



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

Blue Earth
River
Minnesota River

Fra Presidenten – Jodie Wallschlaeger

July and August have been busy months for our Lodge. The membership committee headed by Dick Norland has been working hard on planning the September membership event at Applewood on September 18, 2004. Please send in the attached reservation form by the September 1st deadline.

Parades

Thanks to those who helped with the parades in Nicollet and St. Peter. The new rosemaled banners are beautiful - thanks to the artwork of Addie Felch. The Resners have always provided us with a trailer, decorations, and a truck to pull the trailer-a big thank you for this donation. Ann Carlberg and Joel Brude faithfully walked the parade routes and distributed Sons of Norway literature - thanks to Joel and Ann.

Trip to Decorah

On July 24th, a group of 26 went by motor coach to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa. The weather was perfect and together we enjoyed the parade, Scandinavian meal at noon, Vesterheim Museum and various craft and cultural displays.

Food Booths At Fairs

The last weekend in July, our lodge had a food stand at the Blue Earth Country Fair selling lefse, pop, popcorn, and pølse. The weather was good for most of the fair - so all went well. Several of our lodge members volunteered their time to assist with this event. The first full weekend in August, our lodge rented space at the Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter for another fund raising event. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping make these events successful. A big thank you to Donna and Joe Resner for coordinating this event.

Norway 1905-2005 Contest.

To mark Norway's centennial anniversary, the Norwegian Researchers and Teachers Association of North America (NORTANA) announces an essay contest for college and university students in North America. For more information contact Ingrid Urberg at urbei@augustana.ca.

Needs

Anyone who is willing and able to teach basic Norwegian language to our members, please call Jodie at 388-2303.

Hardanger

Are you interested in learning how to do Hardanger embroidery? Adelle Thompson is willing to teach classes. Call her at 387-1250.

Fra Vise Presidenten – Dick Norland Membership Event

We are all looking forward to an exciting "Membership" event at Applewood Restaurant on September 18th at 6 pm. Reidar Dittmann is coming back to Mankato to talk about "Growing up in old Oslo". Reidar is an excellent speaker and delighted all who attended last year when he spoke about his experiences in the Norwegian Resistance Movement and as a prisoner in a concentration camp during World War II.

The event at Applewood is a "Membership" opportunity. Our members are asked to come dressed in their Nordic wear if they have it available and to bring a guest or guests that have some strong interest in joining the Sons of Norway. The guests will have their meal paid for by the Sons of Norway. The Elvesvingen member bringing the guest will also get a "free" dinner. All other members attending will have to pay the cost of \$11.00 for their meal. We hope that these prospective members will be joining our lodge that evening. We plan on giving away some door prizes that night and it should be a wonderful evening. Please refer to the enclosed reservation form and return by September 1st.

REMINDER: Due to the road construction by Applewood, everyone should note that you will need to approach Applewood from the south (see map on the back of the registration form). If you prefer to caravan to Applewood, meet at the Kwik Trip near MSU at 5:15 pm – on the corner of Monk and Stadium Road – look for Marilyn and Kent Bigbee's car with the Norwegian flag!

History Fest

Jack McGowan has asked us to help children have fun learning about history at the History Fest October 7 – 9. Fire-eaters, cannon shooting, minstrels and cheese making are a few of the historical activities.

Stan & Linda Stelter for
Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334

Sons of Norway Elvsvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar

August/September, 2004

September 1 – Membership event at Applewood reservation deadline.

September 11 (Saturday) – 9:30 am start – Norsk Open 4-person Scramble golf outing at Blueberry Pines Golf Club in Menahga, MN. Call 800-652-4940 for more information.

September 11-12 (Saturday and Sunday) – Irene, South Dakota – Opdalslag Heritage Festival.

Phone: 1-605-766-1095 or Email: hGLISH@iw.net

September 18 (3rd Saturday in September) – **New Member Event with Reidar Dittmann as Speaker**, at Applewood Restaurant & Banquet Facility, 11 Telemark Drive, Mankato.

September 24 – 7:30 pm - Nordvendt Concert (Nordic classical music) Mindekirken 612 874-0716
Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 East 21st Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 25 – 12:30 pm – Fall Rommegrøt Luncheon and Quilt Raffle – Mindekirken

September 27 (Monday) – 7:30 pm - Dancers from Ringabo, Norway will present a program in the Union Hall in Hanska.

October 7-9 – Historyfest at Jack McGowan farm. Look at the website on www.historyfest.com

Calendars

We have ordered Norway calendars for 2005 to be available for sale at our fall meetings. They sell for \$12.00 and make excellent gifts.

Seamen's Cap and Stationery

Do you have a Sons of Norway Seaman's Cap? They are \$10.00, plus \$1.00 postage. Contact Jodie if you want one. She also has brochures and order forms for Scandinavian stationery.

Exhibit in Kensington

There is an exhibit at Kensington Area Heritage Society, in Kensington, Minnesota, on the immigrant story. This exhibit was put together by the KAHS and Helsinglands Museum-Hudiksvall, and will be over in early September. This exhibit is the first of its kind, and time is running out for people to enjoy. For more information email: kahs@runestone.net.

Mindekirken

Upcoming events at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 East 21st Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Nordvendt Concert (Nordic classical music), Friday, September 24 at 7:30 pm.

Fall Rommegrøt Luncheon and Quilt Raffle, Saturday, September 25 at 12:30 pm.

Call for event details: 612 874-0716.