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KRISTIANIA MAY and JUNE 2019 EVENTS

(All events are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road NE, unless otherwise indicated.)

.May 9	Nordic Singers (practice 3 songs for meeting)	5:30 p.m.
May 9	Board meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 9	Chapter meeting and Syttende Mai celebration. Program: Janet Martin "Hot dishes, hot pads, hot flashes—the Norwegian way!" Norwegian desserts!	7:00 p.m.
May 16	Kristiania Library Committee	1:00 p.m.
May 17	<i>Syttende Mai</i> —Norwegian Constitution Day	
May 18	Social meeting. Potluck. Bring your own tableware and a dish to pass. Program: Piano music performed by Kristiania Sons of Norway Piano Award recipients.	6:00 p.m.
June 13	Board meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 13	Chapter meeting. Speaker: David Glomstad, The 15th Wisconsin Scandinavian Regiment under Col. Hegg.	7:00 p.m.
June 15	Kristiania Bus Tour to Thrunegaarden in WI. Details on page 3.	8:45 a.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN—I have written 86 articles for our newsletter over the years, (I don't consider myself a writer) intending to inspire and appreciate each of you for your friendship.

This year's scheduled programs offer a good variety of interesting topics, and I encourage you to make time to enjoy them and the fellowship at our meetings. A good-sized crowd seems to bring happiness as we enjoy our coffee together.

We also need a volunteer to coordinate the community events group. Please, someone get in touch with me!

Another need we have is a volunteer to step in to be the **Sports Director**. These are very important positions to help keep our chapter running smoothly.

Thank you all for keeping our friendly group moving forward! —Byron Stadsvold

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 to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Minutes of Kristiania Chapter Meeting— April 11, 2019

Byron Stadsvold welcomed those in attendance to an evening of fellowship. Visitors Sharon Kingsley and Charlie and Kaye Johnson were introduced. **VJ Anderson** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

David Anderson told the group of an upcoming talk about the 99th Infantry Battalion, a group of Norwegians and Norwegian Americans who fought together during World War II. Lodge member **Bruce Bjorgum's** father belonged to that unit. The talk will be at Autumn Ridge Church on April 15, 7-9 p.m.

Kathy Rosedahl noted that *Syttende Mai* will be celebrated at the May 9 chapter meeting. The guest speaker will be Janet Martin, author of Lutheran Church Basement Women and You Know You're a Lutheran If... Please let Kathy know if you can bring dessert that evening.

Byron mentioned the Zone #5 leadership workshop in Owatonna on May 4. Lodge officers and members are welcome. Registration and payment should be sent to Gloria Coulter (gcoulter6367@gmail.com) by April 26. He also mentioned that while members have volunteered for many of our outreach activities, we still need someone to coordinate the volunteers.

Ann Romo invited members to a special library committee event. **Barry Henke**, a member of Kristiania, will be talking about his translation of Sjur Lothe's historical novel Underveis from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. The event will be held in the Sons of Norway Board Room. Ann also mentioned that the Nordic Singers will rehearse three songs at 5:30 p.m. on May 9 to present at that evening's chapter meeting.

The evening's program, "Weaving Your Own Wool," was presented by lodge member **Nancy Ellison**. Nancy brought a variety of weaving tools, including a warp-weighted loom that she created from box elder trees on her farm. She spoke about how different looms and techniques have been used in Norway, some going back over a millennium, and she included pieces she has woven, demonstrating many of these ancient skills.



Nancy Ellison displays her woven pieces. Photo: **Barry Dahl**

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Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Simmons, Sec.

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DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Nordic Singers will practice before the May 9 meeting at 5:30 p.m. Hopefully we can sing to celebrate *Syttende Mai*!

—**Judy Davis**, Cultural Director



Tusen takk!

There were beautiful, delicious sandwiches and baked goods in abundance at the chapter meeting on Thursday, April 11. Thanks to *nisser* **Jan Kaehler**, **Lucy Phelps**, and **Kathy Rosedahl**, who provided lunch for a sparse but appreciative group of hardy Norwegians who braved the April / winter weather. The lodge will celebrate *Syttende Mai* at the next monthly chapter meeting on Thursday evening, May 9. Anyone who wishes to provide a Norwegian dessert for the celebration is encouraged to do so! It will be much appreciated.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director.

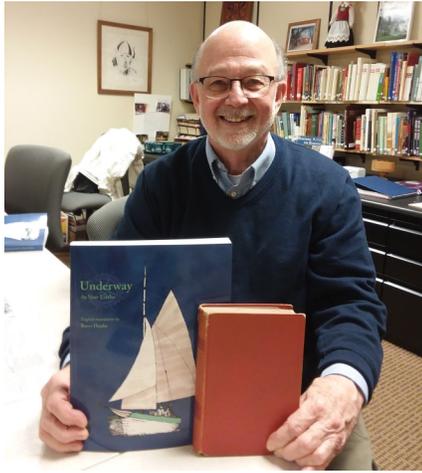
New in the Kristiania Library—

We will soon have a new book in our library that hopefully will be of interest to Sons of Norway bakers. It is called The Nordic Baking Book and has been written and compiled by Magnus Nilsson, an internationally acclaimed chef. It explores all aspects of Nordic home baking, both modern and traditional. "There are simple and easy-to-follow recipes for all kinds of delicious breads, pastries, cakes, buns, and flatbreads, as well as detailed illustrations of traditional techniques and fascinating texts on Nordic baking culture." Whether you plan to use some of the recipes or not, you may just enjoy reading Nilsson's introductions and his commentaries and notes on the different kinds of baking and on various ingredients in this extensive book.

The book will be available to check out after May 16 from our library in the board room.

—**Sarabeth Watson**, librarian

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Kristiania member translates novel from Norwegian to English

Member **Barry Henke** attended the April 18 Library Committee meeting and donated two copies of his

Barry Henke displays an original copy and his new English translation of the Norwegian novel *Underveis*. (Photo: **Judy Davis**)

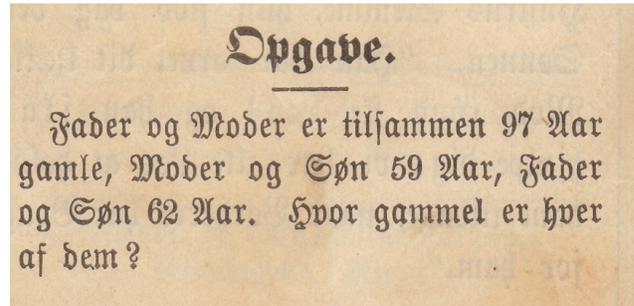
Norwegian-to-English translation of the novel *Underveis* (*Underway*). It is a cultural-historical novel written by Sjur Lothe about the life and times of the people along the Karmsund, the ancient channel between the island of Karmøy and the mainland. It takes place aboard a sloop during three days in 1837. We hope Barry will take part in one of our chapter programs in the future.

Mark your calendars! Kristiania Bus Tour on June 15, 2019

Join us for the annual bus tour on Saturday, June 15. We will leave from Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 8:45 a.m. on June 15 and arrive at about 10:45 a.m. at Norskedalen's Thrunegaarden just west of Coon Valley, WI. The group will be treated to a 90-minute guided tour of Thrunegaarden, satellite property of Norskedalen. This tour is accessible to all, with shuttles available as needed. At the end of the tour, the group will board the bus for a meal at Brogan's Café in Westby, WI. The buffet meal will include homemade meatballs, potato, vegetable, salad bar, roll with butter, beverage, and dessert. The tour will return to Rochester at about 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person, and we only have 45 seats available. Please RSVP to **Erica Ward** by email at emaie44@gmail.com or by phone at [507-884-0392](tel:507-884-0392). Seats will fill up fast! —**Erica Ward**, Social Director



Can you read and solve this Norwegian "word problem" from a 1889 Decorah children's newspaper? (Answer in the next issue. Submitted by **Barry Dahl**.)



Laina, Leah, and Erik Fenton, shown here with their parents **Lisa** and **Lucas**, will attend Norwegian Ridge Language and Culture Camp at Spring Grove this summer, having applied for Kristiania scholarships. It is hoped that a couple youth will also attend camp at Masse Moro in Wisconsin again this summer. Kristiania's budget supports these scholarships as well as the annual college scholarships. (Photo: **Barry Dahl**)

A Book Review

(submitted to fulfill an elective requirement for Sons of Norway Cultural Skills, Literature: Part 2)

The Water's Edge by Karin Fossum is a Nordic crime novel which takes place near a small town in Norway. The central characters are Konrad Sejer and Jakob Skarre, two policemen attempting to solve the murder of a young boy and to locate a second boy. Other characters are a couple whose marriage is on the rocks, as well as the mothers of the two boys. The action moves at a fairly rapid pace, the characters are believable, the plot's twists and turns fascinating, and the conclusion is satisfying but surprising. I recommend the book to crime fiction fans. It is available for check-out in the Kristiania library.

—**VJ Anderson**

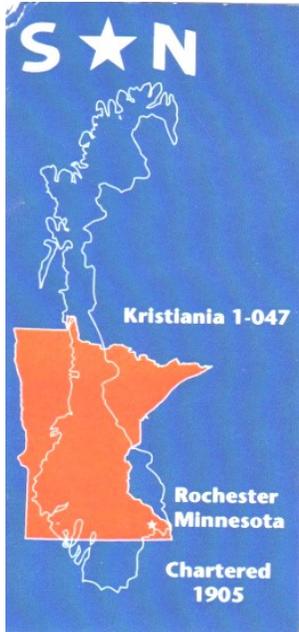


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