

Oct 2020

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RESTAURATION
LODGE 1-548

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Due to the pandemic, November's in-person meeting is cancelled.

**October 13, 2020 at 7:00, we will meet on Zoom!
Our program is about Ruth Maier, the Anne Frank of Norway.
See page 4.**

**Information for signing
into zoom:**

Tuesday, October 13,
6:45-7:00 PM

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



OR Go to zoom.us and click
on JOIN A MEETING,
then enter Meeting ID

777 3044 4484

Password: SofnCR

Or by phone
312 626 6799.



Enter same ID and Passcode 568029

Fra Presidenten:

October is finally here with its fall colors and cooler temperatures. It is also the time when Sons of Norway Foundation is highlighted for their scholarships and grants that are distributed to members from the funds that are raised this month.

★We are so proud of our member Grace Williamson (Harold's granddaughter) for the renewal of her college scholarship from the Foundation. (Mentioned in Viking magazine)

★October is the month of announcing board members for our elected officer positions. SON headquarters passed amendments that enables lodges to retain current officers in their positions, or ways to hold elections during the pandemic. The officers would love to have new members join the board. If you are interested please contact me this month, and what position you are interested in. (cont P. 7)

OUR ACTIVITIES

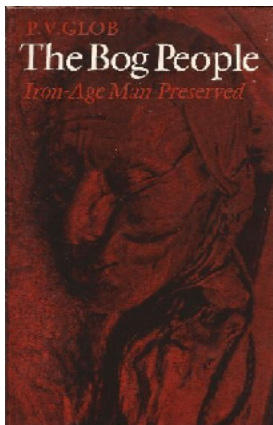
Happy October Birthdays 🧛 🍁 🎃 🤖

Name	Birth Day
James Edward Almelien	1
David L Johansen	3
Gary D Speicher	13
Marsha A Bergan	14
Tom C Olson	14
Paula J Schulte	15
Sydney M Stapley	16
Marilyn E Olson	23
Verl L Lekwa	24
Astrid Anderton	27
Richard G Stueland	30



Add this book to your book bag!

The Bog People: Iron-Age Man
Preserved by Peter V. Glob



Book Club Read

November 18, 2020

Discussion led by
Thea O'Grady



The Blue Fox

BOOK CLUB
October 21, 2020

1:00

Discussion led by
Cindy Monroe

Join Book Club Zoom
Meeting Here!

Skandinavian Knitters

We have been meeting
in outdoor venues
using social distancing

We meet every
Monday 9:30-12. Call
Thea O'Grady at
319-536-4979 with
questions.



SON Foundation will provide funds for Disaster Relief!

If you are having difficulties navigating this process,
you are welcome to
contact Alan Erickson for help.

Anne Olson, Sons of Norway Foundation Director, asked us to distribute information to Restauration Lodge members about disaster relief in light of the recent derecho disaster. She tells us she is happy to discuss with members specific needs or learn more about disaster relief for members.

"The Sons of Norway Foundation offers assistance to members who have property damage due to natural disasters that is not covered by insurance. We offer grants of up to \$5,000. More information including the guidelines and applications can be found here: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/> and scroll down to 'Helping Hands to Members – Disaster Relief Grants'." Anne Olson, Foundation Director aolson@sofn.com
direct 612-821-4632 or toll free 800-827-0658 Ext. 4632



Boy, Those Boys Look Nice

AROUND 1915, Hans and Sena Lekwa of Dows posed with their nine sons for this family portrait (above).

As a grandson of Hans and Sena, I always wondered how these poor Norwegian immigrants could afford to have all their boys dressed up in such nice suits for the photo.

With a little research, I found my answer. The photography studio was located above the town's clothier. The boys dressed in suits from the clothing store, went upstairs to have their photo taken, then returned the suits before heading out into the world again.

—Verl Lekwa, Columbus Junction

This is from a recent issue of OUR IOWA magazine.

Tusen takk, Verl Lekwa for passing this along.

Ruth Maier

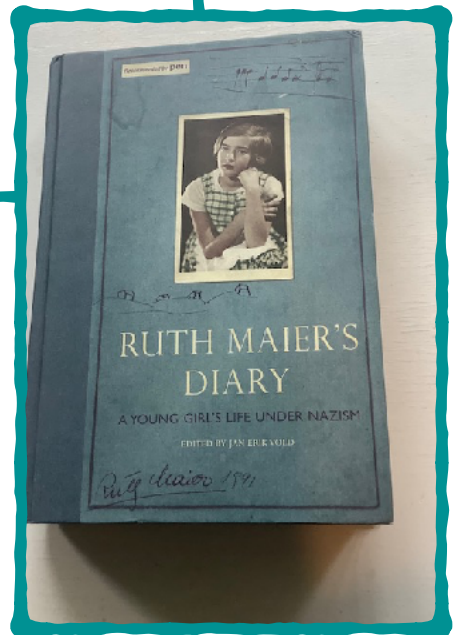


The Anne Frank of Norway

Born November 10, 1920

Our speaker is *Kate Martinson, Professor Emerita of Art at Luther College...*

...[She] recently transitioned off the Vesterheim Board of Trustees. During her time on the board (2011-2019), she served as Secretary and Board Chair. She is a Professor Emeritus of Art and Education at Luther College. Kate has been an active volunteer and advocate at Vesterheim since 1976. During that time she has taught Folk Art classes, been a demonstrator and presenter



Lois Shindoll sends a reminder....

2021 Calendars are now available 377-2890

If your order is several Calendars we can make a plan for pick up or delivery. If you want 1 or 2, they can be sent. COST of the Calendar is \$10.00. There will be a sending charge. Postage plus 15 cents for the envelope.

We are immensely proud of this intelligent, poised, smart, talented, gracious, Norwegian-speaking, gorgeous woman. She is our Grace Williamson and she was recently awarded the Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship. You can read about this in the October 2020, Viking Magazine, page 26.

Gratulerer, Grace!



Elected Officers:

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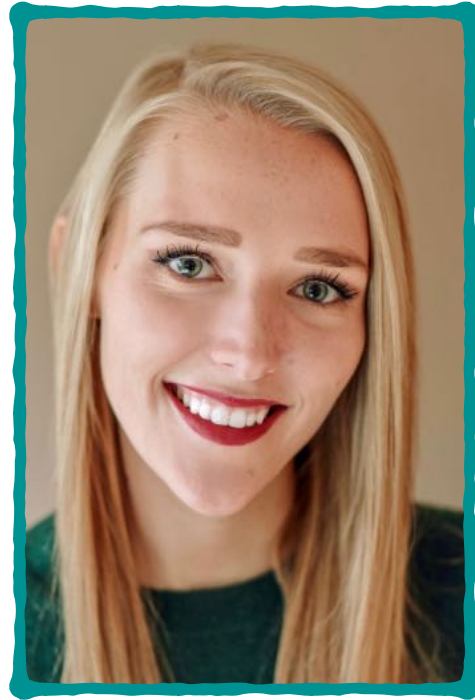
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Evelyn "Eddy" Galstad (SON member J) is doing a vocal recital at Luther College on **Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 pm.**

She will have a Norwegian set on the program, and although live attendance is restricted, the recital will be livestreamed. (<https://portal.stretchinternet.com/luthermusic/>)

Evelyn recently graduated from Luther with majors in Vocal Music Performance and Nordic Studies. Evelyn has been accepted into the graduate program in Vocal Performance at Indiana University, and plans to begin the program in the fall of 2021. This year, she is working at

Vesterheim ~ you may have seen this recent video on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vesterheimmuseum/videos/3575469025819029>



What's going on under there?

For those sewers, needleworkers, textile enthusiasts, and Bunad fanatics amongst us, you will find this article interesting.

Cognitive Shift or 18th Century Shifts

Takk for the submission, Kathleen Almelién!

Fra Presidenten cont.

Our Restauration board passed a motion to send \$400 to the Foundation from our checking account, without soliciting members this year. Many members already have extra costs and/or are contributing to needs after our devastating derecho.

Disaster Relief Grants are available from the Foundation for those impacted by this natural disaster. Apply here: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/>. Our board is interested in knowing how the application process is working. Please contact Alan for your experiences or for assistance.

Board members will be calling members just to check in and asking how you are because we haven't been physically together since March.

Be sure to see

members Ellen Susanne Holstein and Marilyn Olson featured in the Viking Magazine District 1 photo page. And you can see our lodge member, Evelyn Galstad senior vocal recital live-streamed October 24.

I'll "see you" at our lodge meeting on Zoom Tuesday, October 13 with guest speaker, Kate Martinson.