

Restauration Lodge #548

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The February social meeting will be
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
7:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

**“ From Iowa to *Sula*—and a Few
Fjords Beyond”**
by
Sharon Kay and Alan Stang

The Stangs celebrated the *Syttende Mai* in Oslo in 2008, and visited family farms and relatives. Come to the meeting Tuesday, February 10, to see pictures and hear about their experiences in Oslo, Sogn og Fjordane, Møre og Romsdal and Sør Trøndelag.

January Epiphany Potluck with Lutefisk.

It was the custom in Norway to celebrate Christmas for 13 days, ending on Three Kings Day, or Epiphany, which falls on January 6. Our meeting was a success with lutefisk prepared by experienced chefs and tables of delicious side dishes and desserts. Not a soul went home hungry. Lutefisk lovers were in heaven – all you could eat! Thank you to David and Ruth Christ, Ardy Erickson, Ann and Dean Gesme, Paula Schulte, Bob and Nancy Thorkildson, Bill and Mary Durspek, Ann and Ron Larson, Lois McCormick, and Cheryl Zapf.

Ann Gesme's program about Norwegian sweaters was very interesting. Several members wore their Norwegian Sweaters.

Fra Presidenten

Spring seems to be on the way. We certainly needed our warm Norwegian sweaters this winter. Thanks to Ann Gesme, we know much more about a piece of clothing we wear with pride.

In thinking about our upcoming program, I couldn't help but reflect on my trip to Norway to visit family farms and meet distant relatives. On July 3, 2001, I led a family group of eleven, consisting of my parents, three sisters and assorted nieces and nephews to Norway. I had enough information ahead of time to email a tourist board near Sigdal asking for help. A retired military officer, taking a genealogy class, took us on as his project. He provided information before we arrived, met us at the airport in Oslo and took us on a family farm tour. We met relatives who looked like us, ate moose sausage, took hundreds of pictures, and enjoyed every minute.

I do need to confess that it was a very tightly scheduled trip. Sometimes doing things with my family is like herding cats. The fewer the on-the-spot choices, the better! Our next trip will be even better, with the genealogy education I have received through our S.O.N. activities.

Cindy Charlson Monroe

Board Meeting Date

The next S.O.N. Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month (February 24) at President Cindy Charlson Monroe's home – 449 Dows Rd. SE (363-7420).

Lodge Genealogy Seminar

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 7 March 2009

An all day Lodge Genealogy Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009. It will be held at Our Savior's Church, 3634 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday March 7, 2009. Leading the seminar will be the world's foremost authority on Norwegian-American Genealogy, Blaine Hedberg. Blaine has been the featured speaker at our lodge numerous times, and conducted a genealogy seminar for us in Cedar Rapids five years ago. He is Executive Director and holds the Gerhard B. Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center in Madison, WI. Cost of the seminar is \$35 for Sons of Norway members, and/or members of the Genealogy Center (non-members \$50). The registration fee includes morning coffee and noon lunch. Advance registration and payment for the March 7 Seminar is required before Feb. 25.

Pre-seminar Orientation Meeting 1 February 2009, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

A pre-seminar orientation was held Sunday afternoon, February 1, 2009 from, 1:30- 3 p.m. at the Gesme home, 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE , Cedar Rapids. This orientation meeting was not required, but offered an opportunity to iron out details and prepare you to get the maximum benefit from the March Seminar. There was no charge for this orientation session.

Please contact me as soon as possible to let me know if you are interested in one or both of these events. (319-362-6910, or augdhq@mchsi.com).

For more information about Blaine Hedberg and the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library visit the NAGC&NL web site and all its links at: <http://www.nagcni.org/>.

Bok Forening

The Book Club will meet at the Gesme home (2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE – Cedar Rapids) on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 1 p.m.. Barbara Erickson will lead the discussion on Johan Bojer's book, *The Emigrants*, and Cindy Monroe will provide refreshments. The book for March is *The Body in the Fjord*. We will read *The Cotter's Son* in April.

In Remembrance

In remembrance of Doris Werth, our lodge is making a \$25 donation to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center. Doris passed away in November 2008.

Munch Art Exhibit

Are you looking for a short vacation? Visit *Becoming Edvard Munch: Influence, Anxiety, and Myth* at the Art Institute of Chicago to uncover the legends behind Edvard Munch's paintings, prints and drawings. February 14-April 26 in Chicago. Munch was a Norwegian Symbolist painter and printmaker. His expressionistic art is internationally known and celebrated. Some of his most well-know works are *The Scream*, *The Dance of Life*, and *Madonna*.

Another Restauration!

Our lodge is named after the smallest ship to carry Norwegian immigrants to the United States. The Restauration left Norway on July 4, 1825, with about 50 immigrants on a sixteen-week journey to a new land. To honor and celebrate that first crossing, a replica will make a maiden voyage in summer of 2009 and will give tours along the coast of Norway. For more information go to www.restauration.no.



Norway's Electric Car, THINK, Coming to U.S.

Norway's small electric car should arrive in the U.S. in 2009. It is touted as one of the best in the world. It travels up to 112 before requiring recharging and gets up to 62 miles per hour.

Wish to Order Nametag?

Orders for nametags will be take at meetings. If unable to attend, please call Dean Gesme to get information.



2009 Lodge Goals

Plan one cultural class for interested members - Schedule Norwegian heritage programs at all social meetings - Hold language class for at least ten members - Update website monthly - Promote and enroll five members in the sports and recreation program - Work with local schools - Sing and become familiar with Norwegian songs at social meetings - Invite our Sons of Norway financial benefits counselor to speak at each meeting - Plan a special membership event to increase membership - Increase membership by ten.

Save July 10, 2009 to
represent S.O.N. at
Linn County Fair



Happy Birthday

January

- 1 Gary Lehtola (Alburnett)
- 1 Beverly Reinertson (Marion)
- 3 Jean Murray (Cedar Rapids)

- 4 David Solberg (Palo)
- 7 Shirley Spading (Atkins)
- 10 William S. Jacobson (Cedar Rapids)
- 17 David Aanonson (Coralville)
- 17 William Cary (Cedar Rapids)
- 17 Lois McCormick (Marion)
- 18 Larry Knutson (Cedar Rapids)
- 21 Janice Miller (Solon)
- 21 Susan Speicher (Cedar Rapids)
- 24 Gloria Larson (Marion)
- 24 David Christ (Iowa City)
- 24 Dianne Garber (Cedar Rapids)
- 24 Nancy Hansen (Cedar Rapids)
- 25 Frank Klemetson (Cedar Rapids)
- 28 Alan Stang (Iowa City)

February

- 1 Clarissa McCormick (Marion)
- 2 Terry Brende (Marion)
- 2 Lorie Meyer (Cedar Rapids)
- 3 Kathryn Rattenborg (Decorah)
- 4 Ann Larson (Marion)
- 4 Dean Slyter (Cedar Rapids)
- 5 Sarah Gunderson (Iowa City)
- 13 Thelma Hottel (Williamsburg)
- 15 Arvilla Livingston (Mesa, AZ)
- 17 Nichole Harrison (Cedar Rapids)
- 22 Ronald Larson (Marion)
- 23 Merrill Ludvigson (Cedar Rapids)
- 24 Janet Gilchrist (Meredith, NH)

If you prefer to not have your name and birthday listed, or there is an error in the date, please let Cindy Charlson Monroe know (319-363-7420)

Clip Used Stamps on Envelopes

Since its inception in 1928, the Norway-based organization Tubfrim, has been raising money to help children. Originally started to aid children afflicted by tuberculosis, the organization now works to improve the quality of life for children with handicaps as well. Sons of Norway members have been an integral part of

Tubfrim's success since 1986. Lodges and individuals participate by clipping used stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, which sells them to dealers and collectors. For every pound we collect, our lodge is entered into a drawing to win one of two plane tickets to Norway! Bring your stamps to the meetings.

Mange Tusen Takk!

Several Board members have taken a vacation from positions of leadership and we thank them for their dedication and service to S.O.N. Our organization runs well because volunteers have always stepped forward to take their turn. Thank you to members and their former offices:

Lois McCormick (President), Cheryl Zapf (Secretary), Ardy Erickson and Ann Larson (Social Directors), Lloyd Holecek and David Johansen (Marshalls) and Bill and Mary Durspek (Newsletter Editors). You have all earned some time off.

2009 Kalendar

February 6	Flag Day – Sami People's day
February 10	Social Meeting – <i>Trip to Norway</i>
February 18	Book Club
February 24	Board Meeting
February 25	Genealogy Sem. Regist. Due
February 27	Newsletter Deadline
March 7	Genealogy Seminar
March 10	Social Meeting – <i>Norw. Grandchildren</i>
March 18	Book Club
March 24	Board Meeting
March 27	Newsletter Deadline

Address, Name, E-mail, Telephone Change

Please let our membership secretaries know ASAP – Alan and Barbara Erickson at 377-1707. Thank you.

Don't Be Shy – Be Involved

Please share your ideas for S.O.N. with board members. We welcome suggestions and new ideas. Sign up to host (bring treats) at meetings. Better yet, find a partner or two to help you. Join our language class, book group or any of our many other opportunities. Challenge your brain and keep it working. Host our table at the Linn County Fair this summer. Send your children or grandchildren to language camp. Read *Viking* from cover to cover.

Cardamon Coffee Cake

(Served at Board meeting)

Crush 10 vanilla wafers and sprinkle in bottom of buttered bundt pan. Combine 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour and 1 tsp. baking soda and set aside. Beat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup softened butter and 1 cup sugar for 3 minutes. Add 3 eggs (one at a time) and continue to beat. Add 2 tsp. ground cardamom and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon and beat. Add flour mixture and beat. Add $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sour cream and beat. Pour into bundt pan and bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes and turn out cake. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Chip Carving Class February 16

If you can pass this quiz you are ready for the Chip Carving class our lodge is starting on February 16 – time and location to be organized at the end of our next meeting.

True or False: Chip carving is a same as carving a totem pole in Alaska.

True or False: Chip carving is the ice sculpture caterers provide at fancy parties.

True or False: Chip carving is the decorative art of incising geometric pattern into wood. Typical everyday household items such as wooden utensils, bowls and plates are adorned with chip carving. The best way to learn any craft is from the craftsman.

True or False: We have craftsman, Joe Reed, willing to share his chip carving expertise with us on February 16.

Answers: F, F, T, T

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Advance registration and payment is required before February 25, 2009.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

What I want to learn about Norwegian genealogy and/or my ancestors and country of origin:

Indicate places of family origin in Norway – years of emigration – place of settlement in USA

*Complete form and return with your registration fee to: Ann Gesme 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE,
Make check payable to: **Restauration Lodge 548.***

Reservations and payment due before February 25, 2009

Elected Officers:

President – Cindy Monroe 363-7420
Vice President-Dean Gesme 362-6910
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David Tesdahl 319-286-9447

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