

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

President's Message



President Ken on board the Restauration 200 in Stavanger, Norway 7/3/25

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

Barb, her sister, Connie, and I just returned from an Emigration Tour of Norway organized by the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa. It was a great trip with many highlights that we will be sharing with all of you at our Heritage Weekend on "Slooper Sunday" October 5th. Hopefully you have all turned in your registration forms and will be "Celebrating Norwegian Immigration" and the Crossing 200 along with us.

We are also about to enter our Lodge Fund raising season. Start baking everyone since our Vasa Park Bakeri will be here before we know it.

Hope to see all of you at our August 3rd Pioneer Picnic.
Your President

Ken

Restauration launch
July 4, 2025
Stavanger, Norway



Polar Star
UPCOMING EVENTS
August 3rd
Polar Star Pioneer Piknik
1:30p.m.
See details on page 2

Scandinavian Days
at
Vasa Park
Sunday September 7th
see article on Page 3

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month. Please
submit all articles to Barb Johnson at
barbjohnsonb@aol.com
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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

**AUGUST LODGE EVENT
AUGUST , 2025
Polar Star Pioneer Piknik**



**More details of the trip coming to
a Lodge near you in the fall!**



Vasa Park Scandinavian Festival

Sunday, September 7, 2025



This will be the 45th Scandinavian Day Festival. Many years have passed and the festival has evolved but it remains loyal to its roots; the heritage of the five Nordic countries. We achieved our mission to bring the Scandinavian community together last year, when almost 1500 people visited the Festival. With your support we can again look forward to a memorable 45th Festival on September 7th, 2025.

The Festival planning team is working to select the entertainment and finding vendors to prepare those delicious Scandinavian foods and an assortment of Scandinavian goods for you. We are excited to bring to our 5 Nordic communities, and the Midwest, a vibrant and fun-filled Festival for 2025.

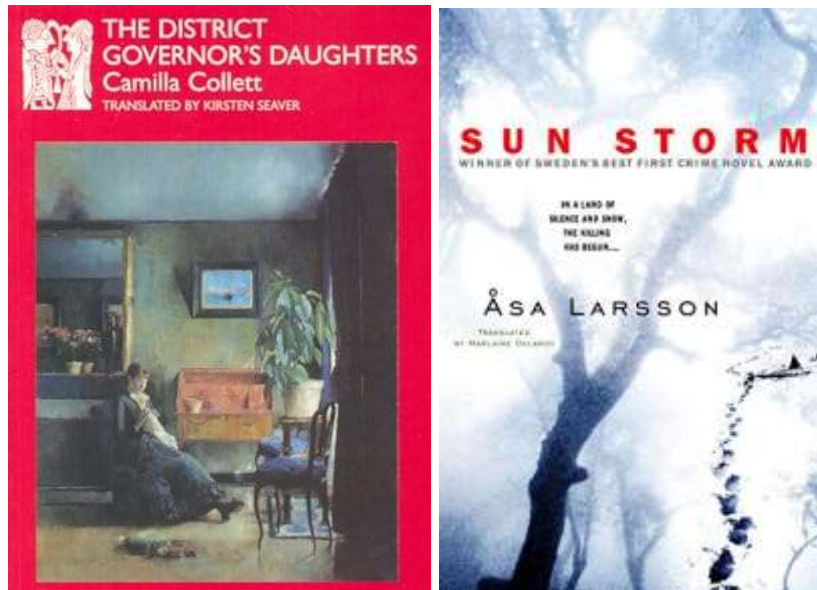
Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
\$15.00 per person
Children 12 and under free!



Editor's Note: Polar Star will be on site at the Scandinavian Day Festival selling our baked goods and Norwegian collectibles. See the event schedule on the Vasa Park Scandinavian Days website. [Scandinavian Day - Home](#)

POLAR STAR CULTURAL CORNER

by
Barb Johnson



August main read: *The District Governor's Daughter* by Collett Camilla

August Mystery read: *Sunstorm* - (Rebecka Martinsson Book 1) by Asa Larson

To be placed on the Zoom Book Club list cobtact **Bill Brownig** at
SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com

Polar Star Sports and Activities

by
Jerri Lynn Baker

The Heritage Weekend “Sluppen”Fun Walk needs volunteers on Saturday morning, October 4th . Please contact if you are willing to help from 8:30-10:00 a.m.



3rd Annual Kubb Tournament

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Vasa Park

35 W 217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL

Gates open at 11:00 am

Lunch from 11:30 -12:30

Tournament starts at 12:30 pm

We'll have a catered picnic lunch, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase and a beautiful setting along the Fox River for an afternoon of fun! Never played Kubb before, but interested? No previous experience is necessary!

Catered lunch includes hamburgers, hotdogs, boneless chicken breasts, side salads and chips.

Vasa Park Members* (also get 2 drink coupons) \$15.00 per person

Non-members \$20.00 per person

**Not a member? Join online today! Get member prices for all Park sponsored events, excluding Scandinavian Day Festival, and become part of sustaining Vasa Park!*

Kubb Tournament entry fee: \$60/team of 3-6 players

Team categories: A - Skilled Teams B - Backyard Teams

Preferred payment method online by *July 21, 2025*

via PayPal at www.vasaparkil.com

or mail checks in using the form below

Make checks payable to: *Scandinavian Park Inc.*

Name_____ Member____ Team A____ Team B____

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Amount Enclosed \$_____ **Forms with payment must be received by July 21, 2025**

Mail to: Johannes Smits, 315 Chatham Lane, Roselle, IL 60172

ONLINE PAYMENT PREFERRED via PayPal at www.vasaparkil.com



GRATULERER MED DAGEN POLAR STAR



July 16--August 15

16. Juli – Barb Johnson

16. Juli – Richard Jensen

18. Juli – Cary Hatteberg

21. Juli - Doris Pittman

25. Frank Krawczyk

27. Beatriz Vann

5. August – Tristan Meek

POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Montgomery, IL at 1:30 unless otherwise listed

August 3 – Polar Star Viking Picnic 1:30

SEPTEMBER 7 - VASA PARK Scandinavian Festival - 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 5 - Annual Sloop Mtg in Norway, IL

NOVEMBER 2 - Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 7- JULETREFEST

DISTRICT 5 HERITAGE WEEKEND
“CELEBRATING NORWEGIAN IMMIGRATION”
and the
SLOOPER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING



Send in your registration form TODAY!!

Sons of Norway District 5 Adult Culture Weekend October 3-5, 2025
"Celebrating Norwegian Immigration - The Sloop 200th Anniversary"

Weekend Registration Form

*Please complete **one form per person**. Forms and fees are **due by September 1, 2025**.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Lodge Name and Location: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make check out to: Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Mail with form to: Ken Johnson, Polar Star President, 501 West Ridge Street, Yorkville, IL 60560

Questions: Contact Barb Johnson at barb.johnson5@gmail.com or 630-632-2329

The Weekend Registration Fee includes coffee and treats at the Norway community center, all on-site speakers, and Sons of Norway lodge expenses for hosting the event. Additional costs are listed below.

Activity	Cost	Amount Enclosed
Weekend Registration Fee Circle each day attending: Fri Sat Sun	- Only 1 day = \$25 /person - 2 or 3 days = \$50 /person	
Friday Night Torsk (Cod) Dinner	\$20 /person	
Saturday American Pulled Pork Lunch	\$20 /person	
Saturday Night Chicken/Pork Chop Dinner	\$20 /person	
Sunday Sloop Norwegian Luncheon	\$20 /person	
Sami Bracelet Class	\$45 /person	
Stamping Norwegian Christmas Cards	\$40 /person	
Immigration Textile Workshop at Esther's Place. (offsite activity: only available Friday morning 9-11:30)	\$35 /person	
Total Amount:		

NOTE: Saturday Morning Fun Walk:

- Please use the **separate** "Sluppen" Registration form.
- We must receive the completed Sluppen form and Sluppen \$15 registration fee by June 30th to be eligible for medals.

The following **off-site activities** have a donation at the door, and are **not** part of this order form.

However, we do need to know if **and** when you plan to visit so that adequate staffing can be arranged.

Off-Site Activity	Day	Planning to visit? (yes or no)
Friends of the Viking Ship Museum Tour	Thursday, 11 to 12	
	Thursday, 2 to 3	
	Friday 10 to 11	
LaSalle County Genealogy Guild	Thursday, 9 to 4	
	Friday, 10 to 12	

Office Use:

Received on: _____ Amount enclosed: _____ check? cash? Confirmed on: _____

Track your 2025 Volunteer Hours!!!

Activity Volunteer Hours Tracking Sheet - Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Member Name _____ Phone _____ Service Year _____

This data is used for mandatory reporting that maintains Sons of Norway tax-exempt status, and for National Sons of Norway to lobby on behalf of Fraternal benefit societies. Annually, by end of January, submit your completed form to the Polar Star Secretary. Tusen takk.

- **Membership Activities** – Volunteer time spent on preparing, running or supporting projects/programs organized by Sons of Norway at a lodge, district or international level that were devoted to lodge business affairs, recreational/social events, training seminars, cultural classes, officer duties, etc. Include only volunteer time spent organizing, planning or working at/for the events. Do not include lodge meeting attendance time.

Member Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Lodge Meeting/Food (prepare food for pot luck, set/clean up, kitchen duty)													
Lodge Meeting Programs/Activities (plan/prepare/lead)													
Training/Seminars (plan/prepare/lead)													
Officer Duties													
Manage Newsletter/ Facebook/Website													
Board/Committee Meetings													
District or National Meetings/Training													
Other (describe)													
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP HOURS:													

- **Community Activities** – Record time that you volunteered in the name of / on behalf of Polar Star lodge, another Sons of Norway lodge, or SON district or international level at events focusing on community involvement/interest. Include only your volunteer time working at, planning for, or traveling to/from the event. Do not include time just attending.

Community Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Høstfest (prep/food/work)													
Fox Valley Norwegian Choir													
Vasa Park (prep/food/work)													
Norsk Museum (docent/manager/maintain)													
Norsk Museum Fundraisers breakfast/smorgasbord/etc. (prep/food/work)													
Syltende Mai Parade/Banquet (prep/food/work)													
How to be a Viking (prep/food/work)													
Norwegian National League (plan/prepare/lead)													
Viking Ship (docent/manager/maintain)													
Red Hat Knitting													
Tubfrim													
Barnbirke/Norge Ski (prep/food/work)													
MSI Christmas Tree													
Other (describe)													
TOTAL COMMUNITY HOURS:													

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