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ABOUT FACE! OUR LEGACY

2012 Tre-Lag Stevne

**Wednesday, August 1 – Saturday, August 4
at the Doublewood Inn Best Western Hotel
3333 13th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103-3404**

Reservations – call (701)235-3333 group rate is \$81.00

**You need to identify yourself as part of the Tre Lag
Stevne group and indicate the date of arrival.**

Reservations can also be made toll free at (800) 433-3235

The website is www.fargodoublewood.com

The theme is: About Face: Our Legacy



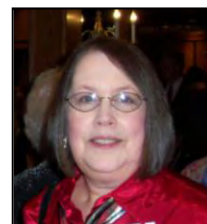
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speed Internet access. It includes an onsite casino, Dakota Grill & Restaurant and much more. Pets are welcome -restrictions and a non-refundable \$10.00 pet fee

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Hilsen! Fra Presidenten Joy Shong



Summer has come early this year, which means lots of sunshine and flowers. It also means it's time for planning your trip to Fargo, August 1-4, for the Tre-Lag Stevne. The schedule is still being completed by the planning team, and it looks like we will have another entertaining, informative conference this year.

One of the most popular parts of the stevne is the hospitality suite where coffee and Norwegian bakery is available in abundance. That is, it is only available in abundance when donations of favorite goodies are made by the members. Please bring your home baked or store bought favorites (sandbakkelse, rosettes, krumkake, lefse, flatbread, cookies, bars, etc) to share so we can all get a taste of Norway.

Along with the goodies for the hospitality room we are earnestly seeking people to volunteer to helping out with making coffee, and monitoring the room for a period of time. We do not have a coordinator for hospitality this year, but we do have a few people who are willing to help. Please let me know if you can help with serving, pre-stevne coordination, or in any other way.

The stevner are made possible by the many people who commit their time and talent every year to plan and coordinate the events. When attending the stevne, please seek out these volunteers and thank them for their labors and the hours they put into making the stevne a success.

This year's annual NHOH Lag Business Meeting will be held on Saturday morning. In the early days of the lag an awards program was defined to include three award categories: the Tusen Takk Award for exceptional volunteer service, the President's Certificate of Appreciation for recognition for significant contributions to the lag, and the 17 Year Award of Merit (Syttende År) for any member "who has demonstrated extraordinary unselfish and meritorious volunteer service in a variety of leadership and/or supportive roles over a period of 17 years or more as a Lag member". This is a special year since the Lag is now 17 years old since its' reorganization, and this is the first year we will be presenting this award. Plan on attending the meeting to see who the recipient will be.

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:



(Photos below by Thorbjørg Hjelmén Ugland – Norway's Folk Costumes.)

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Stevne Planning

Registration will be open on Wednesday noon, and during regular hours the remainder of the stevne.

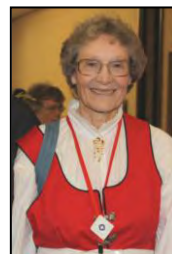
A tour on Wednesday afternoon includes Prairie Public Broadcasting Studios (where many programs involving immigrants to the midwest have been made), the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County at the Hjemkomst Center, the Center itself, the Stavkirke near the Center. A meal will be served at the Sons of Norway Lodge, as well as a brief Memorial Service, before we return to the Conference Center for the Opening Ceremony and the evening program.

The Genealogy Lab will be open on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, from about 7:30 (after the opening ceremony) to 10:00 PM. It will be open during the normal hours on Thursday and Friday

On Thursday, there will be an optional visit to the Prairie Art Museum from 5-6:30 pm for an Open House Reception and a visit to the exhibit by Minnesota (Norske) wood carver, Fred Cogelow.

The traditional stevne events will take place on Thursday and Friday. The Genealogy Lab and the Vendors' Room will be open on Thursday and Friday. Thursday evening is "Movie Night" - the Norwegian movie **"Kitchen Stories"** will be shown. Several productions from Prairie Public will be shown in another room.

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Friday afternoon will include the Keynote Address. The picture taking and banquet will take place in the evening, as usual.

Once again Saturday morning will begin with the popular Norsk Frokost (Norwegian Breakfast) after which we will finish with a few more lectures. Check out the schedule/program in this newsletter for more information.

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. 1	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.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Articles, photos and graphics relating to Norwegian history, culture, emigration and Lag activities, especially those with meaning 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 Norw/American community events of interest to our members are welcome.

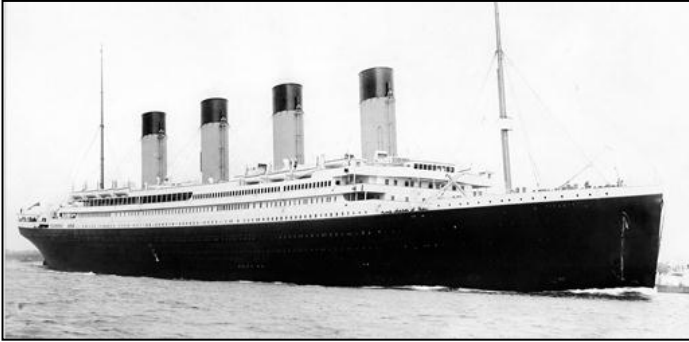
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Norwegians on the Titanic



Why were there 31 Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans on the RMS TITANIC? Simply put, there were 31 passengers with 31 different reasons. Like Norwegian-Americans Engelhart and Helene Østby. This father and daughter were returning to America in the Titanic's first class after a trip to Egypt. Or 21-year-old Karl Midtsjø who was immigrating to America for Chicago. Then there was Ole Olsen, a 27-year-old general laborer, who planned a new life in Broderick, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Norwegian government became so concerned that so many of its citizens were leaving Norway, they began keeping statistics. Between 1905 and 1925, 80 percent of the respondents said "lack of access to profitable occupations" as the number one reason for leaving.

"Land of Happiness" is what Bishop Jacob Neumann, Diocese of Bergen, years earlier had called North America, in particular America. It was called "America Fever" and it was sweeping Norway. These Norwegians "hoped that a luckier star would arise over their families and their fortunes," said Bishop Neumann in the 1880s. The same could be said in 1912.

On the RMS TITANIC, the Norwegians emigrants were farmers and engineers, sailors and general laborers. Four of the 31 were Norwegians who immigrated years earlier and were returning home. One Norwegian's last residence was in Australia while another had been living in South Africa. All were coming to North America on the world's largest and most luxurious passenger ship ever built.

First class tickets expensive

Few of these Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans enjoyed the posh environs afforded to a first- or even second-class passenger. Except the Østbys. They were the only Norwegians or Norwegian-Americans booked in first class who would have seen the Grand Staircase, accessible only to upper class passengers. Mr. Østby, a jeweler, could well afford a first class ticket. In today's money, it would cost between \$63,000 to \$80,000.

The lowest fare for a third class passage was approximately \$360 in today's money. Affordable by today's standards until you factor what the average wage

earner made: between \$700 and \$800 annually for an American and Canadian worker in 1912. Much less for a Scandinavian. Many emigrants had to borrow money from family members just to immigrate. Like Johannes Kalvik, a 21-year-old Norwegian, who worked for his older brother in carpentry and construction. He made \$175 annually.

Second class passenger.

Arne Fahlstrøm, an 18-year-old arts student, was on his way to Bayonne, N.Y., to attend cinematography school. He could afford the average price of a second-class ticket (\$1,300 in today's dollars): he was the only child of Alma and Johan Fahlstrøm, a "prominent couple... well-known actors, instructors and owners of two theatres in Christiania."

Fahlstrøm might have been the only Norwegian aboard who was served meals by the only Scandinavian worker on the ship: Charles Jensen, a 25-year-old Dane, who was employed as a dining steward for second-class passengers.

More Scandinavians than Irish

The Norwegians were only one of 28 different nationalities represented on the Titanic's five-day voyage, April 10 – 15, from Southampton, England, across the North Atlantic, to New York City. While Hollywood may describe Titanic emigrants as overwhelmingly Irish, in reality they were slightly more than one-seventh of the total number of immigrants in third class.

There were around 706 third class passengers on this famous White Star Line ship. Of these, 120 were Irish. The rest included 44 Austro-Hungarians, 22 Belgians, 33 Bulgarians, 18 Russians, and 79 Syrians.

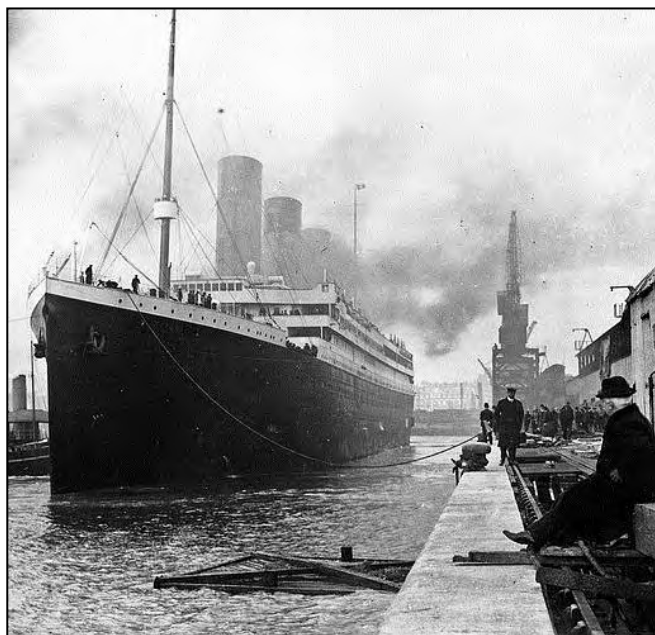
Scandinavians were well represented on the Titanic especially in the third class. Only a couple of years before, the White Star and other steamship lines called **third-class "steerage-class."** Even though immigration officials in the U.S. and Canada continued to refer to these passengers as steerage.

There were seven Danes traveling in third class out of a total of 13 on board; 55 Finns, out of approximately 65; and 104 Swedes, out of approximately 125 (or more). This was more than the actual 113 Irish immigrants who were on board.

Swedes were the third-most nationality represented among the Titanic passengers while the British were first with 327 (not counting the overwhelming British crew of this British ship) followed by the Americans with 306.

One of the biggest advantages in booking third class passage on a White Star Line was the food. For the first time, third class passengers were served sit-down meals in dining rooms, waited on by waiters and waitresses. Before this, a steerage class emigrant had to bring their own food.

The White Star Line was doing what we call today "upgrading travel accommodations." There was good reason for this. To garner more and more of the lucrative



immigrant business away from its rivals, like the British Cunard Line or German lines. White Star officials knew emigrants would write back home to relatives and friends, commenting favorably about the voyage. It was a classic marketing move without spending a dime more in marketing. Save for extra price of food (cheap because the line bought in bulk) and the cheap labor to make and serve that food.

Shipping companies flooded Europe with leaflets and posters as well have ticket agents in various countries to entice emigrants to book with them over their shipping rival.

Destinations varied

The destinations of these 31 Norwegians were varied as the hopes and dreams they carried with them. Brooklyn was the number one destination of seven of these Norwegians, followed by Chicago and Philadelphia with three each, Belmar, N.J., with two and other destinations like Inglewood, Calif., Cameron, Wis., Seattle, Wash., and North Dakota.

We know this famous ship did not make its final destination. Sinking in the early morning hours of April 15, there were approximately 2,200 passengers and crew on board. Only 700 survived while 1,500 perished, largely by hypothermia and drowning. Among the 31 Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans, only 10 survived.

In the following month, according to Ellis Island.org, emigrants across Europe, Scandinavia, and Norway continued to book passage on ocean liners traveling across the Atlantic, even with this treacherous 60-mile-wide "river of ice" and icebergs coming south from Greenland in 1912. The hopes and dreams of a better life were far greater than any iceberg standing in their way.

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VELKOMMEN



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May 12 board meeting at Ron and Audrey Helstad's winery on the bluff above La Crescent MN



Please volunteer to be the Secretary for the Lag.



Experience the magic of Little Norway near Blue Mounds, Wis.

By Christy Olsen Field

In the search for a piece of Norway in America, Little Norway of Blue Mounds, Wis., offers visitors a peek into the old world. Located just 20 miles west of Madison, Wis., Little Norway is on the National Register of Historic Places, and over 2 million people have visited the place in its 75 years of existence.

On April 20, owner Scott Winner announced that the 2012 will be the final season for Little Norway. "It's been a labor of love for our family, and we feel extremely lucky to keep it going," said Winner.

Little Norway was founded by Isak J. Dahle in 1927. As a prominent Chicago business man, Dahle purchased the property near Blue Mounds, Wis., to use as a gathering place for his family. After furnishing the buildings with Norwegian antiques, Dahle decided to open it up to the public in 1937. Little Norway is now in its fourth generation of family ownership.



Today, Scott Winner, grand-nephew of Dahle, owns and operates Little Norway with his wife Jennifer and their children Haley and Asher.

"Over the past few years, we have fixed the buildings and put out a lot of advertising to market Little Norway," said Winner. "I have been here for 30 years, and it looks as good as I have ever seen it."

Little Norway features eight authentic and lovingly restored Norwegian homestead buildings on the grounds. The most noteworthy is the Norway Building, which is modeled after a 12th century *stavkirke* (wooden stave church). It was originally built in Trondheim, Norway, and transported to the U.S. for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Ill., in 1893. It was relocated to Wisconsin in 1935, and holds a treasure trove of Norwegian artifacts, including the original manuscript of a composition by legendary Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. In addition to the Norway Building, Little Norway has a *stabbur* (food storehouse), sod-roofed cabin, a *stue* (family home) and more. Each building is tastefully decorated with Norwegian antiques – the largest private collection outside of Norway.

Said Scott, "Sometimes I blink and ask myself, 'What am I going to do next?' I have been here for 30 years with all these historic buildings. It's been a dream in a lot of ways."



Little Norway has been a Scandinavian attraction in the Midwest, and the historical place has hosted several prominent visitors from Norway. His Majesty King Harald visited Little Norway in

1965 when he was the Crown Prince, and two Prime Ministers have visited Little Norway. Winner has visited Norway several times for tours of some of Norway's best museums. The strong connection of Little Norway to Norway and the Norwegian-American community has brought visitors from all over North America and the world to see the special collection of Norwegian artifacts.



"I'm proud that we've been able to keep it in the family," says Winner. "From my great-uncle to my grandparents to my parents, Little Norway has been a labor of love for us for more than 80 years."

Winner's decision to close Little Norway was supported by his family, but came as a shock to the local community.

"People assumed Little Norway is protected because it's on the National Register of Historic Places, but it's not," said Winner. "It's privately owned by our family, not a foundation or non-profit. The cost of upkeep is expensive."

Starting out with mowing lawns and now the owner, Winner has invested 30 years of time, energy and money to keep Little Norway open to the public. The impending closure has inspired Winner and the employees to celebrate Little Norway's rich history and significance in its final season. Little Norway is now open for the season, and will close Oct. 29.

"I want people to realize that we hope this isn't the last chapter for Little Norway," said Winner. "We have such a wonderful collection and fabulous history, and we want to see Little Norway start its next chapter."

Little Norway is located in Blue Mounds, Wis., about 20 miles west of Madison. Opening hours are as follows:

May – June: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

July – August: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

September – October: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, call (608) 437-8211, email info@littlenorway.com, or visit www.littlenorway.com.

Tickets can be purchased through the website.

This article was originally published in the May 4, 2012 issue of the Norwegian American Weekly. Tusen takk!

ABOUT FACE!

Announcing the Tre Lag 2012 Family Photo-Sharing Face Off

Enter in Either Category (or both)

Category 1. A Favorite Family Photograph

Capturing a moment in time, a weathered Norwegian face, an intrigue, a long-buried photo, the essence of family, the misfit, a fine-looking group, a child that never grew up, a rare glimpse, or whatever it is that makes the photo special to you. Submit ONE photo only.

Sample



NHOH Cousins!

Tobine and Marit Steivang (back and right) from Alvda, Hedmark, Norway with their 2nd cousin, Christina Hogenson (left) from Spring Valley, Wisconsin. Tobine and Marit are Dixie Hansen's Great Aunt and Grandmother. Christina is Joy Shong's Great Aunt. Dixie discovered she was related to Joy's family at the first meeting of the Nord Hedmark Lag and Joy's parents, Joe and Roslyn Waddell, gave a copy of the photo to Dixie at the Lag's 2nd meeting.

Category 2. Morph My Family!

Do you see an uncanny resemblance between yourself and your Norwegian immigrant ancestor or between your daughter and her great-grandfather? Would you like to see a progressive blend of the faces? Submit any two family photos (the facial features must be readily visible in both photos). I'll morph as many as I reasonably can for display at the Stevne (giving priority to those that come in first).

Sample



Instructions:

1. Email your photo(s) or send by US mail to Dixie Hansen. **Please DO NOT send originals.** Photos will not be returned.
2. Include a complete print-ready caption for each photo. The caption can be in an email or attached as a separate text file but, if you're sending digitally, it should clearly reference the associated file name. If you want to tell the story behind the photo, do!
3. Send a good quality print or scan if possible. If you're sending a copier photo - copy it in color even if the original is black and white.
4. Don't forget to include your name and contact information!

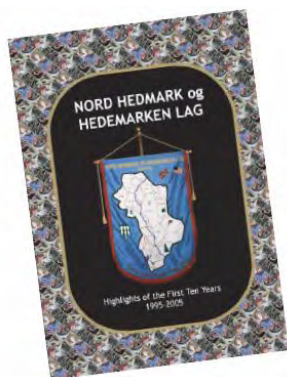
Send photos to: Dixie Hansen / 1411 Osceola Ave / Saint Paul, MN 55105 or Email: dx@dxhansen.com
Photos received by 15 July 2012 will be displayed at the Stevne and will be published online at

<http://www.dxhansen.com/about-face>

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.

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



Membership Renewal Policy Change

At the November board meeting it was decided to change the timing of the lag membership renewals.

In the past, the membership year was the calendar year, but we allowed a very long grace period for renewals, allowing members to renew for the current year up until the stevne before sending out reminders. Then members had until October to renew before being dropped. This meant unpaid members received two "free" newsletters even if they didn't renew by October.

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

In 2009, NHOH lag began an incentive for new members. Their first year will be paid and the second year will be free. Example:

a new 1-year membership will run for 2 years

a new 2-year membership will run for 3 years

a new 3-year membership will run for 4 years

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Stevne 2011 Storytelling



Featuring the **1st place editor's winner**,
Elaine Helgeson Hasleton (2nd from right)



"Finding New Relatives While on a Quest to Find a Missing Family Photo"

For the past ten years I have been on a quest to locate a picture of my great-grandfather, Ingebrigt Olsen Krogstad. He was born 9 March 1846 in Horg parish, Sør-Trøndelag county, Norway. He grew up in the city of Trondheim. Ingebrigt emigrated in 1888, and his wife and six children came two years later in 1890, and they settled in Northwood, Iowa.

This quest started when my husband designed a five-generation picture pedigree for our daughters. The only picture missing from all our ancestral lines on both sides was that of "my" Ingebrigt Krogstad! I first checked with my closest living relatives, my cousins, who lived in Minnesota and Arizona. We had our parent's old photos, but none of Ingebrigt Krogstad.

The search for his picture has taken me to numerous places and discussions with numerous Krogstad relatives in both Norway and the U.S. Descendants of four out of Ingebret's six children (the other two children had no descendants) were tracked down. I even made a reacquaintance with an elderly 94 year-old step-daughter of my great-aunt, Ragna Krogstad Seltz, with whom we last had contact in 1970 in the state of Washington. I was amazed to find Elenora living in Coon Rapids, MN when I searched for her one Sunday afternoon in an on-line phone directory (www.switchboard.com). We learned much about the Krogstad family from her and also contacted other people whom she recommended, but nobody had a picture of Ingebrigt.

On two trips to Norway (2005 and 2007) I visited with (very) distant Krogstad relatives. Our common ancestor was born in 1798! We even visited one of our family farms (Sørtømme) in Horg parish where the current owner had three bags of old pictures stashed in his stabbur. Laboriously Kjell and I went through all the pictures one-by-one. Unfortunately, many of the older pictures were not labeled, so it was possible that one of those un-labeled pictures could have been Ingebrigt. But none of the identified pictures was "our man" Ingebrigt! A thought then came to me one day. Why don't I start looking for descendants of Ingebrigt's wife, Henriette Amundson Krogstad? Maybe one of his wife's relatives, the Amundsons, saved some pictures of the Krogstads. So, the process began to track down descendants of

Henriette's siblings. She had two younger brothers, Johan C. Amundson and Hans Amundson, who had come to America. My Mother had mentioned one of them, "old Uncle J.C. Amundson," the tailor in Northwood, Iowa, who came to visit her family regularly in Albert Lea., MN. She remembered him because he had a strong Norwegian brogue. [Interestingly enough, elderly Elenora remembered him, too because he talked with an accent!] I began researching old Uncle J.C. who had married but had no children. Then research began on Hans Amundson, and what a goldmine I found. Using obituaries and census records, I found that he and his wife, Anna Didriksen, had eight children. The obituary of his oldest daughter, Hilda Amundson Hagen, listed her surviving children. Their youngest child, Evelyn, was not listed in the 1930 census, so I figured she must have been born after 1930 and was likely still alive.

Once again I looked in the online phone directory (using www.dexknows.com this time) for her husband's unusual surname and found them living in Minneapolis. So, on a cold winter morning some six years ago, I phoned Evelyn and introduced myself. She had never heard of her grandfather's sister, Henrietta, my great-grandmother. Her grandfather, Hans Amundson, was the youngest child in the family, while my great-grandmother, Henriette Amundson Krogstad was the oldest child in the family. But Evelyn and I formed a fast friendship and talk frequently on the phone. It's like Evelyn and I have known each other forever!

Every year when I visit Minnesota we have a mini-Amundson family reunion. But it has gone beyond that. This past June there was a 150th anniversary at the Church where the Amundsons attended and many are buried, the Crow River Lutheran Church located close to Belgrade, Minnesota. Some of us Krogstads attended that celebration and met even more Amundson relatives. When Evelyn's sister died, there was a box of old postcards, pictures, and letters, some of which Evelyn sent to me. But there was none of Ingebrigt. Another Amundson cousin gave us a letter written by Henriette to her brother, Hans. We discovered that Hans' future wife, Anna Didriksen, was from Meløy parish, Nordland county, Norway, which was the same place where our Henriette was born. Anna even immigrated to America with Henriette and her six children in 1890. Obviously they knew each other in Norway since they left together. There are tons of Hans and Anna Amundson descendants. But none of them appear to have a picture of Ingebrigt. What a marvelous experience it has been to get to know these Amundson relatives. But then I think – what if our family already had Ingebrigt Krogstad's picture? Then this quest would not have begun, and my family and I would not have had the privilege of meeting the Krogstad descendants in the U.S. and Norway nor the Amundson descendants in America! So, in that respect I am glad we did not have Ingebrigt's picture! However, it could still be nice to find the picture so we could finally complete the picture pedigree. You never know whom you will meet or where your ancestral quest will take you

The November newsletter, we will feature the "People's Choice" winner - Rollie Krogstad, "Growing Up On a Farm During the Great Depression"

Genealogy Resources at the Stevne – Internet Replaces Microfilms and Microfiche

By John Reindl, Lag Genealogist

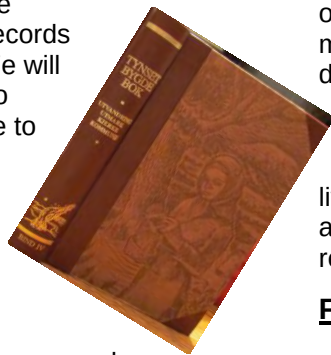
The 2012 stevne in Fargo, North Dakota is just a few months away and we will have a large section of materials for attendees to use in finding their ancestors.

As with last year, we will not be bringing the microfilms of the church records nor the microfiche of the censuses, but instead relying on the Internet for these resources.

Bygdebøker, Church Records and Censuses

Our main resource for genealogical research are the bygdebøker of which we will have nearly 80. The bygdebøker that we bring are largely from the University of Wisconsin library, which has one of the largest collections in the country, along with books that we are borrowing from the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison. The list of the books that we will bring to the stevne is located on the lag web page at <http://www.nhohlag.org>. We invite suggestions for other bygdebøker to bring, and members who have bygdebøker are also encouraged to bring their books to share.

As noted above, we will no longer bring microfilms of the original church records, nor the microfiche of the censuses. These records are available through the Internet. We will have several computers for people to use, but if you have a laptop, be sure to bring it if you would like to access these records on your own computer.



Rygh list

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Oluf Rygh put together a comprehensive list of Norwegian farm names by fylke, kommune and parish, along with the history of their names. This is a very valuable resource for finding ancestral farms, and we will have this list for Hedmark fylke in both a paper copy and a computerized form.

Topographical maps

We will have a complete section of topographical maps of the NHOH area, many with indexes to the farms, to help members see where their farms are located.

Farm operator books

In the 1940's and 1960's, two series of books (*Norske Gardsbruk*) were put together that provide information on most of the farms in Norway, giving the then-current owner along with the some genealogical information and a description of the farm along 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. We will have both sets of books.

Cousin-finding database

Just over 180 people have submitted their genealogical charts of their ancestors from the Hedmark

area, which have been compiled into a database for searching for common ancestors. This database has over 6,700 entries, showing common ancestors for lag members. We will have both the paper copies, sorted by kommune, as well as a computerized version.

If you bring your own ancestry records and we will look for a match and enter them into the database and three ring binder for future matches. Or better, send in your chart before the stevne, and we will look for any cousins.

Ringsaker resources

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

One such resource is the series of Ringsakboka, of which the lag has five volumes. These give a history of Ringsaker from the earliest of history to the mid-1900's. Closely associated are the Ringsaker historielag yearbooks from 1979 through 2011, and we will bring a translation of the table of contents of these books. In addition, this translation is on the NHOH web page and we will translate any of the articles into English for members.

We also have a database of over 28,000 names of people 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. This database includes all those in the 1865 Norwegian census who were either born in Ringsaker or lived in Ringsaker at that time. Also added is the listing of all immigrants up to 1900 from Norwegian ports who reported themselves as being from Ringsaker.

Family history books

This is still a limited part of our collection, as we only have about a 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, one to donate to the lag.

Bring your laptop!

The Digital Archives of the Norwegian census and church records continues to expand and I strongly recommend that people with laptops bring their computers. In many cases, the copies of the church records on the Internet are easier to read than those on film and you will have the ability to copy them to your computer and alter the shading, contrast and sharpness, as well as insert them into documents, such as family histories.

See our web page

The list of bygdebøker and related materials for the stevne is posted on the lag web page at <http://www.nhohlag.org>. If you see a resource that you would like me to bring to the stevne, be sure to contact me either by email at john.reindl@att.net or by phone at (608)238-0393. The stevne will have a major collection of materials to help you do your Norwegian genealogy, and I look forward to seeing you in Fargo !



NHOH WEB SITE UPDATE

Bob Christensen, Webmaster

Bob's email address:

NHOHBobC@Comcast.net

NEW ON THE WEB SITE

Preliminary information about the 2012 Stevne and hotel can be found under the "Stevner" tab of the web site. You can help spread the word by printing copies of the poster and posting them at venues frequented those who may have interest. Watch for additional information to be posted there as it is released.

MEMBER AREA ACCESS REMINDER

The member's-only area of the NHOH website requires a user ID and password. For 2012 the user name is "NHOH2012" and the password is "fylke" These words are case sensitive so you will need to type them exactly as printed here (without quotation marks). They are the same for all members. To reach information in the member's-only area, 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.

NHOH Web site URL is www.nhohlag.org

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

Audrey Helstad's recipe for BREAD BOWL DIP

Carve out round loaf of bread (any kind – Panera's makes a flat cake loaf). Cube the insides and bake and serve the Dip in the bread bowl. Use the cubes or pieces of the carved out bread for dipping.
Optional – crackers and dish of grapes.

Dip: 8 oz. (1 cup) mayo
 1 cup cream cheese
 1 cup shredded Swiss Cheese

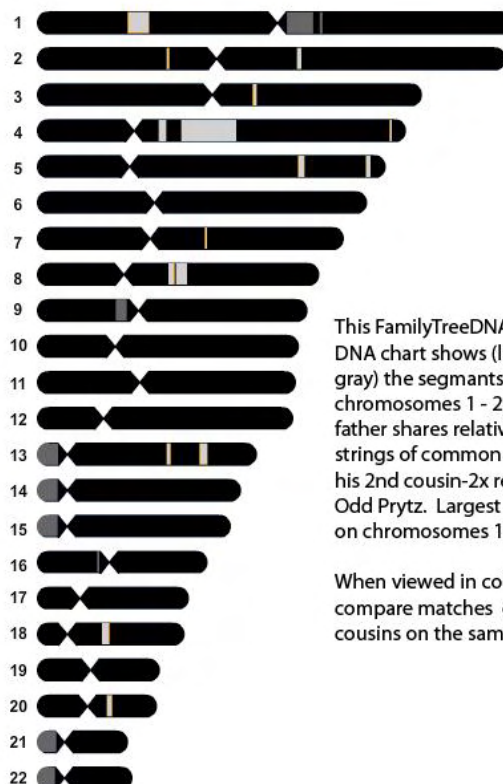
Mix and bake at 350 or 400°, depending on oven, about 15 minutes.

Broil to brown the top a little if desired.

Microwaving also has worked fine for me, even browned it. About 5 minutes, again depending on your microwave or how busy you are!

Enjoy! Audrey Helstad
(Thanks Audrey – the board got to enjoy it)

Autosomal DNA Project for Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag



(Article on DNA on next page by Dixie Hansen)

NHOH DNA Cousin-Finding Project:

June Update by Dixie Hansen

The NHOH DNA Cousin-Finding Project is gaining steam. There are 5 participants so far, 4 who have roots in Hedmark and 1 (Joe Waddell) who had the good sense to marry into Norwegian blood.

We hope to encourage more of you to become cheek-swabbing subjects to help make this project really take off. If you are interested, contact me at dxhansen@gmail.com. NHOH will rebate \$50 of the cost for each of the first ten enrollees.

Based on the total measured quantity of shared DNA and the length of the longest block of shared DNA, FamilyTreeDNA (the testing company) provides an estimate of predicted relationships between test subjects. I haven't seen Joe Wadell's results yet, but the summary information for the 4 of us with NHOH roots is as follows:

Testee	# of DNA Matches and Estimated Relationship				
	Close Family	3rd Cousin	4th Cousin	Distant Cousin	Total Matches
Shirley Schoenfeld	0	2	14	84	99
Dixie Hansen	1	6	25	120	152
Winston Hansen*	1	5	10	47	63
Joy Shong	1	11	25	132	169

* Win Hansen is Dixie's father

We have been able to confirm, with traditional genealogical research, a few these DNA relationships and

we're working on others. Joy, Shirley, and I all have some non-Norwegian heritage but many of our DNA cousins, as would be expected, have very Norwegian-sounding surnames (see the chart below) and many of them have specifically identified ancestry in Hedmark.

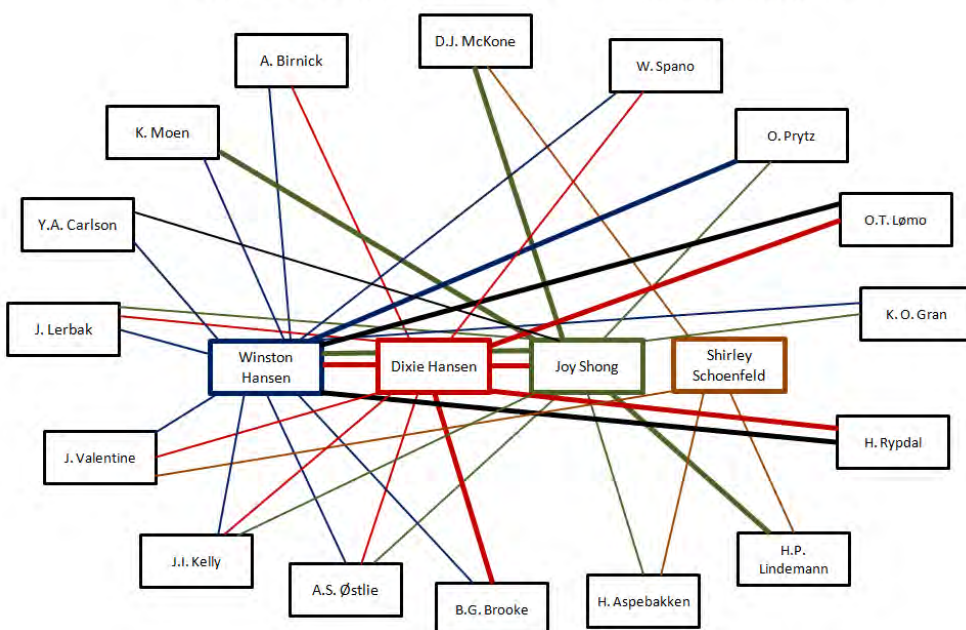
FamilyTreeDNA confirmed, through science, a cousin match we previously knew existed between Joy and myself. The DNA results predicted that Joy was my 3rd cousin. In fact, she's only my 4th cousin. However, the 3rd great-grandparents that Joy and I share were themselves first cousins - and so their DNA would logically be overrepresented in our genetic makeup.

Although we haven't confirmed a cousin match for Shirley yet, I'm confident we will. One of her 2 close DNA matches is Finnish (as is Shirley's maternal grandfather) and the other match is Norwegian (which coincides with the other 75% of Shirley's ancestry). That 2nd close DNA match lives in Oslo and is very active in the genealogical world in Norway. I'm just now in the process of touching base with him to see if we can connect their families.

It wasn't a surprise that Shirley did not show up as a match to Joy or myself (we've compared charts before and didn't spot a common ancestor going back several generations) but it occurred to me that one way I might look for "deeper" connections would be to do an analysis of "cousins in common." That is, even if we don't connect directly to each other, are there some triangulated connections? The answer was yes... we have many cousins in common, as you can see from the chart below.

NHOH Members Have DNA Cousins In Common

This chart is not quite as convoluted as it appears at first glance. As an example for reading it: Note that NHOH Members, Shirley Schoenfeld and Joy Shong are not a direct DNA match (i.e. there is no line connecting them). But Shirley has a DNA match to D.J. McKone ... and Joy also has a DNA connection to D.J. McKone. The fact that they have cousins in common may indicate that they are actually very distant cousins to each other. On the other hand perhaps they are simply a cousin to the same individual - but on a different line. This type of "cousin in common" relationship is to be expected in a population which has ancestral origins from the same not-so-big geographic area as members of our group do. We are connected in many ways!



A thick connecting line indicates a predicted 3rd-cousin DNA match result, a thin line is a 4th-cousin or more distant cousin match result



Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag Computer Software Survey

Many of our members are maintaining their genealogy records with computer software designed to keep track of ancestor's vital information, print reports, and generally keep track of all kinds of esoteric information. Most of the programs offer lots of tools and techniques for organizing, displaying and sharing ancestral information. Learning to use those tools and features can be a challenge and the learning curve a bit uneven.

As a new service to our members we are gathering information to develop a list of software programs being used by NHOH members. Our goals are to:

- Promote sharing between members using the same programs
- To help people get started using genealogy software
- To identify resources to provide help with software selection
- To provide a group of people who can help troubleshoot software problems
- Encourage people with strong knowledge to contribute tips to other users

Please complete this form (or make a copy) and send it to:

Joe Waddell (JKWADD@aol.com), 6407 Bridge Rd. #203, Madison, WI 53713
or fill in the form on the NHOHLag.org website.

Name: _____ **email** _____

GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAM(S) used:

____ Ancestral Quest ____ Family Tree Maker ____ Legacy
____ Personal Ancestry File (PAF) ____ Roots Magic ____ The Master Genealogist
Other _____

ONLINE PROGRAMS (either for storing your genealogy or to post your info to share):

____ Ancestry.com ____ Second Site/TMG ____ aWiki site: _____
Other: _____

How long have you used this/these programs? _____

How would you like to use the computer software information? (Refer to the list of goals above, or list another use we didn't think of.)

Are you willing to participate in a 'user' group, or share what you know with others?

Other Comments/Questions:



2012 TRE LAG STEVNE AGENDA

About Face! Our Legacy
(Schedule is tentative and subject to change)



Wednesday, 1 August

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Registration Desk Open for Tour Participants
1:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Tour: Hjemkomst Center; Prairie Public Broadcasting; Memorial Service; Dinner at Sons of Norway (bus transportation)
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM	Opening Ceremony – Emcee – Robert Fossum; Call of the Lur – Gene Nelson; National Anthems of US, Canada, and Norway; Welcome from Robert Fossum and the Lag Presidents; Welcome from Fargo officials, Music – Chris Falteisek
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Seminar: Classic and Internet Genealogy – Marilyn Sorensen

Thursday, 2 August

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Trønderlag Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Hardangersom Klubb / brief presentation at 9AM, then informal workshop - Ginny Nelson
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Carl Ben Eilsen: The Norwegian-American Lindbergh – Lawrence Moe
	Seminar: Concordia College – Joan Buckley
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Colorado Pete: Tragedy, Triumph, and Sex Appeal – Lawrence Moe
	Seminar: Norwegian American Historical Association – Jackie Henry
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Scandinavian Heritage Museum – Verla Rostad
	Seminar: Plainly Virtual Rurality (<i>knot too bee corn fused with realty</i>) – Fred Cogelow
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Coffee and Refreshment Break - Visit Vendors
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Government Technology for Genealogy / Google & GPS – Gary Romsaas
	Seminar: History of Skiing – Rick Scott
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tre Lag Musicians Practice Session
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Open House Reception at the Plains Art Museum – Fred Cogelow's Woodcarving Exhibit (transportation on your own - 4 miles - Admission \$5 adults, \$4 Seniors)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)
	Evening Entertainment Options
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Norwegian Dancing – Polly Johnson
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Documentaries produced by Prairie Public Broadcasting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Movie: <i>Kitchen Stories (Salmer fra kjøkkenet)</i>

2012 TRE LAG STEVNE AGENDA

About Face! Our Legacy

Friday, 3 August

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Gudbrandsdalslag Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open
9:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Hardangersom Klubb / visit to the Nordic Needle - Ginny Nelson ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk or take hotel shuttle)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Internet Genealogy – Rick Crume
	Seminar: I Go To America – Swedish American Women and the Life of Mina Anderson – Joy Lintelman
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Break: Visit the Hospitality Suite and Vendor Displays
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Historical Photographers of Clay County – Mark Piehl
	Seminar: Thinking Outside (and Inside) the Box: Reconstructing the Norwegian Immigrant Life – Joy Lintelman
	Seminar: Red River Genealogy – Jackie Marler
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Keynote Address: Old Photos - Voices of the Past – Verlyn Anderson
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Coffee Break and Vendor Display Browsing
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Concurrent Seminars
	Seminar: Scandinavians and the Birth of Fargo and Moorhead – Carroll Engelhardt
	Seminar: Geology of the Red River Valley – Don Schwert
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Group Photo: Gudbrandsdal Lag
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Group Photo: Trønderlag
6:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Group Photo: Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM	Hospitality Hour – with music by the Tre Lag Musicians
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Stevne Banquet –Bunad Parade; Preview of the 2013 Stevne in Madison, WI; Entertainment; Closing Ceremonies, Emcee: Marv Lang

Saturday, 4 August

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Norwegian Frokost (<i>Breakfast</i>)
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Business Meeting
8:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Registration Desk Open
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Seminar: Norwegian Jewelry – Diane Schmid
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Seminar: Face Time With Your Ancestors - Techniques in Photo Editing – Dixie Hansen





Tre Lag Stevne Registration

**Best Western Doublewood Inn
Fargo, North Dakota
August 1 - 4, 2012**



Stevne pre-registration requested by 15 July 2012

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, banquet, and breakfast. Participants must make hotel reservations independently (book hotel by July 2nd for Stevne Rate).

First and Last Name (Registrant A)

Nickname? (for nametag)

First and Last Name (Registrant B)

Nickname? (for nametag)

Street Address

E-Mail Address

City, State, Zip

Phone #

Tre-Lag Stevne (August 1st - August 4th 2012)

	\$ Each	# of Reg	Total \$
Stevne Registration (Wed – Sat)	\$30.00	x	\$
Wed Tour (includes bus, tour, and dinner at Sons of Norway Lodge)	\$30.00	x	\$
Friday Tre Lag Banquet (Choose Prime Rib or Salmon– see below)	\$34.50	x	\$
Saturday Morning Norwegian Frokost (Breakfast)	\$13.50	x	\$

Make check payable to Tre Lag Stevne

Total Enclosed

\$

Banquet Entrée Choice:

Friday Tre Lag Banquet
(Prime Rib or Salmon)

Registrant A's Choice: _____

Registrant B's Choice: _____

An informal Tre Lag Musical group jams and entertains at the Stevne. Would you like to participate?
If so, bring your instrument and music stand. _____

Will you participate in the Hardangersom Klubb? If so, 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 hotel room, call
Best Western Doublewood Inn
3333 13th Ave S
Fargo, North Dakota 58103
1-701-235-3333 or 1-800-433-3235
\$81.00 + tax Tre Lag Rate (1-4 in room)
– book by July 2nd.

Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag News
Shirley (Lokstad) Schoenfeld, Editor
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Is the theme for the stevne this year



"There must be a brainstorm coming—
my mind is very cloudy!"



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 _____

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Total Enclosed _____