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# Trollheim News

Greetings to all members!

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving! Did some of us get too much snow? Thankfully, it warms up in Colorado. Everyone stay warm and well!

We had a successful and very fun Christmas Craft Fair November 1-2. We all give a huge thanks to **Bev Moe** for recruiting and organizing the crafters again this year. She's so very good at it. Also, a great thank you to our Joan's Butikken store manager **Bruce Bailey** and his awesome staff of volunteers. In addition, there was a wonderful group of lodge volunteers helping with many of the jobs at the Fair.

We had our Lodge officers and TBC elections at our Nov 16 General Meeting, and all were approved. I personally want to thank all those who volunteered for these positions and a special thank you to **Connie Bartram** for leading the recruitment committee. A big thanks to all who have served in a position for the last 2 years. We had a fun November General Meeting with a video on the *Restoration*, the ship that brought the first group of Norwegian Immigrants to the United States.

I am giving a special invitation for all members to our December General Meeting for our Christmas party on **Dec 21 at 1-3pm**. That's an early start to get you all home before dark. We'll have potluck snacks, bake Krumkake and Waffles and show a video of Norway at Christmas time

I wish you all a *Very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year!!!*

President, **Perry Monkelien**



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# Calendar of Events 2024/2025



**HAPPY  
DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS!!**

Audrey Ellen Moreau	2
Caleb Holmgren	3
Elaine L Homan	4
DeAnne M Owre	6
Hilmar A Lund	13
Kris L Schneider	14
Debbie Kay Wehmeyer	14
Paula M Solis	18
Trude Kay Moreau	19
Martha R Dahl	20
Martha H Thompson	20
Coen Wiberg	21
John Christian Lockman	22
Noah James Lockman	22
Kirstin M Lewis	23
Donna Marlene Barner	24
Karen H Lyda	25
Charlie Martin	25
Pamela L Hanson	28
Laria J Lovec	28
Paul M Hovland	29
Trey Michael Kilgannon	30

## December 2024

- 14 Genealogy – 10am in the Library
- 21 Christmas Party (General Meeting) 1-3pm Savory and sweet snacks, Norwegian foods potluck. Singing Christmas carols, making waffles and krumkake, dancing around the Christmas tree, movie of Norwegian Christmas Traditions (very nice).

## January 2025

- 6 Board meeting 12noon, dessert/snack potluck
- 11 Genealogy Group in the Library 10am-2pm
- 18 General meeting 2-4pm Installation of New Officers and TBC board members

## February

- 1 Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner 2pm
- 26 Vesterheim Museum Presentation 7pm  
Zoom link: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts/>

## Trollheim jul Party

Saturday December 21, 2024, from 1pm to 3pm at the Lodge

- celebrating Christmas traditions in Norway
- demonstrating making waffles and krumkake & eating
- discussing the traditional 7 cookies served at jul tiden
- playing a beautiful film about Christmas in Norway
- singing around the jul tree
- sipping glogg (possibly)

**Please bring a sweet or savory item to share with others.**

**See you December 21 at 1-3 pm!**

Diane Molter reports a fun, successful lefse making academy open house with teachers and students staying as time permitted. Watch for future baking classes in 2025!



## Attention High School Seniors and College Students!

*It's time for you to apply for Sons of Norway scholarships. Go to [sofn.com](http://sofn.com) and log in to see the scholarships available and decide which scholarship fits you! It is possible to be awarded one as our very own Charlie Martin did. Our **Trollheim Lodge Scholarship applications** are available from Joan Ellen Johnson. Her contact information is in the newsletter.*



# Sunshine



*Remembering 103-year-old Mildred Olson* --I remember Millie from the 80's and early 90's at Trollheim. She was a stalwart kitchen crew volunteer for the King's and known for her cookies and "setting out" vast platters of cold cuts, cheeses and breads in Norskie style. She also had a love of Ole and Lena jokes. After the late 80's and 90's Millie and family attended lodge dinners along with the members of Norsemen of the Rockies. Rest in Peace. Diane Molter

## Dr. Kristin Foseid Robbins

Trollheim member Dr. Kristin Foseid Robbins was born at Fort Wayne, Detroit, MI. The 2nd of 9 children of Mary Jane Mader & Dr. Oscar Foseid, the youngest son of Norwegian immigrants. After WW II, Kristin grew up primarily in Madison WI. Upon graduation she moved to CO in 1968. That winter she was pursued and successfully wooed by Dave; they married in June 1969 until her death 55 years later. After following David's military career around the world, they returned to CO where Kristin graduated from the new CU School of Dentistry, and gave birth to beloved son, Willis. She raised Willis and practiced dentistry for 40 years.



She obviously loved her Norwegian heritage having served on the board of directors of the Norwegian American Museum, Vesterheim, in Decorah, Iowa. Kristin assisted in establishing the Norwegian American Foundation and served on its Board. In the years leading up to 2005, the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence, Kristin led the drive to prepare a gift from the USA to Norway. She assisted in raising funds and successfully advancing the Norwegian American sculptress, Kristen Kokken, to create a sculpture of King Harald's mother, Crown Princess Martha. The resulting sculpture met his Majesty the King's approval in late 2004. The sculpture sits in front of the Norwegian Embassy in DC & a copy of the sculpture sits on the King's Oslo palace grounds. Kristin often supported Norwegian and other women artists. Her support produced art that delighted her. For over 20 years, Kristin attended the annual European Fine Arts Fair in Maastricht, Netherlands.

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**Donna Robinson's** granddaughter  
Mandy and great-grandson Carter



## Ready for Sweater Weather in the High Country

Fall is a gorgeous season in Colorado, and many of us have beautiful Norwegian sweaters we enjoy wearing this time of year. Recently,

several Trollheim members joined with a number of former Storfjell members to create an eye-catching display of Scandinavian sweaters. The sweaters were exhibited in 2 libraries in the Grand County Library District.

The show contained 18 sweaters, as well as various mittens and gloves, that covered an entire wall in the library's community room. The display was at the Fraser Valley Library, in Fraser and then was moved to the Granby Library in Granby. The library's patrons voted for their favorite sweater of the expo. Storfjell Lodge recently merged with Trollheim Lodge. This event was a unique way to express fraternity between the members of those lodges.

### Dr. Kristin Foseid Robbins (continued)

Kristin held a deep love for husband David, son Willis, daughter-in-law Natalie, and granddaughter Freya. Kirstin was fond of her brothers, sister Kari, and many nieces and nephews. Since 2017, Kirstin hosted the May 17 Norwegian Independence Day celebration with friends of Norwegian ancestry and Norwegian students at CU and DU. Many remember taking a shot of Linie Aquavit from a bottle frozen in a block of ice filled with flowers--it was magic.

Trollheim Lodge passes our deepest condolences to David Robbins, loving husband of 55 years when Dr. Robbins passed away in January 2024.

To read the complete obituary of her amazing life's works, use this link: [Dr. Kristin Robbins Obituary - Denver, CO \(1945-2024\)](#)



**Joan's Norsk Butikk is OPEN!**  
**Please visit Wednesdays  
& Saturdays 9:30-2:00!**

### Christmas (jul) is in the air at Trollheim Lodge!

Shop for your Scandinavian/Nordic gifts and items! Our huge variety of products includes: seasonal decorations to year-round items such as *lefse*, *adult & children's books*, *humorous t-shirts*, *cozy slippers*, *lefse*, *other foods and beverages*.



### **West of the Wide Missouri** by Debra Peterson Mundt

Member **Diane Edwards'** sister, Debra Mundt, has recently published a book about their mother, Bea Olson Peterson. Mrs. Peterson was a published writer living in North Dakota her entire life and wrote articles about farming. She interviewed Norwegian pioneers from the early 1900's who homesteaded in rural Daglum, ND. She illustrates the problems of making a living on the dry prairies and discusses the Norwegian Lutheran church and community center established around 1910 and the people living there.

The original family stone homestead was built in 1906 by the 3 Peterson brothers and still stands today. The human interest articles are so interesting and the interviews with early pioneers and their struggles and histories are fascinating. She also writes about living on the farm in ND with her husband and five daughters and the day-to-day interactions with animals, the weather and humorous incidents happening there. Mrs. Peterson was active in the community, which was primarily made up of Norwegians and included French, Germans from Russia and other ethnicities. She worked on many causes from cattle ranching to senior citizens and nationally chaired the Women's Caucus during the Carter administration. Her articles were published in many magazines and newspapers including the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Her book, "West of the Wide Missouri" is available from Diane Edwards (diaedwards@gmail.com) or on Amazon.

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### **LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER**

Saturday, February 1, 2025 2:00 pm  
12 years and over: \$28 3 - 12: \$17

**PLEASE RSVP EARLY!**

Reservations must be in by **January 25, 2025**

**RSVP by: Jan. 25, 2025. Make checks payable to: Sons Of Norway**

Fill out this form and mail it, with your check, to Barb Hessel, 953 S. Holland St. Lakewood, CO 80226.

Phone: 303-989-4496

**Make checks payable to Sons of Norway.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults(@\$28) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ #3 - 12 (@\$17) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



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