



Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 Mankato, Mn 56002

Blue Earth
Minnesota River

Joel and Maureen Botten's program about his research on people who left Norway to come to the Hanska area was very interesting. Our program for this Saturday, May 8 will be, too. Dick and Kris Norland will show a video of their trip to Norway in 2003.

Several past presidents were honored at the anniversary celebration. Mange takk to them for their time and efforts while serving as officers in our lodge.

A hearty welcome to new members who were voted in at our April 24th meeting – Elaine Ambroson, Irene Johnson, Marian Qualset, Joyce Savage, Helen Stevens and Audrey Morken. Our goal is to add 35 new members this year. We need 15 more. Who can you invite?

Tickets have been ordered for the 5:30 pm program on Saturday, May 15 at Hanska for the people who requested them. We will be meeting at the Bethlehem parking lot at 3:00 p.m. and car pooling to Hanska. We will have a Norwegian meal at Zion ELCA Church before the program. Anyone else who is interested may contact Sonja Smesmo (w) 507-439-6227; (h) 507-439-6401 for tickets for the program and Gudren Kjelshus (h) 439-6837 for dinner tickets.

Time for Spring cleaning!! The Sons of Norway annual garage sale has been scheduled for Friday, May 21 (5-8 pm) and Saturday, May 22 (8 am-noon) at 209 Chatsworth Drive (across from East High School). Drop off pre-priced items on Thursday, May 20 (6-8 pm.) If you have questions, contact Kris Norland at 625-6060.

Plan now to bring your children and grandchildren to the old-fashioned family potluck picnic at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapidan on Saturday, June 12. Social time activities from 3 pm to 5 pm will include horse and carriage rides by Richard Garmen, (\$3.75 per person; \$15.00 for 4 adults), biking or hiking the Red Jacket Trail two blocks north of the church, games and food and craft skills. The potluck picnic will be at 5:30 pm and at 6:45 we will be entertained by dancers from Hanska. Come one, come all!!

See the enclosed flyer about the one-day trip to the memorable Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa on Saturday, July 24. If interested, please sign up soon so that plans can be finalized.

Jack McGowan is soliciting assistance from us for the Historyfest celebration on October 7, 8 and 9. He is very interested in helping children learn about history in a fun way. He hosts over 100 groups each year, including schools and other organizations. They get hands-on experience doing things as they were done years ago and learning some of the crafts and skills that were more popular then. He also has hot air balloons, canoe rides and much more. For detailed information about this fantastic set-up, look at his website, www.historyfest.com.

Mange takk to those who assisted at the International Festival at East High School – Donna Resner, Jodie Wallschlaeger, Arlet Lokkesmoe, Adele Thompson, Janette Schave and Ann Carlberg. This was a very successful event and it was good to be a part of it.

Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334, avcarlbe@charter.net (new email address)

Sons of Norway Elvsvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, May, 2004

May 8 – 5:30 pm Elvsvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd Street, preceded by Board meeting at 3 pm. Program - Video by Dick and Kris Norland about trip to Norway

May 14 – 7:30 pm – Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church - Recent video about Vikings.

May 14-15 – Hendricks – Syttende Mai – Main Street – 507-275-3192

May 14-16 – Syttende Mai programs in Hanska. Call Sonja at (w) 507-439-6227 (h) 507-439-6401

May 15 – Starbuck – Lefse Dagen – Depot – 320-239-4604

May 16 – Minneapolis – Syttende Mai Minnesota - Mindekirken Church – 800-945-8851

June 4-5 – Story City, Iowa – Scandinavian Days. 515-733-4214, or www.storycity.net

June 11-12 – Nisswa – Scandinavian Folk Festival – 218-764-2994

June 11-13 – Roseau – Scandinavian Festival – 800-815-1824

June 12 – Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapidan 3 pm – 5 pm Activities, 5:30 picnic, 7 pm Hanska dancers

June 12 – Embarrass – Finnish-American Summer Festival – 218-229-2198

June 17-19 – District 1 Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota.

June 17-20 – Faribault – Heritage Celebration- 507-334-4381

June 19 – Midsommar Celebration – American Swedish Institute – 612-871-4907

June 25-27 – Moorhead – Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival - 218-299-5452

June 27 – Parade in Nicollet. Line up at noon.

June 27 – Minneapolis – Svenskarnas Dag: Swedish Heritage Day – 612-825-8808

July 4 – Parade in St. Peter. Line up at 9 am.

July 7-10 – Willmar – 7 Lag Stevne – Holiday Inn Convention Center – 320-222-1613

July 9 – Bemidji - International Day - Concordia Language Village – 800-450-2214

July 11 – Minneapolis – Norway Day – Minnehaha Park – 952-832-0164

July 18 – District 1 golf outing in Owatonna, starting at 9:30 am. Call Ann at 388-7334.

July 24 – Bus trip to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa.

July 29 – August 1 – Lefse stand at Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City

August 11-15 – Lefse stand at Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter.

October 7-9 – Historyfest at Jack McGowan farm. www.historyfest.com