

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 4, 2020

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Nordic News this week...

Glenn Borreson's Nordic News presentation "**Viking Age Animals - Their Descendants Today**" discusses horses, cows, goats and sheep, most of which are living in isolated Iceland. Horses were important to Vikings as work tools and for fighting. Cows, goats, sheep and pigs were food and clothing sources.

Glenn is a hobbyist Norwegian-American historian who shares his knowledge with Sons of Norway lodges throughout District 5. He is the first "four-peat" presenter on Nordic News. Glenn is a member of Wergeland lodge (La Crosse WI) Tusen takk, Glenn!!!

Watch Glenn's presentation at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/GSnOGhVx>



"Kreative krumkaka" will be the topic of the **December 8th Nordic News**. Cheryl Miller and Mark Storsteen from Nordlyset lodge (Racine WI) will share their ideas and recipes for out of the ordinary krumkaka. Mark will share secrets of how he carefully ships krumkake around the country and some of the unusual spices he uses. They will share a gluten-free krumkake recipe. There will be a show-and-tell where you can show your antique krumkake irons and tools.

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

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Watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

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Upcoming D5 Virtual Culture Classes are now underway!

The **Virtual Genealogy Class** offered on November 30 – December 1 had nine participants. Sandy Olson said that the class was extremely worthwhile, even though she knew quite a bit about genealogy before taking the class. One of the things Sandy liked, was that during day 1 she asked questions about best practices in writing a family history. On day 2, Dana Kelly showed several different ways that people put their family history books together. These were examples from the Norwegian American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library's collection.

Participants received the newly updated "[Research Guide for Norwegian Genealogy: For Beginning and Experienced Genealogists](#)" and 30 days research access to NAGCL's proprietary databases.

The **next class is Saturday January 9 & 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM**. Course fee is \$125 for D5 members / \$150 for non-members. For more information, go to: <http://www.nagcni.org/classes/> or call Diane Maurer at 608-255-2224.

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A **Virtual Woodcarving Class** will be offered by James Ray Miller. In this three-session class (Feb. 4, 11, 18) you will learn everything needed to complete the Woodcarving cultural skill pin - Level 1. Course fee is \$60 and includes one prepared wood carving blank. Max class size is 12. Sign up at: <http://son-class1.jamesraymiller.com>

You can also order Miller's book "Whittling Flat-Plane Animals," the proper knife, safety glove, sharpening materials, paint and extra animal blanks.

Want a sample of Miller's woodcarving knowledge? Watch Nordic News:

<https://www.screencast.com/t/pHmG8uZXqUxl>

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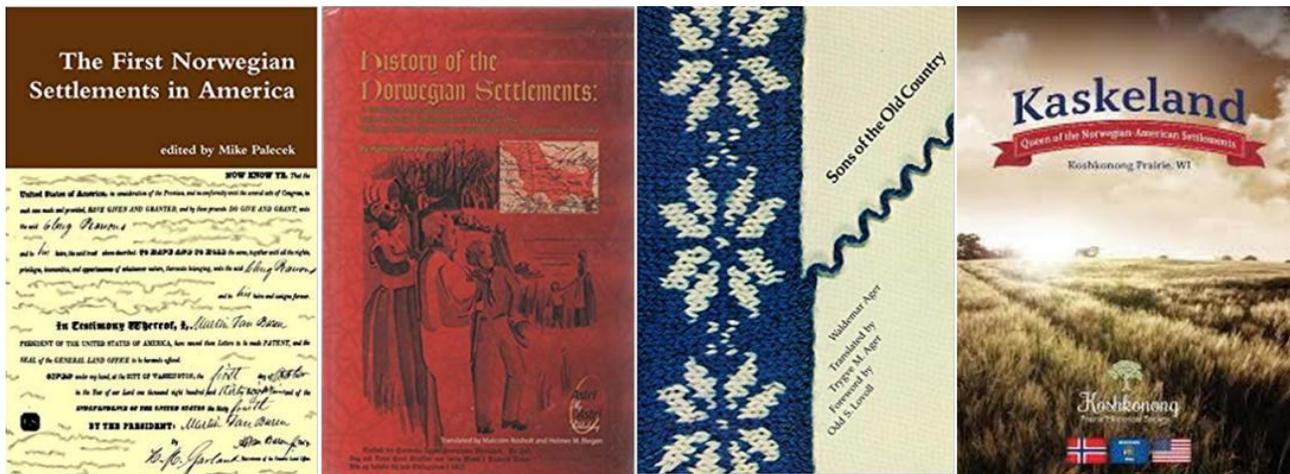
The D5 Norwegian-American virtual history course, “Norwegian-American Settlement in IL, MI and WI” will start with sessions offered on Saturday, January 23 (9:00-10:30 AM CT/10:00-11:30 ET) and Monday, January 25 (6:30-8:00 PM CT/7:30-9:00 PM ET). The course will be 16 weeks long.

Learn more about this course by watching: <https://www.screencast.com/t/xvmXYm26PS>

Faculty include: Bill Injerd, historian of The Slooper Society; Kirk Mies, vice president of The Slooper Society; Dave Johnson, president of the Norske Museum in Norway, Illinois; Dana Kelly, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center; and Mike Palecek, editor/author of The First Norwegian Settlements in America.

To get the most out of this course, we recommend that participants purchase the following books (\$99 w/tax and shipping) and begin reading them ASAP:

- The First Norwegian Settlements in America; Palecek, Mike (ed.)
- History of the Norwegian Settlements; Holand, H.R.
- Sons of the Old Country; Ager, Waldemar
- Kaskaland DVD (Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society)



Our faculty believe that these books are very accessible reading which gives the beginning historian a very good overall background about Norwegian-American history from early settlement through 1880. It is a great Christmas gift for yourself or someone you want to share Norwegian-American history with.

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN IL-MI-WI

ENROLLMENT FORM

___ (\$25) I want to enroll in the Saturday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 23

___ (\$25) I want to enroll in the Monday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 25

___ I understand that the virtual classes are recorded and give my consent to my image and voice being recorded as part of participating in the class.

___ (\$25) I want to take the class as "independent study"; email me info on how to do this

___ (+\$25) I am not a **D5** Sons of Norway member and will pay the additional \$25 non-member fee

___ (\$99) I want to order the book/DVD collection (tax and shipping included; if ordered before Dec. 10, you will get them before Christmas)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email (required): _____

Phone: _____ Lodge: _____

Comments: _____

Mail this form plus a check to:

Nordic Legacy Foundation

5747 Sandy Ln.

Racine WI 53406

Questions: contact mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

2022 Sons of Norway District 5 Convention Update

Idun Lodge 5-074 will host the next Sons of Norway District 5 Convention, June 15-19, 2022, at the Madison Marriott West. The Madison Marriott West is located at 1313 John Q Hammons Drive in Middleton, WI 53562.

From Jerry Rud

Many of you may have heard of Karen Jensen, a true artist, who lived in Milan, Minnesota. This small town of 500 established an art school where she and many others have taught Scandinavian folk art and many other forms of art. I had the distinct privilege of visiting this home when I took an acanthus carving class at the Milan Village Arts School. I know Jean Bittner has taken a rosemaling course taught by Karen Jensen. Now that Karen is not able to live in the house anymore it is being preserved as a museum of sorts - something I had hoped would happen!

The acanthus valences were done by Hans Sandom, a Minneapolis-based acanthus carver and teacher.

What a national treasure this is and in a most unlikely place in the middle of western Minnesota's prairie lands. It all happened because Karen had a most unique vision of what was beautiful to her and incorporated it into her life.

Enjoy the photos.

Jerry Rud

From: "Milan Village Arts School" <admin@milanvillageartsschool.org>

Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 1:44:02 PM

Subject: MVAS announcement: Karen Jenson Trestuen Garden Gallery

The Milan Village Arts School is excited to announce a campaign to preserve the **Karen Jenson Trestuen Garden Gallery** in Milan. As many of you know, Karen has been living at the Apple Ridge Assisted Living Facility in Appleton for the past 2 1/2 years. For the first 18 months, Karen would return to Milan to spend time in her home and work in the garden. As these trips became less frequent, MVAS and the Jenson family started working together to create a plan to preserve the Trestuen Gallery.

To inform, inspire, educate and encourage supporters of the Trestuen Gallery, the Milan Village Arts School has created a Facebook group so that everyone can stay up to date with the campaign. Over the coming months, the page will be updated to include not only information on the campaign, but information on the history of the home, individual artwork and artists, the Scandinavian arts and folklore, architecture, design and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KarenJensonTrestuenGallery>

Please go to the "**Karen Jenson Trestuen Garden Gallery**" group page and request to become a member. Please encourage others to also become members as the more interest we can generate, the more likely our vision will become a reality.

For lovers of the folk arts and the Scandinavian arts or for anyone who has visited or spent time at the Karen Jenson Trestuen Garden Gallery, you will know how important it is to preserve this unique property in its totality as an enduring home for the Scandinavian arts in Minnesota.

For questions, please contact the Milan Village Arts School.

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Save the date! Our 125th Anniversary virtual party is Dec. 8-10

Please mark your calendars and join us for an online celebration of our 125th anniversary!

This three-day event will take place December 8, 9 and 10 to round out our anniversary year in a spirit of festivity and virtual togetherness. You will receive an email on each day of the party with details about that day's events and activities.

<https://www.sofn.com/125years/virtual-party/>

Nordic Christmas by Kim André Arnesen

<https://youtu.be/RtjZeCVHbjU>

"Nordic Christmas" by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen and premiered by the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers and Artistic Director Philip Brunelle at the Welcome Christmas concerts in December 2019 in Minnesota. This piece was commissioned by VocalEssence and Philip Brunelle, Artistic Director, with support from Sons of Norway, the largest Norwegian-American organization in the world, in celebration of their 125th Anniversary.

It will be published by Boosey & Hawkes: <https://www.boosey.com/shop/ucat/New-...>

D63 Officer Updates for 2021



Your lodge's Officer Roster for 2021 should be reported on sofn.com through a current lodge officer's profile page. These changes are typically registered by the Lodge Secretary. Please indicate your 2021 officers, even if there have been no changes.

To notify Sons of Norway headquarters of your 2021 officers:

- Sign on to [com](https://sofn.com) with your username and password.
- As a lodge officer, you will immediately land on your Profile Page.
- Click "Lodge Officer Updates" from the menu to the left of your name.
- To register your 2021 Officer Roster, click on the light gray "Officers" button.
 - To indicate a **change in officer**, delete the member number of the outgoing officer and type in the member number of the incoming officer. (The names will NOT change on the screen at this point.)
 - Adding a completely **new officer position** in 2021? Click "Add a new position" and then enter the title and member number of the person filling the office. Hit Submit. Then hit "Save the Changes."
 - If your lodge is **eliminating a position** in 2021, click the "Remove this position" button for that entry.
 - **No changes?** Click the gray "No Changes for Upcoming Year" button at the top of the page.
- Once you have made ALL your changes, click the "SUBMIT CHANGES" button at the bottom of the page.
- You will see a list of your changes. If they are correct, click "Save the Changes."
- Your 2021 roster of offices has been recorded! **Please note that changes will not be live on the website until 1/15/2021.**

Even though not all lodges will be holding elections this November due to social distancing restrictions, all lodges should affirm or change their lodge officer rosters by December 31, 2020.

There will be no paper D63 Lodge Officer update forms mailed out this year.

Please contact Sherry Gorse at 612-821-4643 or fraternal@sofn.com with any questions.

2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

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December 2020

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

December 8-10, 2020

- **Virtual 125th Celebration-** <https://www.sofn.com/125years/virtual-party/>

December 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 15, 2020

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

December 16, 2020

- Application deadline for:
 - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
 - - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.

January 9 and January 16, 2021

- NAGC & NL and District 5 Genealogy Class

April 16-17, 2021

- District 5 Board Meeting- Nashville, TN

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19,2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

Viking Chest Rotation

The Viking Chest has not traveled since the health emergency began, and the new schedule cannot be announced until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. Therefore, the rotation schedule is suspended until further notice.

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

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FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly “Friendly Fifth Friday News” email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge’s use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to

our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you’d like me to consider putting in, please send it by Wednesday night. Please do not send pdf’s as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don’t forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I’ll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I’ll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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