**Schedule of Speakers**

**Sons of Norway District 5 Convention 2024**

**June 19-22**

**Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel**

We are proud to present an impressive group of speakers at the District 5 Sons of Norway Convention.

Speaker presentations begin Wednesday morning and continue until Saturday afternoon.

**Wednesday, June 19**

**Corlene Bartels: Stave Churches in America 10:45 am**

Corlene Bartels is the President of the Norsemen of the Lakes of Walworth County, WI. She is

the daughter of a 100% Norwegian mother descending from the area northeast of Stavanger.

She grew up in northern MN and lived in the northwest of that state near Bemidji that has

many families of Norwegian descent. In 1997 she and her sister traveled to Norway to visit

their ancestral country.

Having visited a Stave church in Wisconsin before one in Norway, she found out why they were

called “Stave”. Returning home, she created a Power Point to inform others of Stave churches

in America and why they were built in our country. She loves to show you each of them.

**James Nelson: Norwegian Folk Beliefs 1:00 pm**

Jim Nelson has a music education degree from Augustana College, Rock Island; and graduate degrees in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Wisconsin (Madison); and the University of Washington (Seattle). He has taught Scandinavian courses at the University of Wisconsin, Camrose Lutheran College (now the Augustana campus of the Univ. of Alberta), Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota), the University of Washington and the University of Oslo. He taught public school music in the US and for 15 years in Norway.

He also created and taught courses in Nordic and Norwegian folklore and traditional beliefs at Concordia College and the University of Oslo.

Jim has been a featured performer at folk music festivals and sung with or directed three Norwegian male choruses. He is a member of Duo Scandinavica and Lingonberry Jam. Jim and his wife, Irene, are members of Scandiana lodge in Chesterton. He is past president of the lodge.

He will give a presentation on Norwegian folk beliefs and superstitions based on classes he has taught.

**Rivojen Jørn Magnus** **Langseth 2:30 pm**

Rivojen Jørn Magnus Langseth will present insight into Sami art in his four presentations which will all center around the topics:  
From old ornaments till today’s bit data: How do we communicate?

Shapes and context within Umesami ornaments.

**Thursday, June 20**

**James Nelson: Norwegian Music and Dance 9:00 am**

Jim Nelson has a wide range of things Norwegian to share. His interests range from music to language, to cultural customs, and beyond. He will present a program on Norwegian music, with a couple of traditional dance steps: the reinlender and the medieval "songdans" or Færøydans. In the songdans, one person leads the dance and the singing. In Norway and the Faroe Islands, the dance-and-song leader sings on the verses (which tell a story) and the other participants sing the refrain. The step is always identical - two steps to the left, then one to the right, over and over, while forming a circle or a large "S".

**Mike Charman 10:30 am**

I have had a very varied and wonderful life starting in Liverpool England in 1944 and taking me to Norway in 1970. I have spent 40 years in Norway or working on Norwegian ships. I have sons and grandchildren in Norway. We visit every year and yes, I have been a Norwegian citizen since 1984.

I will talk about the early years of my life and come quickly to my time in Norway.

**1:00 pm District 5 Presentations** to be announced

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**3:45 pm Delegate Orientation** for delegates and interested members

**Rivojen Jørn Magnus Langseth 7:00 pm**

Rivojen Jørn Magnus will continue to discuss symbols of the Umesami culture used on drums and other objects and discuss communication with these symbols.

**John Arneson 8:00 pm**

John Arneson packed up the family vehicle, persuaded his wife to be the navigator, and followed the trail of his great-grandfather’s Civil War experience.  He will talk about that trip and share genealogy resources he found helpful.

**Friday, June 21**

**Amy Beyer: The Salt Story 9:00 am**

Amy Beyer and her husband took a trip to Norway and became interested in Norwegian salt. That adventure turned out to be the motivation for starting Salty Provisions. Enjoy her story and visit her booth featuring salt of many flavors from Norway.

**Adolf Hansen, PhD. : A Boy in Brooklyn,**

**Growing Up in a Norwegian Colony in the 1940s and 50s 10:45 am**

Adolf Hansen grew up in a community of Norwegian immigrants in New York City. He wrote a book about the culture of this group of immigrant families and how he was deeply influenced by meaningful relationships with peers which continue to the present. His story is a wonderful counterpoint to the immigrant stories we usually hear which most often are about growing up on a farm.

**Annegrete Langseth 1:00 pm**

Annegrete Langseth works to preserve Sami culture and art. She constructed the traditional dress outfit for her husband, an example of only one of her talents. She will speak on a topic of her choice.

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**Daron W. Olson, PhD.: Vikings 3:45 pm**

Daron Olson is Associate Professor of History at Indiana University East. He will present information on Vikings from his extensive research. He is author of Vikings Across the Atlantic, Emigration and the Building of a Greater Norway, 1860-1945

**Sara and Rick Long: Fjord Horses 7:00 pm**

Sara and Rick Long love Fjord Horses. Learn about their work with these special horses. Check out the Facebook page for Steppin’ Out Stables to see pictures of their fjord horses and other breeds they raise.

**Rivojen Jørn Magnus Langseth 8:00pm**

Rivojen Jørn Magnus Langseth continues his series of talks about communication with symbols featuring Sami culture examples.

**Saturday, June 22**

**David Ostrem: Carving in Wood 9:00 am**

David Ostrem will share information about working with wood to transform a simple block of wood into things ranging from useful utensils to whimsical figures. He has been wood carving for 45 years, has taught the craft for many of those years, and has been a judge at several wood carving shows. David has studied with many outstanding carvers in the United States, Switzerland, Austria, and Canada.  He has taught classes at Vesterheim and at the Clearing in Door County.

**Rivojen Jorn Magnus Langseth 1:00 pm**

Rivojen Jorn Magnus Langseth presents his last program of Sami art and cultural connection to communicating with traditional Sami figures and designs.