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. <u>www.astrimyastri.com</u>

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