

September 2021

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



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NORWAY**

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District 1 Norwegian  
Culture and Heritage



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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

**THOMAS PARK IN MARION**

**10:00**

• SOCIAL DISTANCING •  
SOMETHING THIS  
NORWEGIAN HAS  
BEEN PRACTICING  
SINCE FOREVER

*September Birthdays*

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Cynthia Charlson Monroe</i> | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>Norman Vernon Roberg</i>    | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>Vincent Williams.</i>       | <i>6</i>  |
| <i>Jodi Enger Marquith</i>     | <i>8</i>  |
| <i>Enid U Benda</i>            | <i>9</i>  |
| <i>Alison Ames Galstad</i>     | <i>21</i> |
| <i>Dale A Fitzgibbons</i>      | <i>22</i> |
| <i>Gwen Kag Jones</i>          | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Ruth E Christ</i>           | <i>26</i> |

*Birthdays we might miss in October!*

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>James Edward Almelien</i> | <i>1</i>  |
| <i>Victoria Monroe</i>       | <i>8</i>  |
| <i>Gary D Speicher</i>       | <i>13</i> |
| <i>Marsha A Bergan</i>       | <i>14</i> |
| <i>Tom C Olson</i>           | <i>14</i> |
| <i>Sydney M Stapley</i>      | <i>16</i> |

Earn your walking medal this way



Sign  
Up  
Here!

# Track all your dog walks this fall



Log 50k by November 15 in the Fall Frenzy.

Exclusive tracking app, optional race shirt and camp mug, 2x matches to Feeding America.

Sign up at [NationwideRun.org](https://www.NationwideRun.org)

Challenge a friend to see  
who can go farther

Or just find out how all of  
your dog walks add up

However you move,  
you're welcome!

Skandanavian Knitters gather every Monday at 10.

Call Thea at 319-537-4979 with questions and for outdoor locations



What's on the needles?

Walking with Edvard

Yarn to knit THE SCREAM!





**Our book club meets  
every 3rd Wednesday  
via ZOOM from 1-3 PM.**

**This month we will meet Sept 15.**

**You are invited to participate even if  
you have not read the book!**

**Please join us**  [ZOOM LINK](#)

## The Book Page

### Books for Restauration Book Club for 2021-2022

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 [Free through eBook Downloader, Gutenberg \(for iPad\)](#)

Letters Written during a Short Residence in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark (1796)  
by Mary Wollstonecraft

October 20, 2021 Ann Gesme

Between Rocks and Hard Places

November 17, 2021 Ellen Holstein

So Much Longing in so Little Space by Karl Ove Knausgaard • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary)

December 15, 2021 Barbara Erickson

Norske Fields by Anne Schroeder

January 19, 2022 Marilyn Olson

The Iron Chariot by Stein Riverton • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary) through your library



## *From the files of James Almelien*

### A Daring Rescue

One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact." But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant.

Without even slowing down it drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before.

Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters.

The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 70-year-old fire chief, "Da first thing ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat freakin' truck!"

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