

All the News that's Fjord to Print  
by Thea O'Grady

Nov 2020  
Here's Our Website



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District 1 Norwegian  
Culture and Heritage



RESTAURATION  
LODGE 1-548

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

**November 10, 2020 at 7:00, we will meet on Zoom!**  
**Our program is 🔥 "A Fireside Book Chat" 🔥 with Marilyn Olson.**

**Information for signing  
into zoom:**

**CLICK HERE!**



Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and click on  
JOIN A MEETING, then  
enter Meeting ID  
777 3044 4484

Password: SofnCR

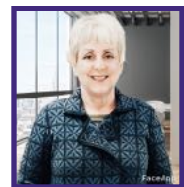
Or by phone  
312 626 6799.



Enter same ID and Passcode 568029

Fra Barbara Erickson, Presidenten

November we will be once again meet with lodge members on Zoom. This has been a useful tool to stay connected with our membership. We gather for monthly social meetings (which include presentations), lodge board meetings, Norwegian book club, and the Scandinavian knitters. I look forward to continue seeing you on Zoom. Please encourage fellow members to join us (even if using just a telephone) - contact Alan. Board positions up for election will be discussed at November's social meeting. There's still time for nominations. [See Last Page] A special Tusen Takk to Verl Lewka for being our appointed Sports/ Recreation/ Youth director for many years. We thank him for his dedication and service. We are looking for someone to fill his position. He says it is really quite easy. I'll "see you" at our lodge zoom meeting Tuesday, November 10 with speaker Marilyn Olson.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

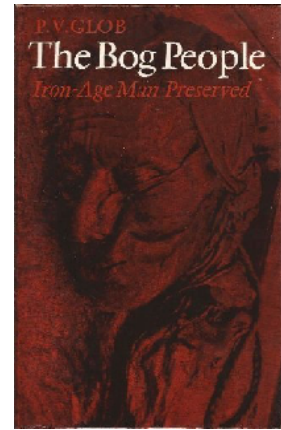
## Happy November Birthdays

| Name                | Birth Day |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Helen Anderson      | 4         |
| Leslie Ellis Stokke | 10        |
| Linda M Tellberg    | 11        |
| Bonnie L Campbell   | 16        |
| Cathy Wohlleben     | 17        |
| Patricia Bjorseth   | 18        |
| Thea O'Grady        | 22        |
| Milt L Knutson      | 23        |



**LET'S WELCOME  
A NEW MEMBER!!!**

**From Coralville, Jeffery Agrell**



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

**BOOK CLUB**  
**November 18, 2020**  
**1:00**  
Discussion led by  
Thea O'Grady  
**Join Book Club Zoom**

Skandanavian Knitters

We ZOOM every  
Monday 10-12. Call  
Thea O'Grady  
319-536-4979 with  
questions.



From Sat. 11.7.2020 through Mon. 11.30.2020, Restauration Lodge SON members may download (free) either or both of the following Ellen Susanne Designs knitting patterns by entering the correct coupon code for each design. "Thanksgiving Skol" coupon code **son-knit-11** here: <http://bitly.ws/auDm> and "Wintertime Skol" coupon code **son-knit-12** here: <http://bitly.ws/auE3>



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.

### SON Foundation will provide funds for Disaster Relief!

Sons of Norway Humanitarian Fund:

The Sons of Norway Foundation offers assistance to members who have property damage due to natural disasters (especially the derecho) that is not covered by insurance. Grants are available up to \$5,000. Information can be found here: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/> (scroll down to 'Helping Hands to Members - Disaster Relief Grants'). There is a new foundation director, Connie O'Brien [CObrien@sofn.com](mailto:CObrien@sofn.com) 612-827-3611. We would like to know how this process is working, so if you apply or contact SON please let Barbara know.

**We are saddened by the death of our friend, Dean Gesme.  
Dec. 31, 1928—Oct. 9, 2020**



From his obituary:

Celebrating the family's Norwegian Heritage was an important part of Dean's Life. He traveled to Norway many times. In 1975 he was one of the founding members of the Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge in Cedar Rapids. He served in leadership roles for Vesterheim - The National Norwegian American Museum and Heritage Center in Decorah, Iowa, and the Norwegian Genealogy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. He was president of Vosselag and was active with numerous other ethnic organizations that celebrate history, customs and traditions of Norway.

Read more [here](#).



**Elected Officers:**

👑 **President – Barbara Erickson** 319-377-1707  
**Vice President – Lois Shindoll** 319-377-2890  
**Secretary – Cindy Monroe** 319-363-7420  
**Treasurer – Arden Shindoll** 319-377-2890  
**Membership Secretary— Alan Erickson**  
319-377- 1707  
**Cultural Director – Marilyn Olson** 319-393-5531  
**Social Directors — Barb Taylor** 319-393-0844  
**Sue Speicher** 319-364-8607  
**SON Financial Benefits Counselor**  
**Scott Johannsen**  
**sjohannsen@riverlandinsurancegroup.com**  
563-343-5157



**Web master:**  
**Bob Thorkildson**  
319-721-9902

**Appointed Officers:**

**Auditors: Verl Lekwa** 319-728-2847  
**Ruth Christ** 319-351-771  
**Bob Thorkildson** 319-721-9902  
**Language Facilitator** Tom Næsse  
319-841-2311  
**Past President** Cindy Monroe  
319-363-7420  
**Librarian** Lois Shindoll 319-377-2890  
🎵 **Musician—Sharon Kay Stang**  
319-351-5133  
**Publicity Director }** Thea O’Grady  
**Newsletter Editor }** 319-536-4979  
**Scholarship** Cindy Monroe  
319-363-7420  
**Sports/Recreation/Youth**  
vacant  
☀️ **Sunshine- Cheryl Zapf**  
319-363-5326

Register for this  
Vesterheim  
ZOOM Webinar  
NOW!



### With Restauration Through Hell Gate to The Promised Land

November 8, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. (CT)

Location: Online on Zoom

You are invited to join Vesterheim and the Slooper Society of America for this free 75-minute webinar, open to the public!

Norwegian storyteller Anne Elisebeth Skogen will join us live from Ryfylkemuseet at Sand, Norway, to tell the fascinating story of the first Norwegian emigrants to America on the sloop Restauration.

There will be a host-led talkback following the performance. Guests will also hear from Slooper Society Vice President Kirk Mies, as well as Vesterheim President/CEO Chris Johnson about new and exciting updates taking place at Vesterheim.

Registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

#### About the Speaker:

Anne Elisebeth Skogen grew up in the little town of Egersund, Norway, south of Stavanger. For the last 37 years, she has lived in Sand, in the fjords northeast of Stavanger. She is a teacher with additional education in drama and storytelling, and has spent the last 20 years teaching drama and theatre at a culture school for youth. Now retired, Anne Elisebeth runs her own storytelling business, telling stories for schools, organizations, festivals, and companies. She practices her stories in her "outdoor office"– while hiking in the mountains and in the woods! She has visited the United States with a tour in 2012, and performances in 2010, 2011, and 2018, and participated twice in the Moth Story Slam in New York. She is married to a historian, and they share an interest in Norwegian emigration. They have four children and two grandchildren.

***We hope you will join us!***

**Advance Registration Required Here**

***Register soon!***

Questions? Contact [mthompson@vesterheim.org](mailto:mthompson@vesterheim.org)  
or call [563-382-9681](tel:563-382-9681)

Tusen takk to Kathleen and  
Jim Amelien for finding  
interesting classes and  
links.



**Vesterheim** | The National Norwegian-American  
Museum & Heritage Center



Lodge member, Mette Kelley has lovely knits and doll clothes in her ETSY shop. AND MASKS! All items are hand crafted by Mette.

Visit [METTESCREATIVECORNER](https://www.etsy.com/shop/METTECREATIVECORNER)



Cindy Monroe taking “mask and shield maiden” to a whole new level!

## *Last but not Least!*

### Restauration Lodge board elections:

We are soliciting Restauration lodge members for board positions which are expiring at this time. This year elections are for President Barbara Erickson, Treasurer Arden Shindoll, and co-Social-director Barb Taylor. We published in last month's newsletter a call for nominations, and brought it up in last month's zoom meeting. To date nobody has yet stepped forward. We will again entertain anybody who wishes to join our board. SON Headquarters has relaxed requirements for elections so in-person voting with paper ballots are not required. The incumbent officers have agreed to continue in their positions, and we will discuss this at the meeting held via zoom. Other board officers whose 2-year positions were not up for re-election this year, so will be voted on at the end of 2021 are Vice President Lois Shindoll, Secretary Cindy Monroe, Membership Secretary Alan Erickson, co-social-director Sue Speicher, and Cultural Director Marilyn Olson.

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### ^Short silent films from Norway

Fana : Skaut, hårpynt, brudepar (stumfilm) Flag: Scarf, hair ornaments,  
bridal couple  
Bandweaving

### ^VIKING TV

<https://viking.tv>

Check out "Exploring Vesterheim with Laurann Gilbertson" [HERE.](#)

