

# NHOH News

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## 2017 Tre-Lag Stevne

August 2-5, 2017

### Radisson Hotel

200 Harborview Pl

LaCrosse WI 54601

**“Where The Three  
Rivers Meet”**

#### To make reservations:

Call Radisson Hotel **608-784-6680**

Ask for the Tre Lag Stevne rate

or on-line, go to

[www.radisson.com/lacrossewi](http://www.radisson.com/lacrossewi)

Promo code is **TRELAG**

**You must reserve your room by  
July 5 to get the Tre-Lag rates.**

Rooms: 1 King bed - \$125

or 2 Queen beds - \$135

or, Poolside - 2 Double beds - \$115

**Reminder: Bring Norwegian treats for  
the hospitality room, and sign up to help.**

**Bus tour on Wed., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**We load at 12:45 and leave the  
hotel at 1pm – don't be late.**

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## Fra Presidenten,

Summer has finally arrived, and with it the lag stevne season. Many of our members belong to more than one lag, and have the opportunity to attend several stevner. Since our Tre-lag Stevne is one of the best, when you have to decide which one to attend, be sure to put it at the top of your list. We are back in La Crosse WI this year. The theme is “Where the Three Rivers Meet”. We have another wonderful lineup of speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics. The registration materials are included in this issue.



- Make your room reservation before July 5 and mention you are there with the stevne to get the discounted rate. (The cost of the stevne hotel meeting rooms is kept down based on the number of hotel rooms booked for those attending.)
- **Bring Norwegian delicacies to share in the hospitality area.**
- **Plan to volunteer for an hour in the hospitality area keeping the platters filled.**

The NHOH board met in La Crescent, MN in May.

- We had an update from the members who attended the annual Bygdelagenes Fellesraad meeting. Special sessions were held for genealogists, web masters, officers and more. One sad story in the genealogy group was about a lag genealogist who passed away and the family sold the lag books at an auction. We have decided to create an online storage space for the NHOH digital materials so they will be protected and available to multiple people. John Reindl, our genealogist, provided an updated inventory of the lag materials.
- The web page is being updated by Dixie Hansen. We will continue to add links to relevant Norwegian content.
- There were no scholarship applications as of the meeting.

A new NHOH logo design is being developed using a Norwegian moose (elg).

Hilsen fra *Joy Shong*



## WHO ARE WE?

Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag includes 16 kommuner in the three districts of Nord-Østerdal, Sør-Østerdal, and Hedemarken/Hamar as follows:

### District 1:

#### Nord-Østerdal:

Alvdal  
Folldal  
Os  
Rendalen  
Tolga  
Tynset

### District 2:

#### Sør-Østerdal:

Åmot  
Elverum  
Engerdal  
Stor Elvedal  
Trysil

### District 3:

#### Hedemarken and Hamar

Furnes  
Hamar  
Løten  
Nes  
Ringsaker  
Romedal  
Stange  
Vang



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## Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter.

Articles, photos and graphics relating to Norwegian history, culture, emigration and Lag activities, especially those with ties to the NHOH geographical area are invited. Articles may be historical in nature or may highlight current resources available to help members research their heritage. Articles about Norwegian/American community events of interest to our members are welcome.

Send to Editor Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld by e-mail [SASLAX@aol.com](mailto:SASLAX@aol.com)

**NHOH Newsletters are published three times per year – Spring, Summer, and Fall.** Members are welcome to send articles or news at any time of the year, and the editor will put them into the next newsletter, or one that is appropriate.

Issue	Submit by	Mailing Target
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15
Fall	Nov. 15	Nov. 25

**Policy on advertising in newsletter:** The Board approved that the newsletter editor will accept advertising related to Norwegian culture, heritage and genealogy. Eighth and quarter page ads will be sold for \$15 and \$25, with funds to help offset the cost of producing the newsletter.



**When contacting any officer by e-mail, please put NHOH in the subject line so we know it is not spam. Thank you.**

## Our Purpose

The Lag is organized exclusively for educational purposes. To the extent consistent with this general purpose, the specific purposes of the Lag are:

- to help people learn more about the history, culture, and customs of the Nord Hedmark and Hedemarken area of Norway and to aid in the preservation of that heritage
- to teach and assist people in genealogy research
- to gather immigration and settlement history and develop immigration data
- to develop a library of resources, such as bygdebøker (farm histories) and Norwegian church, census, and probate records.
- to encourage the research and writing of family, immigration, and settlement histories





# Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

## Highlights of the First Ten Years 1995-2005

This publication is still available for purchase.



Generously illustrated with 150+ photographs old and new, this 144-page book recounts the foundation of our lag, including our historic roots, our formative meeting in Madison, the establishment of our governing body, and a decade full of activities and stevner.

Later chapters include selected stories of emigration and settlement and articles reprinted from the NHOH newsletter. The book concludes with a full appendix of documents associated with our lag history as well as an every name index.

## Membership Renewal Policy

Members need to check the year next to their name on the newsletter address label, especially on the fall newsletter.

Reminders will be sent for expired memberships early in the year following the year of expiration, with a renewal deadline of Mid-March, prior to the spring newsletter.

Members who get their newsletters via e-mail will be sent a reminder.

Purchase a copy of the First Ten Years book for yourself and for the members of your family who share your Norwegian roots.



## Order Form - Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken - Highlights of the First Ten Years

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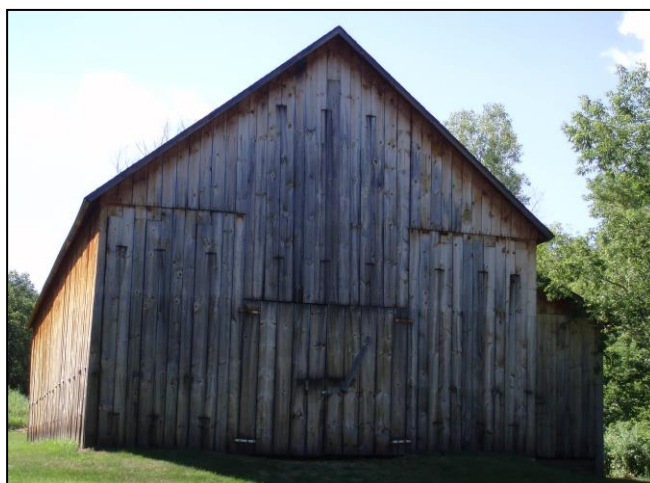
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NHOH Book	_____	\$22.50
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		
<b>Surface Shipping to Norway – add \$5.50</b>		

**Total \$**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Includes shipping & handling US\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Make check payable to NHOH**  
Mail Your Order to: Joy Shong  
523 S. Concord Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066



**Tobacco Plants**



**Tobacco Shed at Norskedalen Bekkum Farm**

## Country Coon Prairie Church near Westby



Blaine Hedberg will be our guide at this church where many of the oldest Westby area settlers are buried. This is part of our tour on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Benrud Chapel 1886 Norskedalen

The little white Benrud Chapel at Norskedalen had been the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sparta WI, then was converted to a rental, until it was moved in two big sections to Norskedalen where the Benrud family reconstructed it as it was in 1886.



Julie Backus, who was the president of the Benrud group when they brought it to Norskedalen, will be there for the tour of this chapel. Julie and her husband have a vendor stand.

## Bus tour Wednesday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

We board the bus at 12:45 (Front St. side) and leave the hotel at 1pm – **don't be late.**



The tour has local guides. We go directly to the Country Coon Prairie Church for a 1:00 pm tour of the church and cemetery guided by Blaine Hedberg. We leave there at 2:30 pm, taking a ride through the "Coulee" where lots of tobacco was grown, seeing the tobacco sheds, as well as seeing the Snowflake Ski Hill which is world famous on the way to Norskedalen. In February, skiers come from many countries to compete in ski jumping.

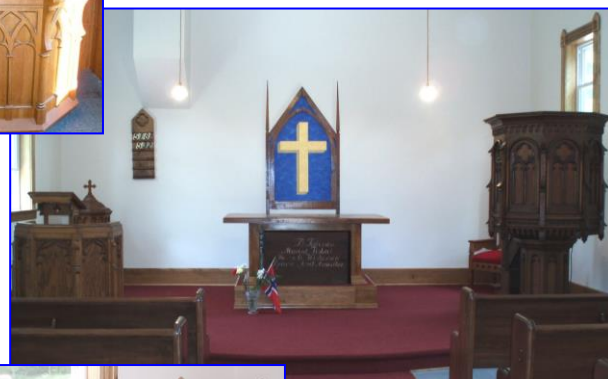
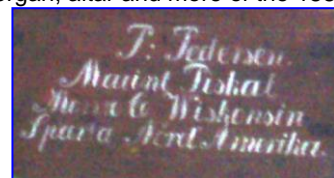
Arrive at Norskedalen at 3:00 pm for a guided tour of the homestead, and the Benrud Chapel. At 4:30 pm we eat our boxed lunch (included) in the shelter house.

Between 5:20-30 pm we board the bus to go back to Radisson by 6:00 pm. (You will have time to get settled in your rooms and go to the 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm programs.)

At 7:00 pm, you will learn how Norway played a part in the making of the movie "Frozen" and the movie will then be shown. If you have already seen the movie, the other session was deliberately planned for 7:30 pm, so you could take in both.

At 7:30 pm, you will learn from La Crosse Public Library Archivists about all the resources there are available in the La Crosse area for doing your research.

Picture below – Original pews, organ, altar and more of the 1886 church inside, plus altar from old English Luth. Church in La Crosse Writing on original trunk.





## Necrology



**Eugene G. Nelson**, age 82, of Madison, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at his home. He was born on March 9, 1935, in Oshkosh WI, the son of Elvin and Alverda (Stellingwerf) Nelson. In 1949 he received a Madison Art Association scholarship to pursue his love of drawing and painting.

Eugene graduated from Madison Central High School in 1953, where he played trombone in the marching and concert bands. Eugene graduated from UW-Madison in 1958, with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. On Aug. 2, 1958, in Madison, Eugene was united in marriage with Virginia Newberry, his life-long friend and companion of 71 years. Eugene proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958, until 1960, and in the Reserves until 1970. Eugene was an employee for Oscar Mayer Inc. for 28 years, working as a project engineer at the Madison Plant and as plant engineer at the Perry IA plant, before his retirement in 1992. He was a devout member of Bashford United Methodist Church, Madison Sons of Norway-Idun Lodge, **NHOH Norwegian Lag** and Oscar Mayer Retiree Volunteers.



Eugene enjoyed building model World War II airplanes, gardening, golfing, camping, curling, traveling, music and concerts and cheering on the Badgers at Camp Randall. He also possessed an artistic eye and enjoyed exercising his photography and watercolor painting skills. Eugene's true passions, however were sipping coffee with his

friends at the mall, while solving the world's problems and, most cherished of all, moments spent with his grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife of 58 years, survivors include, two daughters, Lori (Kevin) Tebrinke and JoAnne (Terry) Lambert; son, William (Gale) Nelson; brother, Harvey (Phyllis) Nelson; step-sister, Janet (Robert) Ibinger; and three grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Gerson) Caceres, Michael (Lindsey Teska) Tebrinke and Alex Lambert. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild, Cody Tebrinke.



## Welcome to the Jennifer Lee Marking Library



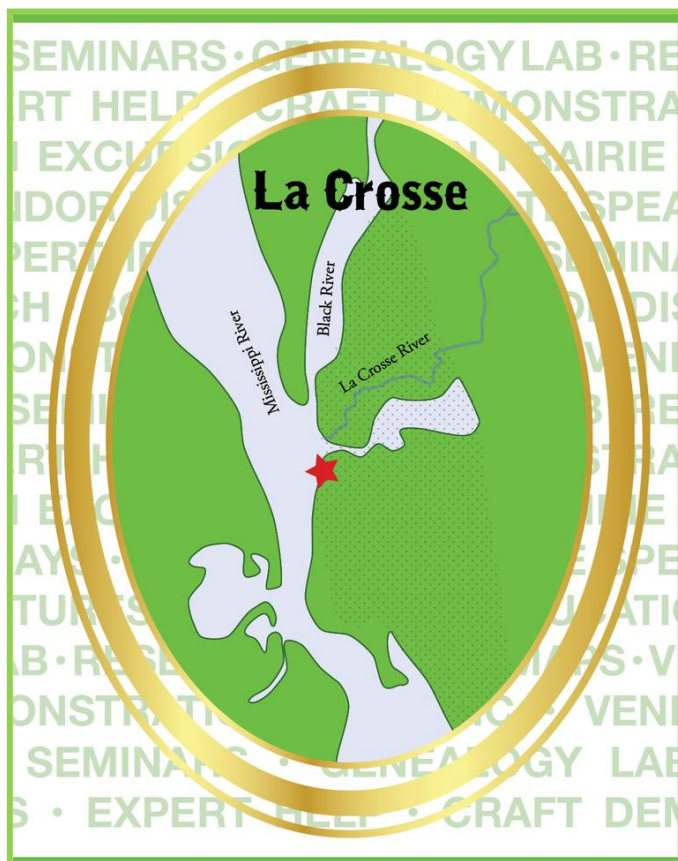
When you're at Norskedalen, come and check out the library. We have been accessioning bygdeboker right along for many areas of Norway, and we have many family histories, and so much more. Marilyn Sorensen calls it a treasure trove of information for our area. We now have a new staff member – Kristin Glomstad, who will be our curator. This is where Shirley (this editor) spends at least one day a week.



# Norwegian Settlers from the Tre-Lag Area

*By Genealogist Blaine Hedberg*

On August 2-5, 2017, the Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag will join the Gudbrandsdal Lag and Trønderlag of American for the 2017 - Tre-Lag Stevne. The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, Wisconsin.



La Crosse County encompasses 481 square miles, equaling 307,840 acres of land. It is bounded by Trempealeau County and the Black River to the northwest; Jackson County to the north; Monroe County to the east; Vernon County to the south; and the Mississippi River along its western border.

**“Where the Three Rivers Meet”** is certainly an appropriate slogan for this year’s stevne convention.

**La Crosse County was a prominent destination for emigrants from Norway, especially those from Ringsaker in Hedmark and the Gudbrandsdal Valley in Oppland.** The first permanent white settlement in La Crosse began about 1841 with the establishment of a fur trading post just across the Mississippi River on what was then called Barron’s Island. In La Crosse County in 1860 there were 1450 native born Norwegians and in 1870, 2646, and by 1880, 3367.

**The first Norwegians are believed to have settled in La Crosse County in 1849, namely the family of Anfin Anfinsen from Sogn og Fjordane.**

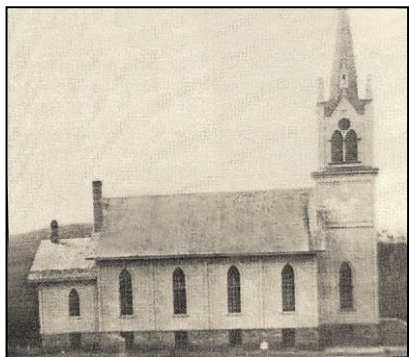
In 1850, John Andersen Bekkemellum and Chistian Ekern from Biri in Oppland arrived in La Crosse County. The first emigrant from Hedmark believed to have settled in La Crosse County was Ouden Evensen, believed to be Ouden Evensen Østberg from Ringsaker. Ouden Evensen, born in 1830, and immigrated with his parents and siblings first to the Koshkonong settlement in Dane County, Wisconsin, before moving briefly to La Crosse County. Ouden and his family eventually settled near West Allis, Wisconsin, where he died in 1908.

The following year, 1851, large groups of Norwegian emigrants from **Ringsaker** arrived in La Crosse County, including Børre Johnsen Heggenhougeie (Støen). Børre and his family immigrated on the ship “Sjøfna” settling first in the Long Coulee area about thirteen miles north of La Crosse in Onalaska Township, but later moving to Holland Township. Børre Støen was a carpenter and is believed to have helped build the **Norwegian Halfway Creek Lutheran Church near Holmen.** Børre Johnsen Støen died on December 19, 1907, and he and many of his family are buried in the Long Coulee Lutheran Cemetery near Holmen. Others who arrived with the Støen family in 1850 and who eventually settled in La Crosse County include: Frederik Olsen Opsahleie, born in **Biri**, Oppland, October 14, 1811, but emigrated from Ringsaker. He settled briefly at the Koshkonong settlement in Dane County before moving to La Crosse. He used the name Fredrik Olsen Aas in America and died in 1899. Both he and his wife are buried in the Lewis Valley Lutheran Cemetery. Their son, Ole Frederiksen Opsahleie (Aas) served in the Company I, 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War, and died in 1914. Many from this Aas family are buried in the Lewis Valley Cemetery.

The Norwegians preferred the northern portion of the county, where the **village of Holmen became a Norwegian stronghold.** Land records from 1855 indicate that Norwegians acquired over 115 forty-acre parcels in La Crosse County. Communications were obviously going back and forth between the Norwegian settlement at Koshkonong and the settlers in La Crosse County as several other families, who originally arrived in the United States in 1850, arrived in La Crosse County in 1854. These include the family of Jens Gudbrandsen Østbye, born 1796, and his second wife, Tonette Olsdatter Midtholoe, born 1823. Jens died in 1877 and Tonette in 1908. Several of their children remained in the



LaCrosse County area including their daughter, Oline, who was born in 1843 and died in 1919. Oline was married to a Telemark immigrant, Guttorm Swennungsen and had twelve children. Descendants of this family are still believed to live in the Long Coulee settlement. Another 1850 Ringsaker emigrant was Johannes Jensen Østbye, born 1832. He is believed to have settled in the Halfway Creek settlement and was married to Marthe Andersdatter. Immigrant Børre Johnsen Saeter and family also arrived in 1850, but Børre died near Quebec, shortly after arriving in North America. His widow and six children settled in La Crosse County after a short residence at Koshkonong. 1850 Ringsaker immigrant, Børre Gudbrandsen Gundersveen, born about 1796, settled in Jackson Township, La Crosse County in the early 1850s. His daughter, Karen was married in 1851 to Hans Mathisen Dahlbye from Ringsaker. Dahlbye, born in 1825, and Karen had at least six children. Ringsaker emigrant, Ole Jacobsen Sørsum, arrived in 1850, but settled first in Rock County WI, before moving to La Crosse County, settling in Jackson Township. Ole and his family moved in the 1870s to Wright County IA. Nils Nilsen Fuglesang, another 1850 Ringsaker emigrant settled in Greenfield Twp., La Crosse County where he was married to Ronnaug Larsdatter Grosberghagen, an 1854 immigrant from Nord-Fron, Oppland. 1850 Ringsaker emigrant, Ole Olsen Skjønbyeie, moved to Holland Township in La Crosse County in 1852 and used the name Ole Black in America. He died in La Crosse County in 1908.



**In March 1856, the Norwegian population had grown enough that the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Halfway Creek was organized under the leadership of**

**H.A. Stub and included congregations of Halfway Creek, LaCrosse Valley, Lewis Valley, and Bostwick Valley.** The church records from these congregations offer primary evidence for many immigrant families from Hedmark and Gudbrandsdal, but prominently include families from Ringsaker, including: Torger Ingvaldsen Haug, Even Eriksen; Ole Knudsen Høiby; Thore Knudsen Høiby; Syver Andersen. Lars Larsen Frisli and wife, Johanne Olsdatter settled at Halfway Creek as did Hans Hansen Taraasen and wife, Ingeborg Olsdatter.

Others from Hedmark include Ole Olsen Skredthoel and wife, Johanne Hansdatter; Tosten Larsen and Oline Olsdatter; Nils Gulbrandsen Nordengen and Marthe Evensdatter; Anders Olsen Skare and Oline Hansdatter; Johannes Jorgensen (known as Georgeson) and wife Marie Hansdatter; Thomas Hansen and wife, Oline Hansdatter; Andreas Hansen Ekerdalen and wife, Kristine Madsdatter; Mons Hansen and wife, Birthe Iversdatter; Kristian Hansen and wife, Marie Larsdatter; Ole Kristiansen Holseth and wife, Karen Larsdatter. Mons Kristensen and Agnete Johansdatter emigrated from Ringsaker in 1859, settling near Jackson in La Crosse County. Mons served with the 18<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, Company E during the Civil War and was at the Battle of Kingston, North Carolina; later farming near Holmen. He and his wife moved in 1897 to Little Falls, Minnesota. Mons died in 1903 and his wife in 1911. Both are buried in the Greene Prairie Fish Lake Cemetery near Randall, Morrison County, Minnesota. In 1870, Gulbrand Kristensen Holseth and Johanne Olsdatter Black, both from Ringsaker were married. Also in 1870, Helene Hansdatter from Ringsaker was married to Peter Laurits Hasvold from Land in Oppland. In 1872, Johannes Nilsen and Julia Kristiansdatter, both from Ringsaker, were married. The following year, Ole Andersen Tjerne from Ringsaker was married to Beate Andersdatter Skaa. A Tonette Larsdatter, born in Ringsaker, ca 1854, was married to Hans Olsen from Biri. Ringsaker emigrants, Lars Amundsen and Karen Andersdatter married in 1865. The widower, Kristian Larsen Krogsrud from Ringsaker was married to a woman from Mo in Nordland. Nils Nilsen, born in Ringsaker, ca 1840, was married in 1868 to an emigrant from Vardal. In 1869, Ringsaker emigrants Ole Johannesen Stenseng and Birthe Pedersdatter were married. The same year, Ringsaker emigrant widower, Peder Nilsen was married to Oline Jensdatter, also from Ringsaker. Marthe Nilsdatter Sveen, born in Ringsaker, ca 1848, was married in 1869 to Johan Olausen from Verdalen. Birthe Johannesdatter Præstqværn from Ringsaker was married in 1865 to the Russian emigrant, Charles Brown. Others living in La Crosse from Ringsaker include Johan Syversen and wife, Birthe Simonsdatter; Jakob Johannesen and wife, Ingeborg Ingebretsdatter and Johan Sveen and wife, Berthe.

In La Crosse, wagon maker, John Halvorsen from **Ringsaker**, operated his business in the 1860's. 1860 Ringsaker emigrants, Hans Evensen Bratberg (d 1882) and Agnete Olsdatter (d 1890) and family arrived in La Crosse County, settling on the banks of the **Long Coulee Creek**. Hans died in 1882 and his

wife in 1890. Their son, A.H. Bratberg, born 1856, operated a saw mill in Barre Township and was Holland township chairman for many years. The Amund Ingebretsen Thorstad family from Ringsaker lived for a time in La Crosse County, but eventually settled nearby in Pigeon Falls.

While the majority of those **Hedmark immigrants** in La Crosse County came from Ringsaker, we find many other parishes in Hedmark, also represented in the vital records. From **Vang**, we find the family of Kristian Andersen Bjerke and wife, Marthe Halvorsdatter. From **Furnes**, we find the family of Hans Olsen Vullum and wife, Agnethe. From **Åmot**, we find the family of Peder Halvorsen and Serinne Olsdatter. In 1869, Åmot emigrant, Olaf Ottersen was married to an emigrant from **Stange**, Nilla Danielsen. Gustave Haagensen, born 1874, in Åmot, married in 1901 to Kari Antonsdatter, born in Åmot, ca 1882. Anders Kristoffersen and wife, Andrea Gudmundsdatter, and their daughter are found in La Crosse County in 1873. In 1891, Stange emigrant, Bernt Julius Larsen, son of Lars Johannesen and Dorthe Hemmingsdatter was married to Marie Hjermsstad, born in Stange, ca 1865. Bernt J. Larsen immigrated in 1880, and at one time was a parochial teacher at nearby Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin. In 1867, the family of Peder Jakobsen Komerstad and wife, Magnhild Pedersdatter from Stange are found in La Crosse. In 1871, the Stange family of Kristoffer Eriksen and Birthe Hansdatter are living in La Crosse. In 1888, Anne Mathea Ostvold, born ca 1863, in Stange was married to Anton O. Black. Oline Olsen **Jevne**, born in Stange, 1861, immigrated to La Crosse in 1886, where she was believed to be a seamstress.

From **Stor-Elvdal**, we find emigrant, Emma Sophia Strand, born ca 1868, married to Julius Jacobsen, an emigrant from Vinger. From **Sør-Odal**, we find Hans Adolf Bredesen, wife Maria and family. From **Nord-Odal**, we find Østen Kristiansen Kvist, wife Mary and family. In La Crosse we find the marriage in 1893 of Carl Johan Holter, an emigrant from Løten and his wife, Clara Otilie Olson. From **Elverum**, we find emigrant, Andrea Halvorsdatter Saterberget, born ca 1844, and her husband, Kristian Pedersen Lunde from Biri. Several families from **Nes** are found in La Crosse County including, Gudbrand Johnsen, born in Nes, ca 1864 and his wife, Anna Christiansdatter, born in Nes, ca 1860. Antonette Kristiansen Berg from Nes was married to Martin Olsen Vik from **Østre Toten**. In the mid 1870's, Hans Olsen Bredstu and wife, Pernille Pedersdatter are mentioned with daughter, Eline, born 1859.

**To the South in Vernon County, we find possibly the largest settlement of emigrants from Gudbrandsdal.**

Originally known as Bad Ax County and created in 1851, the territory was renamed in 1862 to Vernon County to reflect the county's green fields of wheat and to evoke Mount Vernon. Several of the Townships are named for Norwegian cities, including Christiania and Bergen, and the City of Westby is well-known for its Norwegian flair.

**The first Lutheran Church in western Wisconsin was the Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, established on July 12, 1852, just four years after Norwegian settlers entered the Westby area.** This congregation was formed in 1851, when it had a visit from a mission pastor, Nils Brandt. Brandt was newly ordained and had immigrated to America just months earlier, but the record books show him baptizing several children on November 2, 1851. On July 1, 1852, Pastor Brandt conducted the first confirmation and 91 in 1855 and dedicated its first wooden building in 1857. Coon Prairie's pastors served as many as eleven congregations throughout the region. people celebrated the forming of a new congregation by taking communion the next day. The congregation received its first pastor.



**In 1986, the Country Coon Prairie Church and Cemetery were placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior.**

The early Coon Prairie Church

records include thousands of entries for the early Norwegian families in the area, and **the Coon Prairie Cemetery includes over 4,000 burials.** The church records have helped to identify many of the early families. Many emigrants from Gudbrandsdal are found in Bergen Township, including Amund Larsen Alme, born 1823, from **Sør-Fron**; Johan Pedersen Stenslien from **Gausdal**; Hans Hansen Korstad; Morten Pedersen Rulland from **Fron**; Iver Ellendsen Melgård, an 1857 emigrant from Fron; Gudmund Olsen Østreng, among others. In Hamburg Township, Ole Pedersen Onshusrønningen, an 1853 emigrant from **Ringeby**; Mathea Nilsdatter, spouse of Andreas Eivindsen Daffinrud, an 1849 emigrant from **Fåberg**; Martin Paulhagen family from **Østre**



**Gausdal** and Ragnhild Larsdatter Grimsrud from **Øyer** as well as many other immigrants from **Land and Biri in Oppland, and Lårdal in Telemark**. Kickapoo and Sterling Townships are well known as a settlement of emigrants from **Luster in Sogn og Fjordane**. In Coon Township we find many from Gudbrandsdal, including: Christopher Hansen Aasen, born 1818; Johannes Andersen Lien, born 1821 from Øyer; Ivar Fransen Ekre from **Vågå**; John Amundsen Storbakken from Fron; Amund Amundsen Volden from Sør-Fron; Iver Jacobsen and his wife, Thore Madsdatter from Sør-Fron; Gunder Gundersen Sundstuen from Nord-Fron; Martin Paulsen Paulhagen & family, 1849 emigrants from Østre Gausdal; Johannes Larsen Hovde, 1857 emigrants from Øyer; Hans Jensen Jenshus from Østre Gausdal; Erland Johannesen Sundstuen, 1857 immigrants from **Nord-Fron**. In Whitestown Township, we find more emigrants from Øyer including, Erik Johannesen Dolve and family. In Christiania Township, Clemet Clemetsen Berg family from Sør-Fron; Engebret Torgersen from Østre Gausdal; Hans Knudsen Hovde family from Øyer; Isak Jacobsen and wife, Rannei Johnsdatter from Gausdal. In Jefferson Township, Lars Eriksen Thorsgaard and family from Ringebu and in Viroqua Township, Gunder Eriksen Halstenstad and family, 1857 emigrants from Øyer; Johannes Knudsen Bergh, born 1808, an 1853 emigrant from Øyer. Viroqua Township includes many emigrants from Bakke, Vest-Agder, and families from Trøndelag include, John Kristiansen and his wife, Maria & family from Hemne, Sør-Trøndelag and Ingebrigt Jensen Lienlokken and family, 1860 emigrants from Nærøy, Nord Trøndelag.

**The earliest church records have been indexed and are available at the Westby Area Historical Society. [www.westbywihistory.org](http://www.westbywihistory.org) or you may visit their Thoreson House Museum in Westby. Telephone (608) 634-4478 to set up an appointment.**

For those of you who would like to learn more about your **ancestors who settled in La Crosse County**, you will want to visit the **La Crosse Public Library** where their archive & local history section contains many valuable sources. The library is located at 800 Main Street and is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

**Their collection includes an extensive obituary collection dating from 1904; Wisconsin Federal and State census records; La Crosse area newspapers and public records; City directories**

**1866-1905 and historical maps. For more information, <https://archives.lacrosselibrary.org/>**

For those with roots in Monroe County, Wisconsin, the **Monroe County Local History Room and Museum is a must visit**. Located at 200 West Main Street in Sparta, Wisconsin, their collection includes, Cemetery Files & Index, Birth, Death, & Marriage Indexes, County and Circuit Court Records, School Records, Church Records, Plat Maps from 1877-present, Probate Index, Naturalization Records, Federal Census: 1850-1930, State Census: 1836-1905, Family Research Files, Compiled Family Histories, Sparta Newspaper Index, Tomah Newspaper Index, Monroe County Newspapers on Microfilm, WWI Draft Registration Data., Civil War Veteran Records, City Directories: 1897-present, High School Yearbooks, Tax Rolls, Manuscript Collections and thousands of photographs. **For more information or to set up an appointment, telephone: 608-269-8680.**

**The Wisconsin Historical Society's, Area Research Center for La Crosse is located in the Special Collections department of Murphy Library Resource center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1631 Pine Street in La Crosse.** Their summer hours are Monday-Wednesday 1:00-4:30 p.m. Researchers are advised to telephone ahead (608) 785-8511 to confirm hours of operation, especially during intersession periods and summer school. Their collection includes rare books and Wisconsin collections, as well as an oral history collection, maps, photographs, and university archives.

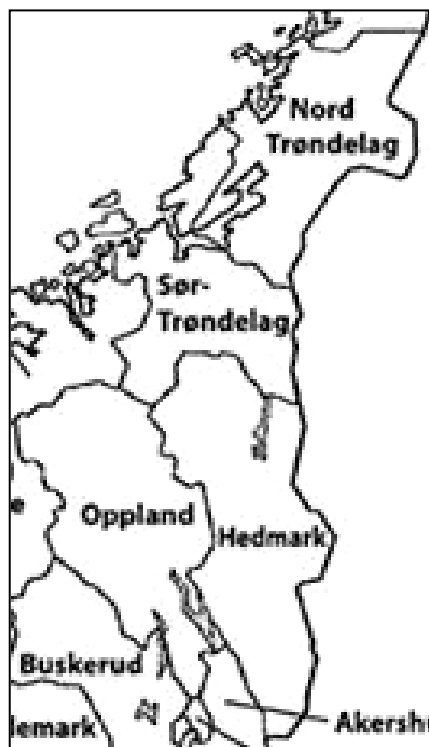
**The La Crosse ARC holds public records and manuscript collections for five area counties: Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon.** Public record holdings include: vital (birth, marriage, and death) records pre-1907, probate cases, deed records, naturalization papers, and tax rolls. Manuscript collections include materials from individuals, businesses, and local organizations.

**Blaine Hedberg will be our Key-Note speaker for this 2017 Stevne in La Crosse, and will be the guide for our bus tour at Country Coon Prairie Church near Westby.**





## The Tre Lags meet



## Genealogy Resources at the Stevne John Reindl, Lag Genealogist

For the 2017 stevne in La Crosse, WI, we will have a large section of materials for attendees to use in finding their ancestors.

### Bygdebøker, Church Records and Censuses

Our main resource for genealogical research are the bygdebøker, of which we will have nearly 80. Church and censuses records will be via the Internet. People are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to access these records.

### Rygh list

Oluf Rygh put together a comprehensive list of Norwegian farm names, along with the history of their names. We will have this list for Hedmark fylke in both a paper copy and through the internet.

### Topographical maps

We will have a complete set of topographical maps of the NHOH area to help members find their farms. In addition, several Norwegian web pages provided excellent maps.

### Farm operator books

We will have the 1940's and 1960's series of books (*Norske Gardsbruk*) that provide information on most of the farms in Norway, giving the then-current owners along with the some genealogical information and a description of the farm with a photo of the farm house. In many cases, the family has been on the same farm for generations, providing a useful genealogical link.

### Cousin-finding database

Just over 200 people have submitted their genealogical data, with 9,000 ancestors from the Hedmark area. These have been compiled into a database for searching for common ancestors. So far, we have found 108 matches of common ancestors among our members. If you bring your own ancestry records, we will look for a match with other members. Better, send in your chart before the stevne, and I will look for any cousins, including those that you can meet at the stevne!

### Ringsaker resources

Our members have more roots in Ringsaker than in any other kommune, but, unfortunately, there are no traditional bygdebøker for this area. Thus, the lag is collecting and developing other resources for Ringsaker.

We have a database of over 28,000 names from Ringsaker as found in history books and magazines, which will be available on computer. This database has proven to be extremely valuable to finding information -- including pictures -- of Ringsaker relatives. Also included are all emigrants up to 1900 who reported themselves as being from Ringsaker.

### Family history books

This is a growing part of our collection, and we have about two dozen family histories to share. We invite all members to bring a copy of their own family history to show and, if they would like, to donate to the lag.

### Members of Predecessor Lags

We have membership lists of two lags which were predecessor lags -- Østerdalslaget and Mjøsenlaget -- and we can search to see if your ancestors were members of these lags.

### Bring your laptop!

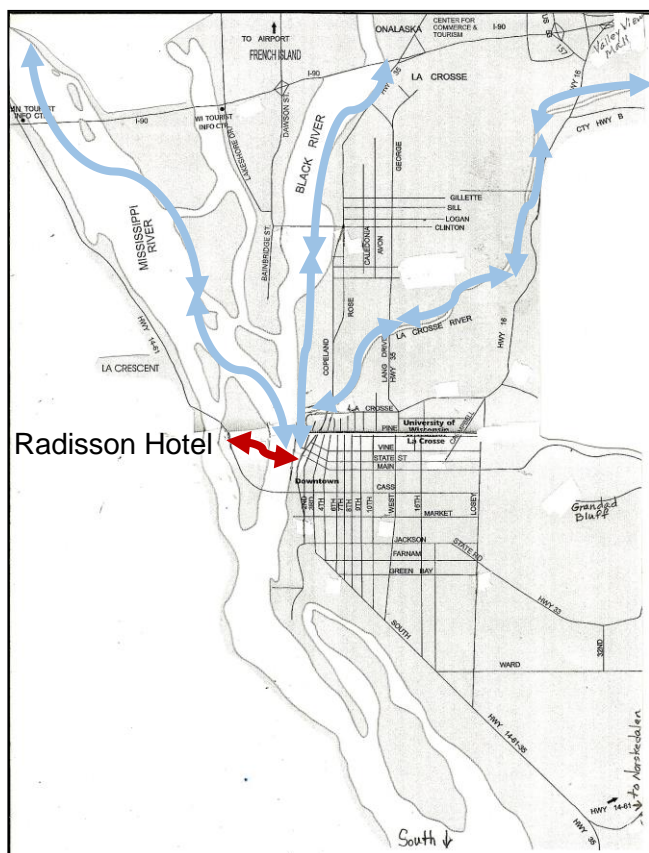
The Digital Archives in Norway continues to expand and I strongly recommend that people with laptops bring their computers to access these and other resources on the internet.

Additionally, we can share other electronic records from my laptop to yours via a USB stick.

### See our web page

The list of bygdebøker and related materials for the stevne is posted on the lag web page under [2017 Tre Lag Stevne](#). Let me if you would like me to bring any specific materials by contacting me either by email at [john.reindl@att.net](mailto:john.reindl@att.net) or by phone at (608)238-0393.

## Where The Three Rivers meet.





## Norway is the happiest place on Earth, according to a United Nations agency report - toppling neighbor Denmark from the number one position.

The World Happiness Report measures "subjective well-being" - how happy the people are, and why.

Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland and Finland round out the top five, while the Central African Republic came last.

Western Europe and North America dominated the top of table - with the US and UK placing 14th and 19th.

Countries in sub-Saharan Africa and those hit by conflict have predictably low scores. Syria placed 152 of 155 countries - Yemen and South Sudan, which are facing impending famine, came in at 146 and 147.

The World Happiness Report was released to coincide with the United Nations' International Day of Happiness on 20 March.



### Norway House is pleased to announce a \$5 million bonding gift from the State of Minnesota!

The gift will be used to build **Phase Two** of the campus development.

Please join us on **Thursday, July 13 at 6:00PM** for a celebratory information session to learn about the future of Norway House capital plans. The meeting will be held in the Galleri at Norway House.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at [info@norwayhouse.org](mailto:info@norwayhouse.org) or call at **612.871.2211**

### NHOH WEB SITE      Wanted: A Webmaster

Photos taken at previous stevner are posted on the NHOH web site. Click on the "Stevner" tab to access available photos from all past stevner. For most, you can click on the image for a larger view. And if you want to copy or save it, right click on it to use browser commands. Our newsletters, genealogy information, photos, and scholarship information are there too.

### MEMBER AREA ACCESS

The member's-only area of the NHOH website requires a user ID and password. **For 2017** the user name is **NHOH2017** and the password is **Kommune**. These are case sensitive so type them exactly as printed here. **First click on the "Member Area"** button in the left border of most website pages. Then, click on the link for the content that you wish to view. You will then be prompted to enter a user name and password.

## New Kroner Designs Sport a Modern Look

Information from the Sons of Norway Website. Takk!



The Central Bank of Norway (*Norges Bank*) has unveiled a series of new kroner bills that will be phased in beginning in summer 2017. The designs are a departure from the current Norwegian banknotes in several aspects. This will be the first Norwegian money that does not feature a human face. All of the motifs pay tribute to the sea, which has played a pivotal role in shaping Norwegian culture.

Norges Bank's design contest, proposed the following themes:

- 50-kroner: The sea that binds us together
- 100-kroner: The sea that takes us out into the world
- 200-kroner: The sea that feeds us
- 500-kroner: The sea that gives us prosperity
- 1000-kroner: The sea that carries us forward

The same color palette was upheld from Norway's existing kroner, to help avoid confusion.

The selected designs for the front of the bills were created by Metric Design Studio's Terje Tønnessen. The images include a lighthouse, a Viking ship, cod and herring with a fishing net, a rescue boat, and a dramatic wave. The reverse sides are a hyper-modern departure from tradition, designed by architecture firm Snøhetta. Rather than using an identifiable image as the focal point, there is a colorfully pixelated background with subtle white etchings over top. The etchings refer to the Beaufort scale, which measures wind effects on sea and land.

The new banknotes use innovative imagery, and also feature security marks that make them difficult to copy. Among the maritime-themed marks are a moving anchor chain, an Atlantic puffin watermark and a floating ring.

### A message from the Fellesraad

#### 100 year celebration in photos

See what the Norwegian-American 100th Celebration of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad 2016 was like. 38 Minutes. <https://youtu.be/PuGQ4vkOqRU>

Any one that belongs to lags or friends may go to fellersraad and download many of the photos in the video. **HD Photo collage of the 100 year Celebration of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad in America** (umbrella organization for the Bygdelag). <http://www.fellesraad.com>



## 2017 TRE LAG STEVNE AGENDA

*Where the Three Rivers Meet*

La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Wednesday, 2 August 2017**



Time	Event
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Registration Desk Open for Tour Participants
1:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Tour: Country Coon Prairie Church in Westby, historic sites related to tobacco and skiing, & visit to Norskedalen ( <i>includes bus, entrance fee, and mid-to-late afternoon box meal</i> )
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Seminar: Research on the Animated Disney Movie, <i>Frozen</i> , and its Norway-inspired Fantasy Kingdom– Gretchen Jacobson
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Movie <i>Frozen</i>
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>An Introduction to the La Crosse Public Library Archives</b> – Anita Taylor Doering

## Thursday, 3 August 2017

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Gudbrandsdalslag Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>Keynote Lecture: Norwegians in West Central Wisconsin</b> – Blaine Hedberg
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break – visit Hospitality Suite and Vendor Area
10:45 AM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
10:45 AM - 3:30 PM	Hospitality Area Open
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Seminar: Yesterday You Were Catholic and Now You're Lutheran!</b> – Wanda Deifelt
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Seminar: The History of Norwegian Sweaters – Laurann Gilbertson
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break – Visit Vendor Area
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Seminar: In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States</b> – Jennifer Kovarik
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>An Evening Concert of Nordic Music</b> presented by the Tre Lag Musicians ( <i>want to join in? contact: <a href="mailto:chrisfalteisek@gmail.com">chrisfalteisek@gmail.com</a></i> )



## Friday, 4 August 2017

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	NHOH Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Vendor Displays Open
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
9:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Hospitality Area Open
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Seminar A: Greenland – The Coolest Place on Earth</b> – Ron Nowland
	<b>Seminar B: Steel and Stone: Viking Knives and Pottery</b> – Jon Lee
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Break – Visit Hospitality Suite and Vendor Area
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Seminar A: The Mississippi Valley Conservancy: The Driftless Area</b> – Carol Abrahamzon
	<b>Seminar B: The Governor from Hegg: The Americanization of a Norwegian Immigrant's Son</b> – Glenn Borreson
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>Seminar A: The Viking Presence in Ireland</b> – Ron Nowland
	<b>Seminar B: The Norwegian Crop: Tobacco Raising in Wisconsin</b> – Glenn Borreson
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break - Visit Vendors
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>Seminar A: Henrik Ibsen's Impact on Modern Drama</b> – Hal Cropp
	<b>Seminar B: Ancestral Immigration – A Story of Chain Migration</b> – Ken Domier
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Hospitality Hour – with music by the Tre Lag Musicians  ( <i>want to join in? contact: christfalteisek@gmail.com</i> )
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Group Photo: Trønderlag
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Group Photo: Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Group Photo: Gudbrandsdalslag
6:15 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Stevne Banquet</b> – Bunad Parade; Preview of the 2018 Stevne; Emcee: Gary Olson  Entertainment: The Beautiful Voice of Rachel Storlie

## Saturday, 5 August 2017

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Trønderlag Business Meeting
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Seminar: St. Olaf and the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim</b> – David Amdahl
10:10 AM - 11:10 AM	<b>Seminar: Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers</b> – Larry Scheckel

### **La Crosse Queen Cruises on the Mississippi River 2017**

Although we have not planned a formal day and time for a cruise on the Mississippi – which departs at the North end of Riverside Park (not far from the Radisson Hotel), you may schedule your own tour.

**La Crosse Queen Schedule: - you need to make your own reservation for a cruise with food served. Choices are:**

1 In August, a **sightseeing 1½ hour tour will leave twice: 11 am or 1:30 pm daily. \$15.50/\$14.50 (62+ Sr.)**  
**No reservations needed for a sightseeing cruise – just buy your ticket there.**

2 A **Pizza Cruise** with complimentary pizza and unlimited beer and soda, goes out at 5:30 Wed & Fri, and 3:30 pm on Sat. and Sunday. \$19.25/\$18.25 (62+ Sr.)

3 **Fri. night Dinner cruises** 7:30 pm 2 hr., live music \$36.95 (adult) or \$34.95 (62+ Sr.)

4 **Sat. night Dinner cruises** 6 pm – 2 ½ hours, live music and goes through the locks. \$45.95/\$43.95 (62+ Sr.)

5 **Sunday. Captain's Brunch** 11 am – 2 hr. – through the locks. \$31.95/\$29.95 (62+ Sr.)

**Advanced reservations are required on all cruises with meals. Call 608-784-8523**

No reservations are required for the sightseeing cruises.  
 You will receive a brochure in your registration materials.  
 You can visit their website! [www.lacrossequeen.com](http://www.lacrossequeen.com)



There are **Historic Trolley Tours** to see the City of La Crosse, and you will also get a brochure for that.



Also, in Riverside Park near where you board the La Crosse Queen, is the International Gardens. They represent several countries, including Norway that have a “sister city” relationship with La Crosse.







# Tre Lag Stevne Registration

*Where the Three Rivers Meet*

**Radisson Hotel La Crosse**

**La Crosse, Wisconsin**

**August 2-5, 2017**



*Where the Three Rivers Meet*

*Stevne pre-registration requested by 15 July 2017*

## A joint stevne for Gudbrandsdalslaget, Trønderlag of America, and Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

*Walk-in registrations are permitted if space is available. Reservations are required for tour and banquet.  
Participants must make hotel reservations independently (book hotel by July 5<sup>th</sup> for Stevne Rate).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Last Name (Registrant A)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Nickname? (for nametag)*

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*First and Last Name (Registrant B)*

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*Nickname? (for nametag)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*E-Mail Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City, State, Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone #*

### Tre-Lag Stevne (August 2-5, 2017)

Stevne Registration (Wednesday through Saturday)

**\$ Each**

**# of Reg**

**Total \$**

\$35.00

x

\$

Wednesday Tour (*includes bus, tour stops, Norskedalen entrance fee, and late afternoon box meal*)

\$48.00

x

\$

Friday Tre Lag Banquet  
(*Asparagus-Stuffed Chicken Breast or Wild Rice Crusted Walleye*)

\$36.00

x

\$

**Make check payable to Tre Lag Stevne**

**Total Enclosed**

\$

### Banquet Entrée Choice:

**Friday Tre Lag Banquet**

(*Chicken or Walleye*)

Registrant A's Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant B's Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

The Tre Lag Musical group jams and entertains at the Stevne. Would you like to participate? \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact Chris Falteisek at [chrisfalteisek@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfalteisek@gmail.com)

Will you participate in the Hardangersom Klubb? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, beginner, intermediate or advanced? \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail registration and payment to:*

**Attn: Dixie Hansen  
Tre Lag Stevne Registration  
1411 Osceola Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55105-2312**

**To reserve a hotel room, call 608-784-6680**

Radisson Hotel La Crosse

200 Harborview Plaza

La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

## Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag News

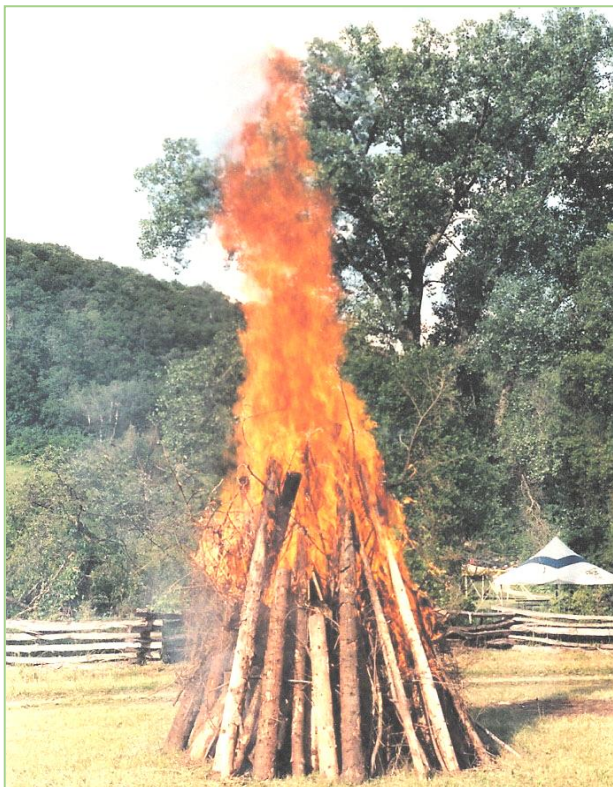
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### NHOH Lag Membership Renewal or New Memberships Form

Memberships include your spouse, so please include both names if applicable. Gift memberships welcome. Make check payable to **NHOH Lag** and send with completed form to:

**Dixie Hansen, NHOH Membership, 1411 Osceola Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55105-2312**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Renewal ☐ Gift Membership ☐ New

#### Ancestors in Hedmark from kommune: (check all that apply)

☐ Åmot ☐ Alvdal ☐ Elverum ☐ Engerdal ☐ Folldal ☐ Furness ☐ Hamar ☐ Løten ☐ Nes ☐ Os  
☐ Rendalen ☐ Ringsaker ☐ Romedal ☐ Stange ☐ Stor-Elvdal ☐ Tolga ☐ Trysil ☐ Tynset ☐ Vang

If kommune unknown, list parish, town, or other geographic place \_\_\_\_\_

#### Volunteers Needed

The lag is only possible because of the work of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering for any of the following:

- Newsletter (contribute articles, assist with mailing, suggest topics for articles, etc.)
- Leadership (Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership, Board members)
- Genealogy / Web page
- Stevne (planning, registration desk, staff hospitality room, help lag genealogist in lab)
- Anything you think the Lag should provide as a service!

I would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter delivery preference: ☐ US Mail ☐ Online

Dues for Individuals/Couples: ☐ 1 year (\$10) ☐ 2 years (\$18) ☐ 3 years (\$25) **Total Dues** \_\_\_\_\_

**Genealogy Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

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