

# NORDIC RADIO PROGRAMS - 2021

**1/5/2021 - Mike Palecek (Nordlyset - Racine WI) "Trip to Heg Park and Old Muskego"** (16:45) <https://www.screencast.com/t/7i1LmWE7Nvr>

**1/12/2021 - Sandy Brehl** - Author of a World War II historical fiction book "Trilogy" (49:26) <https://www.screencast.com/t/4v1JHkQwxdB>

**1/19/2021 - "Current Events in Norway" by Dennis Flessland.**

Dennis is Michigan's Honorary Consul for Norway and a member of Norkap lodge in Detroit. Topics Dennis discussed included 2021 travel advisories and how to keep up to date on travel restriction news, new dual-citizenship rules, Norway being a member of the U.N. Security Council and its impact on Norwegian foreign policy, the recent avalanche near Oslo and more. (14,08)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/hBMLxvJtQ8sK>

**1/26/2021 - Syn slagene (seven types of cookies) Connie Aiello** presented on ... Fattigmann, Knekk-Kaker, Brune Pinner, Sandbakkell, Pepperkaker, Rosette, and Berlinerkranser. Listening to Connie's expert cooking advice, it was clear why the D5 Cultural Director selected her to teach the upcoming virtual Norwegian cooking class. (21:34)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/xpK0T9DPmvE>

**2/2/2021 - The Hardanger Fiddle** Explained by Robin Fossum. Robin is president of Dovre lodge in Barron, Wisconsin and District 5's representative on the International SofN Board. Robin has been a professional violinist and is president of the Red Cedar Symphony Orchestra in Rice Lake. Robin gives an excellent presentation to help you understand what is special about a Hardanger fiddle and its heritage and cultural significance to Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans. Because Robin lives in a rural area with poor internet connectivity, the audio and video quality of this program is less than ideal. In the Zoom screen, you see Robin (top center) showing off her Maltese dog Loki. (24:07)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/FQ8H1dBsISB>

**2/9/2021- Hardanger Embroidery.** Donna Olson, Oregon, will share her expertise of a lifetime of doing this intricate needlework. Donna Olson did an absolutely wonderful presentation about Hardanger Embroidery. It was one piece of "Hardanger eye candy" after another. Donna is teaching D5's newest virtual class which begins on March 4 and lasts for six Thursday evenings (6:30 PM Central / 7:30 PM Eastern). (51:05)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/C6oDmvsN>

**2/18/2021 - Nils Otto Tank** was this week's Nordic News presentation.

Tank's wealthy father was the equivalent of Norway's prime minister in the early 1800s, and wanted Nils Otto to be king. Instead, Nils Otto rebelled, became a Moravian protestant missionary and eventually founded a religious colony in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He came to America in 1850 with \$1.5 million in gold and bought land between what is now Lambeau Field and downtown Green Bay. Thanks to Gronnvik members Joy Bashara and Matt Agen, and Norse Valley members Karen Madrigal and Corey Olson for reading this story (15:04)

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

**2/23/2021 - Putting Up The Lavvu at the Sami Cultural Center.** Marlene Wisuri of the North American Sami Center gave us an understanding of Sami culture. Sami is northern Scandinavia's native people. Over 30,000 Sami immigrated to the United States, and most assimilated completely into Norwegian-American communities. Some Sami were hired to teach reindeer herders by the U.S. government to teach this skill to Alaska native tribes in the late 1800s. Duluth Minnesota's North American Sami Center has a collection of Sami artifacts, including these carved reindeer bone knives. Learn more about Sami culture and traditions (37:17)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/LNWSF68yQKc>

### **3/2/2021: NO Nordic News Radio Show**

**3/9/2021 - Vesterheim Museum.** Mike Palecek gave a guided tour of Vesterheim Museum on Nordic News on Tuesday March 9. Vesterheim is a premier Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa. It has perhaps the best collection of rosemaled items anywhere. We also saw a collection of Sloop personal belongings, an exhibit on Norwegian spoons, learned about Norwegian textiles and unique religious artifacts, saw Norwegian-American folk architecture and visited the gift shop.

Link: : <https://www.screencast.com/t/ewVcP7bHkdn>

**3/16/2021 - The Norwegian Crop: Tobacco Raising in Wisconsin-** Glenn Borreson (Wergeland – La Crosse WI)

For many Norwegian Americans farmers in Wisconsin, when wheat depleted the soil, they turned to tobacco as the next cash crop. Maps in this presentation showed the correlation between tobacco farming and Norwegian settlement areas in Wisconsin. Many listeners asked questions and shared stories about back-breaking work of tobacco farming in their own families. This is Glenn's fourth Nordic News presentation..

**Watch it here:** <https://www.screencast.com/t/1OOFs5oTZWu>

**March 23, 2021 - Norwegian Folk Tales and Storytelling** - Joy Bashara (Gronnvik – Green Bay WI)

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\\_tales-fairy-tales-and-trolls-tuss-og-troll-2-volume-set](https://www.astrimyastri.com/products/norwegian-folk_tales-fairy-tales-and-trolls-tuss-og-troll-2-volume-set)

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**March 30, 2021 - Lumberjack Frontier** - Participants of the D5 Virtual Norwegian-American Settlement History Course gave a presentation of the Lumberjack Frontier on Nordic News on Tuesday, March 30. For many 19th century Norwegian-Americans farmers in northern Wisconsin, working as lumberjacks in the winter provided needed cash income. This content came from oral history interviews of lumberjack Louis Blanchard. Tusen takk to readers Ruth and Dave Amundson (Solvang – Westby WI) and Bill Schalk, Barb Earnest and Beth Nelson (Nordlyset – Racine WI). (21:35)

Link: <https://www.screencast.com/t/rbLk0gxN3f>

**4/13/2021 - Ole Knudtson Dyrland's Norwegian Calendar Stick.**

Nordic farmers used the two-sided calendar stick to guide them as to when to plant and harvest crops, make cheese and butter, butcher animals and have celebrations. Symbols on the calendar refers to church holidays from the past two millennia. Learn more about Ole's prized family heirloom. View some Knud Knudsen's photographs (the "Norwegian Ansel Adams"(34:50)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/KzOWd7kc8OC>

**4/20/2021 - Billy the Cook: The True Story.**

Billy the Cook was a character in Waldemar Ager's book Sons of the Old Country. She dressed as a man to have more economic opportunities in Eau Claire Wisconsin's lumber era. She came to Iowa from Norway in 1850 as Ingebjorg Amundsdotter and was jilted by the childhood friend who she was engaged to. She then left home to work as a lumber camp cook. She disappeared from Eau Claire when her identity was discovered and turned up working as a cattle ranch cook in North Dakota and Montana. There, no one suspected her true identity until she died in 1908. Tusen takk to David Nelson (Mandt-Stoughton WI) for sharing this story from the Hallingen lag newsletter and Barb Johnson (Polar Star-Montgomery IL) for her Billy the Cook storytelling. (41:58)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/OUdHO5utJW65>

**4/27/2021 - "So Ole Says to Lena"** covers the life work of folklorist Jim Leary as he documented ethnic humor in the upper Midwest. Bob and Louise Giles (Nordkap-Detroit MI) regale us with Ole-and-Lena jokes, such as originally told by Oljanna Venden Cunneen of Blue Earth, Wisconsin, who was a Little Norway docent, proud of her Norwegian-American heritage. To learn more about the development of Ole as a Norwegian-American immigrant icon, watch (33:06) <https://www.screencast.com/t/yAHMWeq3c>

**May 4, 2021** featured **Dana Kelly's** outstanding talk on "**The Evolution of Language for Norwegian-Americans.**" We will be playing Dana's insightful lecture from Week 14 of the D5 settlement history course. Kelly the Executive Director at the Norwegian-American Genealogical Society and Naeseth Library and member of Mandt lodge (Stoughton WI). Watch this presentation at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/kGJCL1ZG>

**May 11, 2021 - No Nordic News**

**May 18, 2021 - A presentation on Norwegian sweaters.** Jennifer Coile's presentation about Norwegian Sweaters was a great example of sharing your family history through a heirloom item. Her cousin Kari emigrated from Norway at age 19 and gave Jennifer's family sweaters she knitted as a tusen takk for their hospitality. Jennifer is active in the Monterey

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Bay group "Off the Charts" where they present ancestors stories.

See: <https://www.screencast.com/t/165cqfKdsCAL>

**May 25, 2021 - "Looking at Norway Through Stamps"** presented by **Arthur Andersen** (Polar Star-Montgomery IL)

Art shared many interesting facts about Norway using 133 stamps for illustration. Sons of Norway offers three levels of the Collecting Norwegian and American stamps cultural pin. Watch Art's wonderful presentation at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/Vn9Vqg4nt>

**Tuesday June 1** will be a presentation on the **Albert Skare Norwegian Folk Art collection** at the McFarland WI Historical Museum. The Skare family settled in Dane County in the 1850s and son Albert spent his lifetime collecting butter churns, wooden shoes, carved spoons and bowls and many other household artifacts from pioneer times. His collection, which includes antique farm implements, includes 1,500 pieces which was donated to the museum after his death in 1967.