Tre Lag Stevne

Norwegian Immigrants on the Prairie



A gathering of descendants and friends of the Trøndelag, Gudbrandsdal, and Northern Hedmark regions of Norway

> Sioux Falls, South Dakota 6 -9 August 2003



Velkommen



Norwegians in Gudbrandsdal, Nord Hedmark and Trøndelag have bonded together as countrymen through war and peace, hardship and prosperity. Now we meet to bond as descendants and friends of these strong Norwegian ancestors. **Welcome to the Tre Lag Stevne!** Our wish is for you to make new friends, to learn new and exciting information about your Norwegian roots, and to have memorable experiences this week.

Med vennlig hilsen

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Linda Schwartz President, Trønderlag of America

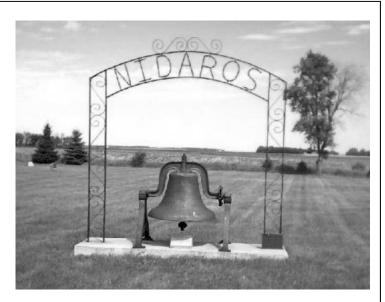
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Lyle Elverud President, Gudbransdal Lag National

Gary Olson President, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

Heritage Churches Tour

Three of the early Norwegian churches near Sioux Falls are included in this afternoon Heritage tour which concludes with an early evening picnic. The tour will visit the Renner Lutheran Church (the original Nidaros Church - the oldest congregation on the prairie), East Nidaros and West Nidaros Churches. Of special interest at the West Nidaros Church is the "Little Nidaros Church" replica which was designed and built by Art Moe of Baltic, SD. Started in 1976, it took him about 15 years to complete. It stands 12 feet x 18 feet, with a 3 foot x 4 foot vestibule and a 4 foot x 5 foot sacristy. Art will be on hand to tell us about the "church within a church." Transportation will be provided by air-conditioned motor coach.



AGENDA

Wednesday, 6 August 2003

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Dakotas' Hallway
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab / (All 3 Lags)	Dakota ACD
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Genealogy Resources in Sioux Falls – Panel Discussion Center for Western Studies & Mikkelsen Library: Jim Olson; Minnehaha County, SD Records: Julie Risty; Sioux Valley Genealogy Society Library: Phyllis Knutson; Sioux Falls Public Library: Tina Irvine Brief Overview of Stevne Genealogy Resources : Lag Genealogists	Dakota ACD

Thursday, 7 August 2003

TIME	TIME EVENT		LOCATION
8:00 AM - 5:0	00 PM	Registration	Dakotas' Hallway
9:00 AM - 4:0	00 PM	Hospitality Room	Room 1002
9:00 AM - 5:0	00 PM	Vendor Displays Open / (See List)	Dakota B
8:00 AM - 4:3	80 PM	Genealogy Lab / (All 3 Lags)	Dakota ACD
8:30 AM - 9:30	0 AM	Beginning Genealogy Research in Five Steps / Roland Krogstad	Nebraska Room
10:00 AM - 11:00	0 AM	Using the Internet to Find Your Norwegian Ancestors / Dixie Hansen	Nebraska Room
1:30 PM - 2:30	30 PM	Understanding the Organization of Church Books / John Reindl	Nebraska Room
3:00 PM - 4:0	00 PM	Norwegian and Norwegian-American Research with Norwegian Resources / Roland Krogstad	Nebraska Room
5:00 PM - 8:0	00 PM	Heritage Tour and Picnic / Bus Trip: Renner Lutheran Church (original Nidaros Church); East Nidaros Church, West Nidaros Church. Box Lunch Supper. Lecture: Church within a Church / Art Moe	Meet at the Front Door of the Oaks
8:30 PM - 11:0	00 PM	Genealogy Lab / All 3 Lags	Dakota ACD
9:15 PM 10:4	5 PM	Falls Sound and Light Show / Bus transportation optional.	Big Sioux River

Falls Sound and Light Show

On Thursday evening participants may choose to attend the *Falls Sound and Light Show* on the Big Sioux River (bus transportation optional: \$1). The Sioux Falls Sound and Light Show uses lasers, unique lighting, sound and special effects for a dramatic multi-media display to showcase the rich cultural heritage of Sioux Falls. The show starts at 9:45 PM and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Admission is free.



Lag Boards

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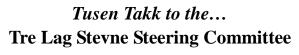
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Johanna Hocker	Betty Stand	
Ruth Leppke		

And to the many others who volunteered their time and talents both before and during the Stevne!



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Arthur Huseboe Director of the Center for Western Studies

Stevne Vendors



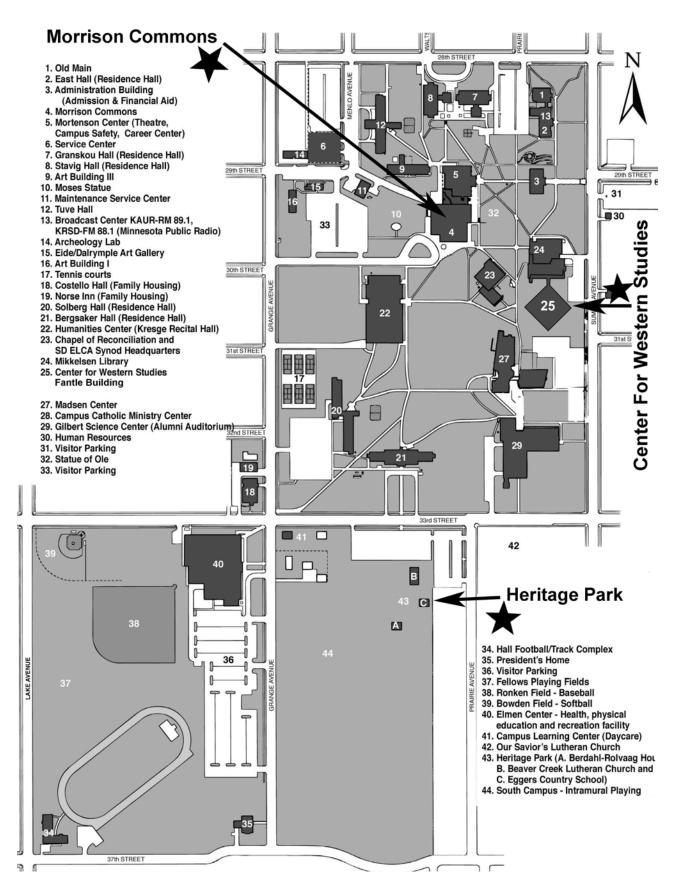
Corky's Hardanger - Corky Gustafson; Hanley Falls, MN Imports - Karen Maloney & Ruth Schwardt; Madelia, MN Ma's Cupboard Hardanger, Rosemaling - Karl Larson RMC International, Inc. - Paal Romdahl, Chanhassen, MN Rosemaled Clothing & Jewelry - Eileen Wurden; Fisher, MN Rosemaling - Judy Davis, Wanamingo; MN Rosemaling & Woodwork - Bob & Betty Johnson; Sioux Falls, SD Spinning and Hardanger - Torlieve and Doris Kampen; Canton, SD Thorleif Woodworks - Thorleif Sorlein; Vinberg, SD Troll House Needlework & Gifts - Gloria Hagen; Wood Lake, MN

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Friday, 8 August 2003

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8:00 AM -	5:00 PM	Registration	Dakotas' Hallway
8:00 AM -	11:00 AM	Genealogy Lab Open / (All 3 lags)	Dakota ACD
9:00 AM -	4:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Room 1002
9:00 AM -	7:00 PM	Vendor Display Open / (See Vendor List)	Dakota B
9:00 AM -	10:00 AM	Concurrent Seminars	
		A. George Sinclair, the Scottish Invasion of Norway, and the Bible / Dr. Marv Lang George Sinclair	North Dakota Room
		B. Ancestral Farms: Preparation for the Visit to Norway / Elaine Helgeson Hasleton	Minnesota Room
		C. Craft Demonstration: Spinning & Hardanger / Torliev & Doris Kampen	Iowa Room
10:00 AM -	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Dakota Hallway
10:30 AM -	11:30 AM	Concurrent Seminars	
		A. Learning to Use the Norwegian Language / John Reindl	ND Room
		B. Ancestral Farms: The Actual Visit to Norway / Elaine Helgeson Hasleton	Minnesota Room
		C. Craft Demonstration: Wood, Chip, and Figure Carving / Marge Grorud	Iowa Room
11:30 AM -	1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 PM -	1:30 PM	 Opening Ceremonies Emcee: Pastor James Olson. Presenting of the Flags and Banners; American and Norwegian National Anthems; Pledge to the Flag Special Greetings: Dave Munson, Sioux Falls Mayor; Howard W. Paulson, Norwegian Consulate; Gunhild Øyangen, a Member of Parliament of Norway Greetings from the Lag Presidents: Gudbrandsdal Lag: Lyle Elverud; Trønderlag: Linda Schwartz; Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag: Gary Olson 	Nebraska Room
1:30 PM -	2:25 PM	Keynote: Norwegian Immigrants on the Prairie, through the Eyes of Ole Rolvaag / Dr. Art Huseboe	Nebraska Room
2:25 PM -	2:50 PM	Coffee Break	Dakota Hallway
2:50 PM -	4:10 PM	"The Stavig Letters" The Story of a Norwegian Immigrant / The Readers Theater (<i>This program is made possible with a Speakers Bureau grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council</i>)	Nebraska Room
4:30 PM -	5:30 PM	Concurrent Seminars	
		 A. Leif Eriksson's Settlement in North America 500 Years B. Before Columbus / Dr. Odell Bjerkness B. George Sinclair, the Scottish Invasion of Norway, and the 	Nebraska Room Minnesota / Iowa
		Bible / Dr. Marv Lang	Rooms
6:00 PM -	7:00 PM	Hospitality Hour & Lag Photos	Dakota B
7:00 PM -	9:00 PM	Stevne Dinner / Emcee: John Reindl; Door Prizes, Singing; Entertainment: Nordic Nimble Feet Dancers	Dakota A&D Rooms

Augustana Campus Map



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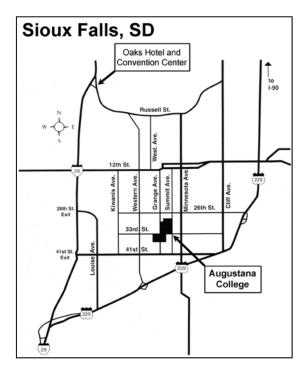
Saturday, 9 August 2003

All Events at Augustana Campus - Morrison Commons

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Business Meeting: Gudbrandsdal Lag	3 in 1 Room
	Walking Tour: NHOH Lag & Trønderlag	Campus
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Business Meeting: Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag	3 in 1 Room
	Walking Tour: Gudbrandsdal Lag & Trønderlag	Campus
11:00 AM - 12:25 PM	Business Meeting: Trønderlag	3 in 1 Room
	Walking Tour: NHOH Lag Gudbrandsdal Lag	Campus
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Stevne Banquet with traditional Norwegian food / Emcee: Linda Schwartz; Entertainment: One Man Band / Ed Carlson	Dining Room
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Memorial Service / Pastor Virgil Johnson and Pastor James Olson Songs: "Lead Me Lord" and "Blott end Dag" (Day by Day)	Dining Room
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies / Emcee: Gary Flatgard, Retirement of the Flags. Pianist Johanna Hocker	Dining Room



The Center For Western Studies



Augustana Walking Tours

On Saturday morning the Stevne moves to the campus of Augustana College. While the 3 lags hold their respective business meetings (staggered throughout the morning so that those who are members of 2 lags can attend both meetings) participants who are not in meetings may take a walking tour of *Heritage Park* (The Berdahl—Rolvaag House; The Beaver Creek Lutheran Church; the Eggers Schoolhouse, and The Rolvaag Writing Cabin.

Participants may also choose to visit the *Center for Western Studies* which is housed in the Fantle Building at Augustana. The center is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history and cultures of the northern plains and serves as a repository for more than 200 archival collections with a library of some 35,000 volumes. The center also holds an extensive art and artifact collection.

Augustana Heritage Park



