

## Friendly Fifth Friday News

### March 26, 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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## A NEW VIRTUAL CLASS

District 5 Sons of Norway Cultural Committee announces a new virtual class:  
**IT'S ALL IN THE TELLING – A SHORT PRACTICAL COURSE IN STORYTELLING**

**Instructor: Joy Bashara**

**Wednesday evenings, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2021**

**6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Central time**

**\$25 Sons of Norway members**

**\$35 all others**

This is a short course being presented using the books NORWEGIAN FOLK TALES, FAIRY TALES AND TROLLS: TUSS OG TROLL, Vol 1 and 2. The books can be purchased from Astri My Astri Publishing \$35.95. [www.astrimyastr.com](http://www.astrimyastr.com)

The course will run for 4 sessions of 60 minutes per session. Students will have reading assignments from each of the two books. They will practice telling these stories for selected members of their social pod or family and then share experiences with the class.

Joy Bashara is a retired fine arts teacher, a member of Gronnvik Lodge, and has served on the District 5 Board. She has done extensive international travel, participated in a number of professional programs and taught in various places around the world. This rich combination of life experience, formal training and creativity are evident in her storytelling. She has taught storytelling to people of many age groups.

Joy will present basic information on storytelling techniques to use. These are:

- **Interaction** – your listeners have communication with you as you are telling, which causes the story to unfold differently each time told
- **Word choice** is important and sets time, place and character. It is a storyteller's choice
- Stories are **narratives**; they vary from culture to culture. They also vary with your purpose –a comedian, a teacher, a historian, a poet, etc.
- Storytellers encourage **creativity**. You and the listeners are “there” unlike with theatre and the fourth wall.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a heartfelt dedication to the folklore of the Scandinavian peoples.

## **Norwegian Storytelling Class Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **St** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration for the class is by date received.**

**The Registration Deadline for classes is March 31, 2021.**

Make checks for class fee payable to Joy Bashara-Ingram.

**Class Registration Fee: \$25 Sons of Norway member** \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$35 Non-member** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to:

JOY A. BASHARA-INGRAM

1460 Maple Hills Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313

[joybaing@gmail.com](mailto:joybaing@gmail.com)

920-445-1585

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Vol 1 and 2, from Astri My Astri Publishing \$35.95. [www.astrimyastri.com](http://www.astrimyastri.com)

## **Who to notify when you've filed your 990?**

Sherry Gorse is the one that lodge's are supposed to notify that they've filed their 990s. They can email [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com) or they can email [taxinfo@sofn.com](mailto:taxinfo@sofn.com).

### **Sherry Gorse**

Membership Services

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## **Thank you Jerry Rud for sharing this!**

CNN: World's first ship tunnel to be built under Norwegian mountains

World's first ship tunnel to be built under Norwegian mountains. Norway has got the go-ahead to construct a \$300 million underground route to allow vessels navigate the country's treacherous Stadhavet Sea. Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/ACADWEHbET9S2-pyNNrjXsQ>

## **Thank you Bradley Goplen for sharing this!**

An update on what's happening with travel to/from/within Norway. Uff da

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidnikel/2021/03/24/norway-delays-reopening-extends-travel-warning-over-easter/>

## **Zone3 Presidents' Meeting Notes-Monday March 22, 2021 via Go to Meeting**

Welcome everyone-I can feel the excitement mounting as our local leaders begin to put into place the planning that was done during the pandemic to welcome back their members and guests in the safest way possible.

**Congratulations go out to our local leaders who have maintained contacts with their members. I have followed your activities throughout the winter months via your newsletters, Facebook posts, and mailings, and by attending some of your events in person. Remembering your members with gift bags, special mailings, and dropping plants at member doorsteps all reinforce that their membership in your lodge is important.**

Who knew that the decision of District 5 Sports and Recreation Committee to offer a sports challenge: "walking" to Norway would be so well-received or truly needed? Giving our members a focus during the pandemic served a dual purpose in keeping our members well both physically and mentally. We were able to work toward a common goal, with each lodge determining their distance and celebrating its achievement.

## As we reopen,

- I remind you to check your county's restrictions for in-person gatherings, both indoors and outside.
- Determine whether your lodge has an updated lodge directory that your new members can use to learn the names and contact information of their fellow members?
  - \*One lodge sent me their idea which has been well-received. Dovre Lodge in Chetek, WI took photos of their members and compiled them into a booklet for easy reference.
  - \*They have also included the dates of their 2021 events and the times of their lodge meetings.
  - \*A small paragraph gives some basic information on the founding of their lodge and how it was given its name.
  - \* The names of the lodges in their zone were provided in addition to their parade schedule for the coming year.
  - \* Also included was information on their local scholarship, the District 5 scholarships, and the Foundation Grants that are available to lodges and other community groups.
- Keeping your lodge newsletters interesting and appealing for your members will remind them of how proud they are to be Norwegian, but it will also serve as a membership piece that can be provided to perspective or new members. Post extra copies in your community (businesses, grocery stores, bank lobbies, public meeting spaces, etc.). These documents provide information for further reading on the topics that are included.
- Check-in with your local Chamber of Commerce to determine whether your lodge can participate in what they do. Most communities have a summer festival, and some of them are beginning to come back! (I have been informed that some communities allow this participation while others do not.)
- Blanket your community with flyers making them aware that you are on a baaaaaack!!
  - \*Included could be a list of projects your lodge has approved for the serving the community. Honk your own horn! If you do not do it, who will?
  - \*Support the lodges in Zone 3 by attending one of their upcoming events.
    - Stoughton Fish Boil-take out for your family's safety. (Mandt-April 23rd)
    - Some lodges are planning Syttende Mai dinners. (Idun)
    - One lodge plans to celebrate like the Norwegians. (Vennelag-May 17th)
- Drive thru the Syttende Mai Parade in Stoughton this year! Entries will be parked. Families can take photos from a distance and engage in conversations with the hosts. Wear your mask!

- **Post your events to the District 5 Facebook page or ask me or Darlene to assist you with the posting. We are two of the site administrators.**
- **Post your events to the Sons of Norway International website. [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com) Go to Membership Benefits: Create an event.**
- **Your local Chamber of Commerce may send e-blasts to members about your upcoming events. It is possible that they can also help you to secure workers.**
- **Buy an ad to advertise your lodge's event or to give well wishes-The Norwegian American newspaper provides options for Christmas, Syttende Mai. Determine whether you can get special pricing for multiple ads. [www.norwegianamerican.com](http://www.norwegianamerican.com)**
- **Align your lodge and members with other Norwegian American organizations such as the Norwegian American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library in Madison. The relationship will also provide programming ideas for your lodge.**

Submitted by Cheryl Schlessner, Zone 3 Director and D5 Vice President

## **Nordic News this week...**

**Joy Bashara** (Gronnvik – Green Bay WI) gave a presentation on **Norwegian Folk Tales and Storytelling** on **Nordic News** on Tuesday March 23. Joy shared her storytelling expertise to a packed meeting room at the 2016 District 5 Convention. Joy shared some of her tips on Nordic News, which you can use whether telling stories to your grandchildren, friends, or fellow lodge members.

Joy will teach the newest D5 virtual class in Norwegian Folk Tales and Storytelling, for four weeks, beginning Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM (CT) / 7:30 PM (ET). Watch FFFN and the D5 Facebook Page for more details.

See Joy's presentation here: <https://www.screencast.com/t/JhmsGAted>



For the course, Joy will use Astri my Astri's two-volume set "Norwegian Folk Tales, Fairy Tales and Trolls: Tuss og Troll. You can order it here: <https://www.astrimyastri.com/products/norwegian-folk-foles-fairy-foles-and-trolls-tuss-og-troll-2-volume-set>

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I'm still working on a Nordic News for next Tuesday. See D5's Facebook Page for more details.

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

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

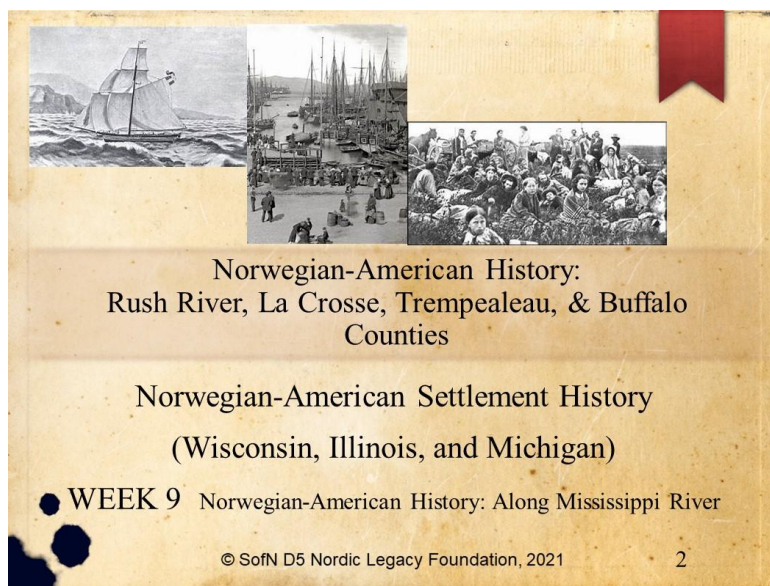
By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

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You can watch 40 past episodes of Nordic News at:

[http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers\\_bureau.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php)



In Week 9 of the **D5 Norwegian-American settlement history course** we covered La Crosse, Trempealeau and Buffalo counties, which have a rich Norwegian-Americans history. Dana Kelly gave a “primer” on early Norwegian settlements of Iowa and Minnesota and their importance to further D5 settlement. Dana “hit-the-ball-out-of-the-ballpark” with her outstanding and passionate presentation on agriculture and Norwegian-Americans.

You can watch the recorded sessions, **posted the Friday after each class is over** at:

[www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/norwegian\\_american\\_history.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/norwegian_american_history.php)

You can also watch Week 9 at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/BNoG5mEKMrG>



## **Email that all District Secretaries Got**

Hello to you from Trondheim- Norway!

I am writing biographies about Norwegian immigrants to America. Among the many hundreds of people I have written stories about, there are more than 100 members in leading roles in different lodges of Sons of Norway.

See; [https://www.strindahistorielag.no/wiki/index.php/Kategori:Sons\\_of\\_Norway](https://www.strindahistorielag.no/wiki/index.php/Kategori:Sons_of_Norway)

What I want to hope to get from you or any local historical source; are there any pictures/documents to find of the first chartered members of your lodges in your district? Most of the members would probably be of the first generation immigrants from Norway. Knowing their names, it would be easier to find their roots in Norway. And to write more biographe.

In 2025 there will be a celebration of the 200 years anniversary of the first emigration from Norway.

There are many more immigrants I have written stories about, here are some;

[https://www.strindahistorielag.no/wiki/index.php/Kategori:Norskamerikanere\\_i\\_ulike\\_roller](https://www.strindahistorielag.no/wiki/index.php/Kategori:Norskamerikanere_i_ulike_roller)

Hope to hear from you!

Påskehilsen fra

Mr. Jan Habberstad

Head of Strinda Historical Society in Trondheim Norway

PS; If you would try to search for your own Norwegian roots, try here in Slechtsforum  
, <https://slektogdata.no/slechtsforum/?p=779846#779846>

## **Offerings by Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library**

**Mark your calendars for these  
classes scheduled in 2021.  
Instructors for all classes will be  
Dana Kelly**

**(NAGC Executive Director)  
and  
Chris Klauer  
(Senior Genealogical Researcher)**

**If you have any questions or need  
more information, call us at  
608-255-2224 or  
email: [danakelly@nagcni.org](mailto:danakelly@nagcni.org)**

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**Beginning Norwegian Genealogy (online)**

**Date: April 20-21, 2021**

**Time: 10:00-2:30 Central**

**Cost: \$125 member/\$175 non-member**

If you are just beginning your family history research, or have some experience with genealogical research but have little or no experience with Norwegian genealogy or Norwegian genealogical records, this class is for you! Topics covered in the class include common genealogical records for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy, Norwegian naming customs, and locating your ancestor's Norwegian birthplace.

**[Register here](#)**



## **Intermediate Genealogy (online)**

**Date: June 8, 2021**

**Time: 10:00-3:00 Central**

**Cost: \$80 member/\$100 non-member**

This class was created for those who have already gotten a start on their Norwegian research but would like to dig deeper. This one day session will

focus on Norwegian census research, using DNA results, bygdebøker, and digging deeper into online resources.

**[Register here](#)**

## **Beginning Norwegian Genealogy (in-person)**

**Date: August 10-11, 2021**

**Time: 10:00-2:30 Central**

**Cost: \$150 member/\$200 non-member**

If you are just beginning your family history research, or have some experience with genealogical research but have little or no experience with Norwegian genealogy or Norwegian genealogical records, this class is for you!

Topics covered in the class include common genealogical records for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy, Norwegian naming customs, and locating your ancestor's Norwegian birthplace. There will be time after class concludes each day to research in the Naeseth Library if participants wish.

Lunch will be provided.

**[Register here](#)**

## **Intermediate Genealogy (in-person)**

**Date: August 21, 2021**

**Time: 10:00-3:00 Central**

**Cost: \$90 member/\$115 non-member**

This class was created for those who have already gotten a start on their Norwegian research but would like to dig deeper. This one-day session will focus on Norwegian census research, using DNA results, bygdebøker, and digging deeper into online resources. There will be time after class concludes to research in the Naeseth Library if participants wish.

Lunch will be provided.

**[Register here](#)**

## **Sharing Your Family History (online)**

**Date: September 14, 2021**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:30 Central**

**Cost: \$80 member/\$100 non-member**

This class focuses on several ways to share family history. Topics covered will include writing and publishing, social media, and ideas for engaging younger generations.

**[Register here](#)**

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### Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

#### Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night

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#### March 31, 2021

- Registrations due for Virtual Storytelling Class with Joy Bashara

#### April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2021

- Virtual Storytelling Class with Joy Bashara

#### April 15, 2021

- Sarah Paulsen scholarship applications for Masse Moro due

#### April 16-17, 2021

- Virtual District 5 Board Meeting

#### May 15, 2021

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted at [taxinfo@sofn.com](mailto:taxinfo@sofn.com) or [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com)

#### July 18-31, 2021

- Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI
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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.

### **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](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 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](mailto: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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