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Trollheim News

Greetings to All Members!

I hope you all are enjoying the autumn colors and the mild weather. We had a very interesting program at the October meeting presented by **Gail Greene** on the Hjemkomst Viking Ship. It was hand made by her high school guidance counselor, Robert Asp in Moorhead MN, then sailed by his family and volunteers from Duluth, MN to Oslo Norway. The crew made a video of the extraordinary accomplishment and very exciting adventure. Some of you may have seen the ship in the Moorhead Hjemkomst Museum.

Gail Greene instructed a Cultural Skill Class spotlighting lefse rolling/grilling and enjoying very tasty and fresh lefse.

Our annual Christmas Fair is on Nov 7 & 8 (see the flyer). Trollheim will be full of fun gifts honoring all the Scandinavian countries. **This is a don't miss event!!!**

The next general meeting on November 15th at 2pm will include a movie from Vesterheim on Norway with a snack and dessert potluck. **Joan's Norsk Butikk is open Saturdays 9:30-1:30 and Wednesdays 9:30-1:30.** Happy early Thanksgiving to all and see you at the Christmas Fair.

Fraternally,

Perry Monkelien

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Trollheim Calendar of Events 2025



November

- 3 Board Meeting – noon
- 4 Rental—evening
- 6 Vendor tables arranged at noon; vendors set up booths 1-4pm
- 7-8 Christmas Craft Fair 10am-3pm both days
- 8 Genealogy – 9:30am – Noon, Library
- 11 Rental—evening
- 15 General Meeting - 2pm dessert & snack potluck. Vesterheim Movie about Norway
- 18 Rental—evening
- 25 Rental—evening

Dina Isern	3
George Torrison	5
Anne Wormley	9
Richard Roline	13
Sidney Haugum	15
Arne Jorgensen	15
Juliann Jenson	20
Mariah Hueske	21
Yasuaki Ogishi	24
Suzanne Eugster	27
Linda Demarche	29
John Rodden	29
Michael Homan	30



A Fun Day of Lefse Making!

Gail Greene, Diane Molter, Bruce Bailey, Michael Homan, Teah Syverson, Heather Messerly, Lori, Amy, and Emily participated in the cultural Scandinavian Food Academy. October 2025.

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH REPLENISH OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

As we near the close of 2025, many of us decide where we donate money. This year, please consider donating (perhaps from your required minimum distribution (RMD)) to Trollheim's Scholarship Program. We haven't fundraised to replenish the fund and until we do by at least \$2000, we cannot award scholarships for 2026. On behalf of prospective scholarship awardees, please consider donating! SON Trollheim Lodge, 6610 W 14th Ave, Lakewood CO 80214; put FOUNDATION on the memo line of your check. Tusen takk! Joan Johnson, Foundation/Scholarship Director

Reminder that Sons of Norway is an Insurance Company

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THANKSGIVING IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THANKFULNESS & GRATITUDE

On behalf of our Trollheim Lodge members and friends, we extend our thanks and gratitude to those who help keep our lodge active and continue to carry the Sons of Norway mission. The following are a few key people of our success and continuation:

All lodge officers and board members (listed in the blue columns), Pat LaMoe and Bev M; thank you for conducting your respective roles and responsibilities.

All *Joan's Norsk Butikk* volunteers led by Bruce and Penny. Thank you Butikken volunteers for the extensive time spent providing Scandinavian products for our community.

Michael H for managing rental contracts with the HCC and supporting their weekly riser support; coordinating the church's annual apple pie bake. Thanks for ensuring the wi-fi and internet technology is working throughout the lodge.

Connie B for purchasing lodge supplies, identifying all maintenance needs, coordinating volunteers, her liaison between the board and the newsletter editor Dawn, and coordinating with Penny, Gail, Barb H, and Elisha to distribute newsletters.

Dawn for editing the monthly newsletter. It's attractive, eye-catching and full of content.

Gail Greene for lodge photography and historian. Your photos bring the newsletter and scrapbooks alive.

Curt and Donna for setting up/cleaning up dessert potluck for each monthly general meeting and with Suzanne E greeting attendees and managing the sign-in books. Perry for making coffee!

Laria & Kirstin for instructing rosemaling.

Esther for leading genealogy and for keeping it interesting.

Earl B for ongoing janitorial duties each month. Connie & Earl deep cleaned the kitchen floors recently. The lodge looks great!

Joan J for purging unneeded supplies in the kitchen drawers.

Perry & family for decorating the hall for the Christmas season!

Anyone we missed, please remind us of what you did, you do matter. We will continue gratitude next month following the Christmas Fair.



Suzanne Eugster modeling Mary Kvamme's Bunad that she donated to the Scholarship fund. (Gail Greene bought Bunad for \$75.00)



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Hjemkomst
Gail Greene did a presentation on the Hjemkomst ship voyage from Duluth, MN to Oslo Norway. Lodge members enjoyed the video about Robert Asp and the Hjemkomst ship.



"A Dream. A Ship. A Tale to Tell."

This 1986 documentary film captures the passion and resilience of Robert Asp, a Moorhead School Guidance Counselor, who built the *Hjemkomst* Viking Ship replica in Hawley, Minnesota, in honor of his Norwegian heritage.

While Robert was building the *Hjemkomst*, he was diagnosed with leukemia. His passion and determination drove the construction to its completion in 1980 and the trial run of the ship on Lake Superior.

Robert's dream inspired his family and community to join him in the completion of the *Hjemkomst's* journey home. Join the crew of eager adventurers as they live Robert's dream and sail the *Hjemkomst* across the Atlantic to Norway.

The *Hjemkomst* is a dream that began in the Red River Valley and inspires visitors young and old every day. Today this ship is housed in the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Visit the *Hjemkomst* at the museum, 202 1st Ave. N. Moorhead, MN

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"The *Hjemkomst* of Robert Asp" was produced under the auspices of the Hjemkomst Interpretive Center.
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29 min. color



Mary setting up tables for the Christmas Fair



3-Dimensional Horses in Louise Bath's Beginner Rosemal class

A Dream Survives

It took a village—and then some—to complete the *Hjemkomst's* build.

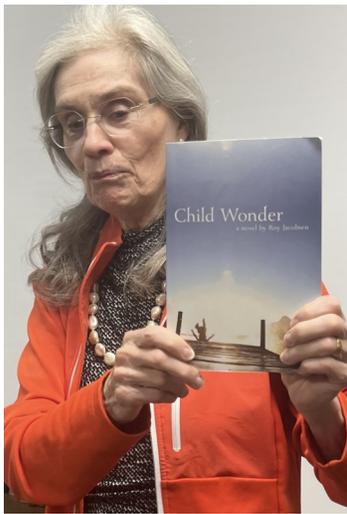
"It was then that I promised him, 'You take it as far you can, and we'll finish it for you if we have to.'"

—Rose Asp, 1974



Louise demonstrates using line work painting a Hallandale flower at her Beginning Rosemal class in October. Students painting 3-dimensional Scandinavian horses at Trollheim on October 11 Louise demonstrates how to blend colors as well. \$48.00 for the class with supplies.





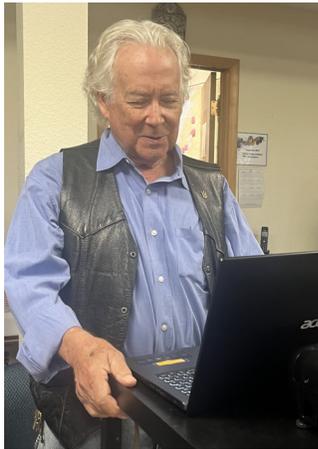
Genealogy Presentations

Esther Mills (left) presentation of the Restauration, the 200th Anniversary and a review of the original voyage.



Landing banner and former president Agnes Larson of Fischer, Minnesota descendant of Johannes and Inger Elton who emigrated in 1883.

Monta Lee Dakin (right) did a presentation on FAMILY SEARCH using NEWSPAPERS. She provided several search engines, websites, directories, indexes, paper and digital newspapers.



John Rodden (left) did a presentation on Digitalarkivet (Digital Archive) to find original documents for a detailed person search. He provided search engines and gave the genealogy class an example using a persons' name, date and place of event.



Ron Taylor Presented Wood Arts in the Mountains!

In September, Trollheim's **Ron Taylor** (left) presented his wood carving collection to the "19 Crafters" at the Granby Library Grand County Colorado. He talked about Norwegian, Swedish, and Celtic traditional styles, tools, woods and techniques.



His program was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Sons of Norway Foundation \$500 grant and the Grand County Library District. Thank you Ron for educating and spreading our heritages and cultures beyond Trollheim Lodge! Photos by Cindy Held



***Shop Joan's Norsk Butikk Saturdays
9:30-1:30 for all your Norwegian
goodies!***



Free Children's Cross Country Ski Event

BARNELØPET

Saturday, February 21st, 2026

Legett Hall

Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA, Granby

1 km, 2.5 km & 5 km for ages 0 – 16

Check-in at 9:30am Event begins at 11:15 am

Free ski rentals at YMCA Nordic Center

After-event refreshments

Info and Registration at www.barnelopet.com

Sponsored by Sons of Norway District Six & the Colorado Lodges



Trollheim Christmas Fair

SONS OF NORWAY, TROLLHEIM LODGE

6610 West 14th Ave.
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GOD JUL



November 7th & 8th, 2025

Doors open at 10:00 AM

Open until 3:00 PM

Admission: \$2.00

Children under 12: Free

Shopping

Please note: Some vendors may only accept checks or cash

Shop for gifts. Shop for yourself. Shop at over 15 vendors. Shop at our Butikk. We have a wide variety of merchandise so...
SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

Enjoy shopping in our

Wonderland Of Scandinavia



Beginning Rosemal Class with Louise Bath

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