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Fra Presidenten

I joined several Norwegian Facebook groups where people share photos of areas my ancestors came from. One group is for the mountain, Tron, which dominates the skyline of Alvdal. My great-grandfather came from the Sivilhaug farm across the Glomma

River from the base of Tron. The other group shares pictures of Einunndalen, a high mountain valley between Alvdal and Follidal, filled with summer dairies (seter) where my great-grandmother tended cows and sheep when she was young. My cousins from the Ryhaug farm have a seter there which my parents and I visited on several excursions to Norway. The photos shared on these social media sites are beautiful. I highly recommend Facebook users to search for groups in the areas your ancestors came from and join them. If you have never been to Norway, they are a great way to get a sense of what your relatives experienced before emigrating.

This week (second in October) both groups posted the first photos of snow covering everything. Seeing the Norwegian snow reminded me that fall and winter were overdue. Here in Wisconsin, summer lasted through September, and it was in the 80's last week. This week, we had our first frost and high temperatures are in the 50's. There was no gradual change from hot to cold to give my body time to adjust to the new temperatures. I'm not certain which jacket to wear.

When the weather changes in the fall it triggers my thoughts for upcoming holiday planning. My plans are always rooted in tradition. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years all have their own decorations, food, and activities which are repeated each year. As I have gotten older, I have simplified my life by cutting back on decorating but have kept a few favorite items that are easy to put up.

I found that the traditions I have kept up the longest are food related. My husband's family gets together every November and makes over 100 lefse so we have it for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Though I no longer make 12 kinds of Christmas cookies, I still make Norwegian krumkake,

sandbakelse, goro and occasionally rosettes. This year I plan to make a kransekake and rommegrøt for the family party before New Years. These things are not just what I copied from my mother because I remember them from my youth. The food traditions have been shared by my mother, grandmother, and great grandmothers. I continue the traditions by sharing them with my daughter and grandchildren. This generational sharing is what traditions are made of.

Hilsen fra
Joy Shong



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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:

District 1:

Nord-Østerdal:

Alvdal
Folldal
Os
Rendalen
Tolga
Tynset

District 2:

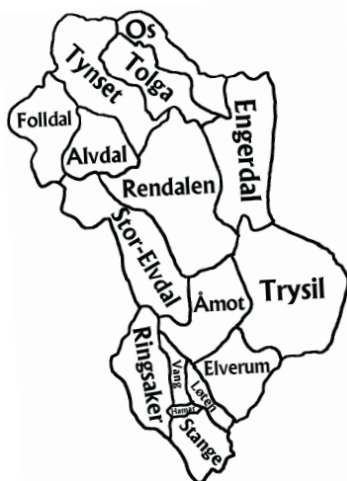
Sør-Østerdal:

Åmot
Elverum
Engerdal
Stor Elvedal
Trysil

District 3:

Hedemarken and Hamar

Furnes
Hamar
Løten
Nes
Ringsaker
Romedal
Stange
Vang



Our NHOH 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; and to encourage the research and writing of family, immigration, and settlement histories.

Membership

NHOH Lag members benefit from expert genealogy research assistance, receive our newsletter three times a year and are invited to participate in our annual 3-day conference.

Membership Renewal

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

Reminders will 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.

NHOH Website

The NHOH website can be found at: www.nhohlag.org with information on how you can become a full-fledged member of our organization.

Photos taken at previous stevner are posted on the NHOH web site. Click on the “Stevner” tab to access available photos from all past stevner. For most, you can click on the image for a larger view. And if you want to copy or save it, right click on it to use browser commands. Our newsletters, genealogy information, photos, and scholarship information are there too.

Join Our Facebook Page

Members and non-members alike are encouraged to join our Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag Facebook page and participate in the discussion. We welcome those who have an interest in and/or have ancestry in the Nord Hedmark and Hedemarken areas of Norway. You don't have to be a NHOH lag member to join our Facebook page.

New Facebook page joiners must request to join on their own (we don't accept members added by others) and new joiners must briefly answer the “why do you wish to join” security questions.

To find our page, type **Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag** in the Facebook Search box.



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Lag Board News

Meet the New Lag Genealogist



Larry West

Larry is a retired systems engineer and software instructor who lives at his lake home near Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, after residing 40 years in Minneapolis. He and his wife Sally love to travel, and have been to Norway twice. They plan to go again, partly because he has discovered so much about her family tree.

Larry has been researching genealogy for over 40 years and it is practically a full-time passion for him since retiring in 2015. First he dug into his own family history which is NOT Norwegian. About a decade ago Sally, who is half Norwegian, asked him to look into her family as well. Since then, Larry has managed to identify 100 of the 128 sixth-great-grandparents on Sally's Norwegian side. Her family immigrated from Tynset, Tolga, Alvdal, Selbu (in Sør-Trøndelag) and Bardu (in Troms).

Larry really enjoys working on Norwegian genealogy, especially with Bygdeboks. If you have any questions on your genealogy research or would like him to look up something in the NHOH's rich collection of Bygdeboks, please contact him at west2419@gmail.com.

Genealogy Brief Demos from the Flere Lag Stevne

One of the popular features at the Flere Lag Stevne are the brief genealogy demonstrations. They are designed to be short explanations, for 5 to 20 minutes, of topics about useful tools and techniques to help people with their research, preservation, and family history development. The goal is to provide tips people can try while at the stevne, while allowing more time in the genealogy room rather than in lectures. For those of you who were not able to attend the stevne, we will print enhanced handouts from the demos in this and future newsletters. The first of these presentation articles can be found on page 12 in this issue of the newsletter.



Fellesraad Update - Sept 2023

Elaine Helgeson Hasleton, President

It is wonderful that Stevner were finally in full-force again! There is nothing like in-person gatherings to unite an organization. So, congratulations on all of your diligent work which has paid off!

Haugo Archive & Bibliotek at Norway House:

Fellesraad remains busy on many different avenues. Continuous planning and work on sorting books and publications are on-going for the Haugo Archive and Bibliotek. The Archive Library Committee is determining which Cataloging software will fit our needs for the Archive.

So far, six Bygdelags have contributed items from their genealogical collections to the Archive. They are Gudbrandsdalslag, Solørlag, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken, Møre og Romsdal, Sigdalslag, and Sunnhordland. If a Lag has duplicate copies of a particular bygdebok or publication, then the duplicate is usually placed at Norway House for their use in the Archive. Valuable items are placed in the Haugo Archive with the understanding that the Lag retains ownership, and these items can be checked out for its Stevne. Bygdebøker are primarily needed, but other helpful publications are accepted, including finding aids, church extracts, census extracts, printed probate records, and periodicals such as history lag (historielagene) publications. What items does your Lag have which could be helpful to visitors coming to Norway House? This is your opportunity to shine light on your Lag, as Archivists/Librarians working in the Archive will highlight specific lags for visitors to receive additional assistance.

2025 Emigration Commemoration:

Work has been on-going regarding Fellesraad and Bygdelag participation in this commemoration. One of the founding members of the 1925 Commemoration was Lars Thorkveen, first Gudbrandsdalslag President, so bygdelag tie-in is close. The 1925 centennial celebration was initiated by Stavanger Lag. However, Lars Thorkveen was one of the important planners to ensure that the event occurred. His importance was recognized by a full-page article about him, even though he passed away before the 1925 event occurred. Fellesraad is in the midst of planning our participation. We anticipate that both the 2024 as well as the 2025 Fellesraad Annual Meetings will have special presentations focused on the 200th Emigration Commemoration.

Other activities:

As Fellesraad is the umbrella organization for the bygdelags, it is identifying guidelines and procedures for lag mergers and also lag financial audits. These items will be shared with all bygdelag upon completion. We say Tusen Takk and keep up the good work you are doing with your Lag.

Vennlig hilsen,

Elaine



Hand carved trolls in the Troll Lounge of the Fargo, ND Sons of Norway Kringen Lodge



2023 Flere Lag Stevne



Back Row (L to R): Darrell Johnson, Kris Nelson, Larry West, Ken Lundblad, Gloria Lundblad, Karen Mullen, Ray Olson, Dave Nordhougen, Jeri Johnson, Lexi Williams
Third Row (L to R): Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Sandy Johnson, Magdalena Nelson, Sally West, Joann Parker, Debra Lee Pritchard, Julie Glowka, Jan Gunderson
Second Row (L to R): Don Teigen, Marilyn Sorenson, Linda Lowry, Eileen Tronnes Nelson, Pat Tvinnereim, Carol Olson, Ray Olson, Sharon Gunderson, Carol Byerly
Front Row (L to R): Joy Shong, Dixie Hansen, Joy Haugan Williams



2023 Flere Lag Stevne



LeAnn Hookom and Dixie Hansen



Robin Fossum and
Ed Olson



Doug Johnson and LeAnn Hookom



The NHOH Board

Julie Glowka, treasurer and newsletter editor, Larry West, genealogist; Debra Lee Pritchard, director; Linda Lowry, director, Jeri Johnson, secretary; Dixie Hansen, membership, webmaster and past president; Joy Shong, president, Missing: Chris Falteisek, vice president and: Gary Romsaas, director



Krigen Accordion Band



Lars Walker, speaker



Kathy Johnson, Doug Johnson and
Joanne Sorbel



2023 Flere Lag Stevne



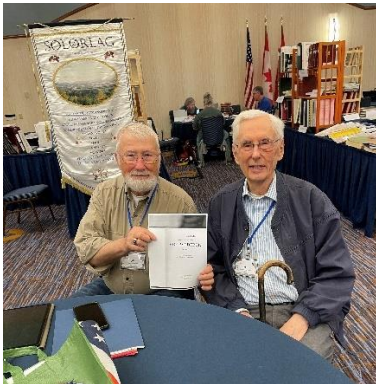
LeAnn Hookom



Hopperstad Stave Church Replica



Lawrence Moe, Keynote Speaker



Jan Gunderson and Ray Olson



Robert Fossum, Julie Anderson Glowka, Barry Dahl, Joy Haugan Williams and Gene Aanenson



LeAnn Hookom, Martha Balfanz, Torun Hauger and Terje Hauger



Darryl Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Karen Grimm, Dorothy Zimmerman, Jeanne Engelsmeier



Unknown, Judy Stevens, Ann Romo, Julie Clausen, Mary Gross



Hjemkomst

Stevne photos courtesy of Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Linda Folk, Dixie Hansen, LaVonne Hookom, LeAnn Hookom, Jeri Johnson and Dave Nordhaugen

Churches in Hamar - Photos by Chris Falteisek, July of 2023



Hamar Cathedral.



Glass encased Cathedral Ruins (Domkirkeodden).



Hamar Baptist Church.



Former Methodist Church.



Hamar Free Church.



St. Torfinn Catholic Church.

Sites of Interest in Hamar - Photos by Chris Falteisek, July of 2023



Hamar Train Station.



Vikingskipet - Olympic Hall for the 1994 Winter Olympics.



The Norwegian Railway Museum.



Statsarkivet (Regional archives for Oppland & Hedmark)
and Hamar Kulturhus (Hamar Cultural Center).



Former Hamar Business School (Hamar Handelsskole)
It currently houses businesses and apartments.



Railway Park (Jernbaneparken).

Sites of Interest in Hamar (continued) - Photos by Chris Falteisek, July of 2023



Hamar Bell Tower on Lake Mjøsa.



Hamar Diving Tower (Stupetårnet).



A Viking ship replica "Olav Kvite" is docked at the Hamar waterfront on Lake Mjøsa.

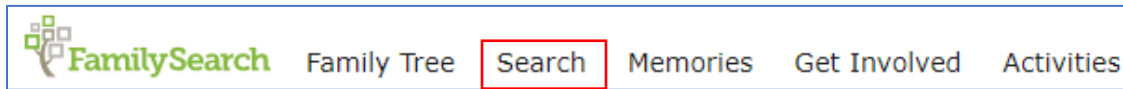
Bishop Rosemarie Kohn (1939 – 2022)
Bishop of the Diocese of Hamar
First woman to become Bishop in Scandinavia
The statue is next to the Hamar Cathedral.
Ingen tro er for liten! (No faith is too small!)



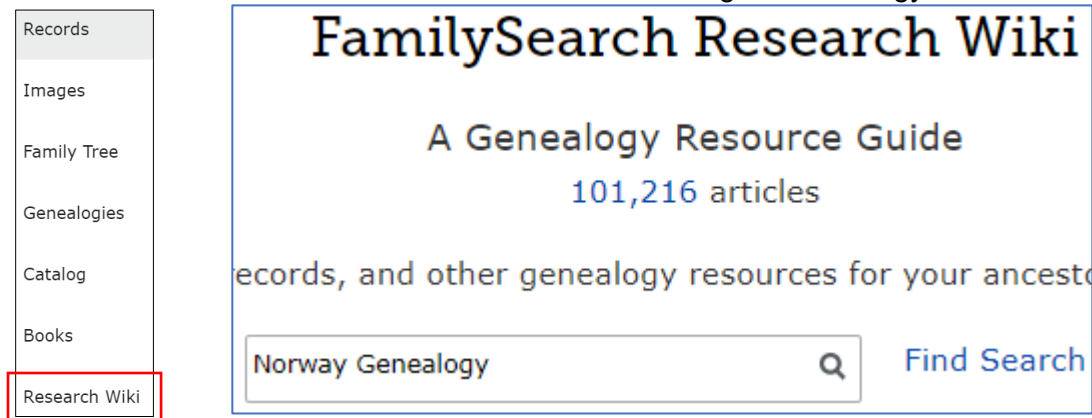
FamilySearch Research Wiki for Norway

Create a *FamilySearch* account if you do not already have one. Login to FamilySearch.org.

Find and click **Search** at the top of the page; then scroll down to Research Wiki.



Click **Research Wiki** at bottom of list. Then search for “Norwegian Genealogy”.



On the map, click on your county, such as **Hedmark**, which will take you to the County Genealogy page.



Hedmark County, Norway Genealogy

Click on your parish in the list:

- [Furnes](#)
- [Gjesås](#)
- [Grue](#)
- [Hamar](#)
- [Hof](#)

Grue Parish, Hedmark, Norway Genealogy

County ⓘ
x Hedmark

Parish ⓘ
x Grue parish

Local parish ⓘ

Under Church Records in your Parish Genealogy page, click on: “**Images of digitized parish registers available online at Digitalarkivet** (Digital Archives).” Then you can click on the type of record you want to search, the parish and the time period.

Those search filters in the Digitalarkivet will be filled in for you.

Parish register (official) no. 10	Grue prgj.	Grue sokn	1864 - 1873	dp , kf , vi , gr , uf , vd , dr , ns
Parish register (official) no. 11	Grue prgj.	Grue sokn	1873 - 1880	dp , kf , vi , gr , fl , dr , al , ns

Besides Church Records, you can also access Norwegian Census and other records at DigitalArkivet this way.

Example of the 1801 Census:

In the Wiki for Grue, click **Digitalarkivet**. This will open the Grue Digitalarkivet page:

- **1801 Census** for Grue prestegjeld included **Grue, Revholt** and **Brandval** parishes. Microfilmed images are available at the FamilySearch Library Film 123063 Item 1 and online as a database at [Digitalarkivet](#).

Source:

1801 census for 0423P Grue

[Go to complete source information](#) >

These direct links to the Digitalarkivet are amazingly simple and helpful.

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Grue Parish, Hedmark, Norway Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Grue_Parish,_Hedmark,_Norway_Genealogy)

Hjermstad Family History

Family history records of Francis J. Turmo

Information collected by Francis and others for the Hjermstad families and their ancestors.

This collection, the result of thirty years of research, is now available to visitors of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center's Naeseth Library, located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI. The Center is open from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on weekdays and 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month. Their phone number is (608) 255-2224.

The Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library is an educational non-profit research center with national and international scope. The Center collects, preserves, shares, and interprets resources for the study of Norwegian heritage.

To carry out this mission, the Center provides:

- The Naeseth Library, located in Madison, Wisconsin, where resources devoted to Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy and immigration history are collected, preserved, shared, and interpreted;
- Expert assistance, interpretation, education, and research by qualified staff for members, patrons, and correspondents;
- Cooperative work experience for students pursuing education in library science, genealogical research, and Norwegian language studies;
- Website with links to searchable databases of Norwegian immigrants to the US to be used for genealogical research;
- Continuing education and outreach for genealogists and the public worldwide through cooperative information exchanges, publications, tours, displays, seminars, webinars, and merchandise sales.

Through its collections, research, outreach and publication, the Center strives to maintain and enhance its role as the most comprehensive source for information about the history of Norwegian immigration.

Norwegian Gold Find of the Century

A rare find was made this summer by a 51-year-old Norwegian named Erlend Bore on the southern island of Rennesøy, near Stavanger. Bore's doctor had ordered him to get off the couch so he bought a metal detector to have a hobby that would get him outside.

He was out with his metal detector when he found what he thought was chocolate money buried in the soil. But turned out to be nine pendants, three rings and 10 gold pearls that might have been worn as jewelry 1,500 years ago.



Erlend Bore poses with the treasure he found on the island of Rennesøy, near Stavanger (Anniken Celine Berger/Associate Press)

The director of the Archaeological Museum at the University of Stavanger, Ole Madsen, said that to find “so much gold at the same time is extremely unusual”. A statement issued by the university said the treasure weighed a little more than 100 grams (3.5 oz), dates from about AD500 and was “completely unreal”.

Håkon Reiersen, an associate professor at the museum indicated that “Given the location of the discovery and what we know from other similar finds, this is probably a matter of either hidden valuables or an offering to the gods during dramatic times,”.



The pendants and gold pearls were part of “a very showy necklace” made by skilled jewelers and worn by society’s most powerful, said Reiersen. He added that “in Norway, no similar discovery has been made since the 19th century”.

Professor Sigmund Oehrl, who also works at the Stavanger Museum, said that symbols on the pendants usually showed the Norse god Odin healing the sick horse of his son. On the Rennesøy ones, the horse’s tongue hangs out on the gold pendants, and “its slumped posture and twisted legs show that it is injured”, Oehrl said.

“The horse symbol represented illness and distress, but at the same time hope for healing and new life,” he added.

In line with Norwegian law, Bore and the landowner will receive a reward, although the sum has not yet been determined. Objects from before 1537, and coins older than 1650, are considered state property and must be handed in.

Photo: Erlend Bore/NTB/
AFP/Getty Images

Sources: The Associate Press and the Guardian newspaper websites.

Welcome New Members

NHOH Ancestors from:

Eileen Tronnes Nelson – East Grand Forks, MN	Stor-Elvdal
Kris and Magdalena Nelson – Plymouth, MN	Alvdal, Toga and Tynset
Ray and Carol Olson – Moorhead, MN	Ringsaker and Vang
Ramona Roller – Newnan, Georgia	Trysil

NHOH TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 – September 30, 2023

BALANCE 1/1/2023		\$8,232.51
Income		
Interest/Dividend	\$12.88	
Donations - Genealogy	\$515.00	
Donations - Unrestricted	\$100.00	
Membership Dues	\$896.38	
Pins	10.00	
Silent Auction	200.00	
		<u>\$1,734.26</u>
		\$9,966.77
Disbursements		
Newsletter	-\$819.82	
Fees	-25.00	
		<u>-\$844.82</u>
BALANCE 9/30/2023		\$9,121.95

NHOH Newsletter

The newsletter is published three times each year – Winter, Summer and Fall

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

Send your contributions to the Newsletter Editor: Julie Glowka: julieg0503@gmail.com

Policy on advertising in the 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.

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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 _____