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Fra Presidenten

This summer America is hosting the FIFA World Cup. As entertaining as the soccer (real football) games are, I have enjoyed the stories about the fans more than the games. The Scottish Tartan Army drinking all the beer in Boston, Merlin the duck in Mexico City, and the obsession with

Ranch dressing that people are trying to get through TSA at the airports. My favorites are Norwegian fans, dressed like Vikings, sitting on the steps of an escalator and rowing their way to the top. All these people are making memories that are part of their personal stories.

A recurring theme on genealogy websites has been the importance of stories about the people in our family trees. Stories, anecdotes, and memories enhance the data collected like names, dates, events, and locations, to make the people feel human again. Stories draw us to people and make them interesting.

What do you know about your people beyond the dates and places? What memories do you have about them? What stories did you hear when you were young? Have you written those stories down? Have you written about yourself so that your descendants will know you better than just your name, birth, marriage and death dates?

The theme of this year's Flere Lag Stevne is "Echos of the Past: Stories of Our Immigrant Ancestors". For people attending the stevne in September, please share your stories at the stevne. See the "Share Your Ancestral Story at Flere Lag 2026" in this issue, which explains the very easy, open-ended criteria of what can be submitted. An example of a story that will be at the stevne in this issue is "Norwegian to English – Language Transition for Immigrants". (Refer to page 7)

For those who cannot attend the stevne, you can also send in stories to share, or better yet, our newsletter editor would love to publish what you write in a future issue.

Hilsen fra
Joy Shong

2026 Flere Lag Stevne

The Stevne Planning Committee is looking for your feedback to assist with planning for the future. Please take this opportunity to let the committee know what you think works and what doesn't. The survey is found on page 15 of this issue. The return information is found at the bottom of the survey.

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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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2026 Flere Lage Stevne Hotel Information September 15, 16 and 17 (Tuesday through Friday)

The 2026 Stevne hotel is the Double Tree in Austin, Minnesota. The Flere Lag rate is \$109.00 per night for the nights of Mon Sep 14, Tue Sep 15, Wed Sep 16, and Thu Sep 17 (check-out on Fri Sep 18). The rate for Monday night is available for those who plan to arrive early.

Double Tree prefers that our members book online rather than calling the hotel directly. If you call the hotel directly to book your reservation you will automatically be forwarded to the national reservation line, which is not always 100% reliable at finding and confirming special blocked rates. To reduce the chance of issues it is recommended you book your room online. Either click [here to book on line](#) or go to the lag website at www.nhohlag.org. There is a link located at the bottom of the home page as well as another link under the Stevne Tab (select 2026 Stevne).



2025 Stevne Photos

Photos courtesy of Joel Botten and Dixie Hansen



The Baldishol Tapestry in the Oslo National Museum

Shared by Debra Lee Pritchard and Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The tapestry depicts two figures in a Romanesque style. On the left, a bearded man in a tunic stands beneath an archway reading "April". He is surrounded by 4 birds, 3 of them perched in a tree. On the right, a knight in armor sits on a horse, holding a shield and lance. The archway above his head reads "May". The month names are both partially illegible.

The tapestry appears to be a fragment, with torn edges. Experts have suggested that it was once part of a larger scene, perhaps depicting all 12 months of the year. It may have been designed to adorn a wall, perhaps in a castle or monastery, however, the loom technology of the time would not have been able to create an unbroken tapestry depicting all 12 months in one continuous piece (such a weaving would be approximately 12 meters long).

Woven from Spælsau wool and linen, the yarn was dyed with vegetable dyes. The tapestry measures 46 inches × 80 inches. Through carbon dating, it has been determined that it was created sometime between 1040 and 1190. The weaver is unknown, but it could have been woven in Norway, perhaps in a monastery, or in a small workshop in England or France. The style and depictions are consistent with all of these locations. The tapestry was crafted using the Gobelin technique and is one of the few surviving examples in Europe, and the only one in Norway.

The palm-like designs at the bottom of the tapestry began appearing in other art around 1150, suggesting that this tapestry was constructed towards the end of the carbon dating window.

In addition to being notable for its age and rarity, the tapestry is also praised for how well preserved it is. Other examples of this type of yarn from later periods are more faded than this example, which remains vivid.

The **Baldishol Tapestry** is one of the oldest known surviving tapestries in Norway, and among the oldest in Europe. It is part of the collection of the National Museum in Oslo. Tapestries of this type were popular in Norway from the Saga Age up until the 1600s.

The original Baldishol Church was a wooden structure built in 1613, in Nes Parish, Ringsaker Municipality Innlandet county, near Lake Mjøsa. It was demolished in 1879 to create a larger church. During the demolition, the Baldishol Tapestry was found beneath the floorboards. It was initially mistaken for a woolen rag, rolled up and caked in clay.

The tapestry, along with other objects from the old church, were sold at auction. A local family by the name of Kildal purchased some of the items and stored them at their farm. Louise Kildal visited the farm some years later, found the "rag", and cleaned it, revealing the tapestry. She hung it in her living room and invited the museum director Henrik A. Grosch to view it. He purchased the tapestry from her in 1887 and added it to the collection.

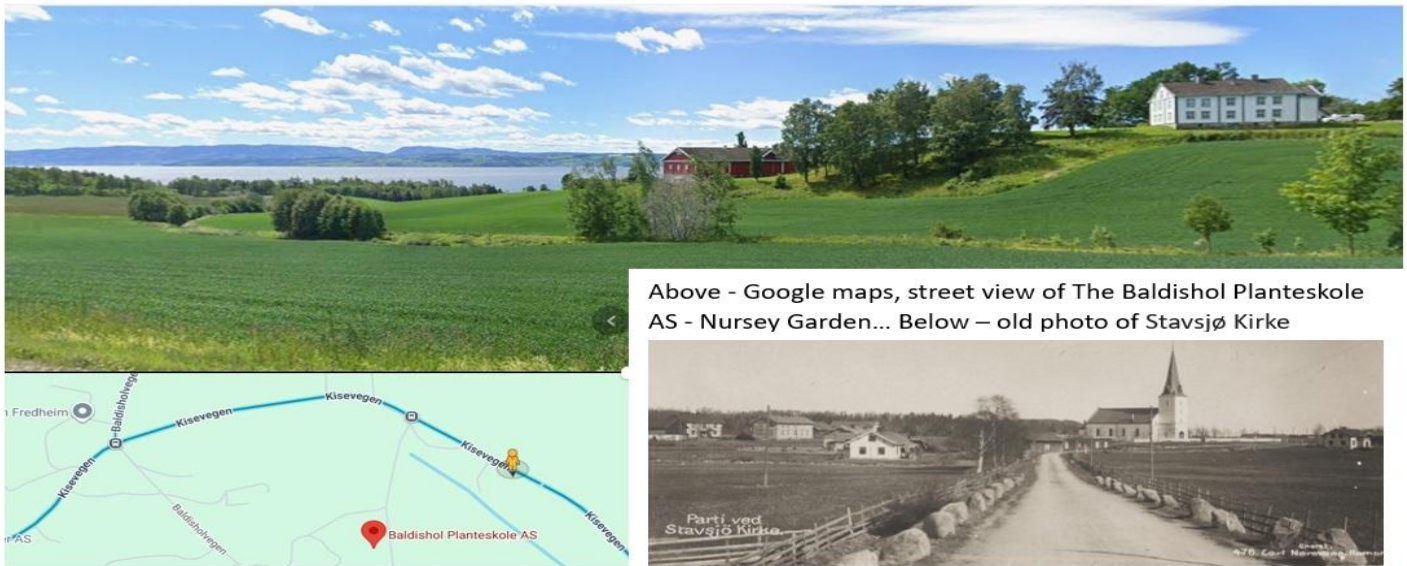
The National Museum considers the tapestry to be one of the most valuable objects in their collection.

Numerous copies of the tapestry have been made:

- Kristi Seks Meland is believed to have woven a replica that was presented to President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge in 1925. 5,000 Norwegian-American women donated to fund the purchase of the gift to commemorate the Norwegian-American Centennial. According to a curator, as of 2022, the replica was in storage in the White House Collection.
- Amalie "Alma" Pettersen Gutteresen of St. Paul, Minnesota, wove a copy. It is believed to be one of the reproductions in the collection of the Vesterheim Museum.

Several artists have drawn inspiration from the tapestry:

- A Swedish textile piece drawing inspiration from the tapestry was completed in 1966. It is in the collection of the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum.
- A textile pattern for a tapestry inspired by the Baldishol Tapestry is in the collection of the Vänersborgs Museum (Sweden).
- Norway House of the Twin Cities held a contest to "create contemporary textile pieces in the spirit of the Baldishol Tapestry".



Above - Google maps, street view of The Baldishol Planteskole AS - Nursey Garden... Below – old photo of Stavsjø Kirke

It was finally decided to build two new annex churches in the parish and then to close and tear down the old Baldishol Church. One new church would be built on the island of Helgøya and the other would be built in Stavsjø.

In 1870, the new Helgøya Church was completed. After that, work began on the new Stavsjø Church. The building permit was issued in 1874, but due to financial problems, the church was not completed for several years. On 3 March 1878, the old Baldishol Church was torn down. The new Stavsjø Church was completed in 1880. Initially, there was some confusion over the name of the new church. The names Jevne, Penningrud/one of Debra's ancestral farms, and Stavsjø were all initially used, since all three were local names of the farms in the area.

Genealogy Section of the NHOH Website

By Larry West

The recently updated website for NHOH (<https://nhohlag.org>) is the one-stop shop for getting information on the Lag and its history (such as photos and details from past Stevner). The website also can assist you in researching your family history. For many years there has been a Genealogy section of the website. Unfortunately, in recent years many of the links in this section were not working. That has been corrected and now all the links open the appropriate documents. This update represents the first phase in the reconstruction of the Genealogy section of our website. My intention, as Lag Genealogist, is to expand the scope of this section, so that in the near future, you will find the NHOH website to be one of your “go-to” research resources.

Currently, the following information is available on the website:

1. A complete list of all the books and other materials that are owned by NHOH. This includes the Lag’s extensive collection of bygdebøker. A bygdebok (plural is bygdebøker) is a detailed history of the farms in an area, typically including a lot of genealogical information on the farm owners. All of these items are brought to the annual Stevne. To access this document click: Genealogy > Research Resources > Genealogy Resources owned by NHOH (<https://nhohlag.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NHOH-Inventory-2026.pdf>).
2. Indexes to many bygdebøker. These indexes can assist in locating farm and farm owner information. To access click: Genealogy > Research Resources > Indexes to Bygdebøker (<https://nhohlag.org/home/genealogy/resources/indexes-to-bygdeboker/>)
3. The remainder of the Genealogy section is organized by geography. Links to other information such as parish records, official Norwegian town websites, Wikipedia articles and books are available for kommuner (municipalities) within the NHOH area. These links are organized by the three districts within NHOH: 1) Hedemarken and Hamar, 2) Nord Østerdal and 3) Sør Østerdal. For each of these districts there is a web page with a list of kommuner within that district. For each kommune there is identified a list of available resources and in many cases a link to other websites.

As stated, this website will hopefully evolve to provide you with another tool in your genealogical quest. Please contact me with any questions about the website or suggestions on how to make it better.

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Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

Welcome to an organization of descendants from the North Hedmark area of Norway, previously called Hedemarken

Norwegian to English – Language Transition for Immigrants

By Joy Waddell Shong

I recently read an article about the writings of Waldemar Ager (1869-1941) in Norwegian Tracks, the newsletter of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center. Ager believed that retaining Norwegian language was an important component in preserving cultural heritage. The article got me thinking about the difficulty for all immigrants in learning a new language and adapting to the culture of a new place. The transition from a small nation with a distinct identity, to living in a diverse country where people not only spoke English but included languages from all over the world. Immigrants had to learn English and also comprehend it when spoken by others who had their own 'foreign' accents.

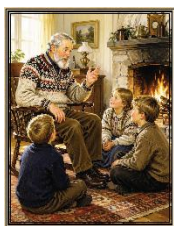
My great-grandparents arrived from Norway in the 1860's and '70's. They settled on a ridge above the village of Elmwood in Pierce County, Wisconsin. Almost everyone on the ridge came from Alvdal or Folldal in Norway, so they all spoke Norwegian. My grandfather, Henry Hogenson, and grandmother, Jennie Jacobson, were both born on the 'Norwegian Ridge'. They learned to speak, as all children do, by listening to their family members and people around them. They had to learn English when they went to school, but they always spoke English with Norwegian accents since that was their first language, and they continued to speak it at home.

My mother Roslyn was born in 1922 and learned Norwegian as her first language. When she started school at the age of 7, she couldn't speak English and the other kids teased her. My grandparents then decided that they needed to speak English at home so all the children would be ready for school. Due to my mother's embarrassment, she worked very hard to learn English and not speak it with an accent. She wanted to be like her friends. Her brother John, who was a year younger, did not feel the same stigma because he could speak English when he started school. He still used Norwegian some at home, since the family lived with the grandparents and they were not as fluent in English.

When my mother began visiting relatives in Norway in the 1980's, she regretted having earlier turned her back on the Norwegian language. She was able to understand many things people said but could not remember enough to speak fluently. They always complimented her on speaking "good old-Norsk". Uncle John, on the other hand, traveled many times to Norway and was able to communicate better because he had used the language more when he was young.

The transition from only speaking Norwegian to only speaking English took 3 generations in my family. It was hardest for my great-grandparents because it is difficult to learn language as an adult. My grandparents were the bridge generation, more easily using two languages. I was surprised that my mother and her brothers had learned Norwegian as children and didn't use English right away. It makes sense because of living in a tight knit Norwegian bubble on the ridge and living in the home with their grandparents. Once they were in school, they had fewer opportunities to use it and were not as proficient, since most conversations outside of the family were in English. I took Norwegian in college, and some online classes during COVID, but my understanding and retention are dismal. It is hard to learn a new language as an adult.

My family kept in touch with relatives in Norway through letters written both in Norwegian and English. Now, the Norwegians of the family all speak or understand English at some level, keeping our ability to stay connected. Now we use email and social media. Was Ager right about the importance of language for retaining cultural continuity? I don't know. I do know that being able to communicate in any language keeps us connected.



Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors



Share Your Ancestral Story at Flere Lag 2026

There are a multitude of ways to share a story from your family's Nordic past and, in keeping with this year's theme, we're asking 2026 Flere Lag Stevne attendees to come prepared to do just that.

You can participate (*one entry per attendee*) by submitting:

- A simple paragraph or two about your Great Uncle Gunnar
- A favorite old family photograph
- Your sketch of Oldemor's home gård in Solør
- A hearty loaf of Grovbrød (*if sliced, be aware that some items may not be returned*)
- A lively fiddle tune
- The harrowing account of an ocean crossing
- A heritage tale you've shared with your grandchildren
- Your soulful rendition of *Hils fra Meg der Hjemme*
- The history of your heirloom sølja
- Your family genealogy book
- A treasured stash of letters from "back home" in Norway
- Some spontaneous steps of a Springar dance
- An account of the ah-ha! discovery of a long-sought record of a "missing" ancestor
or _____... (*you fill in the blank*)

If a written story submission fits on a single page, it will be hung on the walls at the Stevne so that all attendees can read it as they wander the hallways. Include your name at the top. If possible, email a copy in advance to Dixie Hansen dxhansen@gmail.com and she'll print it and have it posted before you arrive. Otherwise, drop it off at the registration desk when you pick up your Stevne registration materials, and she'll post it up later in the day.

Multi-page stories, photographs, drawings, scrapbooks, genealogies, or other physical objects which tell your family story will be displayed on specified tables. Bring them with you to the Stevne. *Post-it notes* will be on hand at the display tables for you to attach your name to your submission. Dixie will come by later and replace the temporary name identifiers with uniform printed placards.

If your story is told in the form of a freeform song, a dance, a toot on the lur, or an improv oration, stop by and schedule a time with Dixie to come to the registration lobby area (between sessions), and let loose!

Special Honors

On Thursday morning all attendees are asked to stop by the registration desk and vote for their favorite submitted ancestral stevne story. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen by popular vote count. Voting will close at Noon. In addition, a distinguished judges' panel comprised of an officer from each of the participating lags will honor an additional winner or two in special *ad hoc* categories. All honorees will be announced and recognized at the Thursday night banquet.

Welcome New Members

NHOH Ancestors from:

Jennifer Weiss, Shorewood, MN	Folldal
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NHOH TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 – May 31, 2026

BALANCE 1/1/2026		\$8,185.71
Income		
Interest	\$1.04	
Donations - Genealogy	\$167.00	
Membership Dues	\$689.85	
Total Income	\$857.89	
Disbursements		
Newsletter	-\$429.27	
Fellesraad Annual Mtg Fee	-\$35.00	
Total Disbursements	-\$464.27	
BALANCE 5/31/2026		\$8,579.33

NHOH Newsletter

The newsletter is published three times each year – Winter, Spring 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.

2026 Stevne Tour

This year's tour takes us to the Spam Museum, the Mower County Historical Society and St. Olaf Lutheran Church.



Take the tour to learn the history of Spam, find out how it's made and you might even get to taste a sample.

Did You Know?		
There are 12.8 cans of SPAM® products eaten every second.	There are 11 different varieties of SPAM® products.	SPAM® products are sold in 50 different countries around the world.



You'll have a chance to see a one-room school house. Maybe you even attended one.



In addition to the Excelsior one-room school house you will see the original Hormel building, a blacksmith shop, a log cabin, railroad hand cars, an M-4 Sherman tank, a steam engine, passenger coach and baggage car among many other buildings and items.

Last stop is St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin for lunch and a little church history. C.L. Claussen, a pioneering Norwegian-American leader, organized this congregation in 1867.



Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors

(Schedule is tentative and subject to change)



Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Time	Event
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Hospitality Suite – Drop off items for tomorrow
1:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
TBA - 9:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open <i>(for Vendors arriving Tuesday, doors open once they are set-up)</i>
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Finnskog Seminar & Workshop — Elaine Hasleton
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Genealogy Mini-Sessions <i>(at 2:30 PM & 3:30 PM)</i>
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Silent Auction Open for Item Drop-off and Bidding
5:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Light Stevne Dinner: Pulled-Pork or Chicken Sandwich <i>(pre-registration required)</i>
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Gudbrandsdalslaget Annual Business Meeting
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Seminar: Rye Grain in Europe / History of Norwegian & Finnish Bread — Shanna Kurth

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Trønderlag Annual Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Seminar: Olaf Kjome, Dairy Expert — Joe Grodahl
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open <i>(the public is welcome)</i>
10:45 AM - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open <i>(you may drop off food donations starting at 9:00 AM)</i>
10:45 AM - 9:00 PM	Silent Auction Open for Item Drop-off and Bidding
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Seminar: History of the Founding of Spring Grove as the First Permanent Norwegian Settlement in Minnesota — Bill Fried
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Stevne Grab & Go Box Lunch w/ Turkey or Ham Sandwich <i>(pre-registration required)</i> <i>or lunch on your own</i>
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Seminar: Norway 2026: Stories from a Photographer, Historian and Musician — Chris Falteisek
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Seminar: My Country 'Tis of Thee — Joel Quie
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Romerikslaget Annual Business Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Seminar: Don't Let Your Memories Fade, the social and health benefits of photos, stories, and reminiscing — Rick Voigt
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Solørlag Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, 17 September 2026

Time	Event
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Annual Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open
8:00 AM - 2:45 PM	Silent Auction Bidding Ends at 2:45 PM <i>(winners will be revealed at 3:45 PM)</i>
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open
9:00 AM - 2:45 PM	Hospitality Suite Open

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Thursday, 17 September 2026 *(continued)*

Time	Event
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Seminar: Researching Our Immigrant Ancestor's House History — Elaine Hasleton
- 10:45 AM 10:15 AM	Break (<i>visit hospitality suite & vendors</i>)
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Seminar: Return Migration: Knud's Story — Lawrence Moe
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Seminar: Houses Our Ancestors Built — Miranda Moen
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Break (<i>visit Vendor Displays and Hospitality Room</i>)
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Seminar: Finding Stories in the Records — Jeff Svare
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Silent Auction — Winning Bidders: pick up and pay for the items you won
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Social Hour with Cash Bar
5:15 PM - 6:05 PM	Lag Group Photos: Trønderlag at 5:15 PM / Gudbrandsdalslaget at 5:25 PM / Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken at 5:35 PM / Romerikslaget at 5:45 PM / Solørlag at 5:55 PM
6:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Stevne Banquet (<i>pre-registration required</i>) Emcee — Doug Johnson Entertainment: Nordic Instruments — Janette Dragvold Bunad Parade

Friday, 18 September 2026

Time	Event
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Tour: Mower County Historical Society, Spam Museum – Includes Bus Transportation & Lunch at St. Olaf Lutheran Church (<i>pre-registration required</i>)

Safe Travels Home! Join us again next year for Flere Lag Stevne 2027 – Dates TBA

Double Tree by Hilton, Austin

1701 4th Street NW, Austin, Minnesota

Flere Lag Room Rate = \$109/night + tax

Important!: The deadline for booking at the Flere Lag Stevne Rate is 15 Aug 2026

Book online at the Stevne rate through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/432trnu5>

You can also find a direct link for stevne-rate hotel booking on most of the Flere Lag websites

Flere Lag Stevne has blocked rooms (King or Queen) for the nights of:

Monday Night 14 September 2026 (*for those arriving a day early*)

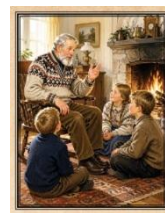
Tuesday Night 15 September 2026

Wednesday Night 16 September 2026

Thursday Night 17 September 2026 (*with check-out on Friday September 18, 2026*)

Flere Lag Stevne Registration

DoubleTree by Hilton, Austin
1701 4th Street NW, Austin, Minnesota 55912
September 15-18, 2026



Stevne Pre-Registration is requested by 31 August 2026

Walk-in registrations are also welcome. However, pre-registration is required for Tour, Meals, & Banquet.
Participants must make hotel reservations independently (**Book hotel by 15 August 2026 for the Flere Lag Rate**)

First and Last Name (Registrant A Name)

Nickname? (for nametag)

First and Last Name (Registrant B Name)

Nickname? (for nametag)

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Phone #

Flere Lag Stevne (September 15-18, 2026)

	\$ Each	# of Reg	Total \$
Full Stevne Registration (Tuesday through Friday)	\$50.00	x	\$
<u>or</u> 1-Day-Only Stevne Registration (<i>specify day</i>): _____	\$30.00	x	\$
Tuesday Evening: Pulled Pork Sandwich or Chicken Sandwich ¹	\$23.50	x	\$
Wednesday Box Lunch, Grab&Go: Turkey or Ham Sandwich ²	\$20.00	x	\$
Thursday Night Banquet: Chicken Berse or Smoked Pork Chop ³	\$40.00	x	\$
Friday Tour – Mower County Historical Society, Spam Museum - Includes Bus Transportation & Lunch at St. Olaf Lutheran Church	\$42.00	x	\$
Total Enclosed			\$

Meal Options
¹ Tuesday Evening: Pulled Pork or Chicken Sandwich
² Wednesday Box Lunch: Turkey or Ham Sandwich
³ Thurs Banquet Entrée Choice: Chicken Berse or Smoked Pork Chop

Registrant A	Registrant B

Make check payable to Flere Lag Stevne
and send payment and registration to:

Attention: Chuck McKeen
Flere Lag Stevne Registration
4894 Iten Avenue SW
Howard Lake, MN 55349

Double Tree by Hilton, Austin
1701 4th Street NW, Austin, Minnesota
Flere Lag Room Rate = \$109/night + tax
Important!: The deadline for booking at the Flere Lag
Stevne Rate is 15 Aug 2026

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Flerelag Stevne Survey Questions

What do you enjoy – how important to you are these activities? Rate each 1 (least) to 5 (most)

1) Genealogy lab	1	2	3	4	5
2) Hospitality room	1	2	3	4	5
3) Game night	1	2	3	4	5
4) Bus trip	1	2	3	4	5
5) Banquet	1	2	3	4	5
6) Other meals	1	2	3	4	5
7) Presentations	1	2	3	4	5
8) Socializing	1	2	3	4	5
9) Silent auction	1	2	3	4	5
10) Vendors	1	2	3	4	5
11) Get away/vacation	1	2	3	4	5

Timing of stevne: what works best for you

Distance: where are you? How far are you willing or able to travel (miles and/or hours)?

Timing: When is the best time to hold the stevne – X = good time; 0 = bad time

	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
June				
July				
Aug				
Sept				

Other impediments to your attendance?

Cost: How much does cost affect your decision to attend? What amenities must you have? What do you consider optional?

Ideas/suggestions for improvement and/or cost savings?

Please return as soon as possible to: rskurth@mtco.com or mail to Rod Kurth, 821 Eastmoor Dr, Metamora, IL 61548

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Ancestors in Hedmark from kommune: (check all that apply)

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☐ 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: _____

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