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Trollheim News

Greetings to All Members!

I hope you are each well and enjoying a warm late spring and early summer. This is our combination June/July newsletter as our newsletter editor, **Dawn Nelsen** and staff, are going to have their own busy summers. The next newsletter will be August.

Forty members and guests made for a very successful first presentation of our "Art Treasures of the Lodge" on May 17th, the Norwegian Constitution Day. **Joan Johnson** gave a most interesting and informative talk on Edvard Munch and his paintings. **Barb Hessel** produced the program tri-folds. Trollheim was gifted 15 of the framed prints by **Reidar Hansen**. The Lodge was made festive with decorations by **Connie** and crew. Syttende Mai is not complete at Trollheim without our Norwegian Flag Parade to honor Norway's Constitution Day and some very tasty snacks and desserts.

On May 10, the Lodge hosted a Cultural Skills Academy program with **Gail Green** making Norwegian rommergrout and **Diane Molter** making Swedish Pancakes. Mmm

Save the dates of June 28 & 29 for the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at the Civic Center Park in Highlands Ranch. Note the new location and look for Trollheim! Hours are Saturday 12noon - 9pm and Sunday 12noon - 5pm. The entrance fee (cash only) is \$15 on Sat and and \$10 on Sun. Although I'll be at my 60th high school class reunion in Sac City, IA, I hope many of you can attend. There will not be a General or Board Meeting in July. See you in August and have a safe and joyful Summer!

Fraternally, Perry

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Trollheim Calendar of Events 2025



Nina Menghini	3
James Arensen	4
Sarah Ruen	4
Joan Ellen Johnson	8
William Sommerfeld	10
Danette East	11
Dale Hughes	11
Anders Christianson	12
William Hessel	13
Shirley Mae Downey	14
Quinn Johnshoy	14
Heather Mikels Messerly	14
Siri Martin	19
Mary Ann Dominguez	24
Frances Pallesen	28
Kenneth Perley	30
Diane Perrigo-Hicks	30

June

- 2 Board Meeting - 12 noon
- 3 Rental – High Country Chorus
- 10 Rental – High Country Chorus
- 17 Rental – High Country Chorus
- 21 General Meeting – 2pm Members will review books they found interesting and enjoyed from our Library. Ice cream social. Snack/Dessert potluck
- 24 Rental – High Country Chorus

July *no meetings*

August

- 4 Board meeting at 12 noon
- 16 General meeting 2pm- **Faith Anderson** on her trip to Norway for the *Restauraton Celebration*. Norway is celebrating the 200th emigration of the first group of emigrants to America. Others with summer travels are welcome to also share. Dessert/ snack potluck.

*HAPPY
JULY
BIRTHDAYS!!*



G Murray Dow	3	Faith Anderson	19
Annika Overall	4	Lois Malone	19
Connie Bartram	5	Kristin Johansen	20
Mary Kathleen Kilgannon	5	Nathan Holmgren	22
Elisha Dawn McDowell	5	Riley David Kilgannon	22
Barbara Stemple	7	Daniel Ondrejko	24
Teah Syverson	11	Hee Anderson	25
Martha Fjelde Ondrejko	12	Emery Kvamme	26
Thomas Kite	15	Cynthia Ann Thorstad	29
Ronald Thorstad	15	Bruce Buen	30
Kari Kusek	16	Jens Martin	30
James Kusek	17	Simon Pedersen	30
Larry Janssen	18	Lauren Kvamme	31



Sunshine

Barb Bessesen broke her pelvis from a fall. Uffdah! Barb, being a strong and tough Norwegian, had surgery, went to rehab and is recovering at home! Continue to heal Barb and we hope to see you at the lodge soon!



Al Ehret, Jr

Albert Ehret Jr. Was born in Prairie du Sac, WI in February, 1932. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 1, 2024 at the age of 92 at Lutheran Hospital. The last 15 years of his life, he battled dementia. His wife Sharron (in photo) passed in 2013. He is survived by his children Albert Ehret III, Diane Ehret (Curt Hepting) and Cynthia Ehret.

Al served in the Korean War at the Airforce base in Fairbanks Alaska for 4yrs, working on radios and antennas on the airplanes stationed there. He achieved the rank of Staff Sargent with an honorable discharge. After the Airforce, he pursued a college education with his G.I. Bill and received his Masters Degree in Micropaleontology from Kansas State University. After graduation, he worked for the US Treasury Department until he retired in the late 80's at 55yrs.

Having raised 3 children and after retirement, he took up Rosemal painting. He made many trips to Iowa to learn different styles of Rosemal. One summer he met and trained with the world renown Rosemaling artist Sigmund Årseth. He also collaborated on a few paintings with him.

Al taught Rosemaling at Trollheim lodge for a number of years until 2012. A spiritual teacher once said, "before I'm your teacher, I am your friend." He was a friend to many at the lodge. His inactivity at the lodge post 2012 was due to dementia.

We are looking at September 7th for the **Celebration of Life** unless we run into issues with **catering**, in which case it will change to September 6th. Please respond with your intention of joining us to celebrate, as we need a head count.

Contact me, Albert Ehret III, at **alehret3@gmail.com** for further details as soon as possible. Having your email will be import to communicate to you. The pending details will not be made pubic.

Trollheim Lodge sends our deepest condolences to the family of our beloved Al.

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Trollheim Lodge donates \$50 to the Scholarship fund in remembrance of each departed member.

Syttende Mai and Art Show

All who attended the combined Syttende mai/art show event really enjoyed being transported to Norway as we proudly waved our flags and paraded on 14th Ave. This was a great day to wear a bunad and big smile. Joan Johnson gave a fantastic curation of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch and his paintings. Louise Bath's program was on the history of Selbu knitting in Norway, which is always so informative. The meeting was complete with an amazing potluck spread of appetizers and desserts.

If you missed this fantastic event, join us in August for our next meeting and view the art on the walls!

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goodies!





REIDAR HANSEN
1948 - 2024

Born Norwegian on his father's side, all the Norwegian relatives live in Norway. While Reidar was proud to be a Norwegian and loved his heritage, he didn't recall when he became interested in Edvard Munch; perhaps from the visit to the Munch home in 2000. Reidar collected the 20 framed Munch prints over several years and proudly hung in his Littleton CO home. Sadly, Reidar never saw the Munch gallery in Oslo before he died in 2024. Reidar had visited Norway three times. Reidar purchased the Lofoten Islands photograph by artist John Skanlan at the Cherry Creek Art Festival. The Lofoten Islands was voted among the most beautiful places in the world.



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Art Treasures
of the
Lodge

~Munch & More~



BIRTHPLACE MAP



Norway Sweden Gulf of Bohusnia Baltic Sea

Adalsbruk, Lofoten Munch Oslo Mariestad Lindahl Stockholm

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Axel Theodor Lindahl
(1841 - 1906)



Axel Lindahl was born in Sweden in the lovely town of Manestrand on the eastern shore of Lake Vanern in southwestern Sweden. He and his brother, Lido, were notable early photographers of northern land-scapes and quite successful with their commercial photography. In 1865, they opened a photography studio in Uddevalle, Sweden. Within one year, their work was being exhibited in museums. In 1867, Lindahl moved to Gothenburg where he concentrated on landscape photography. In 1883 he sold his interest in the studio and focused on Norwegian landscapes. Unlike many of his contemporaries who emphasized the dramatic nature of their surroundings, Lindahl sought to depict the harmony that he saw around him. He remained active throughout the 19th century. Upon his death, he left 3,500 negative plates, which were taken over by the Norwegian government in 1991. They are now located in the archives of the Norsk Folkemuseum in Oslo.



VELKOMMEN

Please enjoy your self-guided tour of Trollheim Lodge's Scandinavian art treasures. Our Lodge has been the fortunate and proud recipient of the numerous works of art.

Foyer
You are greeted with photographs by Axel Lindahl, who captures a tranquil world that is changing around him.

Banquet Hall
Here you are surrounded not only by the Hansen Munch Collection, but other examples of Norwegian art including wooden trolls that represent Norwegian mythology and honor the lodge's name.

Viking Room
See **Elaine Cain's** large scale ceramic tile mosaic with a Scandinavian theme.

John Skanlan
The Lofoten Wall
Skanlan is an internationally renowned travel photographer. This picture of the prettiest place in Norway is included in the master work "Windows of the World"

Throughout All Rooms
Enjoy the work of several past and present dedicated members who paint using the Norwegian rosemål patterns or styles. These are detailed in another handout. Rosemål painting is shown on:
window shutters
decorative buckets
walls
doors

Edvard Munch
(1863 - 1944)



Edvard Munch was a Norwegian painter. His 1893 work, *The Scream*, has become one of Western art's most acclaimed images

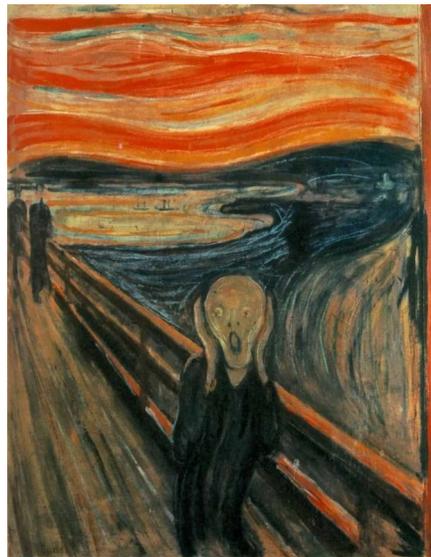
His childhood was overshadowed by illness, bereavement and the dread of inheriting a mental condition that ran in the family. Studying at the Royal School of Art and Design in Kristiania (Oslo), Munch began to live a bohemian life under the influence of the nihilist Hans Jæger, who urged him to paint his own emotional and psychological state ("soul painting"); from this emerged his distinctive style.

Travel brought new influences and outlets. In Paris he learned much from Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, especially their use of color. In Berlin, he met the Swedish dramatist August Strindberg, whom he painted, as he embarked on a major series of paintings he would later call *The Frieze of Life*, depicting a series of deeply felt themes such as love, anxiety, jealousy and betrayal, steeped in atmosphere.

As his fame and wealth grew, his emotional state remained insecure. He briefly considered marriage, but could not commit himself. A mental breakdown in 1908 forced him to give up heavy drinking, and he was cheered by his increasing acceptance by the people of Kristiania and exposure in the city's museums. His later years were spent working in peace and privacy. Although his works were banned in Nazi-occupied Europe, most of them survived World War II, securing him a legacy.



From the top, left to right:
Joan Johnson, Perry & Louise Bath, Gail Green, Suzanne & Ernie Eugster, Connie Bartram, Taryne Jensen, Louise Bath, Michael Homan & Diane Molter with Michael Homan , ceramic tile art by Elaine Cain



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