

Theme Ideas		Presented by
Bad Norwegians: Were there any?		Dick
Norwegian Encounters on the Prairie	Building upon this (Candance Simar) and the reference of the Kensington Rune Stone of the Indians , the Wisconsin writer's Rosholt's work on Indian settlements (<i>From the Indian land: First-hand account of central Wisconsin's pioneer life</i>),	Dick/John
Close encounters of the Norwegian Kind	and Deb Nelson Gourley 's knowledge/work on the Indian uprising and Norwegians, perhaps a theme could be related to <u>the interactions of Norwegian immigrants with other parts of existing culture</u> - certainly a major topic around the world even today.	Dick/John
	And, building on how we treated Native Americans (and other immigrant groups), we might expand on how the Norwegians from the southern part of the country have treated and now treat the Sami , as well as Norwegians interact with immigration . Two books come to mind on the latter topic - <i>Viking Economics</i> and <i>The Nordic Theory of Everything</i> . Good reads both, presenting ideas that could generate a lot of discussion	John
"Sharing Your Family History"	which could include sessions on: importance of sharing, methods of sharing, family reunions with creative examples, show/discuss samples of sharing & researching, a contest [creativity, originality] I'll bet the group can brainstorm many more ideas that would fit this.	Linda Schwartz
	Two recent issues of Scandinavian Studies (journal of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies [SASS]) are devoted to, respectively, Nordic Whiteness and The Happiest People one Earth? Scandinavian Narratives of Guilt and Discontent. Very interesting.	Robert

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Deb Nelson Gourley 's	Deb Nelson Gourley 's knowledge/work on the Indian uprising	Chris
Elaine Hasleton	Last year when Vestlandslag held their Stevne in Alexandria I presented on " Growing Up in Alexandria " which touches on quite a few of the specifics in the area. If you wish. I'd be happy to do this. I am always tweaking my presentations so they are not the same ones used over and over again	Elaine
Taryn Nelson Flolid (spoke in St Cloud 4 years ago)	from the Historical Society has done a presentation about homesteading after the Civil War in the area. A lot of Scandinavians settled in this area..	Elaine
Barb Grover	of the Historical Society wrote two books about Alexandria - one being a Postcard History Series and the other being the Images of America series. She is extremely knowledgeable about the area.	Elaine
	There is also a fellow who portrays Knute Nelson Possible entertainment Had as speaker before	Elaine
Candice Simar https://candacesimar.com	presented at the Hallinglag Stevne in Alex about the 1862 Indian uprising in the area . She did a good job and would be an asset to the Stevne. She has written a number of books related to an Indian uprising, based in part on her grandfather's diary . He was a Norwegian immigrant and in the book of hers that I just finished, the main characters were Norwegian immigrants living in Minnesota.	Elaine & John Similar to Deb's talk but may be different
	A nearby author of books with a Norwegian motif. I am currently reading the book <i>Viking Economics</i> , by George Lakey, published 2016, which covers a variety of topics that I think would make great subjects for presentations at future stevner. The author is in his 80's and I think lives out East, so he probably is a not a potential speaker, but I found the book stimulating a lot of interest and questions which I would like to know more about. Many of the topics could generate discussions on several sides of the issues presented, and roundtables or panels discussions might be one way to have different points of view.	John
Panel Discussion on DNA	A panel discussion - similar to what we did on genealogy software a number of years ago - on DNA testing, with people relating what they hoped to learn, which companies did the testing, what they got back as results, and how they interpreted the results, and what questions they have regarding what the results say to them.	John – Joy to talk to John
How to enter data into genealogical software programs. -	I have gotten some GEDDOM files that are doozies, whether it is farm names, documentation, and other data issues.	John??? Joy to talk to John
Someone from St. Olaf Tim Peterson (pastor) Prescott	One of our lag members wrote me the other day that an ancestor was a lensmann in Norway and one of his jobs was to stifle the Hauge movement there. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does anyone know of a speaker on the Hauge movement, either in Norway or in the US? • Does anyone know of a list of Hauge churches in America? We have one in Western Dane County. 	John/Robert Chris to contact

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	<p>The Hauge Institute (<i>Haugeinstituttet</i>) was founded in 2005 .^[25] The institute seeks to raise awareness about Hans Nielsen Hauge, his ethical thinking and topicality and to impart inspiration to the business and educational community as well as society in general. Based on the thinking and practice of Hans Nielsen Hauge, the Hauge Institute focuses on the ethical dimension in three main areas: leadership, entrepreneurship, and trade and the environment. The Hauge Institute has several professional partners. Two of the most important are St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and the Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen, Norway.</p>	
	<p>Hundorp might be a future stevne topic: Hundorp in Gudbrandsdalen was a power center. In 2021, it will be 1000 years since Olaf, as in king and saint, and his men confronted chieftain Dale Gudbrand at Hundorp. Olaf had been going through the Gudbrandsdal Valley converting people to Christianity and was successful at Hundorp. There is a interesting story in the literature about how Olaf accomplished this feat.</p> <p>Wikipedia site Hundorp and a follow up on 'petty kingdom', 'Dale-Gudbrand's farm' and 'millennium site' as linked on that page.</p>	
Janet Martin	Church basement ladies; from Hastings Banquet speaker	Chris
Margarete Ragnow	Variety of talks on Norwegian topics – printing press;	Dick
Chris Falteisek	How to organize and preserve genealogy, Death Cleaning;	Chris
Someone from museum or a runeologist	Rune stone	Dick
Professor from Scandinavian program	Early encounters – early archeological sites of Norsk; newest site found	
Glenn Borreson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maria the Midwife: <i>Stories of Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest</i> 2. <i>Oh Canada! Why Canada? Norwegian Immigrants Who Left the USA for Saskatchewan</i> 3. The Lindisfarne 9/11 Moment: <i>A Viking Attack That Changed the World</i> 	Joy to contact
Native American speaker??		Dick
	Indian photography exhibit at Henderson library – 1850's+	Dick
In Alexandria conference info Lakes Area Radio Theatre	Radio show Maybe for Thursday evening instead of concert	Dixie

Tour Ideas	Topic Ideas	Presented by
Legacy of the Lakes Museum	There are a lot of lakes in Douglas county, so it is a resort area . So, visiting the Legacy of the Lakes Museum where there are a lot of artifacts related to the lakes is a fascinating visit. My in-laws owned Interlachen Resort on Lake Carlos for many years, which they ran in the Summer and then taught school the remainder of the year, so it was a big part of growing up for the Hasleton siblings.	Elaine, Barry
Douglas County Historical Society	I would suggest that we visit the Douglas County Historical Society of which I am on their Board. Since this is housed in Knute Nelson's original home , they have a museum plus a fantastic research library and collection	Elaine, Barry
Rune Stone Museum	features dozens of exhibits which highlights Norse history, the Native Americans, Minnesota wildlife, early pioneers and the world-famous Kensington Runestone! Enter Fort Alexandria and visit several authentic log buildings, an 1880 country school house, and view a forty-foot Viking ship called the Snorri	Barry Volunteer from Tronder to work on plans – Geraldine Carlson
Spruce Hill Lutheran church	began as a log structure built in 1881. It had seats of wooden planks set on stumps and its pulpit an upright log. The need for a larger church became evident and the present building was completed in 1902. A horse barn was added in 1913. To see the inside of the church, call The Douglas County Historical Society for arrangements. 13148 Spruce Hill Park Rd NE Alexandria MN	Barry
West Moe Church?		
	Bus Charter Express – Bus Company in Alexandria	