

# Friendly Fifth Friday News

## July 9, 2021

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com). Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

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### **Due this week!**

**July 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

**July 15, 2021**

- Reservations due for Zone 4 meeting in Green Bay. Send to Peggy or Judy!

### **Zone 4 Meeting August 1, 10am-3pm Central time**

Dear SofN District 5 Members,

On Sunday, August 1, Zone 4 will have a zone meeting at the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, starting at 10:00am Central time. All District 5 family members are welcome (not just Zone 4 and not just officers).

There will be activities for children and youth as well as a chance to play Kubb. We will be in the main building for the meeting and lunch.

We will ask members to share the history of their lodge, what activities they plan to have the rest of the year, and some of the activities they did during covid to keep their members involved.

Lee Hansen, Plant Doctor and rose expert, will discuss flowers in Norway and give a tour of the Gardens.

We have planned a chicken luncheon at no cost to those attending, but we do need reservations so we can order enough food. We will be finished by 3:00 pm Central time. There is NO COST to those attending.

Please let us know how many of your members will be attending by July 15. Email is the best way to make your reservation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge will have \_\_\_\_\_ adult members attending \_\_\_\_\_ children / youth  
attending ages \_\_\_\_\_ . Contact person \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send your reservation to either Zone Director by email (preferred) or mail by July 15:

Peggy Schroeder - [chaesandpeggys@yahoo.com](mailto:chaesandpeggys@yahoo.com)      Judy Ghastin- [judy62ghastin@gmail.com](mailto:judy62ghastin@gmail.com)

## **Nordic Fest Promotion Opportunity for Lodges!**

Several others and I will be representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District at Nordic Fest in Decorah, IA on July 23 and 24, 2021.

We have several goals:

1. Promoting the heritage and culture of Norway thru food demonstrations.
2. Introducing the Sons of Norway organization and providing interested persons with membership materials for enrollment.
3. Providing visitors with the opportunity to share their family stories.
4. In addition, we would like to provide Nordic Fest visitors with information about all of our lodges and the upcoming events that have been scheduled for the summer and into the fall season. Visitors come from many states for this festival, and one of your potential members could learn about your lodge here!

\* We will be joined by some of the officers from Valdres Lodge in Decorah for this event. They will promote their local lodge and District 1.

Please meet with your officers and prepare for me any documents that you would like shared. A single sheet providing your lodge name, location, and contact information for appropriate officers would be appreciated. Send it to: [rogrcher@mhtc.net](mailto:rogrcher@mhtc.net)

You may leave questions on my phone's voicemail.

Should you wish to also share a packet of information that is also great. One may return this information to me at the following address:

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser  
District 5 Vice President  
200 Beth Circle  
Mt. Horeb WI 53572  
608-219-4464

Tusen takk for hjelpen meg!

*Cheryl*

**MARK THE DATES** – D5 is offering two regional cultural activities open to any of our members and their friends. Changes in COVID-19 will be monitored, and the events cancelled if necessary. These events are “MASK PREFERRED” (pretty please).

We will get reservation forms out soon.

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The **D5 Norwegian-American settlement history course class reunion** will be held on **Saturday, August 14 through Tuesday, August 17, 2021**. Any interested Sons of Norway D5 member or friend of a member can attend.

Activities include:

Saturday, August 14 – 10 AM - Heg Park Museum at “Old Muskego” (Wind Lake, WI). Old Muskego was one of the first Wisconsin Norwegian-American settlements, with settlers from Voss coming through Milwaukee. Heg Park, in honor of Colonel Hans Heg, one of the two highest ranking Norwegian-Americans killed in the Civil War, includes heirlooms donated by area families. There we will also tour preacher Elling Ellingson’s home, which was originally located in Koshkonong, the Old Muskego Lutheran Church and see the cemetery where hundreds of early Norwegian settlers were buried after dying from malaria, typhoid fever and cholera.

1:30 PM – Old World Wisconsin is a State of Wisconsin historic site near Eagle, where examples of different nationalities dwellings have been restored. Old World Wisconsin has interpreters working in the homes, farms and stores, to share living history with us. (Separate admission required)

Sunday, August 15 – We will experience “A Day on the Prairie” in conjunction with Stoughton’s Mandt lodge. At 9:00 AM, those who wish to worship can do so in the historic East Koshkonong Church, and after the service about 10:30 AM, we will attend a history lecture and see the other East Koshkonong Church and learn about the doctrine which split the two churches apart. They literally share the same cemetery and parking lot. Koshkonong was one of the first Norwegian-American settlements in Wisconsin and is known as the “mother of the most Norwegian-American settlements in America.” Thousands of pioneers stopped on their way from Norway, to rest and gather resources, before their trip to seek farmland elsewhere in the Midwest.

We will then go to Dana Kelly and her husband Gary’s farm, where we will see the original log cabin kitchen. In the afternoon, we will go to the McFarland Historical Society, where we will see the Albert Skare Norwegian Folk Art Collection and tour the Larsen house.

Monday, August 16 – We will have half-day classes at the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library hosted by Dana Kelly. Here we will learn what resources are available for further use. (Separate admission required) Mike Palecek will arrange another tour, which will be held simultaneously.

Tuesday, August 17 – Interested individuals can then go to Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa.

We will have evening activities on Saturday and Sunday for reunion participants (any SofN D5 member is welcome).

Make your own hotel reservations at The Windham Garden Madison Fitchburg, 2969 Cahill Main, Fitchburg WI 53711. Cutoff for “Sons of Norway” room rates of \$89 plus 12.5% tax is July 23. 608-274-7200. Cancellation policy: 24 hours before day of arrival.

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**D5’s fall cultural festival will be Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Norway, Illinois.**

Norway, Illinois is home of the first Norwegian-American settlement in the Midwest and is 20 miles northeast of Ottawa, Illinois. This is being sponsored by the Cleng Peerson and Polar Star lodges, Sons of Norway District 5, The Norsk Museum and the Norway Improvement League.

Details are currently being worked out, with things to see at the Norway Community Center, Norsk Museum and Norway United Methodist Church. Our goal is to have fun and interesting cultural presentations on many Nordic topics, including wood carving, rosemaling, folk dance and music, hardanger embroidery. Culinary experts throughout D5 will also give food demonstrations.

District 5 will also be holding the fall board meeting at the Norway Community Building on Friday afternoon, October 8 and Sunday morning, October 10. On Sunday afternoon, we will be attending The Sloop Society’s annual dinner. As entertainment for the dinner, Robin Fossum will be the lead presenter/Hardanger fiddle player on Norwegian Folk Music, with Andy Johnsen performing the accordion, and Barb Johnson and Connie Kross playing the psalmodicon. Reservations are required for the Sloop Society Dinner.

There is a special hotel rate for Sons of Norway members, while space is available, at the Super 8 Wyndham Hotel in Ottawa, 500 E. Etna Rd. Ottawa IL 61350. Call 815-434-2888. Cancellation policy: 4PM – day of reservation.

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Questions: contact Mike Palecek, [mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com](mailto:mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com)

## **Deadlines and Dates!**

### **Changes in red!**

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#### **July 18-31, 2021**

- Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

#### **July 24, 2021**

- Stoughton Kubb Invitational

#### **August 1, 2021**

- Zone 4 Meeting at Green Bay Botanical Gardens from 10-4
- Zone 3 Picnic at John & Darlene Arneson's farm- 12:30 PM

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#### **August 14-17, 2021**

- D5 Norwegian-American settlement history course class reunion (open to all members)

#### **September 10, 2021**

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#### **October 8-10, 2021**

- District Board Meeting on October 8 and 10 in Ottawa, IL area
- D5's fall cultural festival will be Saturday, October 9, 2021
- Sloopers' Annual Dinner on Sunday, October 10, 2021

#### **October 10, 2021**

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#### **November 10, 2021**

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#### **December 10, 2021**

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## 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. The convention will be held August 31<sup>th</sup> to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Here is the information about the venue, be sure and watch the virtual tour of the site!

<https://youtu.be/S7TljcinVCU>- Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55121

## 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.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

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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](mailto: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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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](mailto: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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