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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Sep 3—NO
WERGELAND LODGE
MEETING
- ♦ Sep 8—Board Meeting
at Blue Moon
Restaurant, 5:30 pm.
- ♦ Sep 14, Deadline for
Budstikken articles
- ♦ Sep 24, Budstikken
mailed to members
- ♦ Oct 1, No Wergeland
Lodge Meeting

The Coronavirus (and actions being taken to limit its spread) continues to hinder our plans. Please watch your email for any changes to upcoming events. If you do not have email, please call Ramona/Adrian at 608-788-7507 to check if an event will happen. Stay well, everyone!

Fra Presidenten



Dear Wergeland Lodge members and friends,

We are looking forward to September--it is the first month of autumn or fall season. September comes from the Latin septum meaning "seven".

We celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September. We honor American workers by this yearly tribute remembering the contributions they have made to the prosperity and well being of our country.

As many of you are thinking, where did summer go? I feel that way! We haven't had our usual get togethers, Sons of Norway meetings didn't take place and the August meeting featuring a program about Mons Anderson didn't happen.

The Wergeland Lodge board met via zoom for our usual board meeting in August. **The decision was made to cancel all meetings for 2020.** Program presenters have been notified, and this is the official notice to members of Wergeland.

I hope all of you understand and are in agreement with this decision. Even though we aren't meeting as a lodge, we can continue to promote the mission of SON by keeping alive what we are all about. And, keep in touch with fellow lodge members!
—Ramona

Treasurer's Report:

July 31, 2020 checking balance	\$5,461.66
July 31, 2020 scholarship balance	\$1,506.50
July 31, 2020 savings balance	\$18,864.82
July 31, 2020 Wergeland has	\$25,832.98

We took in \$154 for dues, \$85.78 for Interest on savings, and paid out \$190.66 for Budstikken and 3 scholarships for a total of \$900.00.



No September Lodge Meeting

Meetings and Programs have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020.



September Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Anderson
- 2 Alice C Gums
- 3 Carol A Pestel
- 4 Stanley M Berg
- 5 Florence Overgard
- 6 Paul Delbert Larson
- 6 Kent H Sween
- 9 Teresa J Sacia
- 10 Cole M Newell
- 14 Joseph M Stekel
- 16 Donald H Fox
- 17 Waylon G Stokke
- 19 Annika K Mathison
- 22 Stanton M Jorgens
- 23 Doris J Hagen
- 23 Morgan A Jostad
- 24 Maureen A Tostrud
- 25 Ruth J Jostad
- 25 Travis Clark Yenor
- 26 Alfred L Johnson
- 27 Lois A Preeshl
- 28 Charles E Reimer IV
- 29 Miriam A Heyer
- 29 Jack Philip Olson

Program for October

CANCELLED

Sekretær Notater...

The Wergeland Board meeting was held via Zoom on August 11, 2020, at 5:30 PM. The following members were present: Carla Burkhardt, Shirley Schoenfeld, Florence Overgard, Karen Broadhead, Kathi Beane, Ramona and Adrian Johnson.

We discussed the balance of 2020 and determined we should cancel all general meetings for the rest of the year. We have been deciding one month at a time but with limitations on numbers of people able to meet together at one time and the American Legion hall now closed until further notice, we decided to cancel our meetings until January 2021. Hopefully, everyone will understand and stay with us ready to start meeting again in January.

The programs that were cancelled for 2020 will be asked to be available for next year. These we cancelled will be thanked for their understanding.

The Board voted to meet together outside for our September meeting if we can find a restaurant where we can have that many people together at a table. We will meet September 8th at 5:30. Adrian still has calendars available at \$12.00 each. Please call or email him to reserve yours. We will figure out a way to get them to you. Remember, all members are welcome to come to our board meetings and we will have the calendars there in September so you could pick them up there.

The \$300.00 scholarships have been paid to the three students as listed in the August Budstikken. We voted to now send a \$300.00 donation to Norskedalen and \$100.00 to Vesterheim. These donations were approved earlier as well as a donation to the Salvation Army which already has been paid.

The winners of the District 5 photo contest were announced. The winning photos will be placed on playing cards to be sold as a fundraiser before Christmas.

The Treasurer's report was given and is printed elsewhere in this edition.

We voted to ask all officers and committee members to consider serving another year through 2021.

We will send a \$10.00 check to the new members and their sponsors instead of a gift card to a certain restaurant. That way they can go to place of their choice when they are comfortable to do so.



Karen Broadhead mentioned the District has been working on a realignment plan as at present many zone directors have hundreds of miles to go to visit their assigned lodges. Karen's lodge assignments for 2021 and 2022 will be Wergeland, Westby, Viroqua, Black River Falls, and Blair.

The Zoom meeting ended at 6:10.

—Adrian Johnson, lodge

Calendars — Board Meeting — Opportunity to have input

The Wergeland Board will have its September Board Meeting at the **Blue Moon** restaurant on Hwy 35 in Onalaska on **Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30**. If you want to reserve a calendar and pick it up there, we will have them there for you. They are \$12.00 each and can be ordered in advance from Adrian and he will save one or more of them for you. Please join us for food and fellowship and come with ideas on how we should proceed.

Officers and committee members for 2021

The Board of Wergeland Lodge agreed to ask this 2020 list of officers and committee members to serve our lodge from **January 2021 to December 2021**. As your president, I am willing to serve in 2021. Thank you in advance for serving. If I don't hear from you I will assume you will serve in the position you held in 2020. Call Ramona by phone 608-788-7507 or e-mail me at ajrjathome@msn.com or send a note to 4650 Juniper Street, La Crosse WI 54601

President: Ramona Johnson

Vice president: _____

Counselor: _____

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Volunteer coordinator: Adrian Johnson

Membership Secretary: Kathi Beane

Treasurer: Shirley Schoenfeld

Assistant Treasurer: Kathi Beane

Social Director Chair: Marilyn Rudser

Social Comm. special meals: Char

Vangen and Marilyn Rudser

Social Comm. special meals: Dee Johnson

Social Comm. special meals: Elsie Olson

Social Comm. Jan-Apr: Lynn Curtis

Social Comm. Jan-Apr: Ann Sprain

Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Darlene Erickson

Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Pam Knudtson

Social Comm. Aug-Nov: Linda Sherwood

Co-Foundation director: Ilene Pavelko

Co-Foundation director: Karen

Saegrove

Zone 2 Dist. 5 Director: Karen Broadhead

Sports Director: Carla Burkhardt

Cultural Director: Shirley Schoenfeld

Musician: Karen Mathison

Musician: Ramona Johnson

Historian: Marlene McCabe

Greeter and Raffle Sales: Kathi Beane

Greeter Assistants: Ron and Frieda Nowland

Raffle Chairperson: Adrian Johnson

Lead Marshall: Richard Marking

Marshall: Arlen Henderson

Marshall: Fred Johnson

Marshall: Gary Knudtson

Marshall: Mark Dregne

Auditor 1st year: Linda Sherwood

Auditor 2nd year: Marilyn Rudser

Auditor 3rd year: Dee Johnson

Trustee 1st year: _____

Trustee 2nd year: Dennis Sprain

Trustee 3rd year chair: Vivian Sacia

Budstikken Editor: Carla Burkhardt

Picture Editor: Doris Henderson

Librarian: Pam Knudson

Stamps Chairperson: Marilyn Rudser

Goodwill-Fliptops Vivian Sacia

Cultural Committee John Erickson

Cultural committee Susan Corbisier

Cultural committee Mark Quade

Wergeland Dancers Chair Sandra Kawatski

Community Theatre usher chair: Kathi Beane

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chair: Carla Burkhardt

Rotary Lights: David Glomstad

Festival of Trees: David Glomstad

Scholarship committee: Marilyn Rudser

Scholarship committee: Laura Ira

Scholarship committee: Kathi Beane

Installing Officer: David Glomstad

Installing Marshall: Karen Broadhead

Installing Marshall: Pam Knudtson

Celebrate World Gratitude Day on September 21

Thank you for your membership in our lodge. This holiday is all about gratitude and expressing appreciation of others. It's a fantastic excuse to thank your friends, family, neighbors or fellow lodge members for any kindness they've shown you and for the actions that have had a positive impact on your life.

PLUS: This may be the perfect day to invite a friend to learn how Sons of Norway membership can make a positive difference in their life. Invite them to join today!

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel.

"Have you eaten your banana yet?"

Ole asked excitedly.

"No," replied Lars.

"Vell, don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed, "I just took vun bite and vent blind!"



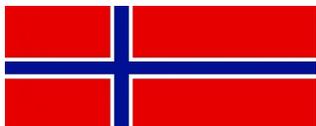
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Nordic News

The Nordic News weekly event continues **every Tuesday at 6:20 PM (Central)**. You



may go to the District 5 webpage to see the schedule, access the program or view recorded presentations: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/news/oles_corner.php.



Dis og Dat



Shirley Schoenfeld and her daughter **Karen DeSchepper** traveled to Newfolden MN to visit David and Judy Lokstad and family for a week in July. It was great to visit with them and their big family, plus other relatives. On the way up there, they stayed overnight at Mike and Sara Lokstad Baumanns near Brainerd MN. The sad part was Shirley's Aunt Audrey Maki passed away on July 24th of cancer. She visited with two 2nd cousins who are also working on the Moen family history, and got a lot of information and pictures to add to her Moen family on the genealogy program RootsMagic. On the way back home, they stopped to visit a relative of Karen's at New York Mills and also got family information and a special family picture of Karen's Gr.Gr. Grandparents and their big family. We both felt we had a good trip, but didn't get to stop and see Granddaughter Heather Larson, due to the COVID19 problem where she works and everyone was in quarantine. No one in the family had the virus or was sick, so all was well.

Rosemaling, con't from last month...

Last month, **Carol Stekel** shared how she and **Annie Piske** took a rosemaling class at Norskedalen. Here, Annie shares her project, and writes, "The box that I did some rosemaling on is over 100 years old. During my growing up years, my dad kept his shaving items there.



Later my mother used it to keep her watch and name tag from her work at Norseland Nursing Home.

This box sat unused for over 25 years so I decided to use it for my earrings.

When I heard of the class I thought I would experiment on this antique Norwegian item. I am not an expert, as you can see, but it was fun anyway."

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2015

The bus trip to the Norway House, Mindekirken, and the Mill City Museum in Mpls. has been sold out.

Anne Farning spoke about Norwegian visitors coming to our area on September 14 from Stavanger, September 26 from DIS Norge genealogists, and September 29 from Gudbrandsdal area.

Co-Cultural Director Shirley Schoenfeld introduced Blaine Hedberg. Blaine gave a program "Restaurationen Passengers: Recent Research", updated information on the families who emigrated on the Restaurationen ship from Norway in 1825.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2010

Leif and Carol Marking and Ron and Vivian Sacia enter-

tained Anne Westrang and Bjarne Hougaard, relatives from Sarpsborg, Norway, who came for a family wedding.

Agnes Heinzl, Dorothy Paulikas, Karen Scarseth and Cathy Ells enjoyed a concert performed by the "Voices of Ostviold Norwegian Choir" at the Country Coon Prairie Church in Westby, Wisconsin.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2005

Foundation Director Ron Nowland suggested that the evening's Foundation collection be given to the Sons of Norway Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Katrina. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and amended to add \$200 from the Lodge. Motion passed.

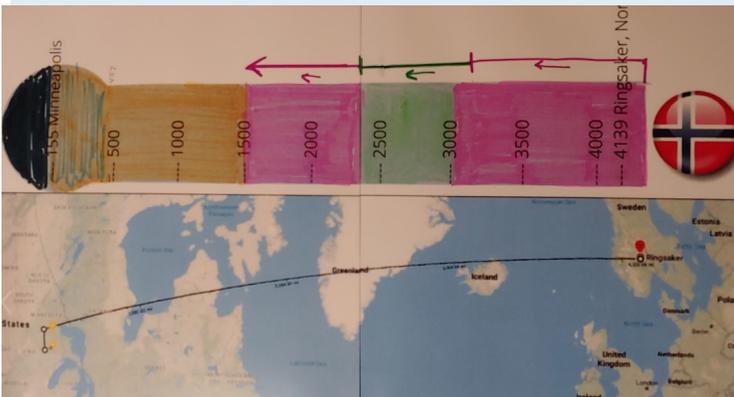
Sons of Norway Mission Statement

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.



District 5 Virtual Walk Challenge to Ringsaker, Norway in celebration of the 125th Anniversary for 2020 Convention

PROGRESS!!—This month we plotted **800 miles** and are over Newfoundland and Labrador. That puts us over L'Anse aux Meadows, the settlement of Viking explorer Leif Erikson. Keep recording your walking, biking, gardening, and lawnmowing miles and send your progress to Karen Karen at kbroadhead @centurytel.net. The challenge runs until **December 15**.



Fun Fact #9

In 1942, Sons of Norway declared that English would become its official language.



Virtual Walk to Norway

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully kept track and reported 'miles' for our virtual walk to Norway. It's been a lot of fun getting to Ringsaker, Norway and now finishing our journey home. So many activities have been cancelled this year, but this is one thing we've been able to do. Let's walk, run, bicycle, row, garden, vacuum, golf, or do any activity of your choosing and report your minutes or miles for each activity. Email your reports to kbroadhead@centurytel.net or call them in to 788-2485. We only have 1155 miles to go. Let's get to the finish line!

One Word Spared Norway from Covid 19 Disaster

Excepted from the internet article found at blog.usejournal.com/one-word-spared-norway-from-covid-19-disaster-96c7f1853395, the Covid outbreak in Norway was minimal due to "Dugnad." According to the article, on March 12, 2020, Norwegians were asked to participate in a "national dugnad."

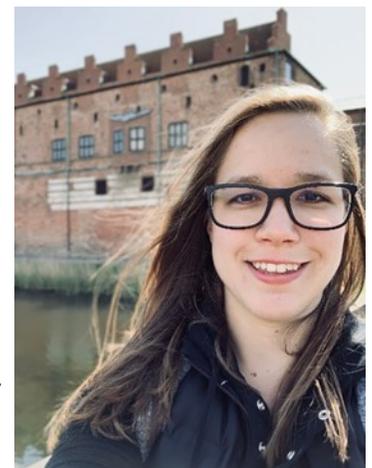
"...Few would recognize the word dugnad if it were brought up in casual conversation, though. It's a concept that is untranslatable but plenty explainable.

'Dugnad (pronounced doog-nahd); a Norwegian cultural tradition where community members work together towards a common goal, for the greater good for all.'

Dugnad derives itself from the Old Norse word dugnaðr, which means "help" or "good deed." It can be traced back to as early as the Viking Age, where villagers would work shoulder to shoulder to bring their ships on to land from the sea after excursions."

New Director for Sons of Norway Foundation

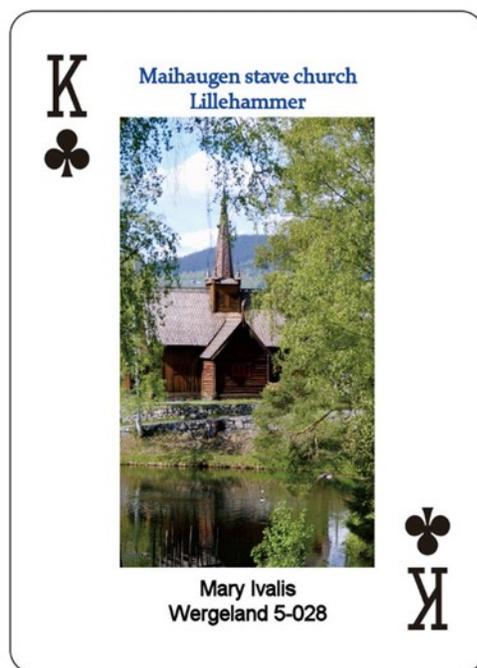
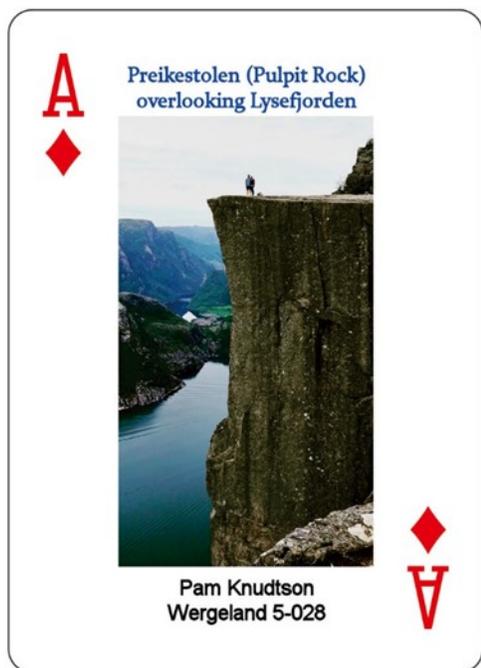
In January 2020, the Sons of Norway Foundation announced Anne Olson as its new director. Anne graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and has worked in the nonprofit field since 2012, primarily in fundraising and marketing, and most recently as the Development and Public Relations Director at COA Youth & Family Centers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which focuses on early child and youth development, as well as direct services and partnerships throughout the community.



District 5 Photo Contest Results: Wergeland Winners

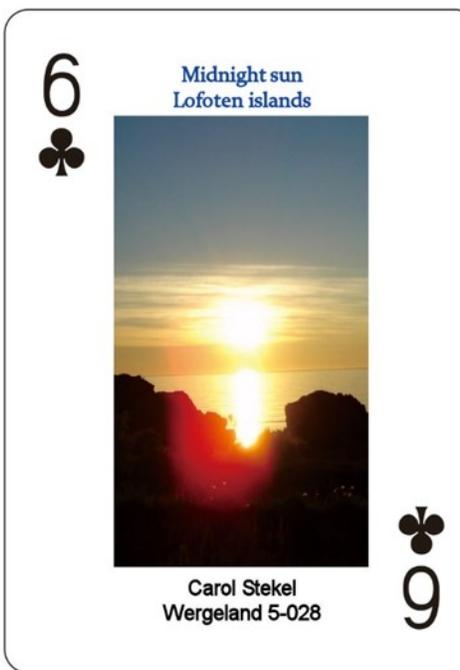
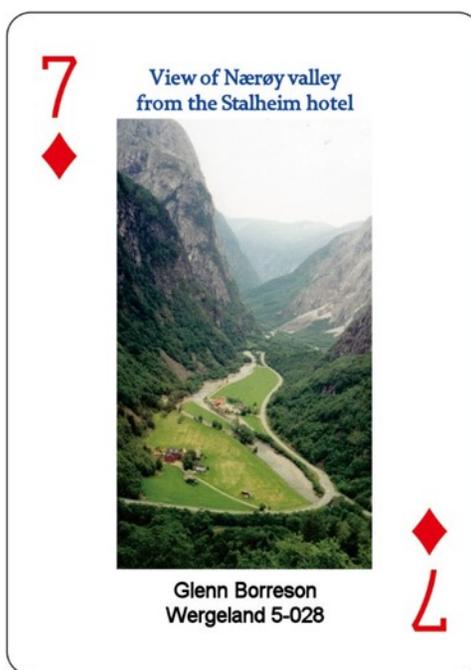
Top Nordic-American Photographers

In the 2020 District 5 Scandinavian Photo Contest, **Pam Knudtson**, **Mary Ivalis**, **Glenn Borreson**, **Carol Stekel**, and **Carla Burkhardt** were picked as top photographers throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee for their excellent views of Nordic life. **Pam** and **Mary** were **People's Choice Award** winners by having one of the top ten photographs picked in the contest. The winning photos will be including in a playing card deck from Sons of Norway District 5. Here is what their playing cards will look like!



- ◇ A-diamonds: **Pam Knudtson**: #1212 **Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) overlooking Lysefjorden** Photo of our son and daughter-in-law after our hike up the mountain. June, 2019.
- ◇ K-clubs: **Mary Ivalis**: #1255 **Maihaugen stave church at Lillehammer** The stave church is at Maihaugen Open Air Museum. Attended a brief service there as part of our tour group. Taken on my first trip to Norway with my mother.
- ◇ 7-diamonds: **Glenn Borreson**: #1026 **View of Nærøy valley from the Stalheim hotel**
- ◇ 6-clubs: **Carol Stekel**: #1120 **Midnight sun - Lofoten Islands** My husband Joe was a science teacher and we were able to see the midnight sun set off the Lofoten Islands and then quickly rise again, during our trip with Brekke Tours in 2005.
- ◇ 5-diamonds: **Carla Burkhardt**: #1152 **Sunset near Molde**

You can view all 331 photos entered in the contest here: <http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5-Scandinavian-Photo-Contest>; You can order the Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards here: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_5_merchandise.php. See p. 7 for an order form.



A little in English...

The World's First Duo to Row Across the Atlantic

In 1896, two Norwegian fishermen were the first in the world to cross the Atlantic in a rowboat. Captain George Harbo and first mate Frank Samuelson launched the 18-foot-long wooden boat, "Fox," in New York on June 6, 1896. 55 days later, they reached England and became the first to row across the Atlantic.

"The two accomplished a feat that can never be repeated. It stands in a very special light, and it will remain forever," says Kåre Rudjord, author of the book *Atlanterhavroerne* [The Atlantic Rowers].

With the technology and equipment of the time, Rudjord, who has written a book about the rowing odyssey, thinks their feat is incredible.

"They didn't know what they were getting into. Imagine rowing that distance in a wooden boat without GPS, a water machine, rudder or sail," he says.

When Harbo and Samuelson arrived in Cornwall, they had some incredibly tough weeks behind them. They rowed for 18 hours every day. At night they usually slept in shifts, five hours each.

They were surrounded by whales, the skin on their hands cracked and they had large blisters on their wrists. They had also capsized on several occasions, so large parts of both their food and water provisions had been lost.

After arriving in Cornwall, the Norwegian-Americans they continued for a week before reaching their final destination, Le Havre in France. Here they were met by a jubilant press.

What the two did was a tremendous achievement, it is incredible that it went so well. One can well say that it was madness," says Kåre Rudjord.

Litt på Norsk...

Disse to var de første i verden som rodde over Atlanteren

I 1896 krysset to norske fiskere Atlanteren i en robåt som de første i verden.

Kaptein George Harbo og styrmann Frank Samuelson sjøsatte den 18 fot lange trebåten «Fox» i New York 6. juni 1896. 55 dager senere nådde de England og ble de første som rodde over Atlanterhavet.

– Det to gjorde en bragd som aldri kan gjentas. Den står i et helt spesielt lys, og det vil den for alltid gjøre, sier Kåre Rudjord, forfatteren av boka «Atlanterhavroerne».

Med den tidens teknologi og utstyr synes Rudjord, som har skrevet bok om roturen, at prestasjonen er utrolig.

– De visste ikke hva de bega seg ut på. Tenk å ro den distansen i en trebåt uten GPS, vannmaskin, ror eller seil, sier han.

Da Harbo og Samuelson ankom Cornwall hadde de lagt bak seg noen utrolig tøffe uker. De rodde 18 timer hver dag. Om natten sov de normalt på tur, fem timer hver.

De ble omringet av hvaler, huden på hendene sprakk og de hadde store blemmer på håndleddene. De gikk også rundt ved flere anledninger slik at store deler av både mat - og vannprovianten forsvant.

Etter ankomst i Cornwall, fortsatte norskamerikanerne en uke før de nådde det endelig målet, Le Havre i Frankrike. Her ble de møtt en av jublende presse.

– Det de to gjorde var en voldsomt stor prestasjon, det er utrolig at det gikk bra. Man kan godt si at det var galmannsverk, sier Kåre Rudjord.

ORDER FORM (WITH SHIPPING) - SCANDINAVIAN PHOTO CONTEST

\$14 (1 deck)

\$25 (2 decks)

\$36 (3 decks)

\$46 (4 decks)

\$56 (5 decks)

\$75 (7 decks)

\$100 (10 decks)

\$250 (30 decks)

Want more than 10 decks, one ship-to? Order at \$10/deck.

Make checks out to "D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation" *Checks will not be cashed until orders ship.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Lodge: _____

Send your order to: Mike Palecek, SofN D5 treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406

Questions: email mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

District 5 ordered 1,000 decks (when they are gone, they're gone)

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center
Hours From May - Oct:
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm
Saturdays 9am--5pm
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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