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Trollheim News

Greetings to All Members!

I hope you all are well and staying warm now that the weather is getting colder. November was a busy month with a very successful Christmas Fair. We had many visitors and shoppers who made this event a success. Tusen takk to Bev Moe for organizing this event.

Our program at the November meeting was a demonstration of wood-carving skills with **Ron Taylor** and his amazing carving tools. He does beautiful woodwork.

The Trollheim ladies received a request for a Norwegian dinner from the St John Paul High School for their senior Literature class. They just completed reading three books from Sigrid Undent's classic Kristin Lavransdatter. With **Louise Bath's** leadership, the ladies made Fiskesuppe, with all the trimmings, for 40 students and staff. When it was delivered, they were very impressed and Trollheim was well compensated.

December is here and we'll have our combination General Meeting/Christmas Party on December 20th at 2pm. The program is Norwegian sweaters. Be sure to wear your favorite one and bring more to show, especially if you have hand-made ones.

Trollheim has been invited to display lodge information at the Thornton City Winter Festival at Carpenter Park, Dec 12-14. Please stop by and wish us a Merry Christmas between 5-9pm. If you can represent us at the table, please call Perry 303-699-1073.

On behalf of the Lodge, I wish you all the Merriest of Christmases and a Wonderful New Year.

Fraternally, Perry Monkelien, President

Joan's Butikk is full of wonderful gift items just for you. Stop in Saturdays and Wednesdays 9:30-1:30pm.

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Trollheim Calendar of Events 2025/2026



**HAPPY
DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS!!**

Donna Marlene Barner
Martha Dahl
Pamela Hanson
Caleb Holmgren
Elaine Homan
Paul Hovland
Trey Michael Kilgannon
Kirstin Lewis
Laria Lovec
Hilmar Lund
Karen Lyda
Charlie Martin
Audrey Ellen Moreau
Kris Schneider
Paula Solis
Martha Thompson
Coen Wiberg



December 2025:

- 1- Board meeting 12noon
- 2- Rental –evening
- 6– Finns Christmas party
- 9- Rental– evening
- 12-14 Thornton City Winter Festival at Carpenter Park 5-9pm
- 13- Genealogy Christmas party 9:30-12noon Library
- 16- Rental– evening
- 20- General Meeting Christmas Party 2pm. Norwegian sweaters - wear, borrow or buy one. Dessert/snack potluck.
- 25 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm

January 2026

- 7 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 8 - Board meeting 12noon
- 10 - Beginning Rosemaling Telemark style 9:30am- 1pm
- 10 - Genealogy 9:30am – Noon in library
- 11 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 17 - Beginning Rosemaling Telemark style 9:30am-1pm
- 17 - General meeting 2pm. Program TBD- Dessert/snacks potluck
- 18 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 24 - Beginning Rosemaling Telemark style 9:30am-1pm
- 31 - Beginning Rosemaling Telemark style 9:30am-1pm
- 31 - Lutefisk Dinner 1pm

February

- 1- Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 2 - Board Meeting 12noon
- 5 - District 6 Leadership Meeting – 9:30am-1:30pm
- 8 - Beginning Rosemaling – 1:30-4pm
- 14 - Genealogy 9:30–12noon, Library
- 15 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 20 - General Meeting 2pm. Program TBD, Dessert/snack potluck
- 21- Barnelopet – Kids ski free at Granby YMCA– infant to age 16.
- 25 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm

March

- 2 - Board Meeting 12noon
- 7 - Intermediate/Advanced Rosemaling Solje Box 9:30-1pm
- 8 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 14 - Genealogy 9:30am-12noon, Library
- 14 - Intermediate/Advanced Rosemaling Solje Box 9:30-1pm
- 15 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm
- 20 - General Meeting 2pm. Program TBD, Dessert/snack potluck
- 21 - Intermediate/Advanced Rosemaling Solje Box-9:30-1pm
- 22 - Beginning Rosemaling 1:30-4pm

April-

- 6 - Board Meeting 12noon
- 11 - Genealogy 9:30 – 12noon, Library
- 11- Dameklub Tea
- 18- General Meeting 2pm. Memorial service & pin presentation. Dessert/snack potluck



Sunshine News

Barb Stover had a rough October in the hospital and rehabilitation due to a fall in her garage. She experienced a brain bleed from the fall that initially required hospitalization. As of this writing, we are sad to report that Barb Stover returned to the hospital for care. In October she fell in her garage and is dealing with a brain bleed. Let's keep her in our positive thoughts and prayers for recovery. BarbStover@comcast.net

Juliann Jenson recently visited Lanesboro, MN and Decorah, IA. Lanesboro was a major hub for Norwegian immigrants in the late 1800s, and their Sons of Norway Heimbygda Lodge was established in 1929. Decorah also experienced a wave of Norwegian immigrants in the 1850s. She visited the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, the largest museum in the United States dedicated to Norwegian-American history. Luther College, founded by Norwegian immigrants, is also located in Decorah, and the Lefse Lodge Kafe lived up to its name!



Let's Honor Pat LaMoe on her upcoming 100th Birthday--bring birthday cards to the January general meeting. Pat's favorite cake will be served. If you cannot attend, call Connie for Pat's address.

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Beginning Rosemaling Class

Join Kirstin Lewis for a beginning rosemaling class in the Telemark Style. This four day class is on January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 9:30-1:00 at the Trollheim Lodge. Class cost is \$48 for the for the class. No supplies? No worries! A beginner kit costs \$40 and includes all the supplies you need to get started! Contact Kirstin Lewis at 850-896-0769 to reserve your spot!



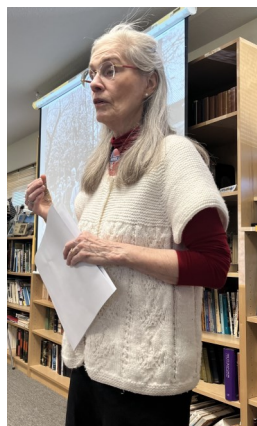
Kristin Lewis (left) Rosemal Candlesticks Class

At the November general meeting, **Ron Taylor (right)** explained several carving traditions and techniques for his Swedish, Norwegian and Celtic arts collection. He also displayed his tools used for different carving styles.



John Rodden (left) did a presentation at the November Genealogy class on the Hardanger fiddle and shared several U-Tube videos. The Hardanger fiddle has 9 strings (echo sound), the bridge is flat, has no chin rest, is hand painted, is made out of bone and ivory, and one can only learn to play by listening.

Perry Monkeliën (right) explained the path of the 60-day Norwegian Resistance from Germany. He also talked about the book *The Resistance Girl* and the movie *Agent 24*. In 1940, iron ore was a big deal to the Germans who sent their ships and military troops into Norway. Unfortunately, Norway was ill-prepared and used the country's money for their economy and humanitarian ways instead of military preparations



Esther Mills (left) shared an exciting outcome about her ancestors being imprisoned in Grini prison near Oslo. She will finish her story in a future

Ken Wangerud (right) was a special guest at the November genealogy class and a told story about his mother's house that was moved to a National museum in Oslo.





Fisksuppe Meal

The Dameklubb provided a Norwegian feast to St John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Denver for students and staff who have been studying Kristin Lavransdatter. **Louise Bath** did excellent planning selecting fiskesuppe soup, krumkaka, lefse, cheese, bread and gummy's in Viking boats. **Gail Greene, Penny Sargent, Diane Perrigo-Hicks, Barb Hessel, Diane Molter, Taryne Jensen, Karalou Mattern** and **Louise Bath** prepared the feast and **Louise** and **Perry Monkeliën** delivered the food to the thankful school.

Trollheim Christmas Fair 2025

30 YEARS SINCE TROLLHEIM'S FIRST CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR!

In 1995, Lois Bletcher, Bev King, and I started a crafting group. Other gals joined us, and we had enough items to do a one-day sale in 1995. All sales money was given to the Trollheim Lodge. Prior to its current layout, the Butikk had a big space in the main hall for its merchandise and a second sales cash register.

As the craft fair grew, we added lunch and other vendors paid for their table space. Bev King and her kitchen crew spent days preparing the lunches. People still comment on how much they miss lunch. BTW, lunch sales netted almost \$1000 per day for the Lodge. If only we had a kitchen crew to do this in 2026, the tradeoff also would be fewer vendors as we'd reserve space to sell lunches and people to sit while they eat. Sounds like future planning!

This year, I had 2 vendors tell me that they have been with us for 21 years! That's an indication of how many customers walk through our doors. Most vendors return every year!

I have special memories with all the vendors, the shoppers and the other volunteers to make the 2 days successful and vibrant! A big Thank You for all the special memories! **Bev Moe**, Event Manager





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 Lodge wishes you a
Warm and Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

TIME TO CELEBRATE JULTIDEN TOGETHER

Saturday, December 20, 2025 1:45pm set up potluck Christmas cookies, deserts and snacks

2-2:30 social snack time

2:30-3pm program about sweaters. ***Be sure to wear yours and bring extras for display!

The Monkeliens' 3 generations plus doggie
decorated the Trollheim tree



Loki decorated this tree



We Love Sweater Weather!

Our thanks to the Fraser Valley Library for inviting us to share
lovely, iconic sweaters.

God Jul og Godt Nytt År!

(That's Norwegian for "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!")



Merry Christmas from all of us at Trollheim Lodge! May your holiday season be merry and bright!
Gledelig Jul

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