

BOARD/Business Meetings-Skål Public House

October 19 2022-6:30 PM

November 9, 2022-6:30 PM

December 14, 2022-6:30 PM

LODGE Meetings-6:30 PM, MHCC, 107 N. Grove St.

October 27, 2022-6:30 PM

November 17, 2022-6:30 PM

December 4, 2022-2:00 PM

Upcoming Activities:

November 13, 2022-Gingerbread house building

November 17, 2022 Memorial Recognition

December 4, 2022 Juletre Fest-(Christmas tree party)

Looking Ahead: January-Movie and popcorn...Do you have suggestions? Send an email to President Watrud: vennelaglodge@gmail.com

Until next time, Orkranger!
Photo Submitted: President Allen Watrud



ORD FRA PRESIDENTEN

A wise person once said, "there are two kinds of people in the world--Norwegians and those that wished they were." Many of us just returned from 2 weeks in Norway, and to me the pride that we saw and heard in all things Norsk was readily apparent. It's easy to see why Scandinavians rate so highly on the happiness meter. Pride was reflected in the quality of just about everything: homes, buildings, farms, roads, city centers, food, and work ethic. That pride is present in us, also, which is why we joined Sons of Norway--to nurture and to promote our heritage and culture as proud Norwegian-Americans.

Any trip to Norway is a fantastic experience, no matter what part of the country is visited. Hopefully, all of you have had a chance to travel or will plan an excursion in the future. I challenge the Lodge to consider putting together a return trip for 2026. It's not too early to start planning!

We're now heading into the hectic holiday season when things can get a little crazy. So take a deep breath, find some time to relax, and be proud of who you are, what you are, and where you are. And enjoy the season. As Andy Williams quipped, "it's the most wonderful time of the year."

Takk så mye!

Allen





Photo Submitted

Original condition of the Gokstad ship, University of Oslo



Read more about the Gokstad ship by visiting: <https://www.khm.uio.no/english/visit-us/viking-ship-museum/exhibitions/gokstad>

WE SET SAIL... on an adventure, Saturday morning Aug. 13th, to see a ship named *Viking* in Geneva, IL. The ship is an exact replica of the Gokstad ship found on the Gokstad farm buried in what has been called "the king's mound" in 1880.

The Gokstad ship was unearthed near Sandar, Sandefjord, Vestfold, Norway when the two sons of the farm's owner decided to dig inside the earthen mound to discover if anything exciting was hidden there. "The burial mound around the ship had been built up of clay and peat. It was approximately five meters high and had a diameter of almost 45 meters. Likely, the mound was even larger in Viking times. The ship itself was buried in blue clay below ground level. The two upper strakes and both the bow and stern posts protruded from the clay and had therefore been destroyed, but otherwise the ship was exceptionally well preserved."

During the Viking Age, this ship was a flexible, fast ship suitable for the open ocean.

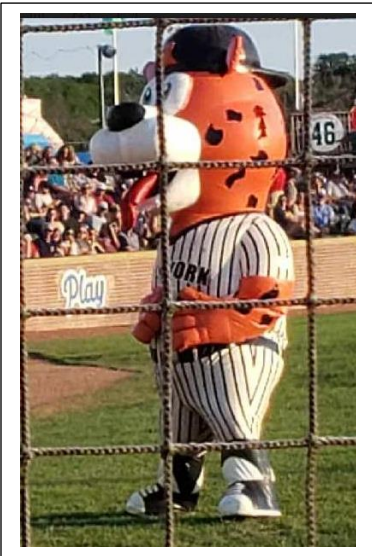
Dave and Dave were the captains of our voyage that amazed us and exceeded our expectations.

The dimensions from the original ship were used to create this replica that was commissioned for the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago, IL.

It took 28 days to sail her from Norway to Chicago.

Thousands of Norwegian-Americans came to see this ship at the World's Fair, and as it made various excursions afterward. "Friends of the Viking Ship" is fund raising to build a permanent structure for the ship.

Those members on this excursion included: Steve Frame, Mary Gullickson-Krantz, Laura Londo, Arthur Ness, Anna and Orville Olson, Janet Robertson, Allen and Martha Watrud, Arlene Watrud-Krueger, Ann Walser, Kathy and Tom Wulff.



**At the
Mallards
Team
Mascots
Batter-up!**



Photos submitted: Arlene Watrud-Krueger, Harley Skjervem, and Aldeen Fjelstad



July 26th was a beautiful night to take in a Mallards' game. The Vennelag Lodge members showed up (too bad the Mallards didn't) for a night at the ballpark.

In attendance: Harley Skjervem, Steve Frame, Don Mueller, Ron and Deb Goplin, Aldeen Fjelstad, Carolyn Johnson, Dan, and Sue Ensrude and their three grandchildren, Jo Don Anderson and guest, Cheryl Bjorge, Ann Walser, Mark Hanson, Allen and Martha Watrud, John Eberhardt and guest, Laura Londo, Arlene Watrud-Krueger, and Tom and Kathy Wulff.—Submitted by Arlene Watrud-Krueger



**Middleton Good Neighbor Festival
August 28th**

From the Fest committee—

We sincerely thank all the people who participated in this year's parade. Your creative energy is greatly appreciated!

We are pleased to announce the 2022 Good Neighbor Festival Parade Award Winners!

Best Community Not-for-Profit Award
Vennelag Lodge-Mt. Horeb, WI

Gratulerer til oss!



Did you miss Vennelag's tour to Norway this year?
Here's an option for 2023!

Have you read Kathleen Ernst's mystery book, *Fiddling With Fate*? Did your family originate from along the Sogn fylke (now Vestland)? Have you visited the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum? Would you like to experience Syttende Mai in Bergen?

If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, consider joining the Mt. Horeb Historium on its trip to southwest Norway in 2023!

The excursion has been planned by Borton Overseas Travel, and as a SofN member, one qualifies for a 5% discount. Save \$300.00!

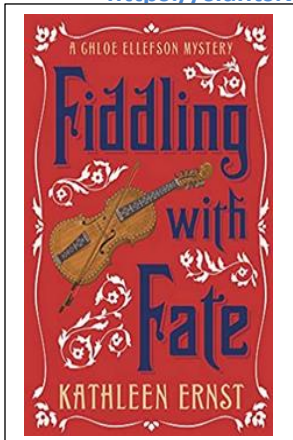
The Best of All Worlds

What can be better than planning a trip to Norway AND supporting the Mt. Horeb Historium at the same time? It's possible when you join author Kathleen Ernst, on the May 15-25, 2023, tour "Folk Art, Fjords, and Fiddles" with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Driftless Historium. Vennelag Lodge has long supported the mission of the Historium, and we are partners in protecting family artifacts from this region.

Experience celebrating Syttende Mai in Bergen, follow the footsteps of main characters Chloe and Roelke from the book *Fiddling with Fate*, and join in other unique small group opportunities.

Detailed information can be accessed in a variety of ways:

<https://www.bortonoverseas.com/tour/mounthoreb-norway/> (Detailed trip information and interest form)
<https://siantis.wixsite.com/website> (Overview of trip, Instagram Feed, and the travel blog)



THE ITINERARY FOLLOWS.



Day by Day Itinerary

Monday, May 15 – Depart U.S.

Depart Chicago on the transatlantic flight to Reykjavik via Icelandair.

Tuesday, May 16 – Arrival in Bergen

Connect in Reykjavik with the continuing flight to the Bergen airport, where Chloe and her fiancé Roelke met with a textile curator. Bergen is Norway's second largest city, known as the capital of the west and gateway to the fjords. It is a UNESCO world heritage city with the Bryggen wharf, Mount Fløien, and the fish market as central attractions. Meet your professional tour manager and coach, and transfer for hotel check-in (after 3P). Rest and refresh before gathering for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at Scandic Byparken

(D)

Wednesday, May 17 – Bergen

Enjoy a two-hour guided stroll through the central harbor area. The Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf takes you back to the Middle Ages with its well-preserved buildings. Delight in the fish and flower market as well. The afternoon and evening are free to participate in the Syttende Mai (Constitution Day) parade and activities – be sure to eat plenty of ice cream and sausages, typical for the holiday.

Overnight at Scandic Byparken

(B)

Thursday, May 18 – Bergen/Voss

Depart Bergen for Vossevangen on the Vangsvatnet Fjord, where you are greeted by snowy mountain tops, valleys and forests, rivers, waterfalls, and lakes. The village, located between the famous Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord, has been a gathering place for fiddlers and dancers for centuries. Visit the Voss Folkemuseum for a guided tour of Mølstertunet, which dates back to the 1500s and was featured in Fiddling With Fate's historical plotline as site of the fiddling competition Britta and Erik attended in 1888. We'll also visit the beautiful stone church, built near the lake in 1277, before checking in at the historic Fleisher's Hotel, established in 1889.

Overnight at Fleischer's Hotel

(B, D)

Friday, May 19 – Voss/Ulvik

Leave Voss and travel to Ulvik, a cozy village on the shores of Hardangerfjord. In the region you will find many fruit orchards and farms that produce their own cider from the region's apples—just as Solveig's sister did in Fiddling With Fate. During the 13th century, growing apples was introduced in Hardanger by monks from England. Today 40% of all Norwegian fruit is grown in the Hardangerfjord region. Visit an orchard farm in the area for coffee. Visit the church in Ulvik. Hotel check in.

Overnight at Brakanes Hotel.

(B, D)

Saturday, May 20 – Ulvik/Eidfjord/Lofthus

Depart Ulvik and stop in Eidfjord to visit the Hardangervidda Nature Center, which is an exciting experiential center for Norwegian nature, climate, and environment. After lunch, our coach will take us up through the tunnel to Kjeåsen mountain farm, featured in Fiddling With Fate. Said to be Norway's most inaccessible farm, Kjeåsen is inhabited only in the summer months and lies like an eagle's nest on a mountain ledge 600 meters above the Simadalsfjord. Continue to Lofthus for hotel check-in and dinner.

Overnight at Hotel Ullensvang

(B, D)

Sunday, May 21 – Utne/Lofthus

The Hardanger region is a center of living cultural heritage. The Hardanger fiddle, the traditional Hardanger folk costume, and Hardanger embroidery are all well known national symbols. Travel by coach and ferry to Utne to visit the Hardanger Folkemuseum, primary setting for Fiddling With Fate. Enjoy a Hardanger fiddle performance and tour of textiles at the museum. Have lunch at the historic Utne Hotel, where Chloe and Roelke stayed, including a history talk. After lunch, return to Hardanger Folkemuseum for a tour of the open-air area focusing on Tveismestova House, featured in both of the book's timelines. Enjoy some free time to see the rest of the museum and gift shop.

Overnight at Hotel Ullensvang

(B, L, D)

Monday, May 22 – Lofthus/Vrådal

Follow the National Scenic Route of Hardanger to Låtefoss. Pass through the city of Odda at the head of the fjord, between steep mountain slopes. Continue the journey to Røldal and Haukeligrend, while driving alongside Europe's biggest mountain plateau, Hardangervidda. Enter the Telemark region, an important area for Norwegian traditions. Stop for lunch at the historic Dalen Hotel. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight at Straand Hotel

(B, L, D)

Tuesday, May 23 – Vrådal/Oslo

In the morning travel to Oslo, the charming capital of Norway which is situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord. You will pass through the village of Heddal, where you can visit the stave church. Explore Oslo on a four-hour city sightseeing tour with a local guide. Enjoy panoramic views of: the Opera House, Karl Johansgate (Oslo's main street), old town Christiania, Akershus Castle and Fortress, and the Royal Palace. Visit the Norsk Folkemuseum located at Bygdøy in Oslo, which is Norway's largest museum of cultural history.

See large indoor collections, the world's oldest Open-Air Museum and a 12th century stave church. Check in at your hotel and say goodbye to your tour manager.

Overnight at Thon Hotel Bristol

(B)

Wednesday, May 24 – Oslo

The day is free to pursue individual interests in Oslo. We recommend the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Holmenkollen Ski Museum, the Resistance Museum in Akershus Fortress or the City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight.

Overnight at Thon Hotel Bristol

(B, D)

Thursday, May 25 – Oslo/Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flights. Arrive home today enriched by your discoveries of folk traditions and history in Norway.

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Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



NORWEGIAN BAKING WORKSHOP, Saturday, November 5, 2022



You may obtain a form from Mary by writing her at: laffalot@mhtc.net.

Please send remittance and the form to Mary at her home address shown to the right.

If you prefer, the baking workshop forms can also be obtained at Open House Imports, 308 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb. **The deadline is October 26, 2022.**

In part, the mission of the Sons of Norway is to share the heritage and culture of Norway. Join us! Refer a friend!

Vennelag, 5-513, has planned a Baking Workshop at the Mt. Horeb Community Center scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022. The event will start at 8:30 AM with a light breakfast, including waffles, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee.

The baking stations will include vafler, lefse, rosettes, sandbakkels, and krumkake. Please bring a Ziploc® bag or a container to take your samples home. Encourage someone you know to learn more about the customs of their family. Children ages 9 and older are welcome to attend when accompanied by an adult.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Children 9 and over are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Payment is due to Mary Gullickson-Krantz by Oct. 26. The space is limited to 25 people.

Help us to bring the heritage and culture of Norway to others via this outstanding food event.

Mary's address is [217 N. Brookwood Drive Mt. Horeb, WI 53572](https://www.google.com/maps/place/217+N+Brookwood+Drive+Mt.+Horeb,+WI+53572)

BRAT & BAKE SALE A SUCCESS

The Brat & Bake Sale on August 6 at Miller's Market in Mt. Horeb was a great success. It was a VERY HOT day, and everyone was hungry for a brat or a hot dog!

The bake sale was popular! We had a lot of items and we sold all except a couple items. Thanks to all of you who brought baked goods or donated money. The variety was wide and delicious with a lot of Norwegian treats.

Thank you to Allen Watrud, Arlene Watrud-Krueger, Duane & Nancy Kittleson, Ann Walser, Tiffany Schwoerer, Martin Amundsen, Steve Frame, Mark Hanson, Don Mueller & Pam Andersen, Laura Londo, and Scarlet Feller.

Thanks to all who brought items from storage, put up canopies & tables, cooked the brats & dogs, served the hungry people, cashiered, or helped in any way. Thank you to all who supported the event by attending & enjoying the food. We sold out by 1:30. Thank you for your hard work.

Rita Schraepfer-Derke, Chr.

Note: The sale nearly netted \$1,000.00, and some of these profits were used to buy a new stove for the Mt. Horeb Community Center kitchen. Several anonymous donors helped to defray the stove's cost. Tusen Takk!

The Bakken Family Enjoys Norway!

Our stay in *Odda* started off with a scenic drive there from *Preikestolen*. The trip has many beautiful vistas and points of interest. Fjord and other aquatic views are a constant thing on this drive. Here, as in most of Norway, the terrain is steep so the roads climb and fall dramatically, pass through many tunnels and traverse over scenic bridges. Along this journey there are also many waterfalls, some of them named and with viewing areas for snapping a few photos. One such stop for us was at *Latefossen* along Highway 13 near Odda. Here, the waterfall is so close to the roadway that your vehicle gets wet as you drive by. The falls are a thing of beauty and quite accessible. There's also a gift shop there. Kip and I also made the trek back out of Odda later that day to *Langfossen*, another tremendous waterfall.



The AirBnB in Odda was a quaint and attractive cottage with a great view of the fjord and the mountains to the east. We learned while travelling that each AirBnB host has a different take on what constitutes a stocked kitchen. Our host in Odda had a great cast iron wok that I wish I had at home.

In Odda we spent the entire day hiking *Trolltunga*. Hayden and I tackled it via ferrata. *Trolltunga Active* in *Skjeggedal* offers a guided trip complete with climbing gear, bicycles, and photography. The trip starts with a bike ride of about 6km. Following that, we hiked upward through the boulder field before climbing the 250-meter sheer face of the mountain using ladder rungs of steel that are set into the rock. The climb is a safe one but offers some of the best scenery of our trip including views not available on the regular hike to the *Troll's Tongue*. After the climb there is still a 3km hike to get to *Trolltunga*. The trail is winding, snowy, and at times, muddy. Every step is worth it though when you take those last few out onto the tongue. There were many people there and we had both our guide and family snapping photos.



Kipalee witnessed two “Simba” poses and saw one marriage proposal take place on the tongue while she was waiting there for us (she said yes by the way). For me, it was a bit surreal walking out there. What does one do whilst standing in the most iconic location in Norway? I ended up just sitting on the edge and taking in the well-earned view. The hike down was also beautiful but a bit of a letdown after the amazing experience at the *Troll's Tongue*. Once back at the parking lot, Odda is only 25 minutes away by car.



This hike is at most, a once in a lifetime opportunity for most people. It's something that I will never forget. I encourage everyone to work, save, and sacrifice to travel to Odda and complete this excursion. You will never regret the experience!



Nordlyset over Bodø (The aurora over Bodø)
--Harley Skjervem



Vennelag's Juletre Fest meal will be catered (turkey and fixin's) from Miller's Supermarket. Reservations are needed by the Nov. 17th meeting. Please send a count to vennelaglodge@gmail.com if you have not previously registered at a lodge meeting. Indicate how many adults and children will be in attendance. **Date: Sun. Dec. 4th starting at 2 PM** Festive attire is requested including Norwegian sweaters and bunads if you have one to wear. At the Juletre Fest we will welcome all new members from the last few years into the Lodge. Guests of lodge members are welcome, too, but invite them early and include them in your headcount.

*The SoCul committee will be decorating the tree on Saturday so if you are interested please email vennelaglodge@gmail.com you interest as we are always looking for more hands to help.

UFF-DA!

Red Stangland's Norwegian Home Companion

Lena says grocery shopping is getting to be just like a religious experience. She says, "All you see is people going up and down da aisles, and ven day see da prices, dey all say, OMG! OMG!"

Ole says...You know you're getting old when...Everything hurts and when it doesn't hurt it doesn't work.

Jens is on a new diet. He never eats while his wife is talking.

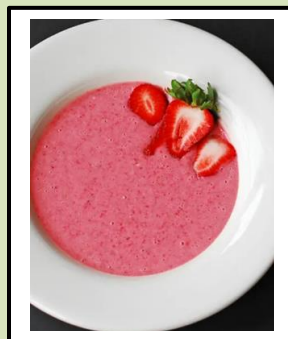


GRATULERER!

Long-time Vennelag Lodge member Duane Kittleson was elected to the position of the District 5 International Director. With over 25 years experience in the insurance field and additional years as a corporate comptroller, Duane is well-prepared to represent all members living in the 5th District.

Strawberry Fruit Soup

1 qt. cranberry or apple juice; I use apple juice
1/2 cup minute tapioca
1 lemon thinly sliced
6 whole cloves
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
11 oz. can of mandarin oranges
10 oz. frozen strawberries with sugar.
When thawed, use the juice



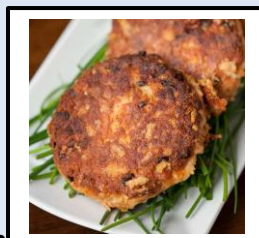
Combine juice, tapioca, lemon, cloves, and nutmeg in a pan. Bring to a boil, then simmer gently for about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. If too tart, add some sugar. If too thick add some apple or cranberry juice.

Serve plain or topped with dollop of sour cream or whipped cream. Can be served as first course or dessert.

May also be served over cake slices. Ann Walser

SALMONETTES

1 (15 oz.) can pink salmon, drained and flaked
1 egg
1/2 cup biscuit mix
1/2 cup oil



Mix salmon and egg in bowl. Add biscuit mix and stir. Heat oil in skillet. Fry mixture by tablespoonfuls into skillet.

Flatten each salmonette with spatula. Cook each side until brown, around 2 to 3 minutes per side. Serves 4.

The Four Ingredient Cookbook

Mary Gullickson-Krantz

Drømmer Kjeks -Dreams Cookies

1/2 cup butter
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
15 almonds, blanched

Method: Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla, then flour and baking powder sifted together. Knead well. Chill. Shape into small balls. Press one half almond in center of each cookie. Bake about 15 minutes at 300 degrees F.

Vennelag cookbook--Mary Gullickson-Krantz

My name is Tore Jørgensen, and I was born in Kristiansund, Norway two years after WW II ended. We immigrated to Canada in 1957, but my family moved back to Norway in 1967, as I stayed to finish my schooling.

My father, along with hundreds of Norwegian policemen all over Norway, was arrested during the Nazi occupation of Norway (1940-1945) under the code name *Aktion Polarkreis* on August 16, 1943. They were arrested because they refused to carry out the orders of Reichskommissar Josef Terboven. They objected to the execution of Oslo Police Chief, Gunnar Eilifsen, for refusing to arrest three girls that did not attend mandatory work detail required in Nazi-occupied countries.

They understood that the time had come to no longer sit on the fence, but to take a stand. Two hundred and seventy-one policemen, including my father, were sent to Stutthof concentration camp in Eastern Poland.

By now-1944- not even the Germans had much confidence in victory, but the brutality toward the prisoners continued without restraint. It was here the Norwegian police prisoners achieved real camaraderie with their fellow sufferers and were to play a role in their survival and resistance.

Finally, we see the German collapse and the folly of a war based on the myth of racial superiority. Once their unity as a 'band of police brothers' contributed to their survival.

The book also provides a reminder of the unmitigated evil of the Nazi regime. We see and meet psychopaths chosen from civilian prisons to torment and terrify the helpless internees. Supervisors who boast openly about the number of prisoners they have killed; and Jewish and Slavic women worked to death and then incinerated. The book is unique, enabling readers to experience closely the redemptive force of conscious choice against evil.

Once my father returned to Norway, he dedicated his life to those, like him, who suffered from PTSS (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) over what they had experienced and seen. He passed in 1998.

I have spent the last 22 years translating into English, diaries, and memoirs and published a book under the Stutthof Diaries Collection 'For Truth & Honor'. I have also created a website

www.stutthofdiaries.com features, not only my book, but interviews of Stutthof survivors, Norway at War, and movies featuring Norway during the Nazi occupation 1940-1945.

Best Personal Regards,

Tore Jørgensen

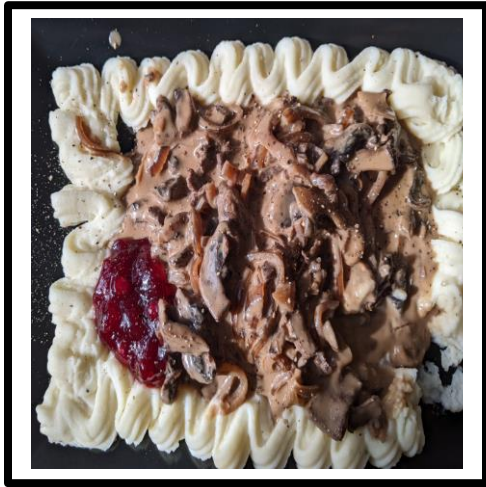
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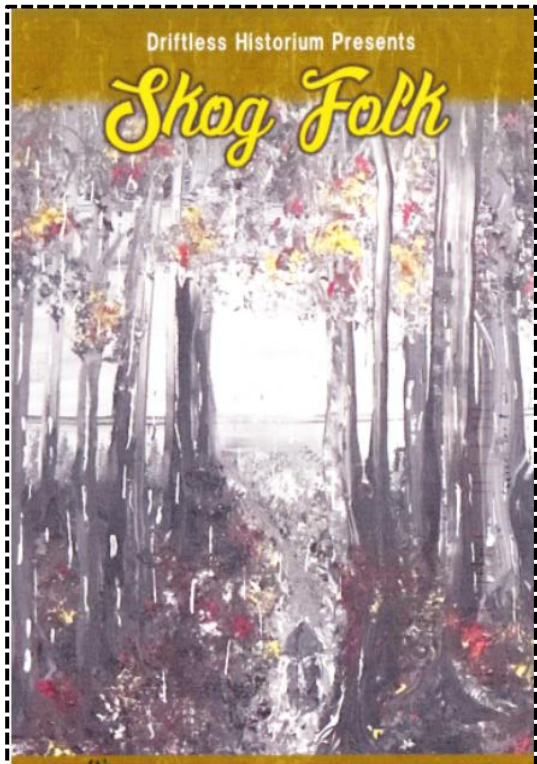
WWII police officers in Norway

Photo: en.wikipedia.org





Reindeer stew with lingonberry sauce and mashed potatoes. Not 100% enjoyed says President Allen Watrud!



FOREST FOLK
 The exhibit showcases the work of Shoshanah Lee Marohn.
 September 9-October 11, 2022
 Mt. Horeb Driftless Historium
 100 S. 2nd Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572



Left-Lunsj på Viking Hallen Lofoten, Norway, Mead and Mutton, Vær så god!

Below-- Don Mueller correctly worn- *no horns* on the helmet!



THE VENNELAG BOARD WISHES YOU AND YOURS A GREAT HOLIDAY!

What a Great Frokost! What a Great Fund-raiser!

After the past two years, everyone enjoyed coming to the Frokost again.

Many members had just returned from a fantastic Norway trip, and the members really came through with donations. We made the lefse and other baked items after so many returned from Norway. When many hands pitched in the workload was less. I send a big thanks to all who helped in any way. It takes everyone to help our lodge succeed, and you made a difference!

Thank you for:

- Ordering and picking up supplies and wrapping silverware
 - Making lefse, rosettes, and waffles ahead of time
 - Setting up the Community Center on Friday and helping with the tear-down on Saturday
 - Making food at home ahead of time and bringing it in on Friday
 - Greeting hungry eaters and welcoming them to our breakfast
 - Putting up and taking down signs
 - Rolling meat, arranging cheese, checking off food donations, packaging and pricing baked goods, and arranging the bake sale items
 - Setting up and taking down and working in the "Cookie Room"
 - Setting up the coffee pots, making and pouring coffee, and pouring the milk & juice,
 - Working at the bake sale table and membership table
 - Making waffles and eggs, cashiering at the door, setting and clearing tables
 - Serving the salmon, organizing serving trays, slicing vegetables, washing and drying dishes, and serving rømmegrøt,
 - Serving food to our guests, taking out the trash,
 - Donating food or cash and for all the others who worked so hard and did so much
 - We smiled and greeted and served many guests during the breakfast and our lodge and our events are becoming well-known. We have guests from out of state who attend each year.
- *Always remember that your contributions matter and are appreciated. Vennelag Lodge is very proud to call you a member and values your participation.

Tusen takk!

Rita Schraepfer-Derke



Looking ahead to the November 17 lodge meeting (one week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Title: HANS HEG, AN AMERICAN STORY

Synopsis: Hans Christian Heg is an example of a very American story – immigrants coming to the United States and fighting for their adopted country. This presentation, which was first given as the keynote address at the Heg statue rededication in May 2022, will explore Heg’s story in the context of immigrant veterans and their service.

Presenter: Chris Kolakowski, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Christopher L. Kolakowski is Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, a position he has held since January 6, 2020. He was born and raised in Fredericksburg, VA, but his mother’s family has deep roots in the Badger State. Chris received his B.A. in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College and his M.A. in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany.

Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, and the Rensselaer County (N.Y.) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, the U.S. Army, and the MacArthur Memorial. He has written and spoken extensively on various aspects of military history and leadership from 1775 to the present. He was the inaugural Director of the General George Patton Museum and Center of Leadership at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Chris has published three books on the Civil War and is a reviewer and contributor to the *Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Studies*. His study of the 1941-42 Philippine Campaign titled *Last Stand on Bataan* was released in late February 2016. His latest book, *Nations in the Balance*, was released in March 2022. It is about the 1944 India-Burma battles.



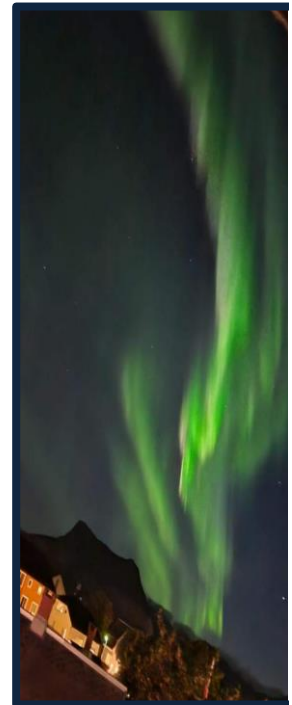
In Memoriam



At the November meeting we will be honoring members who have passed onto the next chapter of their journey. This year we will honor Betty Rosenbaum, a long-time member of this lodge.--Tiffany Schwoerer

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Betty contributed to our food events each year. She was extremely proud of her Norwegian heritage and supported the Mt. Horeb Historium.

Betty cared for many creatures in her lifetime and tended beautiful showcase gardens. She and her husband Max lived in their lovely home in rural Vermont township until retirement relocated them to Madison. Betty lived a full life and was 96 years of age at the time of her passing.



From the window

Velkommen til var lodge nye medlemmer!

(Welcome to our lodge new members!)

At our December gathering we will be welcoming our newest members into Vennelag Lodge. This year's Jultre Fest will be planned in their honor. There will be a short program of welcome, followed by a social hour for you to get to know your newest fellow members!



Date of the Juletre (Christmas tree) event: 12-4-22
Time: 2 PM
Place: Mt. Horeb Community Center
Meal: Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings
Attire: Norwegian sweaters or bunads, no jeans, please
Program: Welcome New Members!
Reservations: vennelaglodge@gmail.com
RESERVATIONS DUE 11-17-22



All in the family: Mary Gullickson-Krantz, her brother Rick, his wife Colleen, and their cousin, Jane Heibel in front of the Thams Pavilion in Orkranger, NO.



All smiles on their trip to Norway are Jane and Mary.

Time to Think Tubfrim!

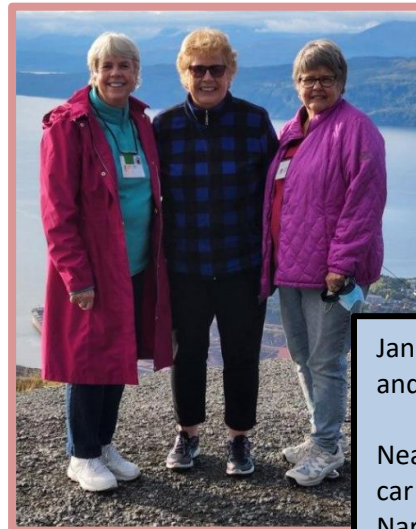
Use the cooler days of fall and winter to trim stamps for **TUBFRIM** in Norway. Leave a ¼" border around the edges. Bring them to a lodge meeting and your zone director will deliver them to Mary Bennett, the SofN Tubfrim coordinator.



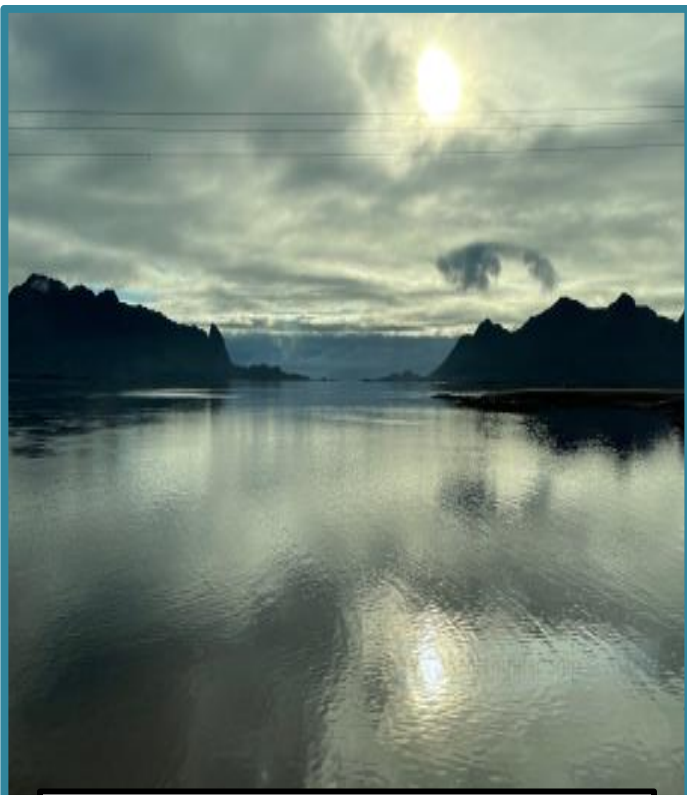
On the way to Narvik—Arthur Ness



**66 1/2° North Latitude-The Arctic Circle Ctr.
Allen Watrud**

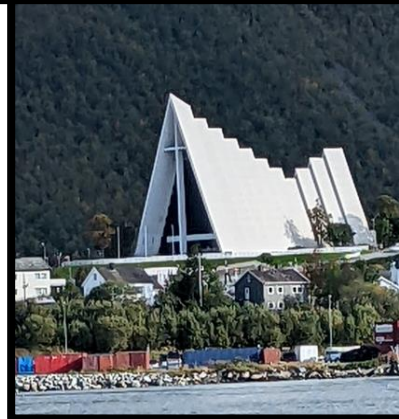


Jane, Mary,
and Cheryl
Near the cable
car lookout
Narvik, NO



north of Solvær-Arthur Ness

**The Tromsø domkirke seen from
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