

November 2025

Kathleen Almelen



Our next meeting is November 11, 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. See you there! Remember our Pea Soup Dinner is December 9 at 6:00! Nå er det middag!

Kathleen Almelién
October 6, she met the
Crowned Prince of
Norway and
demonstrated her
beautiful weaving!



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Kathleen and Cindy Monroe met with
Vesterheim staff to welcome
the Restauration ship in Washington, D.C. on
its Around the World Embassy Tour



Aha! that's where Cindy got the idea
for a Halloween costume!

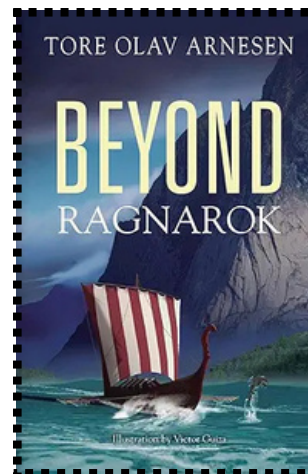
The Book Club
meets next on
November 19, 2025 at 1 PM

Our host is Kari Harper. Email here
for the [meeting place](#)
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Misterioso in November



Beyond Ragnarok on December 17, 2025



Our book club traveled to Vesterheim
to meet one of our favorite authors,
Lars Mytting.

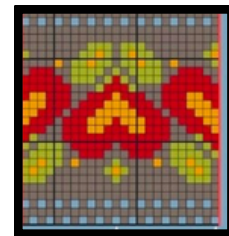


From L to R
Thea O'Grady, Ellen Holstein, Lars,
Cindy Monroe, and Barbara Erickson.

Lars Mytting's engrossing epic novel *The Bell in the Lake*—a #1 bestseller in Norway—is the story of a young woman whose fate plays out against her village's mystical church bells.--[Amazon](#)
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Order your Rye Bread from
Kathleen Almelien at the next meeting
\$5.00/ loaf

sKandanavian Knitters Mondays at Feedwell 10-12



Other Needle News

Sheri Ekstrom tells us there will be no Hardanger class
in November or December.



November and December Birthdays

November

Helen Andersen.
Leslie Stokke.
Linda Tellberg.
Thea O'Grady.
Milt Knutson.

December

Mavis Lovik
Leif Galstad
Britta Fitzgibbons
Martha Ellingson
Elcye Santerre
Jason Gambach
Thorlief "Tom" Næsse
Arden Shindoll
Robert Thorkildson
Joan Bredeson
Elyse Hexum

Restauration Lodge Minutes
July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Barbara Erickson.

There are 23 members present.

Treasurer's Report—Arden Shindoll—Cindy Monroe applied for a \$1,000 grant from SofN. With the money we were able to buy a large screen TV from Best Buy.

\$4779.49 in checking account.

\$2,876.20 in CD

\$50.00 memorial for Dave Tesdahl given to Vesterheim.

The next newsletter will come out the end of August, 2025.

Membership—Alan Erickson
85 official members.

Book club—Marilyn Olson
River Kings by Cat Jarman—Wednesday, July 16, 2025.
The Cedar Rapids library has book and audible copy available.

Hardangar classes will be starting again in September, 2025. Sherri will be teaching a class on a candle wrap project. Class will begin at 6:00pm and she will provide the materials.

Happiness Cards from Cheryl Zapf
She sent cards to Dave Tesdahl's family.

News

Slooper weekend in Norway, Illinois, on October 3-5, 2025
There will be activities and a dinner.

Nordic Fest will take place on July 25, 2025, in Decorah.

We are watching the new tv for the first time tonight.

Program—Cindy's trip to Sweden and Restauration Ship.

Restauration Lodge Meeting
October 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice-President Lois Shindoll.
Lois announced that 2026 calendars will be for sale next month for \$10.00 a calendar.

There are 29 members present.

Treasurer's Report—Arden Shindoll
\$5597.37 Checking account
\$42879.80 CD

Membership Report—Alan Erickson
Alan is not here but he reported to Lois there are 83 members.

Hospitality—Barb Taylor and Sue Speicher
Kari Harper provided treats for tonight's meeting.
Marilyn Olson and Cheryl Zapf will provide treats next month.
December will be the Pea Soup dinner.

Cultural—Cindy Monroe
Cindy attended a meeting in Wilmer, Minnesota. This will be the location for the next District 1 convention. Next month Cindy Monroe and Kathleen Almelien will talk about seeing the Restauration Ship in New York.
Seed savers presentation in February 2026.
In January a catered meal will be served to the members.

Book club—Marilyn Olson
Marilyn Olson will lead the discussion about the book, Misterioso, by Arne Dahl in November 2025
Ellen Holstein will lead the discussion about the book, Beyond Ragnorok, by Tore Olav Arneson in December, 2025.



Happiness committee—Chery Zapf
Harald Williamson died in August, 2025.
John Hansen's father-in-law died.
Dale Fitzgibbons had cataract surgery.
Judy Fitzgibbons' brother died in September, 2025
Britta Fitzgibbons is a published author—Tricky Pickle Carrot Cake

Next meeting—November. 11, 2025.

Kathleen Almelien needs to know who wants to purchase rye bread next month. The price is \$5.00 a loaf.

Tonight's Program—John Hansen is giving the program on the Norwegian government.
"Until Dovre Crumbles"