### Flere Lag Stevne



### Friluftsliv: "Fresh Air Life"

From Nordic Lands to North America

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



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### Velkommen til Steune 2022!

Welcome to the first, of we hope many, Flere Lag Stevner. This is a union of Tre Lag Stevne and the Romerikslag and Solørlag joint stevne.

The Stevne Steering Committee has planned for you a great meeting with the theme: *Friluftsliv* or "Outdoor Life". This is maybe even more important to Norwegians than "koselig" in their everyday life. While living in Oslo my daughter attended Tomm Murstads Friluftsbarnehage at Frognersetteren. After entering the warming hut a child would be told by a "tante" to "Vær så snill å gå ut og steng døren." Outdoor life begins at birth in Norway.

At this Stevne we will learn much about the heritage we have of outdoor life. The tour will take us through much of Minnesota's Driftless Area to the first Norwegian settlement in Minnesota. We will learn about several of the outdoor activities that pervade Norwegian-American life. So "Vær så god".

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### Remembering Lag Members and Associates Who Have Recently Passed Away

Dennis Lee Amb • 1940–2020 (Age 80) • Lansing, IL • N

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Carol Ann (Mathewson) Moore • 1938–2022 (Age 84) • Brillion, IA • N

Jon Russell Pederson• 1950–2019 (Age 69) • Spicer, MN • T

Rohl Carlo Peterson • 1935–2021 (Age 86) • Tucson, AZ • T

Julie Ann Tremble • 1957–2022 (Age 64) • Republic, WA • T

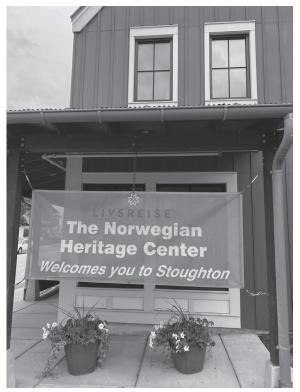
Beverly May (Bateman) Slettehaugh • 1934–2021 (Age 86) • Crystal, MN • R

Tordis (Nordgård) Trønnes • 1952–2022 (Age 69) • Tretten in Øyer, Innlandet, Norway • G

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!



Many thanks to several lag photographers who contributed photos for this booklet: Joel Botten, David Grindberg, Jeanne Engelsmeier, Chris Falteisek, Robin Fossum, Dixie Hansen, Doug Johnson, Gary Romsaas, Jon Satrum, and Dorothy Zimmerman.



Livsreise: Norwegian Heritage Center at Stoughton, WI Visited on Tre Lag Stevne 2021 Tour

### Wednesday, 3 August

Time	_	Event	Location
12:00 PM -	8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Area
1:00 PM -	9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open  Expert help available for each lag or just dig in to the myriad of resources on your own!  Lag Genealogists: (NHOH is open)  Barry Dahl (Trønderlag), Deb Jarvar (Romerikslag)  Marilyn Sorensen (Gudbrandsdalslaget), Elaine Hasleton (Solørlag)	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:30 PM -	4:45 PM	<b>Genealogy Research Demos</b> (every hour on the half hour) Topics: Research Wiki, Wordmine, Norgeskart, VPNs, SnagIt, Find A Grave	Royale A
2:00 PM -	8:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	"Breakfast Room"
5:30 PM -	6:15 PM	<b>Light Dinner Onsite</b> (elective; must be registered)	Royale B
7:00 PM —	8:00 PM	Seminar: Looking Toward 2025 and Beyond  —Amy Boxrud, Executive Director of the Norwegian- American Historical Association (NAHA)  In 2025, the Norwegian-American community will commemorate the bicentennial of organized Norwegian migration. In addition, the Norwegian-American Historical Association will celebrate its centennial. NAHA Executive Director Amy Boxrud will update stevne participants on plans for 2025 within the Norwegian-American community and across the Atlantic in Norway. She will also share how the Association's vision is evolving as it approaches its centennial—by expanding access to its collections, stimulating research, and offering new perspectives on migration.	Royale A









### **An Evening Concert of Nordic Music**

In Concert: Chris Falteisek, Robin Fossum, Matt Dahl & Louise Lang ... along with the dulcet sounds of the sing-along audience!

Thursday Night—7:00 PM, Royale A

### Thursday, 4 August

Time	Time Event	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	Trønderlag Annual Business Meeting	Royale B
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Registration Desk Open</b> (Stevne Registration will be closed during the tour and reopen upon return)	Registration Area
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony Call of the Lur, National anthems of Canada, Norway, and the U.S., Welcome from Lag Presidents and from the Bygdelagenes Fellesraad.	Royale A
9:30 AM — 10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Friluftsliv: Cherished History, Contemporary Challenges  —Jenna Coughlin, Asst. Professor of Norwegian Language and Literature at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota Friluftsliv is really a simple concept: It describes the variety of social practices that take place in nature for the purpose of recreation. Yet in Norway this concept not only has its own special word, often translated as "Open Air Life," but it is also regarded by many as an essential part of Norwegian culture and identity. In short, it is typisk norsk [typically Norwegian]. Recently, global media outlets have taken an interest in the concept, pointing to Norway as an example of how to incorporate nature into your life to reduce stress and promote wellbeing. But how did friluftsliv come to hold such a central place in Norwegian identity? And is it really so unique to Norway?	Royale A
10:45 AM - 4:30 PM	Tour by Bus: With stops at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove and Norsland Lefse in Rushford (Advance Tour Registration required; lunch included).  Giants of the Earth Heritage Center is a non-profit educational institution, dedicated to honoring, preserving, and interpreting the history and heritage of the people from Spring Grove's Norwegian Ridge in southeastern Minnesota.  Norsland Lefse has been producing traditional lefse for nearly a quarter century in Rushford, MN, a small town based in SE Minnesota, nestled in beautiful bluff country on the Root River. In addition to the lefse bakery, it has a cafe and a gift shop.  (Note: The Genealogy Lab will be closed during the day to allow Tour participation for all; Lab opens at 5:00 PM)	Meet in Main Hotel Lobby
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Breakfast Room
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Registration Desk Open</b> (Registration will be closed during the tour and reopen upon return)	Registration Area
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	Solørlag Annual Business Meeting	Royale B
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open	Grand Ballroom
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Romerikslag Annual Business Meeting	Royale B
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>An Evening Concert of Nordic Music</b> presented by the Flere Lag Stevne Musicians. (We invite you to join in: contact: <a href="mailto:chrisfalteisek@gmail.com">chrisfalteisek@gmail.com</a> ).	Royale A

### Friday AM, 5 August

Time		Event	Location
7:45 AM -	8:45 AM	Gudbrandsdalslaget Business Meeting	Royale B
8:00 AM -	4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Area
8:00 AM -	5:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open A wide selection of items of interest to Norwegian Americans—books, clothing, jewelry, rosemaling, crafts, etc. (See pages 14 and 15 for a list of the 2022 Flere Lag vendors)	Vendor Hallway
9:00 AM -	3:30 PM	Genealogy Lab Open	Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM -	10:00 AM	Concurrent Seminars	
		Seminar A: Kubb or is it Viking Chess?  —Dee Dee and Jason Halvorson Kubb is a yard game. The word rhymes with 'tube'. Legend has it that it was created by the Vikings, but there is no written proof or photos. The concept is to toss wood batons (dowels) at wood kubbs (blocks). The team that clears the kubbs then knocks over the center King wins. No scoring. Teams can be one to six players. Big in the Midwest. Huge in Norway, Sweden, Germany. Some call it Viking Chess. I'll explain and demonstrate how to play and throw the baton. We will discuss some variations of backyard rules and US tournament rules. I'll also cover some of the strategy and what makes the game so fun for all ages and skill levels.	Royale A
		Seminar B: The Birkebeiner—North America's Biggest XC Race!  —Barry Knapp & Darald Bothun, Coaches for the Rochester Nordic Ski Team  Baby Prince Haakon's rescue in 1206 by warriors on skis and wearing birch leggings ("birkebeiner") created the legend behind the American Birkebeiner cross country ski race held annually in Northern Wisconsin. Barry Knapp and Darald Bothun, active ski coaches and multi-year "Birkie" racers, will tell you the story of Prince Haakon then take you to cross country skiing today and the 50km American Birkebeiner. The talk will also include a brief description of the various types of xc skiing, the many different events held during Birkie week, and the story of Per Ostigaard, from Hoffman, MN, who skied over 30 Birkies and 10 Korties until age 91!	Royale B
10:00 AM -	10:30 AM	Break–Visit Hospitality Suite and Vendor Area	
10:30 AM -	11:30 AM	Concurrent Seminars	
		Seminar A: Kubb or is it Viking Chess?—Dee Dee and Jason Halvorson (see above)	Royale A
		Seminar B: The Birkebeiner—North America's Biggest XC Race! — Barry Knapp & Darald Bothun	Royale B
11:00 AM -	3:00 PM	<b>Break</b> –Visit Hospitality Suite and Vendor Area	
11:30 AM -	1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)	

### Friday PM, 5 August

Time		Event		Location
1:00 PM -	2:00 PM			
		Seminar A: Minnesota's First Permanent Norwegian Settlement: The History Behind It—Bill Fried Bill Fried is a retired educator from Spring Grove, Minnes who was born and raised in Marshall and is currently the Executive Director of Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. He fourth generation Norwegian-American with ancestors origing from Karmøy, Norway.	ota, e is a	Royale A
		Seminar B: Genetic Genealogy—DNA and Norwegia Family History —Johnathan Storlie, Ph.D., Director of Genetic Genealo Giants of the Earth Heritage Center, Spring Grove, MN Genetic genealogy has come a long way in recent years duthe increased number of markers and millions of people who have now been tested. But how do you maximize your detect work between you and your DNA relatives? One of Dr. Storli research projects provides an example: he created a family tre Spring Grove area going back hundreds of years that lists ove Learn how to take advantage of this new technology in build	e to cive le's DNA genealogy ee starting from the er 65,000 people!	Royale B
2:00 PM -	2:30 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break, Visit Vendors		
2:30 PM -	3:30 PM	Concurrent Seminars		
		Seminar A: Minnesota's First Permanent Norwegian History Behind It —Bill Fried (see above)	Settlement: The	Royale A
		<b>Seminar B: Genetic Genealogy—DNA and Norwegia</b> —Johnathan Storlie (See above)	n Family History	Royale B
3:45 PM &	4:15PM	Auction Bids End; Collect and pay for Auction Items		
5:15 PM -	6:05 PM	Social Hour with Cash Bar		
5:15 PM -	6:00 PM	Flere Lag Group Photos: Important: be on time for yo	our lag's photo shoot	!
	5:15 PM	Gudbrandsdals Lag National		Grand
	5:25 PM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag	25122	Ballroom ABC
	5:35 PM	Romerikslaget i Amerika		7.00
	5:45 PM	Solørlag of America		
	5:55 PM	Trønderlag of America		
6:00 PM —	8:30 PM	Stevne Banquet Entertainment & Bunad Parade Emcee: Sid Stivland Entertainment: "Luren Singing Society" Decorah, IA This group is the oldest Norwegian-American men's singing society in the United States, founded in 1868. Bunad Parade		Royale A

### **Saturday AM, 6 August**

Time	Time Event		
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Business Meeting	Royale B	
9:15 AM — 10:15 AM	Seminar: Scandia Kicksled—A Norwegian Tradition for All Ages Brent & Kristie Fingerson Kicksleds are a Scandinavian tradition that has caught on more and more in the United States. Scandia Kicksled is a Minnesota based family business. We sell Norwegian kicksleds and accessories. In addition, we educate groups, demonstrate, and hope to share the love of kicksledding to all ages. In recent years, we've seen schools and park districts purchasing kicksleds to rent/provide for individuals. Our business has recently been featured in news stories, newspaper articles, and recently on Minnesota Bound.	Royale A	
10:25 AM — 11:25 AM	Seminar: Sam Haugdahl, the New Sweden Creamery, and World Champion Butter Maker  —Karen Humphrey, past President of the Minnesota Historical Society  Norwegian Sam Haugdahl was well-trained in the art of buttermaking in his home country. When he and his wife Anne Vasket immigrated to America in 1891, they found a home and the creamery where he could apply his art at the country crossroads community of New Sweden, Nicollet County, Minnesota. The cream provided by immigrant farm families was of such quality, and Haugdahl so confident in his art and skill of making butter that he entered the product in the 1900 World's Fair in Paris. This story explores the agricultural contributions of a Scandinavian immigrant community that help shape Minnesota's rich rural heritage.	Royale A	
Safe Travels! See you next year!			

### Simultaneous Event at Stevne!

### **Silent Auction**

In the Genealogy Lab; begins Wednesday.

Items of cultural interest welcome; indicate the lag to which the proceeds will be donated by filling out a form and attaching a color-coded tag.

Bids will be accepted until 3:45 pm on Friday; pickup of items and payment (cash or checks only) after 4:15.



# Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken— Middleton, Wisconsin—2021



Second row: Dana Kelly, Gary Swain, Jeri Johnson, Marilyn Sorensen, Don Teigen, Martha Swetka, Sylvia Falteisek, Vicki Jurek, Carol Byerly, Front row, Left to right: Barb Lewison, Jack Pedersen, Ray Olson, Karen Mullen, Judy Mathison, Dixie Hansen Jill Hanson, Jean Knaak, Rhonda Smerchek, Ann Helstad, Julie Glowka

Back row: Ron Helstad, Gary Romsaas, Larry West, Pat Skaiem, Debra Lee Pritchard, Bud Helstad, Sandy Johnson, Darrell Johnson Third row: Art Storbo, Lois Laehn, Joy Shong, Chuck Laehn, Pam Mathison, Sally Nelson West, Lila Burmeister, Christy Berger



### Trønderlag of America—Middleton, Wisconsin—2021



Front row, left to right: Shae Monson, Cate Monson, Ray Olson, Karen Mullen, Robert Fossum, Robin Fossum, Megan Fritz, Caylin Fritz, Khlöe Fritz, Liam Fritz, Darien Fritz, Rhonda Smerchek,

Secnd row: Bree Monson, Kyle Monson, Jill Monson, Sue Eckert, Louise Lang, Roberta Takle, Carol Byerly, Ardis Danger, Trudy DeKeuster, Mary Martin, Kathy Pedersen, Lila Burmeister

Back row: Dave Grindberg, Gary Romsaas, Chuck McKeen, Darrell Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Tom Westhoff, Gerald Frisbie, Carolyn Satrum, Third row: Barry Dahl, Art Storbo, Gerald Ugland, Linda McKeen, Gene Danger, Julie Glowka, Sharon Frisbie Sue Westhoff, Jon Satrum

Flere Lag Stevne Program



### Gudbrandsdalslaget—Middleton, Wisconsin—2021



Front row, left to right: Wyatt Bunderson, MacKenzie Bunderson, William Bunderson, Marilyn Sorensen, Helen Scherer, Jack Peterson, John F. Peterson, Martha Balfanz, Anne Farning, Mary Tyner, Grace Tyner, Ella Tyner

Second row: Bentley Bunderson, Jessica Bunderson, Cathy Zange, Angela Cowgill, Ginny Wegenast, Linda George, Sylvia Falteisek, Nancy Olson, Kris Grodahl, Third row: Gary Swain, Ed Scherer, Jan Floeter, Dale Zange, Peg Schellin, Sandra Fjelstad Gilbert, Valerie Matthiesen, Lila Burmeister, David Clounch, Mary Martin, Diane Clounch, Kathy Pedersen, Rhonda Smerchek, James Tyner, Jeanne Engelsmeier, Dorothy Zimmerman, Elaine Nordlie **Gail Winger** 

Back row: Gerald Hanson, Gary Romsaas, Ryan King, Steven Schellin, Kristin King, Art Storbo, Dick Lundgren, Sid Stivland, Don Matthiesen, Bob Gjendahl



## Romerikslaget i Amerika—New Ulm, Minnesota—2021



Second row: Rod Bjerke, Chuck McKeen, Kirsten Bornus, David Bornus, Mary Baumgardner, Deb Jarvar, Paul Meierding Front row, left to right: Mike Miller, Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Joel Botten, Eunice Helgeson, Steven Ask Back row: Linda McKeen, Julie A. Clauson, Vicky Finstad, Joy Shong, Barbara Nelson

Flere Lag Stevne Program



### Solør Lag of America—New Ulm, Minnesota—2021



Front row, left to right: Dennis Ingvoldson, Juanita Ingvoldson, Yvonne Natvig, Linda Embertson, Jean Berg, Kathy Johnson, Ralph C. Olson, Ray Olson, Linda Poissant

Middle row: Darrell Johnson, LeAnn Hookom, Karen Weiberg, Julie A. Clauson, Joanne Sorbel, Sharon Gunderson,

Jan Gunderson, Mary Martin, Rodney Kurth

Back row: Sandy Johnson, Vicky Finstad, Denny Kalvig, Barry Olson, Raymond Embertson, LaVonne Hookom, Andy Berg,

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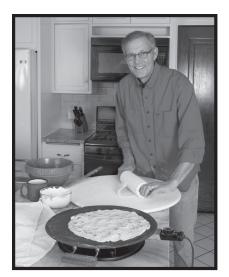
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### Romerikslaget/Solørlag Joint Stevne 2021



Tour Group pose, at Hanska Stabbur

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(Norwegian for Flea Market Boutique)

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### Casual Shots

### New Ulm, MN



Joel Botten in *Toten* bunad, and Norma Kjenstad Barnes in *Romerike hverdags* bunad



Romerikslaget Banner with Julie Clauson





Back to the bus at Hanska Stabbur; tour included historic Norwegian sites in Brown County

### 2021 Tre Lag Stevne, Middleton, WI **Casual Shots**

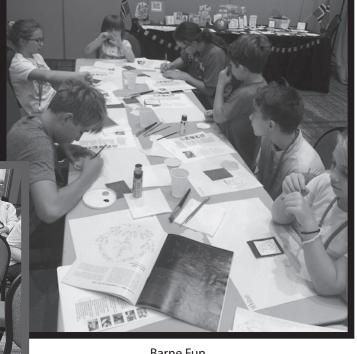


William Bunderson with John Peterson

Look at all the Petersons/Pedersen!



Helen and Ed Scherer



Barne Fun



John "Jack" Peterson and Kathy Pedersen

### Gudbrandsdlaslag, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken, and Trønderlag



Showing his love of the Norwegian flag is Gary Swain



Top: Genealogy Lab

Middle: Bunad Parade at Banquet

Bottom: Banquet participants: Jeanne Engelsmeier, Dorothy Zimmerman, Ginny Wegenast, Marilyn Sorensen



