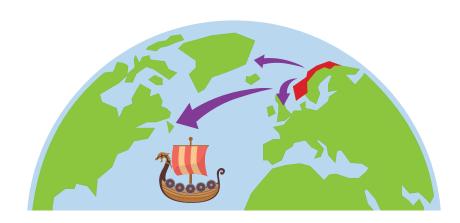


TRE LAG STEVNE



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



LOSE ENCOUNTERSOFTHENORWEGIAN KIND

7–10 August 2019 Holiday Inn Alexandria, MN





Velkommen til Stevne 2019!

Welcome to the 17th annual joint stevne of Gudbrandsdalslag, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag, and Trønderlag of America. Our theme, "Close Encounters of the Norwegian Kind" begins with the stories of Viking adventures and conquests and continues through the years of immigrant migrations. The Alexandria area offers an opportunity to explore our earliest Norwegian contacts. 'Strange' encounters will be explored at the Runestone Museum and Kensington Rune Stone Park. Other significant encounters with more recent Norwegians will be presented at the Douglas County Historical Society Museum.

Our three lags strive to continue the traditions of the original lags to provide a venue to keep in touch with our culture, renew friendships, and build connections. The talented, knowledgeable speakers we have lined up this year will entertain, enlighten, and ultimately contribute to our overall understanding of our shared heritage.

Please take full advantage of the genealogy lab, vendors, and hospitality room. Also, take the opportunity to say thank you to all of the volunteers who make this annual stevne happen. A lot of time and effort is donated to ensure we have a quality program and you have a wonderful stevne experience.



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Many thanks to Tre Lag 2018 photographers Helen Scherer and Chris Falteisek, whose photographs appear throughout this program.

Tusen takk to those many volunteers who step up during the Stevne and say "How can I help?" You can and do... and everyone benefits. Hospitality? Registration? Hanging signs? AV Assistance? Introducing speakers? Running errands? Genealogy mentoring? Thank You!

^{*} The NHOH Board thanks Gay for her service until the time of her death in May 2019, and John who recently resigned as Genealogist due to health challenges.

Til Minne Om

Remembering Lag Members and Associates Who Have Recently Passed Away











Allwyn Bakken

Naomi (Flugstad) Bekkum Clemons Bredeson

Terry Brende

Helen Ardell (Sortum) Drube



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Nancy (Gartmann) Hawkinson • 1940-2018 • Hudson, WI • T





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Lewis Ellsworth Peterson • 1928–2018 • Coon Rapids, MN • G



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Marlene (Hoegger) Lien



James Lundeen



Jane (Hauser) Pejsa



Lewis Ellsworth Peterson

Wednesday, 7 August

Time	Event	Location
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Registration Desk Open for Tour Participants (only)	Registration
		Area
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Museum, Photo stop at Big Ole statue, picnic at Kensington Rune Stone County Park. (includes bus, tour stops, and box meal).	Meet in Main Lobby
	There are two main stops on our afternoon tour: One is at the Runestone Museum. The discovery of the Kensington Runestone on his farm changed the life of Olof Öhman and his descendants forever. For more than 100 years, scientists, geologists, and linguists have studied the stone in an effort to offer a conclusive answer to the question of the Runestone's authenticity.	
	The other main stop is at the Douglas County Historical Society, housed in the historic home of Norwegian immigrants Knute and Nicolina Nelson. Nelson was elected to the Minnesota Legislature and served two terms before becoming the state's only foreign-born Governor. Following his service as Governor, Nelson held office as a U. S. Senator, with distinction, for 28 years. He championed such causes as conservation, a federal income tax and pure food and drug legislation.	
	We also include a group photo at the 28-foot-tall Big Ole Viking statue, with a box meal at Rune Stone Park.	
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration Desk Re-Opens (for all attendees)	Registration Area
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Expert help available for each lag or just dig in to the myriad of resources on your own! Lag Genealogists: Barry Dahl (<i>Trønderlag</i>), Marilyn Sorensen (<i>Gudbrandsdalslaget</i>)	Courtyard Rms 3 & 4
7:00 PM — 8:00 PM	Seminar: Standardizing Genealogical Data Entry —Marilyn Sorensen This presentation gives a perspective for entering data on a computer software program with several purposes. First is to learn how to logically enter data or clean up the information in two files you wish to merge. Second is to prepare files with the plan to establish a lag data base of members. Another reason is to prepare your data for uploading to an online program.	Courtyard Rm 2
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Movie Night!–Stay Tuned!	Courtyard Rm 1

An Evening Concert of Nordic Music

In Concert: Chris Falteisek & Robin Fossum ... along with the dulcet sounds of the sing-along audience!

Tomorrow (Thursday) Night—7:00 PM, Courtyard Rooms 1 & 2

August 2019

Thursday AM, 8 August

Time		Event	Location
7:45 AM -	8:45 AM		Geneal. Lab
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8:00 AM -	6:00 PM		Isabelle's
		A wide selection of items of interest to Norwegian Americans—books, clothing, jewelry, rosemaling, crafts, etc.	
		(See pages 18 and 19 for a list of the 2019 Tre Lag vendors)	
9:00 AM -	9:30 AM	- p y	Courtyard
		Call of the Lur, National anthems of Canada, Norway, and the U.S., Video remembrance of Lag members who have recently passed away (with music by Chris Falteisek), Welcome from Lag Presidents and from the Bygdelagenes Fellesraad.	Rms 1 & 2
9:30 AM -	10:45AM	Keynote Lecture: Viking Age—Lindisfarne Raid —Lars Walker The Viking Age is usually said to have begun in June 793 AD, when a Viking fleet attacked the monastery at Lindisfarne, Northumbria, England. My presentation will describe the history of Lindisfarne and the reasons for its importance, and discuss one theory as to why Lindisfarne was targeted. I will explain why some historians believe that the raid was planned intentionally to send a message to the Emperor Charlemagne of the Franks. I will give reasons in favor of and against this theory.	Courtyard Rms 1 & 2
10:45 AM -	11:00 AM	Break Visit our Vendors!	Isabelle's
10:45 AM -	9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open Help available for each lag or just dig in to the myriad of resources on your own!	Courtyard Rms 3 & 4
11:00 AM -	12:00 PM		Courtyard
		—Taryn Flolid, Douglas County Historical Society (DCHS) Karen Bren from Furnes, Hedemarken, Norway left her family's farm to come to Alexandria, Minnesota in 1909— promising her mother that she would return in 5 years. Events of her journey and the life that she built in Douglas County got in the way. She stayed and thrived and raised her family here. This is her story.	Rms 1 & 2
12:00 PM -	3:30 PM	Hospitality and Vendor Areas Open Volunteer Hosts are needed throughout the Stevne Set aside an hour or two	Isabelle's
		in your schedule to serve as host and helper.	
12:00 PM -	1:30 PM	Lunch (on your own)	



Thursday PM, 8 August

Time	Event	Location
1:30 PM — 2:30 PM	Seminar: The Viking Legacy—Lars Walker In Viking Legacy (2018), a book I had the honor to translate, Prof. Torgrim Titlestad, formerly of the University of Stavanger, describes the Vikings' contribution to ideas of democracy and personal freedom we cherish today. The book tells the story of Norway in the Viking Age. We will examine the conflict between native Norse conceptions of democratic government and continental ideas of absolute monarchy that were being introduced by a series of authoritarian kings. We will also explain Prof. Titlestad's defense of the use of the Icelandic sagas as historical sources.	Courtyard Rm 2
1:30 PM — 2:30 PM	Eminar: Strange Encounters of the King Harald Hardrada Kind —Lawrence Moe Harald Sigurdarson was born around 1015 CE in Ringerike. At the age of fifteen he was wounded at Stiklestad in Trøndelag, fighting alongside his half-brother Olaf, who died there and was later made Saint Olaf. But Harald escaped, recovered, and spent the next fifteen years as a Viking and mercenary across the Mediterranean, serving also in the bodyguard of the Byzantine Emperor. Thus Harald amassed a fortune, which in 1046 fueled his return to Norway and the crown. He became known as Harald Hardrada (Hard-Ruler). Harald died attempting to conquer England, becoming a major figure in the fateful events of 1066. With Harald, the Viking Age came to its close. Dr. Moe draws on medieval sagas to tell the amazing story of King Harald's farflung, colorful, and audacious career—rife with strange encounters!	Courtyard Rm 1
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break; Visit Vendors	Isabelle's
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Seminar: Vintage Underwear—Ann Skoglund, Douglas County Historical Society (DCHS) Undergarments are a necessary part of one's wardrobe, and have been for centuries. Protecting the outer garments from wear, and more easily washable, they often attempted to shape the body according to the fashions of the day. Although men wore underdrawers and stockings, women's underclothing was more complex. In the late 19 th and early 20 th centuries, depending on the decade and the formality, most women wore a chemise or camisole with a stiff corset, stockings, one or more petticoats, and a hoop or bustle to shape the skirt. Fabrics commonly included cotton and wool, sometimes linen, and if affordable, silk. Ms. Skoglund will show us examples of these garments in the DCHS collection.	Courtyard Rm 2
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4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)	
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	An Evening Concert of Nordic Music presented by the Tre Lag Musicians	Courtyard Rms 1 & 2

Friday AM, 9 August

7:45 AM — 9:00 AM 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM Registration Desk Open 8:00 AM — 2:15 PM 9:00 AM — 3:30 PM Genealogy Lab Open 9:15 AM — 10:15 AM Seminar A: Race to Conquer England—1066 and All That—Marguerite Ragnow In 1066 CE, there were four claimants to the throne of England: Harald Hardrada of Norway; Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex; Harolds brother Tostig, the deposed Earl of Northumbria, both descendants of Harald Bluetooth, King of Denmark (c. 958-986) and Norway (c. 970-986); and William, Duke of Normandy, descendent of Rollo, the 10th-century Viking who established the Norse settlement that became the duchy of Normandy in France. This presentation will examine the relationships of these men, their claims to the throne, and how the actions of each of the others led to William's success, placing yet another Norse king on the English throne. Seminar B: The Hauge Movement—Tim Peterson On April 5, 1796, a young farmer named Hans Nielsen Hauge was working in his field outside of Fredrikstad, singing one of his favorite hymns, when he had an overwhelming experience of Gods Presence, God's Grace, and God's Calling, Hauge began to preach. He wrote books. He traveled all over Norway sharing the message he had received. Many people responded to his preaching and writing. His followers were called Haugeans. These people had a focus on Jesus and the Bible, on moral living, and on being entrepreneurial in business ventures. Hauge and his followers started factories all over Norway, Many of Hauge's followers came to the United States. Today there is a renewed interest in Hauge and the Haugean Revival in both Norway and the United States. This seminar outlines the history of the Haugeans—a history that is continuing on into the future. 10:15 AM — 10:45 AM Break-Visit Hospitality Suite and Vendor Area Seminar A: Growing Up in Alexandria—Elaine Hasleton	Location	Time Event	me	Tin
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Friday PM, 9 August

Time	Event	Location
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Seminar A: Ripe for the Harvest: Family Information in	Courtyard
	Norwegian Bygdebøker—Mike Swanson Bygdebøker are local history publications mainly for rural Norway. Although the format and content of these books vary, many provide details about families in a particular locality. It is easier to "harvest" this genealogical information from bygdebøker, where key details are presented in typewritten form, rather than trying to read the original, handwritten records. You'll see examples of various types of bygdebøker with an emphasis on the genealogical information typically found. Advantages and disadvantages to using bygdebøker will be discussed as will tips for using the books more effectively. Strategies to identify the appropriate bygdebøk for research use will also be shown.	Rm 1
	Seminar B: Alexandria Early History —Rick Rosenfield, DCHS Alexandria got its start in 1858 – the same year Minnesota became a state. It was named for Alexander Kinkead, who arrived with his brother William from Delaware, stopping to establish a settlement on the shores of Lake Agnes. The following year a state road was cut through the area, encouraging future settlement. The Homestead Act of 1962 brought many immigrants and settlers, and also Civil War veterans. This presentation traces the early history of Alexandria, and the influences that can still be seen and felt today.	Courtyard Rm 2
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break, Visit Vendors	Isabelle's
2:45 PM — 3:45 PM	Seminar A: Mystery Behind the Vanishing Headstones—An Update—Nancy Pickering The topic begins by exploring the significance of a set of ancient headstones in a London churchyard—which are stacked against and encircling an old ash tree, entangled in its roots. A photograph of the tree and its headstones turned up in an internet search, and curiosity led to more research, which led down several paths before coming together for a fascinating story. A repeat of a presentation three years ago, there's now a surprising new ending!	Courtyard Rm 1
	Seminar B: Where Do I Begin? Telling Family Stories —Joy Shong Family stories are a good way to gain the interest of younger people, but it can feel overwhelming to begin telling your family's story. Joy will offer tips for "who, what, where, why, when and how" to begin to tell the stories of the people, places, things and events of you and your ancestors, and why it is important to share those stories.	Courtyard Rm 2
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Hospitality Hour	The Barn
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Tre Lag Group Photos: Important: be on time for your lag's photo shoot!	TBD
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Group Photo: Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag.	TBD
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Group Photo: Gudbrandsdalslag	TBD
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Group Photo: Trønderlag	TBD
6:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Stevne Banquet; Emcee: Gary Olson Bunad Parade; Preview of the 2020 Stevne Entertainment: Uffda, Hotdishes, Hotpads, and Hotflashes! Comedy Presentation, by Janet Letnes Martin: Ms. Martin will speak on Growing Up Rural and Growing Up Lutheran in the '50s in a Scandinavian community in North Dakota. She is a humorist, so prepare to laugh as she takes you down memory lane.	The Barn (Onsite Building)

Saturday AM, 10 August

Time)	Event		Location
7:45 AM -	9:00 AM	Gudbrandsdalslaget Business Meeting		Courtyard
				Rm 2
9:15 AM -	10:15 AM	Seminar: Roaming Runatics—Norwegian runes abroad	100	Courtyard
		and at home—Loraine Jensen		Rm 1
		What are runes? What does runic writing teach us about our		
		Scandinavian ancestry? This presentation will provide an overview of the thousands of runestones existing today,		
		primarily in Sweden, Norway and Denmark, but some in North	atova	
		America. There will be a special emphasis on the runestones in		
		Norway, and, most up-to-date translation of the Kensington runes	tone will be	
		shared.		
10:25 AM -	11:25 AM		400	Courtyard
		these days, it's "DNA Something." Help!		Rm 1
		—Dixie Hansen		
		Dixie will review the basics of working with DNA results and		
		will also touch on some of the extremely useful new features and tools that were released by DNA testing companies in 2019		
		(as well as some great 3rd party tools) which can help you get the		
		most from your DNA cousin match list.		



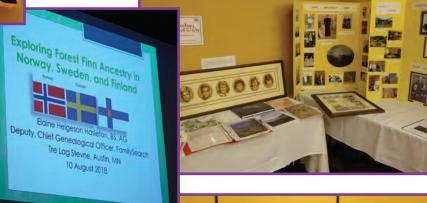


















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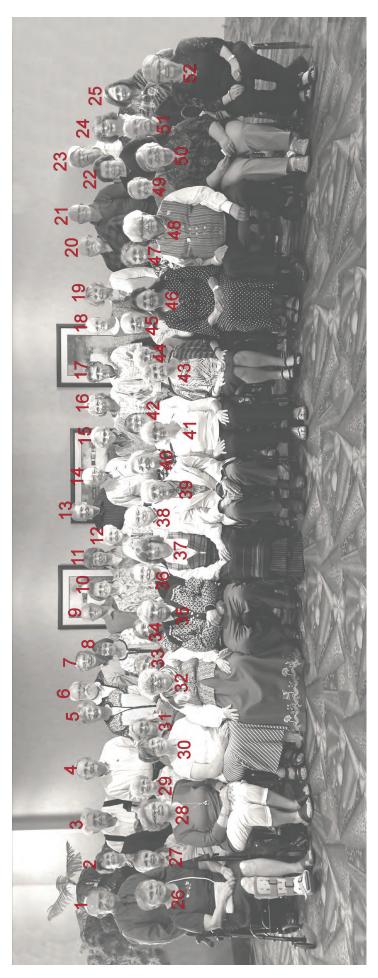


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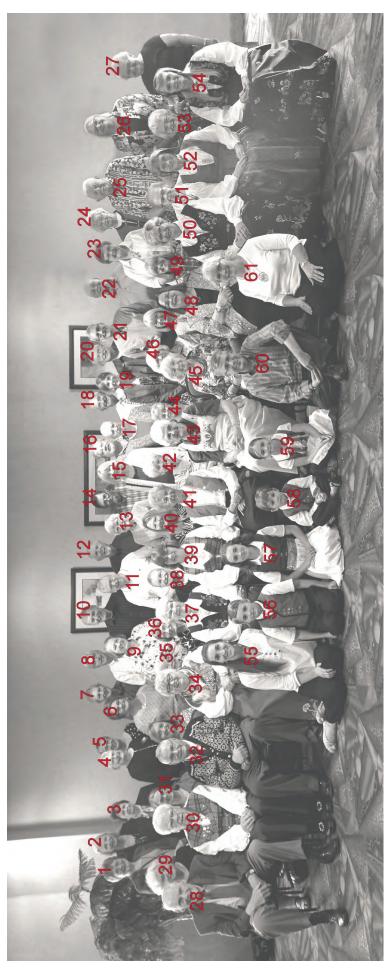
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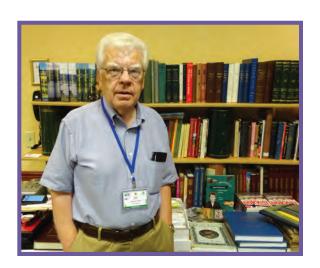




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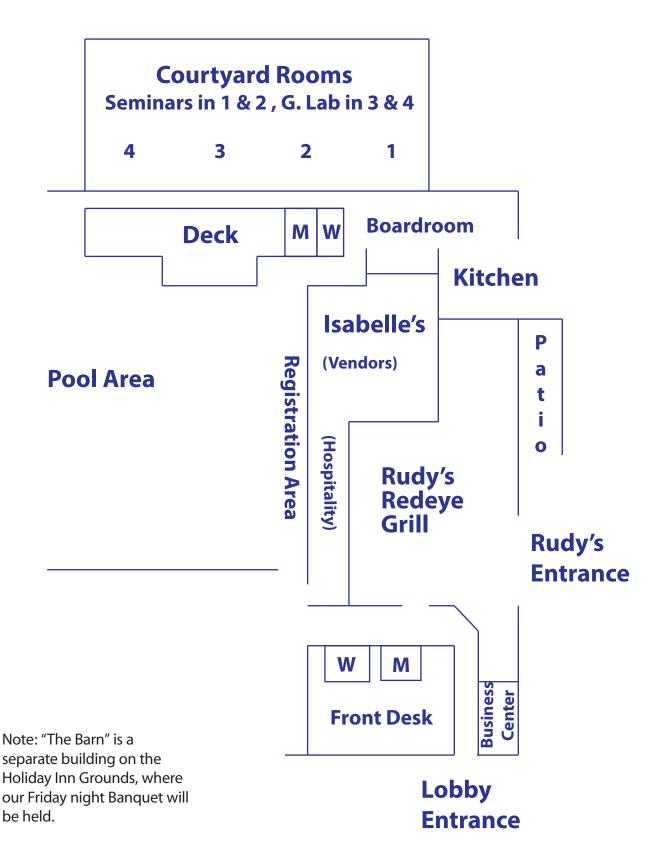


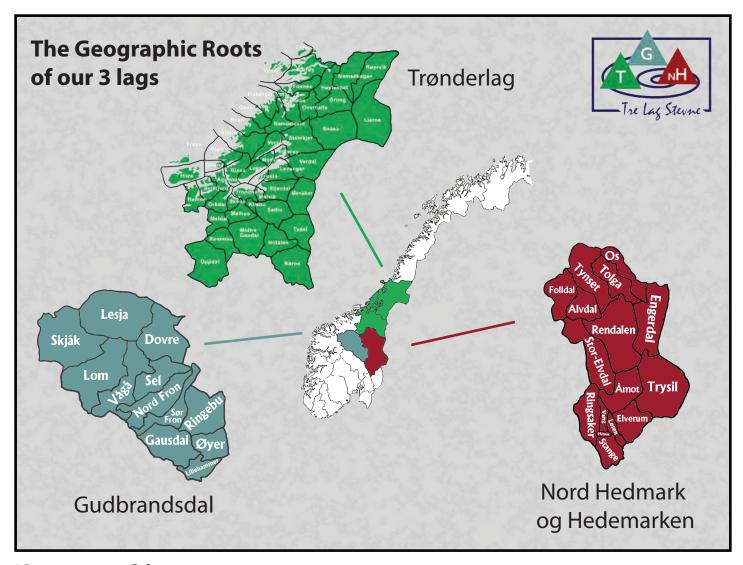






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