

**Kristiania Lodge #47
Sons of Norway
Rochester, Minnesota**

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SEPTEMBER, 2011

September and October Events

(All events are at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road N.E.,
unless listed otherwise)

September 1	Culture classes sign-up deadline (see Culture Corner, p. 2)	
September 8	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
September 8	Lodge Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Marilyn Somdahl, Fellsraad Pres.: "What is a Lag?"	
September 12	Norwegian Language classes begin this week (See Culture Corner for details)	
September 17	Nordic Brunch (See Social Director's article for details)	
September 19-23	Rosemaling classes (See Culture Corner for details)	
September 24	Potluck	12:00 noon
	Kris Meyer: Storytelling	
October 13	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 13	Lodge Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Daniel Karvonen: "Genetic Genealogy - How & Why to Get Your DNA Tested"	
October 22	Potluck	6:00 p.m.
	Byron Stadsvold: "Stav Kirkes in Norway"	
October 31	Yule Birds due (See below)	

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From our President, *Byron Stadsvold*)

On August 11 we had a good turnout for our annual picnic. The weather was perfect and no Norwegians got left at the zoo! The picnic is always a good start to the upcoming events at our Lodge. Many interesting programs are planned. It is a time to set aside the upcoming program dates and remember to invite people you know to share the experience with us. Maybe some to them could become new members.

New programs for next year will be put together soon, so if you have any suggestions please inform **Barbara Chase**, our Social Director, or any of our hard working board members.

Besides our exceptional friendship, the programs are a great part of our get-togethers.

YULE BIRDS REMINDER

October 31 is the deadline for YuleBirds for the Festival of Trees. We have some wonderful felt wild and crazy birds, some beautiful rosemaled birds, and carved and painted birds already in hand, but we still need more, since it takes at least 250 items to decorate our 8 foot tree. If you would like to help, please contact **Darlene Stadsvold** at 288-1409 or bdstadsvold@msn.com.

Completed birds can be brought to any of our meetings. *Takk!*

CULTURE CORNER (By Culture Director *Leslie Demmer*)

Hei Hei alle sammen (hello, hello everyone)!

September 1st is the first day of meteorological Fall, **AND it is the deadline for signing up for our Fall classes at Sons of Norway.** We are planning on starting three classes. The first and second are Beginning and a Second Year Norwegian Language classes, while the third is a Rosemaling class.

The Beginning Norwegian class is a wonderful opportunity to learn Norwegian from a native speaker, Hanne Lucier, in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. An added benefit is that it can enrich your heritage and help you learn about Norwegian culture. You will have a state of the art textbook and workbook written by two St. Olaf College professors. The audio portions will be available to you in a set of five CDs, which will be available at cost (CDs). Classes will begin the week of September 12th and will meet weekly for ten week quarters. Tuition cost is \$95.00 per quarter, and the books and CD's will run about \$100 for the year. So far we have 3 students, but we need a few more to join the fun. Please contact Leslie by September 1st if you are interested so he can save you a place in class and order your books.

The Second Year Norwegian Language class is open to all students who participated last year. You will be continuing to learn from the first *Sett i Gang* textbook and workbook. Let Leslie know if you're interested in resuming class **by September 1st**, if you haven't done so already.

The Beginning Rosemaling class is an opportunity to learn and to appreciate the Norwegian art of Rosemaling. Our instructor is one of the very best, a Vesterheim gold medalist, Ken Magnuson. The class will last for five days and will give you a comprehensive overview as well as detailed instructions and individual help. This class will meet Monday thru Friday, September 19-23. The tuition will be \$900.00, **divided by the number of students.** An additional cost will be for supplies, such as paints and brushes. A supply list will be provided for you. Please note that we will need at least six confirmed students to begin this class. **Please contact *Leslie Demmer* by September 1st** to confirm your interest. He will then provide you with a supply list.

An important note is that our Lodge is very supportive of these classes. As a member of our Lodge, you are eligible to be reimbursed for 25% of your tuition costs for each Cultural Skills course (such as these), that you complete to a maximum of \$100.00 per academic year (September-August). *Tusen Takk* Kristiania 47!

Leslie Demmer's contact information is: Phone: (507)289-2319 (home); or (507)990-3901 (cell). Email is demmerlg@hotmail.com (home), or demmer.leslie@mavo.edu (work).

Mange takk og ha det bra (thanks a lot and best wishes).

**TUSEN TAKK (From *Kathy Rosedahl*,
Hospitality Director)**

Thank you to our September 8th servers.
They are: *Ed and Arona Schuck, JoAnne
Larson, and Alex and Mary Kilen*

**FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR
(By *Barbara Mae Chase*)**

Hei Hei Members, I hope you had a fun summer. Thank you to all who attended the picnic at Oxbow Park on August 11. The weather was pleasant and the food was excellent. After the picnic, some people toured the zoo and some stayed in the picnic area and talked.

In addition to participating in our September events (see calendar), you, your family and friends might want to consider attending the 38th annual Nordic Brunch, arranged for by the Twin Cities Friends of Vesterheim. It will be held on September 17 from 9:30am - 2:30 pm at the Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Boulevard, Edina, MN. Cost is \$60 for adults (\$25 tax-deductible); children 12 and under are \$30.00. Contact the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum at infovesterheim.org or 563-382-9681 for program and reservation info.

(Note: This is a fun & educational event. Barbara has attended it the past 2 years and plans to go again this year. For more info., contact her at 282-1477.)

**LIBRARY NEWS
(By *Sharon Barsness*)**

Reckless Courage, by William Fuller, with Jack Haines, is a true story of a Norwegian boy under Nazi rule. It is full of anecdotes and inspirational stories, and recognizes Norway's importance in World War II.

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:
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NEW VIKING E-POST

A new benefit for Sons of Norway members from our headquarters is Viking E-post. It is a monthly electronic newsletter that is designed to entertain, inform and engage members with news stories and articles happening throughout the organization. To enroll, simply share your current email address with headquarters by calling 800-945-8851, or by logging onto the "Members Only" section at www.sonsofnorway.com, and selecting "membership" from the menu on the right side of the page.

SONS OF NORWAY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (From Sons of Norway Viking E-post)

Sons of Norway is proud to announce that pre-orders for the 2011 commemorative Christmas ornament will be accepted beginning September 1st. This year's ornament is painted by well known rosemalar Shirley Evanstad, and depicts the Valdres rose on a field of red, with a unique gold frame. It is sure to be a great addition to your ornament collection. The cost is \$14.99 + shipping and handling. To order, call 1-800-945-8851.

**A LITTLE NORWEGIAN HUMOR
For a new school year!**

Little Ole was sitting at the kitchen table doing his homework. He had a puzzled look on his face as he considered the assignment that was due – writing an essay about his origin. He asked his mother. "Vere did Grandma come from?" "Da stork brought her," answered mama Lena. "And vere did you come from?" "Da stork brought me," said his mother. "And vere did I come from?" Little Ole inquired. "Vell, son, da stork brought yew, too," mama Lena replied. With a scowl on his face, Little Ole picked up his pencil, turned to his tablet, and began writing: "Dere have been no natural births in our family for tree yenerations."

