

# Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News

## June 27, 2025 -

*A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!*

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### Thor Update from Darlene Henderson- Scandiana Lodge!

As of today, Thor has a permanent home in Michigan City's Norway section of the Ethnic Gardens. Pictured are Oleif Olsaker, who prepared an area for the Viking and is one of the carvers who created the original Viking years ago and Carver, Darlene Henderson. (We could have used some cooler Viking weather today.) Many thanks to Robert Tyllisz and Treven Lotis for transporting Thor to the Gardens and helping to bolt Thor to a secure base, which was built by Robert.

On August 16th at 11:00 a dedication ceremony and potluck luncheon will take place in the garden. Thor is the result of the workmanship of the Senior Center Woodcarvers.





Discover the incredible true story of the "Sloopers" – 52 brave Norwegians who set sail on the *Restauration* in 1825, daring to leave everything behind for a chance at a better life in America. This presentation explores their perilous journey, the visionary Cleng Peerson, and how their pioneering spirit paved the way for a remarkable wave of Norwegian success in the United States.



# From Fjord to Frontier:

The Audacious Journey of Norway's First Immigrants to America



**Dinner Theatre**  
**5 PM - 7PM**

One-Act play, Norwegian meal & treats

**Wednesday, October 8th**

Join us for a captivating look at the 1825 voyage of the *Restauration*, carrying Norway's first organized emigrants to the USA, and the enduring legacy of this migration on both sides of the Atlantic.

at Portage Zhang Senior Center,  
203 E. Centre, Portage, MI



**Ticket reservations call**  
**269-329-4555**



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## Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation Pins/Medals, Cultural and Sports Grants 2025

### Purpose:

To promote and celebrate the culture of Norway and Nordic countries, grants are offered to District 5 Lodges to:

- increase and maintain membership
- expand programs to include all age groups
- reach out to members who can no longer attend meetings
- encourage participation in the cultural arts and sports programs

### Categories:

1. **Cultural, Membership and Sports Pins/Medals Shipping Grant** award limit \$30 per District 5 Lodge per calendar year.
2. **Small Project Grants** award limit up to \$200 per Grant (up to 5 awarded semi-annually)
3. **Matching Funds Grant** award limit up to \$500 (up to 3 awarded semi-annually)

### Guidelines:

- Grants are offered **only to Sons of Norway District 5 Lodges semi-annually.**
- Lodges may apply for a Shipping Grant and either the Small Project or Matching Fund Grant in the same year.
- Awards are dependent on available funds.
- Grants are judged by members of the District 5 Board; including members of the Cultural & Sports Committees.
- Checks will be payable to the lodge making the application.
- **Applications and required paperwork must be submitted to the District 5 Cultural Director.**

### Application Deadlines and Awarding of Grants:

- Cycle 1 application deadline **December 31** ; Grants awarded by mid-January
- Cycle 2 application deadline **June 30**; Grants awarded by mid-July
- Grants should be used in the calendar year they are issued.

### Cultural, Membership and Sports Pins Shipping Grant Description

- Grant is awarded to District 5 Lodges to help with the shipping cost of cultural, membership and/or sports pins/medals
- Up to \$30 per year per lodge can be awarded for the Shipping Grant.
- A copy of the shipping receipt (shipping cost circled) must be submitted with the application.

- Lodges may receive a Shipping Grant and apply for one of the other grants within the same year.

### **Small Projects Grant Description**

- Up to \$200 each may be awarded to assist with Cultural, Membership or Sports projects.
- Lodges must submit a budget and detailed description of the project.
- Projects must take place during the time period described in the application.
- A follow-up report is due upon completion of the project, within a month of completion:
  - a. describe the outcome of the project,
  - b. include pictures and include receipts

### **Matching Funds Grant Description**

- Up to \$500 in matching funds may be granted for assistance with large Cultural, Membership, or Sports projects.
- Lodges must submit a budget and detailed description of the project.
- Projects must take place during the time period described in the application.
- A follow-up report is due upon completion of the project, within a month of completion:
  - a. describe the outcome of the project,
  - b. include pictures and include receipts showing how funds were matched

Grants will be judged by members of the Sons of Norway District 5 Board or their committees.

## **Find the full application at**

[https://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district 5 sofn nordic legacy foundation.php](https://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district%205%20sofn%20nordic%20legacy%20foundation.php)

## **Where do the photos submitted for the Viking go when LaVonne processes them?**

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/51-2025-Viking-Magazine-Photo-Submissions>

## **Photo Galleries » 2025 Viking Magazine Photo Submissions**

[« RETURN TO PHOTO GALLERIES](#)





# Sons of Norway Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM

John and Darlene Arneson's, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589

Join neighboring Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge and our neighboring lodge members for a good time of fellowship and a preview of what is to come this fall. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of visiting, fellowship, games, and then we'll play kubb at 4 PM for the usual Sunday Night Kubb at the Arneson pitch.

Please bring a dish to pass. Tableware, coffee, juice, and other beverages will be provided.



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## **2025 Calendar**

**June 30-** SN District 5 NLF Project Grants Cycle 2 application deadline **June 30**; Grants awarded by mid-July

**July 6-** Summer Sons of Norway Picnic- 1 PM at Arneson's in Stoughton

**July 13-26-** Masse Moro- Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

**July 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**August 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**September 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**October 3-5-** Adult Camp Heritage Weekend in Norway, IL

**October 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**November 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**December 20-** Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

**December 31-** SN District 5 NLF Project Grants Cycle 1 application deadline **December 31** ; Grants awarded by mid-January

**December 31-** District 5 Throwing Challenge ends

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### **Who to contact at the home office when you need help**

- You can email [cbs@sofn.com](mailto:cbs@sofn.com) for any member updates that need to be made.
- **Foundation, Scholarships & Grants-** Amy Tuchenhausen  
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[jvelo@sofn.com](mailto:jvelo@sofn.com)
- **Insurance Sales:**  
[SonsofNorwaySales@sofn.com](mailto:SonsofNorwaySales@sofn.com), (833) 707-0012 – option 2
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email [cbs@sofn.com](mailto:cbs@sofn.com)
- For issues with passwords or website use [ithelp@sofn.com](mailto:ithelp@sofn.com).
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851

#### **Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com)) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 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](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@sonsofnorway.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway.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.