

# Restauration Lodge #1-548



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**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

**PROGRAM** The program for this month is *A Love Affair With Norway* by Lois Shindoll. Host and hostesses for the June meeting are Dale and Judy Fitzgibbons and Sandra VanAmburg

## **FRA PRESIDENT**

Our lodge had a great Syttende Mai dinner of open faced sandwiches and desserts, an authentic Norwegian festivity. Thanks to Mette Kelley and all who helped prepare the food. We also learned quite a bit about Tine boxes, uniquely Norwegian. Alan and I look forward to our upcoming visit to Norway as part of the Vesterheim Textile tour with 6 other members of Restauration Lodge. Alan and I then join the Hurtigruten Cruise along the coast followed by 3 days in Oslo. I hope you all enjoy the summer.

Barbara

## **LEKEPLASS**

Nothing scheduled this month.

## **PROGRAMS**

June 2019: *A Love Affair With Norway* by Lois Shindoll

July 2019: TBD

August-No meeting

September: *Voyage on the Restauration* by Kathleen Almelien

October: *Textile Tour to Copenhagen and Norway* by Lisa Kenyon

November: *Video—The Black Death in Scandinavia*

December: *Selbu Mittens* by Ellen Susanne

## **EVENTS**

Linn County Fair June 28; Lois and Mary plan to set up a booth.

Nordic Fest in Decorah IA is July 25-28.

Home Town Days in West Branch will be August 3; Our lodge plans to have a booth.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club for June is Wednesday, June 19 at 1pm at Ann Gesme's apartment, 3303 Cottage Grove Place. The book, *Culture and Customs of Norway* by Margaret Hayford O'Leary will be led by Carolyn Ruston.

## **LANGUAGE CLASS**

Language class is cancelled this month.

### SCANDINAVIAN KNITTING

All who are interested in knitting are invited to the Scandinavian Knitters which meet Mondays 9:30 - noon at Thea O'Grady's home 5870 Stags Leap Lane, Marion, IA 52302 tel 319-536-4979

### FOOD DONATION

There was a quantity of leftover food from the Syttende Mai banquet which was taken home by Barb and Larry Taylor and the next day delivered to the Willis Dady Homeless Shelter.

The following letter of thanks was then received from them:

*Dear sons of Norway Lodge #548.*

*You made our day. Thank you for your gift of three loaves of bread, broccoli salad, butter and miscellaneous items on May 15, 2019. Donations of critical goods and thoughtful "extras" encourages our staff as well as our clients. Between the Overflow and Willis Dady's regular shelter, we serve more than 90 man, women and children every night. Your donation goes a long way toward making their stay more comfortable.*

*As the shelter manager, I know first-hand how much goods are appreciated by clients and staff. We could never afford to provide these things without the partnership of people like you. We know your time is valuable. Thanks for your loyalty and for taking the time to select and deliver your kind and generous donation.*

*Sincerely, Deline Rushing  
Shelter Manager.*

### NAME TAGS & CALENDARS

If you want the magnet-backed version of nametags, they are \$8.25 and are ordered by our Vice President, Lois Shindoll. See her at the meetings or call her at 377-2890.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Marilyn M Skaugstad	8	Sandra L Van Amburg	19
Donna J Trolliet	8	Mette G Kelley	23
Wilmer A Mickelson	11	Barbara A Taylor	25
Arnold E Andersen	12	Ashton Galstad	28
Barbara L Erickson	12	Alan R Erickson	29
Kathleen Doyle Almelien	16	Evelyn Galstad	29

### VESTERHEIM TEXTILE TOUR

This summer eight members of our lodge are joining the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum on a twelve day textile tour. They will visit Copenhagen, Greve, Koge, Lejre, Glasbjerg, Kolding, Skals, Kristiansand, Mandal, Flekkefjord, Moi, Sogndalstrand, Stavanger, Ytre Anra, Bergen, and Lonevag. The tour leaders are Laurann Gilbertson (Textile Curator at Vesterheim) and Ingeborg Monsen (textile instructor and president of Bergen Husfidslag). See the March Newsletter for more information

You may want to keep an eye on our Facebook page from June 17-29!

## THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN WEEKLY

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Weekly to practice your Norwegian reading skills! You will find back issues available to borrow at our meetings.

## FACEBOOK LINK

Link to our Facebook

District One now has a facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-District-1-148130308566588/>

## EXERCISE

Do we have sports fans in our lodge who can tell us major sports figures with Norsk lineage? We all know Knute Rockne, but what about players and coaches of today? Anyone who knows of any, please send the info to the newsletter editors.

[Don Nelson?] Verl

## SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

*FYI* A review of the Sons of Norway mission statement::

*The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.*

## INSURANCE

A new insurance representative is now on board, Scott Johannsen of Davenport.

He has been in the business for some 20 years. he has a mail address at [sjohannsen@riverlandinsurancegroup.com](mailto:sjohannsen@riverlandinsurancegroup.com) and Tel 563-343-5167.

## NEWS FROM NORWAY

Today's Tech Reveals Viking Burial Ship

One can only imagine what the Vikings of old would think if they knew the burial ship of their long-entombed brethren was



A Burial Mound found in Borre Ntl Park

discovered millennia later by technology known as ground penetrating radar (GPR). That is exactly what happened in March 2019 in the well-known Borre National Park in Vestfold County, south of Oslo, where a team of experts discovered the outline of the Viking vessel by using GPR. The exciting find complements an array of other Viking graves and burial mounds in the park, the most anywhere in Northern Europe. Some of the graves are estimated to date back to the seventh century. The "boat graves" are believed to be the final resting place of Vikings belonging to the upper-echelon,

including kings. GPR uses radar pulses to image the subsurface and detect objects via reflected signals. The method is used in industries such as building construction and archeological projects and does not disturb objects revealed by the technology.

For now, those resting in peace will remain so; there are no immediate plans to unearth the ancient Viking tomb.





Speakers Lisa Morris and Lori Bobenhouse lecturing on Tine boxes



Tine box collection of Lori and Lisa



Mary Durspek's Tine box from her G-G Grandfather in Norway



Mette Kelley delivering sandwiches at the Syttende Mai banquet at the May meeting



Verl Lekwa awarding a medal to David Tesdahl for his walking efforts





**Open face sandwich assembly line with Lisa Kenyon, Sue Speicher, Mette Kelley and Becky Cleveland at work.**



**More of Lisa and Lori and their Tine boxes**

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