

January/February 2026

BREAKING NEWS

Owen Hanson (pictured in the middle), a freshman at UW has declared a major in the Scandinavian Studies Program! Our lodge has assisted Owen with his language camps participation.

Scott Hanson, John's brother, took Norwegian language classes and many Scandinavian Studies literature classes towards his degree in English at UW.

John Hansen went to the UW-Madison in Nov to participate in the 150th anniversary of their Scandinavian Studies Program. He earned a BA in Scandinavian Studies when he attended UW. The celebration featured audited classes and lectures for alumni.



Fra Presidenten,

Godt nyttår (Happy New Year!)

Greetings dear Restauration Lodge members! I hope you will be able to attend our next meeting. It is January 13, 6:00 PM for a catered dinner of baked cod, roast pork, and all the trimmings. Members are asked to bring dessert.

Please call Lois Shindoll at 319-377-2890 to make your reservation. Cost per person is \$10.00 payable at the meeting.

ZOOM will not be available in January only.

Upcoming Programs

Jan 2026
Norwegian Family
Card Game, **Mattis**.

February 2026

Seed Savers

Exchange stewards America's culturally diverse and endangered garden and food crop legacy for present and future generations.

We educate and connect people through collecting, regenerating, and sharing heirloom seeds, plants, and stories.

Seed Savers Exchange has been saving and sharing seeds with gardeners since 1975.

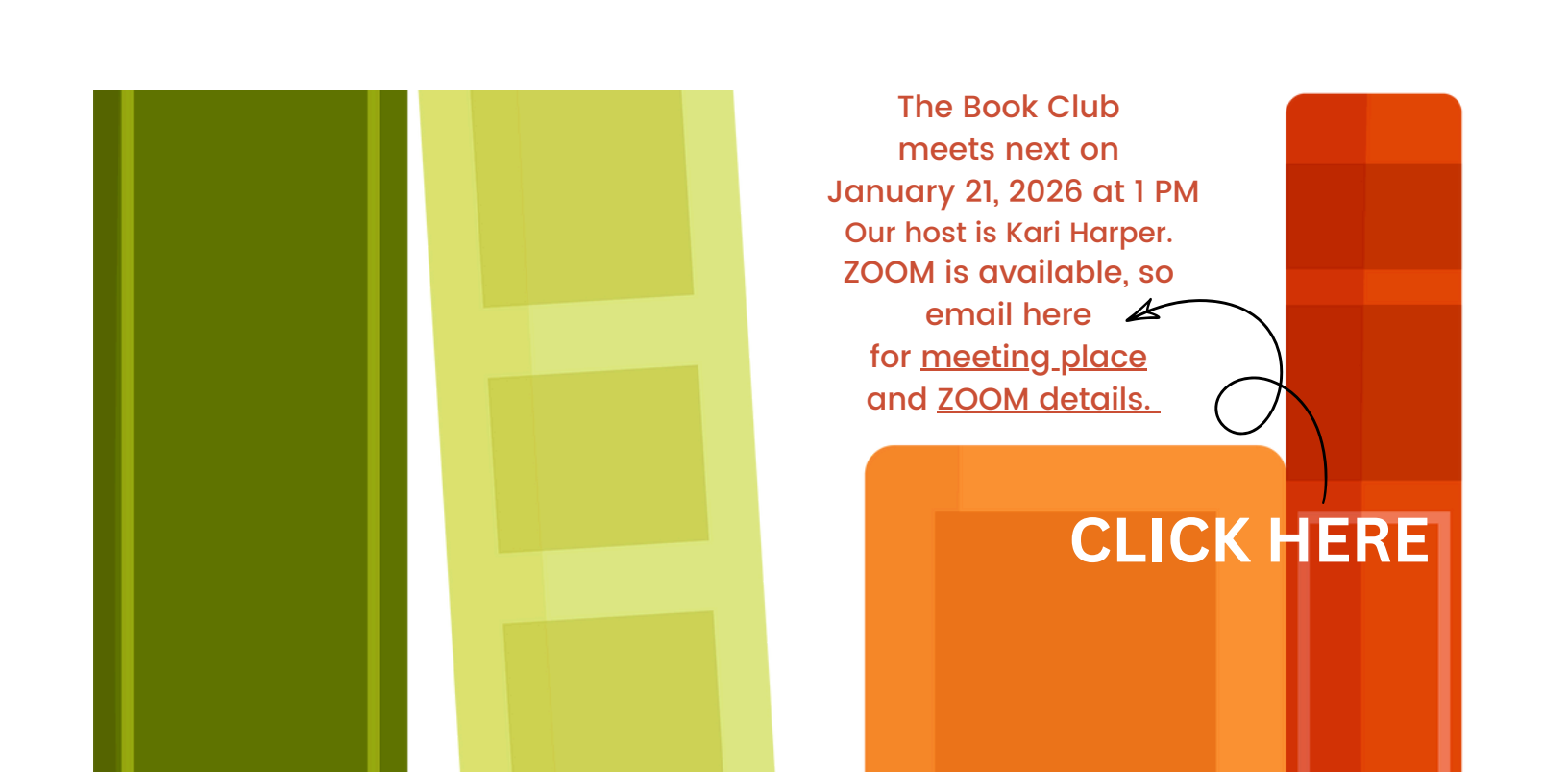


life is butter

Restauration Lodge board elections for 2026 will be at the January meeting. The positions of Vice President, Secretary, one (of two) Social directions, and Cultural Director are up for re-election for a two-year term. We are always interested in anyone who wants to serve on the board or appointed positions.

Scholarship forms for District 1 language camps (Skogfjorden, Marse Moro, Norwegian Folk High School) are available (<http://sofn-1.org/>). If you are interested, please ask at the lodge meeting.

The 2026 Sons of Norway District 1 convention is coming up fast. It will be held June 25 to June 27, 2026 at Willmar, Minnesota. Names of our two delegates (and two alternates) are due March 1, 2026. We are looking for volunteers (who are subsidized). The theme is "Roots and Future, Bridging Generations".



The Book Club
meets next on
January 21, 2026 at 1 PM
Our host is Kari Harper.
ZOOM is available, so
email here
for meeting place
and ZOOM details.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Books for Sons of Norway Book Club 2026

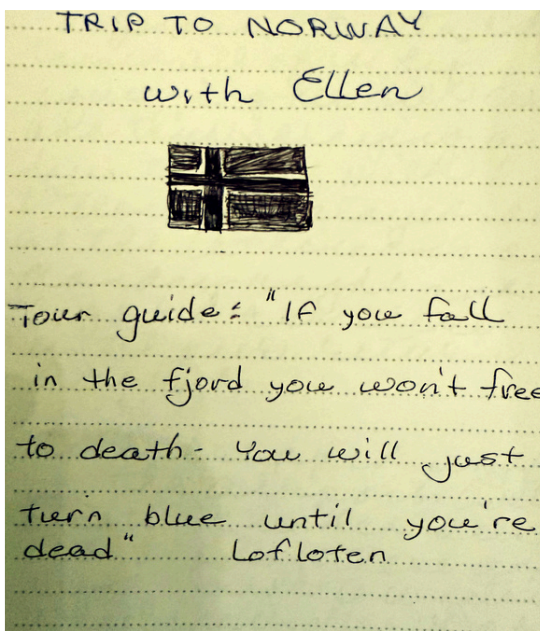
- January Barbara A Malmo Midwinter by Torquil MacLeod
- February Cindy A Saloonkeeper's Daughter by Drude Krog Janson
- March Thea How to be Norwegian by Lorelei Desjardins
- April Marilyn Accidental Shephard by Liese Greensfelder
- May Helen Hidden in Shadows by Viveca Sten
- June Kari Scenes From a Childhood by Jon Fosse
- July Cindy Last Rituals by Yrsa Sigurdardóttir
- September Marilyn The Boy and the Mountain by Torbjorn Ekelund
- October Helen The Moon Turned to Blood by Ruth J. Tiger
- November Thea Faceless Killers by Henning Mankill
- December Barbara The Arrow Collector by Cristian Perfumo

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Other Needle News
Sheri Ekstrom tells us there will be not be
Hardanger class
in January.

January and February Birthdays



January birthdays

Carol Ann Kurth
Marvin Robeck
Nicholas Monroe
David A Aanonson
Lois M Shindoll
Susan R Speicher
David E Christ
Dianne F Garber

February birthdays

Oline B Stigers
Thomas Wayne Thoreson
Gregory Collins
Hubert Allen Ellingson
Sheri R Ekstrom

Restauration Lodge Minutes

December 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by President Barbara Erickson.

This night is the lodge's annual Pea Soup Dinner.

The soup is provided by 4-5 members. Rye bread is brought to the dinner by Kathleen Almelién; she also brings loaves to sell to lodge members at \$5.00 a loaf. Other members bring desserts to share.

Next month is our annual Cod Dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Call Lois Shindoll to make reservations. Her phone number is 319-377-2890. Members should bring desserts.

Kathleen Almelién will be traveling to Norway to take a 6 week class with a grant from Sons of Norway.

Dinner was served. Desserts were delicious.

