



Shawnee Skogen 5-689



Hilsen fra Presidenten Wendy Winkelman



Special points of interest:

Dec. 8, 2020—

54 members!

PLEASE Continue to :

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

Please see Wendy for Business Cards to leave around Southern Illinois!

Let us continue to recruit!

NEXT MTG:

Feb. 21,

2:00 p.m.

Over

Zoom

See details

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God dag Members!

February is a busy month in Norway – there is Sami National Day on the 6th, Valentine's Day on the 14th and Mother's Day also on the 14th. See Page 7 to read about Mother's Day in Norway.

Our last meeting over Zoom was a fun one – Colby won the Heads or Tails game and we learned about Ole Evinrud, the Norwegian inventor of the outboard boat motor.

If you haven't joined us yet on Zoom, we miss you! We would love to challenge all of you to join us this month. If you don't know how to use Zoom, one of us will certainly help you. Please email me or our

Publicity Director, Nathan with questions on how to get going. It is very simple; just click the link that is emailed out each month. Or you could just call the phone number and listen if you would rather do that.

We had our monthly board meeting on Feb. 3rd and discussed many items, including ways to publicize Shawnee Skogen. We are coming up with a few new ways, including having a Website, using MeetUp.com, advertising in the local papers, at the community colleges, and through the Chamber of Commerce's in our local counties. If you know of other ways

to promote the lodge, please send your ideas to Nathan, as well. We will follow up and figure out the costs of these items.

Our By-laws need to be updated again. The board will be reviewing them in early March and will present them at the March meeting for

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Happy Birthday to our Members ! "Gratulerer med dagen"

Don Gulbrandsen

February

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Zoom Cultural Classes Available

Hardanger Embroidery Class: The Basics of Hardanger Embroidery

March 4 - April 8, 2021 (Thursdays)

6:30pm to 8:00pm central time

Virtual Norwegian Cooking Class

February 15 - March 22, 2021 (Mondays)

6 pm to 7:30 pm central time

Rosemal Class for Cultural Pin #1 via ZOOM

Session #1: *Saturdays February 20, 27 and March 6*

Session #2: *March 1-3, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday*

9:00 am to 4:00 pm CST each day with a break for lunch

Red Squirrel Virtual Woodcarving Class - offered by James Ray Miller

Feb. 4, 11, 18

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

VIRTUAL GENEALOGY CLASS

Virtual genealogy classes will be offered beginning this fall.

To register for the class, contact Diane Maurer at dmaurer@nagenl.org Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library 415 W. Main St., Madison, WI 53703 608-255-2224 (w)

2021 Shawnee Skogen Goals

- 1) Obtain 5 new members in 2021 (**have you invited anyone to our Zoom meetings?**)
- 2) Work on Cultural Skills together as a lodge and obtain 10 pins
- 3) Have our Financial Benefits counselor visit us sometime in 2021

All members need to help work on these 2021 goals



Lodge Programs for 2021

Programs need to be set up for our meetings in 2021. Please send your ideas to the Program Director, Heather Kjellesvik at hkjellesvik@gmail.com.

January 17	2021		Installation of Officers, Award Presentations —Zoom
February 21	2021	Ron N	Program on Jacob Riis
March 21	2021	Bill/Wendy	Julebörd in March
April 18	2021		
May 16	2021		Syttende Celebration—Giant City State Park Picnic
June 20	2021	Father's Day	No meeting Summer Break
July 18	2021		Open to Ideas for Summer Meeting (Field Trip?)
August 15	2021		Open to Ideas for Summer Meeting (Field Trip?)
September 17	2021		
October 17	2021	Greg Ragan, FBC	Potential Visit with FBC
November 21	2021	Bill/Wendy	Lefse Making
December 5	2021	Bill/Wendy	3rd Annual Julebörd



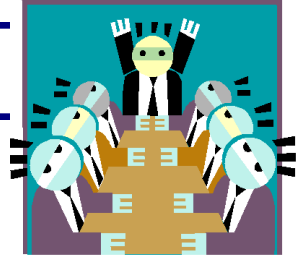
Celebrating **125** Years

1895-2020

2021 Officers

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Social Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2021



Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm. Present are Randy Moe, Nancy Schick, Wendy, Bill Bultinck, Ron Naversen, Colby Bowman, Julie Bonsack, Melody Johnsen, Roy Johnsen, Ann Dolan, Kelly Bliss, and Heather Kjellesvik.

Julie Bonsack is originally from Decorah, IA.

Wendy reads the list of members with birthdays this month.

Chris Moe has had COVID and is recovering. David Melby had some health issues and seems to be doing OK as of last week.

Heads or tails: this month's winner is Colby. Wendy will send him an as-yet undetermined prize.

Kelly Bliss: we currently have a bit over \$3,000 in dues and some in our Paypal account. When people pay their dues, we sometimes get a full amount, sometimes a partial amount from Sons of Norway. M/ and S/ to approve the treasurer report. MCU.

Old Business

Show in Tell—Roy holds up an egg holder, for a hardboiled egg. His grandmother gave it to him when he was born, 83 years ago. He also holds up a “napkins” box, that may or may not be Norwegian in origin. Ron also holds up one, with rosemaling.

New Business:

Ron: Also has a troll mask that he displays. He has a friend who will make him a male troll mask. He purchased the mask on Amazon.

Colby' report:

Kelly has earned Bronze and Silver medals for Idrettsmerke.

Nancy has earned Bronze, Silver, and Enamel medals for walking.

Ron has earned Enamel medal for fitness and the Silver medal for walking.

There will be a District Lodge officers meeting on Zoom. Wendy probably can't attend because she and Bill will be on the road, so Nathan will attend for our Lodge.

Randy and Nancy will be taking the history class.

Social Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2021 (continued)

Officer Installation

The officers have been elected in provision with the Lodge's bylaws. Bill administers the oath of office to the officers and reads the officers' duties, by office.

Editor: Wendy Winkelman
Sports Director: Colby Bowman
Treasurer: Kelly Bliss
Secretary: Nancy Schick
Social Director: Heather Kjellesvik
Councilor: Bill Bultinck
Vice-President: Ann Dolan
President: Wendy Winkelman

Terms begin in January.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 21. It will be by Zoom again. Hopefully, we will be able to have the Julebord in March.

M/S/ to adjourn this meeting and go on to the program. MCU.

Wendy has a program on Ole Evinrude, inventor of the outboard motor. At the age of 5, he and his parents emigrated to the US. The surname comes from the farmstead in Norway. They settled in Cambridge WI, near Madison. In 1908 he invented an outboard motor and began an entirely new industry. He got a patent on a small portable motor and worked in the fledgling automotive industry. He and his wife Bess got into the small motor business, and she started writing ads at their kitchen table. There was huge demand for the product, and they wound up opening a factory. They sold their business to investment partner, due to health reasons. Ole kept tinkering and wound up making a lightweight outboard motor. Their former investment partner turned down their offer for the new motor, so in 1922 they started a new company making the Elto brand outboard motor. This company eventually merged with the original Evinrude company. Both Ole and Bess died in their 40s. Their son Ralph eventually became President of the company.

Presentation ends at 2:45.

Thor's "Top 10" Reasons

THOR'S "TOP 10" REASONS To Own A Sons Of Norway Tax Deferred IRA or NON-IRA Nordic Annuity Certificate



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*These rates include a 1.25% bonus as of 1-15-21

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your approval.

We have updated our 2021 goals which you should see on page 2. Our biggest challenge, of course, is retaining and gaining new members. Meeting over Zoom is a nice way for ALL of our members to join in the fun!

If you haven't signed up for one of the Cultural Skills classes you are missing out! Many of us have participated or will be participating over the next months. There are so many options that I am trying to find the time to do more than one. Please participate – you won't be disappointed.

Again, if you need help with Zoom, reach out to us. We want to see all your smiling faces!

Our Next Meeting — February 21, Sunday, 2 p.m.— on Zoom

Kelly Bliss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Kelly Bliss' Shawnee Skogen Feb 2021 Zoom Meeting
Time: Feb 21, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81446296778?pwd=bmNVdERhaXZGSkdIQW5ab0FJQVVV4QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 4629 6778

Passcode: 067978

One tap mobile

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Gratulerer med morsdagen

Mother's Day is an American invention, dating to the 2nd Sunday in May in 1907. That was when the first Memorial Mother's Day Meeting was celebrated in the Methodist church in Crafton, West Virginia after the initiative of Ann Jarvis (1864-1948) as a personal memorial day for her mother who had died two years before. The year after, Ann Jarvis sent out an appeal to make this Sunday a general holiday for all mothers, and her appeal was taken up by the Methodist churches in Crafton and Philadelphia, and later spread from there.

In Norway the custom of Mother's Day was first introduced in a Methodist church in Bergen, possibly as early as the First World War. But the first breakthrough for an official mother's day was an initiative from Dorothea Schjoldager (1853-1938) and Karen Platou (1897-1950) in Oslo. In the years between the two world wars they worked to get a mother's day in Norway set for the second Sunday in February, possibly because Norway has so many holidays in May. From being a day arraigned by religious organizations, the occasion has in later years become a day for the family. In Norway, father and children wait on mother on this day. The day can be celebrated with breakfast in bed, flowers, dinner at a restaurant or a nice card. The day has also become commercialized, and several shops sell cards and gifts specially targeted at mothers.

Why Norway's Spectacular Stave Churches are at Risk



January 19, 2021 by Life in Norway Editorial Team

Hundreds of years ago, more than 1,000 stave churches stood in small communities across Norway. Today, just 28 stave churches remain standing.

Those remaining require careful maintenance. But the number of skilled craftspeople is dwindling, threatening the future of these exquisite buildings.

Noone is entirely sure how old the churches are. The earliest written records of Heddal stave church date to 1315, but some believe it's older than that. The UNESCO-listed Urnes stave church is believed to be from the 12th-century.

Ola Storsletten, a retired researcher from the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research, explained to Science Norway that the earliest wooden churches have all gone as the wood was dug into the ground and rotted quickly.

But around the 1100s, construction methods changed. "They used a different approach to constructing the structures, where they lifted the whole building off the ground, which has allowed stave churches to survive to this day," said Storsletten.

The Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage has spent a lot of money in recent decades restoring the churches. However, it was actually a lack of money that caused these churches to remain in place for so long.

"Norway took good care of its stave churches, partly because Norwegians were poor. We couldn't afford to demolish an old church and build a new one, even though many people probably wanted to," said Storsletten.

But saving cultural heritage is about more than just saving the building. It's also about preserving the traditions, skills and knowledge on building materials and maintenance techniques.

People who know traditional methods are becoming fewer. In many cases, the knowledge they have dies with them.

Inger Marie Egenberg heads the Conservation Department at the University of Stavanger's Museum of Archaeology. She has a doctorate on the tar glazing of stave churches and took part in a recent tarring project. She explained to Science Norway that it's an example of a threatened skill: "One of the challenges with painting the church with tar was that the knowledge about how to do it had been lost over the years."

Together with her colleagues, she wants to learn more about pre-industrial materials and methods. "There are many ways to neglect a building," said Egenberg, "including improper use of materials and lack of maintenance."

After World War II, many factory-produced products reduced the need for maintenance. But now under the Cultural Heritage Act, buildings from the Middle Ages are protected, and that includes an assumption that maintenance should be carried out using original methods.

Researchers have tried to recreate the production process for the original tar, which involves a thousand-year-old method of burning pine under cover. Egenberg said it can take several days and is a "huge effort." When they first tried applying the tar, it didn't stick. It was only when Egenberg looked through old documents that she saw it was combined with coal. The team tried it, and it worked.

Norway Olympic Ski Team under fire for sweater's symbol

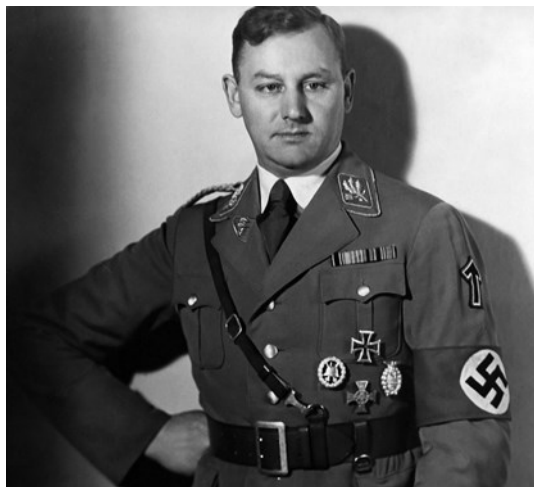
Norway's alpine skiing team is receiving backlash after revealing its official Winter Olympics knitted sweater, which uses a controversial symbol.

The black and grey sweaters feature a symbol known as the Tyr rune, representing the team's theme for the Olympics, "the Attacking Viking." The symbol is associated with Viking and Norse mythology and stands for heroic glory.

But the symbol has also been hijacked by extreme right-wing groups. For example, Tyr was also the official emblem for Adolf Hitler's leadership school in Nazi Germany.



Since the Second World War, neo-Nazis and other white supremacists continued to use the Tyr symbol — its popularity in part stems from the fact that it is considered by many to be the "warrior rune," according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).



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