together in Norway, II  
at the Opening Day Breakfast  
and Norwegian culture day that benefits  
**THE NORSK MUSEUM**  
**ON JUNE 2nd**

### **POLAR STAR HELP NEEDED FOR MUSEUM OPENING DAY ON JUNE 1st**

Polar Star workers and bakers needed to support the Norsk Museum Breakfast in June.  
Please contact Nancy Andersen or Barb Johnson if you are able to work the event or if you are willing to bake Norwegian cakes, cookies or breads for our Polar Star Bakery.



## **Norsk Museum**



# POLAR STAR NORSK MUSEUM BAKE SALE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

## Bakers

Name	Phone number	Baked goods
Barb Johnson	630-553-7389 Cell: 630-632-2329	Cardemom Rolls, lingonberry bars, Lingonberry loaves and , waffle batter

## Bakery tent located outside the Museum Helpers

Name	Time	
Barb Johnson	7:00 a.m. - ???	

## NORSK MUSEUM



Barb Johnson and Joni Koeler serving as Docents

**Docents are needed at the Museum on Saturday and Sunday**  
**Contact Dave Johnson ([david7dog@yahoo.com](mailto:david7dog@yahoo.com))**  
**to pick your dates.**

Help Support the  
Norsk Museum Opening Day &

## Taste of Norway Breakfast



Sat., June 1, 2024 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

After Breakfast, join us at  
the Norsk Museum [9am  
to 2pm]

- ◇ Rosemaling sales and demonstrations by Lynn Sove Maxson
- ◇ Hardanger by Linda
- ◇ Polar Star Lodge
- Norwegian Food Sales
- ◇ Cultural demonstrations

Right in Norway — 3656 E 2631st Rd Sheridan, IL 60551

Enjoy delicious home cooked  
Norwegian Frokost (Breakfast)  
at the Norway Community  
Building. Serving fried kumla,  
ham, scrambled eggs with  
chives, fruit cups and coffee!

No Advance Tickets  
Donations ONLY  
Support our museum

Phone (815) 343-5070 (text)



See all the new exhibits  
Visit Norsk Museum  
[www.NorskMuseum.org](http://www.NorskMuseum.org)

**The Norwegians are coming.....**

**Heia Heia Norge!!!**

**Swedish Days 2024 June 19-23 Geneva, IL**



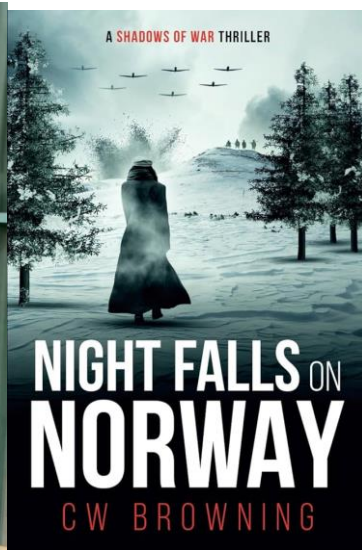
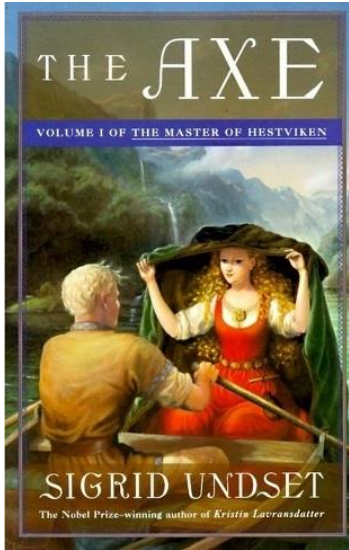
**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm Annual Swedish Days Parade**

**Join us for a hometown parade! Line of March: Anderson Blvd. and Center, south to State, east on State to Third, south on Third to Metra Train Station. Coordinated by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Awesome Parade Marshals  
Sponsored by Audi Exchange of St. Charles**

# **Polar Star Culture Corner**

## **with Barb**

### **Sons of Norway Book Club**



**May Main Read:** *The Axe: Master of Hestviken #1 by Ingrid Undset*

Editor's Note: this is the first of a four volume series by the author of "Kristen Lavrensdatter"

**May Mystery Read:** The Courier is a prequel novella to the "Shadows of War Series" by CW Browning. "Night Fall on Norway is Book 3 in the series that takes place in Norway as the Germans invade Norway in 1940"

Editor's note: CW Browning has agreed to be a guest author at our Monday night author's Book Club Night. Date to be determined. Ms. Browning has just finished Book 6 of this great series.

### **Book Club Zoom Meeting**

May 30, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86277573100?pwd=uGMwHJBFxqoMWXknsxSRhfMPuZbUbX.1>

Meeting ID: 862 7757 3100

Passcode: 455883

# Sons of Norway

## Regular Club Schedule

June 2024 - April 2025

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Jun. 27, 2024

**Nansen**

by Roland Huntford

**Blackout**

(Dark Iceland #3)

by Ragnar Jonasson

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Jul. 25, 2024

**White Shadow**

by Roy Jacobson

**Death Deserved**

(Alexander Blix #1)

by Thomas Enger & Jon Lier

Horst

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Aug. 29, 2024

**The Edge of the World:  
a Culture History of the No  
Sea and the transformation of  
Europe**

by Michael Pye

**Rupture**

(Dark Iceland #4)

by Ragnar Jonasson

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Sep. 26, 2024

**The Last Viking:  
the Life of Roald Amundsen**

by Stephen Bowen

**Smoke Screen**

(Alexander Blix #2)

by Thomas Enger & Jon Lier Horst

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Oct. 24, 2024

**PICK YOUR OWN**

**The White Lioness**

any book by O.E. Rolvaag

by Henning Mankell

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Nov. 21, 2024

**River Kings:  
a New History of the Vikings**  
by Cat Jarman

**Ice Princess**  
by Camilla Lackberg

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Dec. 19, 2024  
**Shadow:**

**Silent Patriot**  
by Astrid Karlsen-Scott

**Forty Days without  
an Arctic Thriller**  
by Olivier Truc

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Jan. 23, 2025

**Vows**  
(Olav Audunsson #1)  
by Sigrid Undset

**The Rabbit Factor**  
(Rabbit Factor series #1)  
by Antti Tuomainen

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Feb. 27, 2025

**We are Going to Pick Potatoes:  
Norway and the Holocaust**  
by Irene Levin Berman

**Sidetracked**  
(Kurt Wallander #5)

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Mar. 27, 2025

**King Harald's Saga**  
by Snurri Sturluson

**The Raven**  
(Minnesota Trilogy #3)  
by Vidar Sundstol

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April 24, 2025

**Norse Mythology**  
by Neil Gaiman

**The Iron Chariot**  
(THE Classic Norwegian Mystery)

# **Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Needle Felted Nisse Workshop at Esthers' Place**





Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps and give to our stamp collector, Art Andersen

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## POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> Norsk Museum Open House and Breakfast**

**AUGUST 4 : VIKING GAMES AND PIKNIK**

**SEPTEMBER: 8 - VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.**

**OCTOBER 6 - Leif Erikson Viking Celebration**

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

**DECEMBER 8 - JULETREFEST**

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# Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)

**Polar Star Members!**



## Mai 16-31

**20. Blake Chaussey**

## June 1-15

**3. Nilslee Kreppert**

**4. Nels Johnson**

**10. Ben Gehler**

**10. Gerald Rucks**

**11. Erika Koehler**



**Gratulerer med dagen til april bursdager**

# Polar Star Sports and Activities

by Jerri Lynn Baker

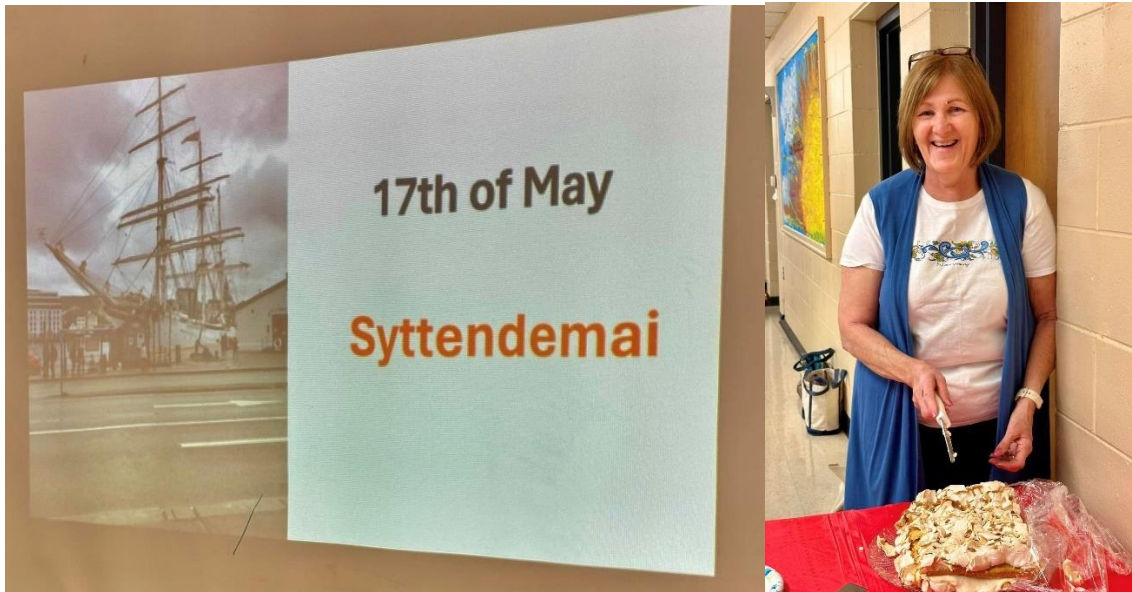


## Polar Star – Summer Virtual Walk Challenge!

Who is getting their miles logged for our Virtual Viking? There are 72 days until the last day so there is still time to start! You just need 1.99 miles every day. You can do it!

Remember if you walked in the Syttendemai parade or if you plan to walk in the Swedish Days Parade in June you will earn a raffle ticket for our Virtual Viking challenge. Be sure to get your ticket(s) at our next meeting.

# Happy Constitution Day **NORWAY**





# Park Ridge Syttendemai Celebration 2024



Syttendemai Luncheon





Susan Meyer Norway's Honorary Consul kicks off the 2024 parade





**Editor's Note: Barb and Kenny couldn't be prouder!!**



# Syttendemai in Stoughton, Wisconsin



Thanks Tom for sharing your pictures form Stoughton 2024!



# Saturday, September 8, 2024

## 2024 Scandinavian Day Festival



2024 will mark the 44<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Day Festival as Vasa Park in South Elgin. Our Polar Star Bakari and Loppemarked Booth will be set up next to the performance stage. We look forward to spending the day with our Scandinavian friends and vendors. Please plan to bake your favorite pre-packaged baked goods and volunteer to work in our booth. Check out the entertainment link on the Vasa Park Website.

[2023 Vasa Park Events \(vasaparkil.com\)](https://vasaparkil.com)

Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
\$15.00 per person  
Children 12 and under free!



Needle felting Workshop at Est

**Sons of Norway  
Polar Star Lodge 5-472  
Regular Meeting, May 5, 2024**

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
1233 Douglas Avenue  
Montgomery, IL 60538**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m., following a 1:30 delicious potluck luncheon. The kitchen committee of the day included Carol and Richard Vigsnes.

**President's Announcements:**

- Ken opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Guests Jan Kinsel, Gordon Babbitt, and Rick and Myrla Randall were introduced.
- Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the United States, Norwegian and Canadian national anthems.
- Motion to approve the minutes for our April meeting was seconded and passed.
- The May 19<sup>th</sup> Syttende Mai parade will kick off in Park Ridge at 1 PM. We need as many members as possible to walk following our Polar Star banner.
- The 2024 District 5 Convention will be held June 19-22 in Indianapolis. Ken reminded everyone that all members are welcome to attend sessions, and may register to attend the various craft presentations.
- There will be no monthly Polar Star meeting in June and July.
- The Norsk Museum opening day is Saturday, June 1. Please sign up to bake and volunteer. Details will be announced in the newsletter.
- Ken read a really nice letter from Scarlett Anderson, thanking Polar Star for our lodge sponsorship and the wonderful experiences she during her several years attending the Masse Moro Norwegian culture camp.
- Ed Hatteberg announced the June 22<sup>nd</sup> ADPA 2024 Illinois Optimism Walk for Parkinson's Research on the Naperville Riverwalk. Contact Ed for information.

**Treasurer Report:** Carol read a summary of the Treasurer's report (copy attached). Motion to approve was passed. Current total assets are \$15,627.15.

**Social Director Report:**

- Nancy sent greetings from her trip to Italy.
- Reminder that Art is collecting cancelled stamps for donation to an Indiana veteran organization.

**Cultural Director Report:**

- Barb talked about the national Sons of Norway Book Club and mentioned several books they are reading. She recommended the trilogy, "The Courier", "The Oslo Affair", and "Nightfalls in Norway."
- She suggested reading pages 1-135 of "Children from Ash and Elm" by Neil Price in preparation for Round 2 of the Viking history trivia at our August meeting.

**Sports Director Information:**

- Prizes for the 80 mile Lenten Walk and the February outdoor walking challenges were awarded.
- "The Viking Way" challenge, a 149 mile virtual walk following in the steps of Norse invaders, from the Humber Bridge to Oakham in the United Kingdom, will run from April 8 to August 3. Details in monthly newsletters.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned around 2:45 p.m., followed by a great presentation by Jeannie Leifheit, sharing her 2023 trip to celebrate Syttende Mai in Bergen, Norway.

**Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, June 1, Norsk Museum opening day and Polar Star bake sale.
- Sunday, August 4, regular meeting and round 2 Viking Trivia events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Oswald, Secretary