



Fra Presidenten

Kjaere Venner,

It is hard to believe that we are almost to the end of 2021. It has been another year of challenges due to covid.

October was Foundation month. Idun held a "pound auction". Attendees were asked to bring an item weighing about a pound, wrapped, so it was a secret.. With Jon Grinde as our auctioneer, we had competitive bidding. With laughs and generosity, we raised \$481. With funds from Idun added, we will donate \$1,000 to the Foundation. Thanks to all who brought items and took part in the bidding.

Idun member, Anja Diedrich, was awarded the Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship from the Foundation to attend the Nordvestlandet Folkehøgskole. Congratulations Anja.

Election of officers for 2022-2023 will be held at the November 3rd meeting.

I hope all will be able to spend time with family and friends over the coming holiday season.
See you soon at the lodge.

Hilsen,

Mary B.

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Officer List

2020 - 2021 Term

Co-Presidents	Mary Zoroufy Mary Bennett
Vice-President	
Secretary	Dee Grimsrud
Assistant Secretary	Jane Grinde
Treasurer	Kelsey Anderson
Counselor	Jon Grinde
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Youth Director	Open
Sports Director	Open
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Through 2021	Jerry Paulson
Through 2022	Jon Grinde
Greeter	Shirley Scriver
Musician	Mary Zoroufy
Photographer	Shirley Scriver
Sunshine	Karen Smiley

Membership Update

Sadly, on Sunday, October 24th, only 9 days after her 79th birthday, we lost Hild Olfrid Petre, one of our most active members, and our only current member who was born in Norway. She joined Sons in 1996 and served as lodge vice president since 2015. Her daughter Kari told us how much Hild loved participating in lodge activities. We certainly appreciated her enthusiastic presence...especially her generosity with her home-made authentic Norsk delicacies at our meetings and breakfasts! And we learned SO much from her about the hardships of life as a child in Norway during WWII. Our lives have been enriched in so many ways by Hild; we will miss her dearly. See her obit at <https://www.gundersonfh.com/obituaries/Hild-Thoresen-Petre?obId=22780591#/obituaryInfo>

Norwegian Idioms

Når katten er borte, danser musene på bordet.

Translation: When the cat is gone, the mice dance on the table

Meaning: This means that when the person in charge is gone, people do as they like.

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November 3rd Meeting

November 3, 2021 Making Julekurver -- Heart Baskets

Have you ever wondered how to make a heart-shaped basket like the ones placed on our juletre (Christmas tree) in December? At our November 3 meeting you can see how this magic happens and make your own baskets. We will try to make enough baskets to use at our December Juletefest.

The paper heart basket or julekurve is a traditional Scandinavian paper craft usually used to hang treats on the Christmas tree. These baskets can be made in other colors and with two different patterns for other holidays – Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day, and even Easter. You can embellish your baskets with patterned ribbon, lace or even a small button. At this website for First palette (<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/woven-heart-basket.html>) you can preview the various baskets, see the pattern and even watch a video of one being made.

Bring a pair of scissors to this meeting. We will furnish the paper and glue or stapler to fasten the handle. If you happen to have a spare glue stick or craft glue at home, bring that along.

December 3rd Meeting

Friday, December 3rd, 2021 – Juletefest

This year we will not be having a potluck Christmas dinner. Instead, please bring Norwegian desserts, cheeses, sausage, or any other type of snack (hors d’oeuvres). We will talk about Norwegian Christmas traditions that you celebrate with your family. The heart baskets made in November will go on our tree.

We will not have a member meeting on December 1st, Juletefest will be in place of it

Planning ahead for February 2, 2022, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser will give her slide presentation on The Norway Building from the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair that was located at Little Norway, Mt. Horeb, WI. It was dismantled and moved back to Norway where it now resides in Orkdal, Norway and is called the Thams Pavillion.

FREE Zoom talk by Ann Gesme

“Norwegian Emigration: Between Rocks and Hard Places”

Saturday, November 20, 10:00-11:00am

The Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library is offering a free talk by author Ann Urness Gesme as she shares her research detailing customs and conditions in the lives of rural Norwegians as they began to consider emigration in the 1800s.

DATE: Saturday, November 20, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The program is FREE, but you must pre-register at <https://tinyurl.com/2736tj56>.

Click on the link (or go to <http://www.nagcni.org/store/ann-gesme-talks-about-norwegian-emigration-between-rocks-and-hard-places/>) and then on Add to Cart to complete your registration.

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House

We are collecting soda lid tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Bring them to either our November or December meeting. This is an easy way to help kids which is especially nice around the holiday time!

Peace Prize Nominees Named in Oslo

The nomination process for the Nobel Peace Prize (*Nobels fredspris*) begins each September, and the laureates are revealed in October the following year. In December, the Nobel medals and diplomas are conferred along with a prize of 10 million Swedish *kronor* (the 2020 amount), around \$1.16 million US dollars. Who was nominated and who made the nominations is kept secret for 50 years, even from the nominees.

In 1895, the will of Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel set up prizes for Peace, Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine and Literature. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to those who have “done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses.”

Det Norske Nobelinstitutt was established in 1904 and is housed in Oslo. In 2020, the committee received 318 candidates. The award ceremony takes place at Oslo City Hall before the King of Norway each year on the death date of Alfred Nobel, December 10th. The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize went to World Food Programme for hunger prevention in conflict-affected areas of the world.

A Lit På Norske

Kunstig intelligens kan hjelpe deg å forstå musikk bedre

Akkorder, takt, klang, rytme og harmoni – alle disse aspektene ved musikken gjør at den låter som den gjør. Men har du tenkt over hvorfor du liker akkurat den musikken du gjør?

– Musikk er ganske magisk, når du tenker over det. Når du lytter, kjenner du på mange følelser. Du forstår at det er et slags språk, men ser ikke hva som skjer. De fleste forstår ikke hva som egentlig foregår.

Det sier Olivier Lartillot, forsker ved RITMO Senter for tverrfaglig forskning på rytme, tid og bevegelse. Han utvikler nye digitale verktøy som han håper vil gjøre musikkens magi tilgjengelig for alle. Først ut er norsk folkemusikk.

– Folkemusikken er så rik, og en skatt for norsk kultur. Likevel er det ikke så mange som hører på den. Hvis vi lager et verktøy som kan hjelpe folk å forstå musikken, kan folkemusikken kanskje få en renessanse i Norge, sier Lartillot.

Trener opp kunstig intelligens med hardingfele

Musikken maskinen skal klare å transkribere, er Nasjonalbibliotekets katalog med folkemusikk. Ifølge Lartillot er norsk folkemusikk og særlig hardingfela vanskelig materie for maskinen.

– Den store mengden eksempler som trengs, var i utgangspunktet ikke tilgjengelig. Derfor har vi bedt musikere, den profesjonelle felespilleren Olav Luksengård Mjelva og studenter fra Norges musikkhøgskole, om å spille for oss, og designet en programvare hvor de kunne se lydene visuelt og plassere notene for oss.

Visualisering hjelper musikkforståelse

Med appen Lartillot vil lage, vil du kunne bla i katalogen av folkemusikk og dra på oppdagelsesreise i musikken. Når du finner en slått eller et stev du liker, kan appen peke deg i retning av noe i samme landskap.

Enn så lenge vil det en slik app kunne brukes til spesifikk folkemusikk. På lengre sikt ønsker Lartillot å utvide kunnskapen til den kunstige intelligensen, slik at den kan brukes for all musikk.

Artificial Intelligence Can Help You Understand Music Better

Chords, tempo, timbre, rhythm and harmony - all these aspects of the music make it sound the way it does. But have you thought about why you like the exact music that you do?

“Music is quite magical, when you think about it. When you listen, you feel many emotions. You understand that it is a kind of language, but do not see what is happening. Most people do not understand what is really going on.”

That's what Olivier Lartillot, researcher at RITMO Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Rhythm, Time and Movement, says. He is developing new digital tools that he hopes will make the magic of music available to everyone. First up is Norwegian folk music.

“Folk music is so rich, and a treasure for Norwegian culture. Still, not many people listen to it. If we create a tool that can help people understand music, folk music may have a renaissance in Norway,” says Lartillot.

Training artificial intelligence with the Hardanger fiddle

The music that the machine must be able to transcribe is the National Library's catalog of folk music. According to Lartillot, Norwegian folk music, especially the Hardanger fiddle, is difficult material for the machine.

“The large amount of examples needed was initially not available. Therefore, we asked musicians, the professional fiddle player Olav Luksengård Mjelva and students from the Norwegian Academy of Music, to play for us, and designed software where they could see the sounds visually and place the notes for us.

Visualization helps music understanding

With the app Lartillot wants to create, you will be able to browse the catalog of folk music and go on a journey of discovery in music. When you find a song or a vocal tune you like, the app can point you in the direction of something in the same vein.

For now, such an app can be used specifically for folk music. In the longer run, Lartillot wants to expand the knowledge of artificial intelligence, so that it can be used for all music.

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Kalendar

November

3 – Member Meeting

December

3 – Julrefest

January

5 – Member Meeting

February

2 – Member Meeting

All events are free and held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, at First & Winnebago Streets, unless indicated otherwise. Please use the entrance closest to the parking lot on Atwood Ave (or the accessible entrance on Winnebago St) and proceed to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

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