

Restauration Lodge Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023



Sons of Norway Lodge 1-548

November 14, 2023 at 7 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church

2210 Grand Ave, Marion, IA

THE NORWEGIAN MAYFLOWER:

The Voyage of the Restauration

- Contact us at
restaurationlodge@gmail.com



Dear Members:

I am so excited to have Dale Goodman, a former Vesterheim trustee, present the program "The Norwegian Mayflower: The Voyage of the Restauration." This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to learn about the Restauration, the ship that our lodge is named after.

Elections of board members is in December and YOU can join the lodge leadership. Please let a board member know of your interest.



November Birthdays

Helen Andersen

Leslie Stokke

Linda Tellburg

Bonnie Campbell

Patricia Bjorseth

Thea O'Grady

Milt Knutson

December Birthdays

Mavis Lovik

Leif Galstad

Britta Fitzgibbons

Martha Diane Ellingson

Jason Gambach

Tom Naesse

Arden Shindoll

Bob Thorkildson

Joan Bredeson

Eldon Wohlleben



The Sons of Norway Foundation has provided college and Norwegian Folk School scholarships to our lodge member's children and grandchildren over the years.

There will be a basket at Tuesday's meeting for donations to this worthwhile fund.

**Lois has 2024
Calendars and
Norwegian blank note
cards for
\$10.**

Contact her at
restorationlodge@gmail.com

District 1 Convention

August 19-21

Lake Elmo, MN

WANT TO BE A

DELEGATE?

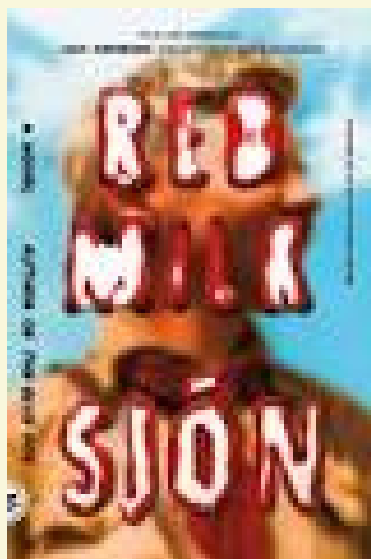
See Barbara or Marilyn

sKandanavian Knitters



We meet every Monday from 10 on
at Feedwell Bakery!

All levels of knitters are welcome!



**WINNER OF THE
SWEDISH ACADEMY'S
NORDIC PRIZE 2023'A**
book like a blade of
light, searching out and
illuminating the darkest
corners of history . . .

It's vivid,
unputdownable, alive,
and written with
unerring artfulness and
subtlety.' ... Google
Books

Ready to read for free
through Hoopla

BOOK CLUB Nov 22 at 1 PM

We meet every 3rd Wednesday at
1:00 at the home of Kari Harper.

BOOK CLUB IS ON ZOOM!

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86978550382?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86978550382?pwd=4m6KR1XGIDdv5hZbhlNrGaXxzZbgZR.1)
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Meeting ID: 869 7855 0382

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**Contact Kathleen Almelien to reserve
a loaf of bread for \$6. Email
restorationlodge@gmail.com**



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Mission Statement

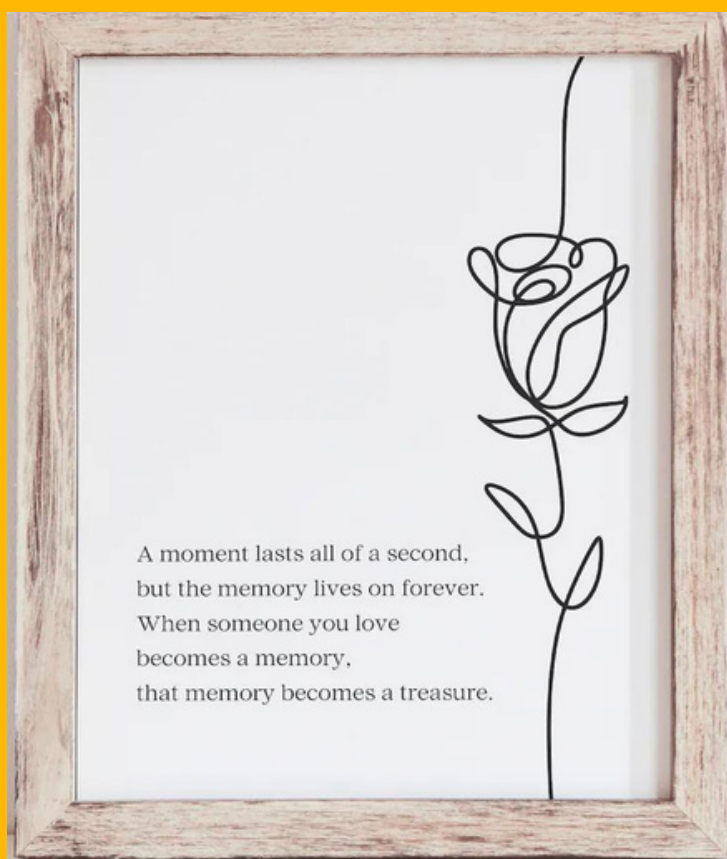
*The mission of
Sons of Norway
is to promote and to
preserve the heritage and
culture of Norway,
to celebrate our relationship
with other Nordic countries,
and to provide quality
insurance and financial products
to its members.*





We are saddened by the loss of our friend, Gary Speicher, Susan Speicher's husband.

You can read his obituary [here](#).





Interested in Bunads?

[CLICK HERE for the BUNAD INTERACTIVE MAP.](#)

Read Barbro Tronhuus Storlien's wise post in this year's costume debate. You can see the introduction here. (You can read the entire article on the magazine BUNAD's website. Please see the link below.):

«Living traditions require living hands».

It takes 180 hours to embroider the apron for a hardanger bunad. There are 800 knots on the shawl of a Nordland bunad, and a man's bunad can have over fifty button holes.

This year, much of the national costume debate in the media is about silk shirts in vivid colors, hairbands, and about what the national costume police say and think. Year after year we go in the same round dance, which is about what it costs to buy a bunad. A commercial performer offers to dance and determines the rhythm and number of repetitions. Can we also talk about how much it costs to make a bunad and who's actually paying? Because it's not like a bunad manufacturer gets fully paid for each of the 180 hours, or that it pays to tie shawl knots. A buttonhole can take 15 minutes to sew, after observation. Multiply it by 50 and think about what you should actually pay. The discussion about price is about a lack of understanding of a craftsman's daily life and working hours. Choosing to work with textiles and cultural history does not mean that you have the financial muscles to work for free.

The entire article is open to everyone on Magasinet BUNAD's website: https://bunad-magasinet.no/utgaver/2023/levende-tradisjoner-krever-levende-hender?fbclid=IwAR2bxjM4XKhVUYH-14ZFo1x3VM_YGZ42b-mjIGiydTikXIrS4SBfrenP3aY

Thank you Kathleen Almelien



**Manga Takk to Kari Harper
and Lisa Kenyon for refreshments.**



Join us on ZOOM

ZOOM.US JOIN A MEETING MEETING ID 777 30440
4484 Password: SofnCR

Find us on FACEBOOK

on our

[new secure group page.](#)



Oct. 10, 2023

President Barbara Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

3 guests

Treasurer's report

cash— \$7,939.46

CD— \$2670.63

The yearly Insurance was paid— \$271.00.

Membership. 101 members. Thirty-four people present tonight.

Lois— Calendars for sale, \$10.00 a piece.

' Notecards will be available at the November meeting. \$8.00 for 10 cards

See Lois for new name tag. Cost is \$10.00.

Dale Goodman will present "The Norwegian Mayflower" at the November meeting.

Les Stokke will present at the December meeting. He will show us pictures of places in Norway.

Treats tonight—Verl and Cindy

next month—Lisa and Kari

Book Club—Lois is presenting the book A Coat Dyed Black this month, October 18. Kari will have the book club at her home from now on. November's book is Red Milk.

Cheryl—Sent get well cards to Gary Speicher and Lois Shindoll.

Barbara and Alan Erickson went to Decorah to see the new Commons at Vesterheim. Kathleen wove while the Norwegian ambassador walked through the new building. Annekari, the granddaughter of the founder of Sylvsmidja, gave a special large solje to hang in the Commons area. Sylvsmidja is the silver company that makes soljies for bunads. Ann and Dean Gesme commissioned and donated a door frame in the Urness style of carving that leads into the gift shop.

Kathleen—One of her beaded pieces was on display during the opening

Rye Bread will be on sale at the Pea Soup dinner in December. Contact Kathleen, price is \$6.00 a loaf.

Pictures of Sami people on display at Vesterheim now..

Program—Stephanie Wagor, (A Rock Star) The Kensington (Minnesota) Rune Stone