

## Tre Lag Stevne Evaluation Form Compilation

Activity	Eval Grade	Percentage of Respondents
Attended Tour		34%
Standardizing Genealogical Data Entry	9.56	30%
Wednesday Night Movie	9.00	18%
Viking Age: Lindisfarne Raid	9.76	84%
Karen Bren: Fra Funes til Alexandria	9.76	43%
The Viking Legacy	9.58	56%
Strange Encounters	9.52	61%
Vintage Underwear	9.42	23%
Nordic Music Concert	9.70	54%
1066 And All That	9.56	52%
The Hauge Movement	9.30	28%
Growing Up In Alexandria	9.00	17%
Nordic Hymnody	9.52	41%
Ripe for the Harvest: Bygdeboker	9.66	49%
Alexandria Early History	9.54	21%
Mystery Behind Vanishing Headstones	8.38	34%
Where Do I Begin?	9.00	33%
Roaming Romantics: Norwegian Runes	9.84	59%
DNA DNA DNA	9.80	66%
Evaluation Grade determined by converting alpha grade to numerical, e.g., "A" = 10 "B" = 8, etc. No weighting was given for plus or minus qualifiers.		
Topics for Future Seminars		Percent in favor of:
General Genealogy		41%
Photo Help		16%
Online Genealogy Sites		44%
DNA Research		36%
Immigration Stories		41%
State/County/US History		23%
Norwegian Culture/Crafts		38%
Norwegian History		36%
Norwegian Language		31%
<b>Genealogy Lab</b>		<b>50%</b>
<b>Friday Banquet</b>		<b>84%</b>

<b>Future Entertainment Considerations</b>		
Comedy		44%
Dance		15%
Engaging Speaker		44%
Instrumental Music		30%
Vocal Music		31%
Storytelling		43%
Educational		23%
<b>Banquet Program</b>		
Bunad Parade		56%
Norwegian Songs		28%
Entertainment		49%
Preview of Next Years Location		59%
<b>Overall Stevne Grade</b>	<b>9.68</b>	
<b>Purchased from Vendors</b>		
Books		67%
Clothing		42%
Collectibles		42%
Jewelry		39%
Nordic Housewares or Other		36%

**Note: A total of 61 evaluations were received.**

## Written Comments

### Wednesday Tour:

Nice museums. Really enjoyed the interpretive center at Runestone County Park.  
Enjoyed it! That is except for unlabeled sandwiches.  
Very interesting! Excellent introduction to Alexandria community.

### Comments about seminars:

We like handouts – thank you. Perhaps put copy of all presentations on your website or email out?  
Good mixture of interesting local/or personal stories and history. Very much enjoyed the Viking/1066 history. You have done a great mixture of seminars.  
Lawrence Moe's seminar was AWESOME! (X2) Other seminars very good too! All aspects of stevne were well done!  
Viking history presentations were excellent and informative. (X2)  
Piano playing in Room 2 made it almost impossible to hear speaker.  
Did appreciate handouts (even just slide printouts) for each session. Thank you for always starting on time.  
Specific outlines for the seminars would be helpful.  
The presentation by Mike Swanson about bygdeboker was great!  
One speaker talked so fast I had trouble keeping up at times. Handouts are great take-aways and always appreciated.  
Nordic music was awesome (X3) – but after a long day an hour was about enough. Nordic hymns were great fun and interesting.  
Lawrence Moe and Lorraine Jensen were excellent!  
Excellent stevne  
Nordic Hymnody: It was fun to sing some songs as a group. The microphones could have been better – the women speakers were hard to hear.  
Lars Walker: entertaining and genuine.(X2)  
Nice selection and variety of seminars. Early history, music, and religion great newer topics.  
Storytelling new adjunct topic to genealogy. Include Dixie each stevne on DNA testing!!  
When it comes to some of the educational classes, if no handouts are available, make PDF versions available on the Facebook page and/or Lag website.  
When we stand to sing we can't see the last few lines of lyrics at the bottom of the screen.  
Expanded music concert was a nice touch. Music was good. Additional short topics can make this ever more enjoyable.  
I liked the common theme, presented in a variety of different angles. Dixie talked too fast. Have her earlier in schedule and break up into 2 sessions.  
Theme was great and carried out well. Appreciated all the planning and work done by TreLag Stevne Committee. You are super folks.

### Topics/activities for future seminars:

Powerpoint of 2019 Norway trip  
Library resources for research such as UND, mentioned by Mike Swanson, plus good museums to visit featuring local history and Scandinavian history/culture.  
Something about what's available at Decorah, IA and the Norway House in Minneapolis. One session that pertains to each of the areas of Norway – Hedmark, Trondelag, and Gulbrandsdal.  
Military happenings in WWII, in particular as it relates to POWs and Norwegian population interaction and POWs building Norwegian infrastructure.  
New Changes in Norway Digital Archive  
Discussion of events going on in Norway at time of immigration, ie, herring failure for west coast, crop

failures, and internal migrations.

Norway county histories.

Farming and Scandinavian influences. How did Scandinavian culture influence the Midwest? Holiday traditions and food. Cooking demo.

Genealogy strategies: Ex: fan club

Norwegian: cooking, naval tactics, holiday traditions, weapons of war.

Immigration where settled and why movement resettlement.

Dixie's presentation was wonderful for experienced searcher and too much for one session. Maybe 2 in future.

### **Genealogy Lab:**

Consider/explore a 2-3 day seminar through TreLag to be a work/hands-on using the Ancestry. Com system for us to learn how to set up and use this system, but led by Dixie Hanson.

Volunteer workers be alert to new members to greet, encourage, and assist.

To me, availability of resources was a problem. I started working with one of the genealogists and another person would interrupt. Sometimes rudely! I would suggest 15-30 minute blocks that people could sign up for.

Very helpful!

Barry Dahl has a great collection.

“Getting Started” or “The Real Beginner” class in the lab (½ hour)

Allow longer hours or more free time slots

Would love books for Romedal

Still need help with computer and how to begin

Excellent

Hemne, Hitra, Heim

I found a lot of shortcuts to locating church records in my research and bygdebok class was first rate.

More Elverum and Trysil books. Finnskog area – Aasnes, etc.

Special thanks to Gary Ramsaas for the evening tutorial on FamilySearch.org

I visited the lab three times and got valuable help two of the times. I so appreciate the opportunity to use the lab!

### **Friday Banquet Comments:**

Always good for lots of laughs

Thoroughly enjoyed! Salmon was perfect. Entertainment was super! Haven't laughed that hard in a long time!

Janet is always entertaining.

She was fantastic!

What a wonderful way to end the evening

Program was too long

Absolutely A++ Very entertaining and factual

Nice to have something light and humorous. Janet Martin was perfect!

Wonderful speaker

Food not so great

Excellent job by volunteers. Obvious pride in heritage.

Include Norwegian songs in bunad parade. Photos and attractions at next year's location

Best entertainment at a stevne I have attended ever.

She was very real, enjoys what she does, very credible and a real person. Learn to laugh at self and aspects of individual heritage.

She was loud enough but often hard to understand.

Fun and humorous

Information on past, present and future of Norway House and the Norwegian church next door. Maybe a Norwegian church service. Speaker on bunads – symbolism, construction, variety of styles for each lag and mens and womens.

### Overall Stevne comments:

Loved the time between sessions and free time at lunch and dinner hours

It was excellent, as always. Keep up the good work!

Excellent hotel hospitality – they volunteered a ride up to the museum. Waitress listened, engaging, patient.

Telling family stories was great. Viking legacy was interesting.

Need more direction as to where events are at, times, etc. Announce location of evaluations.

Thanks to all the organizers for a job well done!

Many people told me they want a venue with an elevator. Me too!

Alex is perfect location. Central location to many states.

Doing the tour first is a great idea. Another stevne I attend has the tour at same time as seminars and I don't like to miss seminars to tour.

Stevne hotel with elevators

Should be held at a place close to restaurants (not just hotel); need more room for exhibits.

As a first-timer, I really enjoyed the experience. Many friendly people and lots of help navigating the convention.

Prefer hotel that includes breakfast.

This years venue was very nice, space wise. Food, including convenient restaurants and buffet, genealogy lab, local interest spots.

### Tre Lag vendors comments:

Nice selection

Norwegian Christmas decorations, Norwegian music

Good vendors

Excellent selection of different vendors. Was nice to have sweaters this time.

Just right! Clean displays. Appreciated being able to use credit card. Nice variety.

Good selection of books and rosemal products.

Vendor of Norwegian prints needed

More vendors

I thought it was about right.

Just the right amount. Good to have vendors near hospitality.

Good selection

Would like to see a few more vendors. Christmas ornaments.

I saw mostly used items, including used sweaters, books and home décor. I did purchase a new tote, and some used books as well s a well-loved Dala horse. New things would be better – Tolkheim pottery, Ingebretsen's. There were some nice vintage items.

### Future Stevne Locations:

Manitowoc, WI

Decorah, IA X2

Willmar, MN

Rhineland, WI

Alexandria, MN

Twin Cities

Fargo, ND X3

Northfield, MN X2

Stillwater, MN

Sioux Falls, SD X3

Fergus Falls, MN

Nisswa/Brainerd, MN

Williston, ND

Grand Forks, ND

Bemidji, MN

Rice Lake, WI

Superior, WI

Duluth, MN

