

# Sons of Norway District 5 Convention 2026

## August 2-6, 2026 Stoughton, WI

### Registration Information and Details!

#### What registration form do you use?

- If you are a delegate from your lodge or a District 5 Board member, use the **Delegate Registration Form**
- If you are not a delegate but are a SN member, a spouse or family member, or others interested in attending the convention events, use the **Non-Delegate Form**.
- If you are a SN Mandt Lodge member who is volunteering at the convention and also want to attend parts of the convention, use the **Mandt Lodge Registration Form**.

#### Meals at the convention

- Delegate fees include the Wednesday and Thursday lunch at the SASD.
- Others can attend the Wednesday and Thursday delegate meals but need to register for them by July 1.
  - Wednesday- Brunch with fresh fruit, variety of quiches, 7-layer salad, au gratin potatoes with ham, and bakery items for \$17.
  - Thursday- Specialty sandwich trays with TAB (turkey, apple, bacon) on cracked wheat and Italian bread, Chicken croissant, Italian sandwiches on Italian and Cracked Wheat bread, and supreme veggie sandwiches on Tomato Basil Wraps and Cracked wheat, cabbage salad, potato salad, rotini salad for \$14. Note: Gluten free bread is available as an alternative to lettuce wraps.
- The Tuesday lunch at Sons of Norway is a closed luncheon for only the District 5 Board and spouses, District convention committees and their spouses, and SN Mandt volunteers who are helping at the lodge that day.
- Tuesday- the American Legion is offering a pulled pork, potato salad, carrots and dip, potato chips, cookie, and water/lemonade or coffee for \$10. If you are attending the Hardanger Class or going to any of the afternoon workshops, this is an option for you. No registration needed for the meal.
- Wednesday banquet at the VFW- Baked cod and roast beef, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked potatoes, corn, baked beans, and Berries on a Cloud dessert for \$30.
- All meal reservations must be made by July 1.
- If you have dietary restrictions or prefer a vegetarian option, please note that on the registration form so we can work with the providers.

#### Classes the convention is offering

See separate file on class offerings. Rosemaling, woodcarving (at SN), and Hardanger classes register on the convention registration forms. Classes at Grand Inspired, Innovation Center Stoughton, and Spry Whimsy will use their direct links as they are handling their own registrations.

## Convention Pins and t-shirts



Pins- Should be available in May if you want them before the convention, can be delivered via a board member or other means, or picked up at the convention. Cost is \$5/pin.

T-shirts- Must be preordered and pick up will be at the convention. A very limited number of extras will be available for sale at the convention. The cost is \$20/shirt. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, and 3X.

## Day on the Prairie

Two options for a Day on the Prairie which is a day full of experiences on the Koshkonong Prairie.

1. **Bus Option-** Up to 54 people taking a coach bus for a guided tour with off the bus stops at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Rockdale Beer Cellar, Cambridge Historic School Museum, and St. Paul's Liberty Church and drive-by many more historic places. The \$75 registration fee includes the bus, water on the bus, lunch at East Koshkonong, dinner at St Paul's Liberty Church, and a presentation by Dana Kelly on *The Norwegian-American Legacy in Wisconsin*: Descendants of Norwegian immigrants make up a relatively small percentage of Wisconsin's population. However, their impact can not be overstated. Join us to discover the history of Norwegian Americans in Wisconsin.
2. **Drive on your own-** We will provide a map and narrative of the stops we are going to but you will be on your own for them. If you are at a stop when the bus is there, you are welcome to join us. If you want lunch or supper, you must sign up for the meals by July 1. This option allows you to take a class in the morning or getting to Stoughton a bit later on Monday.

## **Meals for Day on the Prairie**

- Lunch – 11:30 AM at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church- \$10/person- This will consist of a sandwich, fruit cup, chips, pickles, and dessert. We will provide coffee and water.
- Supper- 4:30 PM at St. Paul's Liberty Prairie Church- \$20/person- Chicken Tetrazini, salad, bread and dessert with coffee, lemonade and water.
- Meal prices are part of the Bus Trip package. If others want to eat who are driving on their own, meals must be ordered by July 1.

## **Farm Tours for Sunday, August 2**

1:00 PM	Furseth Farms- 2157 County A, Stoughton	Farm tour- crop operation	Visit farm shop, grain storage, and equipment area
2:15 PM	Furseth Farms-1114 Starr School Road, Stoughton	Farm tour- dairy operation	It is milking time! The dairy set up with cows and calves!
3:30-5:00 PM	Fevolden Farms- 2454 E. Gaston Rd, Cottage Grove	Tour of studio and weaving demonstrations	Will also have items for sale- cash, check or credit card.

**Furseth Farms-** The grain operation encompasses 3,500 acres. We are into vertical integration, meaning we control the crop from seed to market. We have 775,000 bushels of grain storage and we are drying and processing the grain on our farm. You will see our farm shop along with a short video and the opportunity to see our grain complex. An additional 155 acres of alfalfa are used to support the dairy operation where 180 cows are milked 3 times a day (6am, 2pm, and 10pm) in a double 8 parallel milking parlor. We are proud of our Norwegian roots.

### **Fevolden Farms-**

Plan now to attend an open house with Tom & Ginny Olson at Fevolden Farm Alpaca Products in Cottage Grove, WI on Sunday August 2, 2026 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. See displays of alpaca fiber from their herd in various stages of processing from raw fleece to finished goods. Ginny will explain how she sets up one of the many looms for weaving that will be on display in her studio. Learn how the Viking Twill pattern came about and see examples of her handiwork. Tom will demonstrate some of the other equipment they work with. The Olsons co-own a small herd of alpacas and manage the fiber end of the business. Alpaca clothing from head to toe are available for sale year-round at their studio in Cottage Grove, a shop in Black River Falls and on-line. They specialize in socks, carrying over 50 different socks including compression, loose top and traditional in lengths from ankle to knee socks. For those interested, alpaca clothing and gifts will be available for sale during the open house event. Fevolden Farm Alpaca Products, 2454 E. Gaston Rd, Cottage Grove, WI 53527 608-839-4610

### **Foundation Fun Night**

Tuesday night at Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge will be presentations on the Sons of Norway Foundation and the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation (SN D5 NLF). Then we will have some fun raising money as we play bingo, board games, Heads n Tails (benefitting Masse Moro), and socializing! Proceeds will be divided between the SN Foundation and SN D5 NLF.

### **Hotels**

**The hotel block is through the Tru Hilton in Stoughton.** If we fill their hotel, we have a convention rate at their partner hotels in Madison. Rooms must be booked by July 4.

- Tru Hilton in Stoughton- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. **Booking Link:** [Sons of Norway-Tru by Hilton Stoughton](#).

- Courtyard East in Madison- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. [Book your group rate for Sons of Norway](#)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites- Madison East- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. [Book your group rate for Sons of Norway](#)
- Hampton Inn Madison East- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. Here is the booking link for **Hampton Inn Madison East:**  
[Sons of Norway](#) The group code is NOR.

## **Our area has other options for lodging (not a block- on your own)!**

Quality Inn and Suites (in Stoughton)- <https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/stoughton/quality-inn-hotels/wi075>

Air BnB's- we have a number of properties in the area- <https://www.airbnb.com/>

Sleep Inn and Suites- Oregon, WI (8 miles away)-  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/oregon/sleep-inn-hotels/wi288>

Comfort Inn and Suites- Monona- (12 miles away)  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/madison/comfort-inn-hotels/wi205>

Quality Inn- Edgerton (Newville – 13 miles) -  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/edgerton/quality-inn-hotels/wi072>

New Bed and Breakfast opening this summer- (3 blocks from the meetings)- The Goose Crown Inn-  
[thegoosecrowninn.com](http://thegoosecrowninn.com)

## **President's Reception- Sunday, August 2 at 5-9 PM**

Join President Cheryl Wille-Schlessler for an evening of fun at the Arneson farm. Address: 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton. We will be playing kubb, games, and have other activities for you to do. There will be light appetizers, beverages and a chance to socialize, meet new friends and see friends you've met before. No reservations needed!

## **Workshops- Tuesday, August 3 at the American Legion- 803 North Page St, Stoughton**

The American Legion is offering a pulled pork, potato salad, carrots and dip, potato chips, cookie, and water/lemonade or coffee for \$10. If you are attending the Hardanger Class or going to any of the afternoon workshops, this is an option for you. No registration needed for the meal.

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**12:15**- Those darn SN required reports!- District Secretary Darlene Arneson will review the reports that lodges are asked or required to submit. They include D63 Officer Election, D17 Audit, 990 IRS form, Lodge Achievement/Family Lodge of the Year, AFA Volunteer Hour reporting and others that come up!

**1:00**- SN Foundation Grant Writing- Amy Tuchenhagen- Will cover how to submit grant applications to the SN Foundation and what criteria they are judged on.

**1:50**- District 5 Roundtable- Your questions and needs! District SN Board members and leaders will ask and answer questions that lodges have. Sharing of how lodges address membership, publicity, officer elections and other topics will likely be covered!

**2:30**- Youth Activities and Masse Moro- Highlighting our District 5 Youth Heritage Camp, how to promote camp, volunteer and staff needs, and other details related to Masse Moro. Also discussion of what lodges do for youth activities and attracting families.

**3:10**- Dana Kelly and NAGC & NL- The Norwegian American Genealogical Center is the premier genealogical organization for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy. Join Executive Director Dana Kelly to learn about resources available at the center as well as some common pitfalls to avoid when embarking on your Norwegian genealogy journey.

**4:10**- James Nelson on Yukon Relief Expedition- Dana Kelly and NAGC & NL- Introduction to Norwegian Genealogy: The Norwegian American Genealogical Center is the premier genealogical organization for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy. Join Executive Director Dana Kelly to learn about resources available at the center as well as some common pitfalls to avoid when embarking on your Norwegian genealogy journey.