

# PROGRAMS & CULTURAL SKILLS PRESENTATIONS

## Resource Guide for Lodges

2018-2019

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USA



Canada



Norway



Sweden



Iceland



Denmark



Finland



## HARDANGER EMBROIDERY

JANE NORDAKER

402-453-6666 Elveby #1-604 (Omaha)

Email: [cnordaker@cox.net](mailto:cnordaker@cox.net)

Small group Travel: Any distance, mileage requested,  
no overnight stays

Also see: Traditional Norwegian Cooking

CLARICE DIETER

320-585-2647 (H) 320-585-0135 (C) Norskfødt #1-590 (Morris)

Email: [cdieter@fedtel.net](mailto:cdieter@fedtel.net)

Travel: Any Distance, mileage requested; if overnight stay will consider S/N  
host home



## WEAVING (Loom & Bobbin Lace)



NANCY ELLISON

507-732-5281 Kristiania #1-47 (Rochester)

Email: [www.ellisonssheepfarm.com](http://www.ellisonssheepfarm.com)

Presentations and/or small groups Tour of farm

Spinning, Weaving, Felting, Tapestry weaving, Rugs, Belts

Has Sheep Farm; also does slide presentation on textiles

Travel: 100-150 miles Professional charges fees for classes; if overnight stay,  
will stay with S/N host family.

KAREN AAKRE

218-731-0072 Heimskringla #1- (Fergus Falls)

Email: [kaakre@hotmail.com](mailto:kaakre@hotmail.com)

Travel: Any Distance, mileage requested

DARLA THORLAND

563-382-2614 Valdres 503 (Decorah)

Decorah, IA 52101

Email: none call for details

Slide Presentation – Travel: 70 miles, mileage requested

(Also does programs on Norwegian Language, Culture, Music)

GAIL JOHNSON  
(Bobbin Lace)

218-736-6198 Email: [johnsog@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:johnsog@fargo.k12.nd.us)

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Honorarium & mileage requested. No overnight stays. Travel: 75 miles



## ORNAMENTAL WOOD / CHIP CARVING

- JOCK HOLMEN  
952 -746-3010 email: [jock@norwegiantermite.net](mailto:jock@norwegiantermite.net)  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
[www.norwegiantermite.com](http://www.norwegiantermite.com) *See website for more information.*  
Norwegian style Acanthus, Viking and dragon style carving  
Travel: 200 miles, Mileage & Honorarium. If overnight stay needed, S/N host ok for Jock and trailer.
- HAL BITZER  
218-434-1611 (c) Nordlys 1-498, Roseau MN  
Williams, MN 56686 [hbitzer@wiktel.com](mailto:hbitzer@wiktel.com)  
kolrosing. dragon style, and chip carving  
Travel: MN, IA, SD, ND – 8-10 hours; mileage requested. If overnight stay needed, will stay with S/N host.
- PHIL ODDEN  
*Else Bigton*  
715-468-2780 [www.norskwoodworks.com](http://www.norskwoodworks.com)  
Barronett WI 54813  
[nww@norskwoodworks.com](mailto:nww@norskwoodworks.com)  
Norwegian Ornamental woodcarving; National & International reputation; demonstrations at Norsk Hostfest, 30 yrs, and currently (2016) carving for Norway Pavilion at EPCOT.  
Travel: 100 miles, Mileage and \$150 fee requested.  
Wife, Else, carves cabinets & is wood carver in the Norwegian traditions.
- PHIL HOLTAN  
*Turned burl bowls*  
701-261-6044 [philholtan@gmail.com](mailto:philholtan@gmail.com)  
lives in Fargo Moorhead area. (retired pastor from Perham MN)  
Norwegian style turned burl bowls.  
Travel: ok, mileage & \$50 fee requested. Will stay with S/N host if overnight stay needed.
- BOB HOOVER  
*(Tine)*  
218-847-6345 Vikingland 495 (Detroit Lakes)  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
Email: [rrdmhoov@gmail.com](mailto:rrdmhoov@gmail.com)  
Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: Any distance, mileage requested.
- CLAYTON JOHNSON  
[clayton707@gmail.com](mailto:clayton707@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/clayton.johnson.73307>  
Albert Lea, MN  
Scandinavian style woodcarver with power point presentation

Willing to travel reasonable distances.

Contact for presentation fee/mileage. Weekend presentations work best.

***See attached for example*** of carving done by Clayton.



## NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE

DARLA THORLAND

563-382-2614

Valdres 503 (Decorah)

Decorah, IA 52101

Email: none – need to call

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: 70 miles, mileage requested

(Also does programs on Weaving, Norwegian Culture, & Music)

JAN SMITH

218-864-5968 or 218-731-0661©

Leif Erickson, Vining MN

21891 Statesboro Dr, Clitherall, MN 56524

Email: [jasjansmith@live.net](mailto:jasjansmith@live.net) [www.storiesandyou.com](http://www.storiesandyou.com) - ***website for more info.***

Speaking topics, also see attached info page; In the Beginning of Time – Odin

and the Nine Worlds; Trolls and Their Mischief; Life as a Nisse;

Mrs. Anderson, a Preacher's Wife, 1890; Literature Cultural Skills Award;

Growing up Norsk. Each Presentation: 45 minutes; Fee: \$100 plus mileage.

MARGI PREUS

Phone: 218-728-4780 [www.margipreus.com](http://www.margipreus.com)

Duluth, MN

Email: [margipreus@me.com](mailto:margipreus@me.com)

Norwegian Culture; children's book author; ***see website for more info***

Travel: 2 hour radius from Duluth; contact for fee & mileage

JIM KAPLAN

701-232-0621(h) 701-261-5954(c) Fargo, ND 58102

Email: [Sunflower56563@yahoo.com](mailto:Sunflower56563@yahoo.com)

Travel: MN, ND, SD along I-29; Fee plus mileage.

Will consider S/N host if overnight stay required.

Program: Comparing Nordic novels and their authors

Stieg Larson trilogy, Scandinavian novels – ***see attached info page***

DAVID SIMPKINS

Cell: 320-761-3411 // [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHXaoIQygM4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHXaoIQygM4)

Vining, MN 56588

Publisher Sauk Center Herald, Email: [davesimpkins@saukherald.com](mailto:davesimpkins@saukherald.com)

Call for fee and if mileage requested.

Learning Norwegian Individually; Askeladen Folk Stories

DR. ODD S. LOVOLL

507-645-6058

Northfield, MN 55057

email: [lovoll@stolaf.edu](mailto:lovoll@stolaf.edu)

Retired prof from St Olaf - foremost author about Norwegian/American immigration; has written 21 books on that history.

Mileage requested. If overnight stay, hotel to be paid by host lodge.



ROGER HELLSVIG                      612-798-5053                      email: [OleOleson.geo@yahoo.com](mailto:OleOleson.geo@yahoo.com)

Minneapolis, MN 55419  
Ole Olsen, The Norwegian Immigrant's Trunk  
Contact personally for professional fees / mileage.

ERIC DREGNI                              612-236-5888  
Minneapolis, MN 55406  
[ericdregni@yahoo.com](mailto:ericdregni@yahoo.com)  
Author of *In Cod We Trust* and *Vikings in the Attic*, plus new book about the  
*Cultural history of Fishing – Norwegian influence*.  
Contact for how far will travel; mileage requested and honorarium

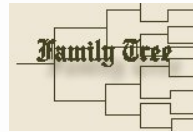
CANDACE SIMAR                      218-831-3689 or 218-568-8761  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472                      [simar@tds.net](mailto:simar@tds.net)                      [www.candacesimar.com](http://www.candacesimar.com)  
Author speaker Minnesota Indian uprising;  
early Scandinavian history in MN; *see website* for all available presentations.  
Travel: contact for distance will travel – helps her to have more than one  
engagement in an area. Willing to stay with S/N host.  
Speaking fee: \$250 plus mileage, but willing to work w/ lodge.

LAVERN CHRISTIANSON              507-831-4549                      Stavanger 538 (Windom)  
Windom, MN 56101  
Email: [christil@windomnet.com](mailto:christil@windomnet.com)  
Program cost: Mileage & honorarium (negotiable). Travel: up to 200miles  
if overnight stay required, will stay with S/N host.  
PROGRAM: “Harold Hardrada, Last Viking King”, in costume and  
telling his life story. *See attached sheet for other programs.*

DENNIS RUSINKO                      612-789-2272                      Syttende Mai 517 (Minneapolis)  
VIKING AGE CLUB                      Minneapolis, MN 55418  
Email: [dennirusinko@aol.com](mailto:dennirusinko@aol.com)  
PROGRAM: The group will present a picture of Viking Age  
life including dress, crafts, living conditions and equipment of  
the times. Also, has individual program presentation.  
Call or email for travel distance and mileage.

LEIF ANDOL                              (605)352-5225 or 605-354-0851              Solskinn, 1-550  
JANIS ANDOL                              Huron, SD 57350-3824                      [leif@nordic-home.com](mailto:leif@nordic-home.com)  
Mileage requested if more than 125 miles one way.

Five Year German Occupation of Norway;  
Janis plays *carpenter saw*, also available as she has own presentation of approx. 20-40 min.



## GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY

PATI KACHEL  
Story teller

651-485-1506      [patikachel@me.com](mailto:patikachel@me.com)      [www.theparablefund.org](http://www.theparablefund.org)  
The Parable Fund      PO Box 270006, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127  
See attached sheet for program information or website.



## NORWEGIAN ROSEMALING

DOROTHY HOOVER

218-847-6345      Vikingland 495 (Detroit Lakes)  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
Email: [rrdmhoov@gmail.com](mailto:rrdmhoov@gmail.com)  
Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: Any distance

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320-585-2647 (H) 320-585-0135 (C)      Norskfødt #1-590 (Morris)  
Email: [cdieter@fedtel.net](mailto:cdieter@fedtel.net)  
Travel: Any Distance, mileage requested; if overnight stay will consider S/N host home

NANCY SCHMIDT

262-547-0983      [nsrosemaling@msn.com](mailto:nsrosemaling@msn.com)  
Waukosha, WI 55189  
Vesterheim Gold Medalist; Travel: mileage requested

LYNN GAUER

605-426-6173; (c) 605-216-3697      [ruflruf@hotmail.com](mailto:ruflruf@hotmail.com)  
27 Main Street, PO Box 727,      Ipswich SD 57451  
Rosemaling Demonstrator / Instructor  
Will travel, request mileage (\$0.54/mile). Fee for presentation: \$25/hr.  
Teaching fee: \$25/hr – usually done over 2-3 days of 6-8 / day. Requests if teaching class, will need how many to plan for in order to bring supplies.  
Willing to stay overnight with SofN Lodge host.



## FOLK DANCING

LINDA VAA

605-692-7219      Fjordland 508 (Brookings)  
Brookings, SD 57006

Email: [lindavaa@brookings.net](mailto:lindavaa@brookings.net)

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: 100 miles, Mileage requested

MARILYN SYVERSON 320-589-1228 Norskfødt 590 (Morris)

Morris, MN 56267

Email: [msyver@fedtel.net](mailto:msyver@fedtel.net)

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: 150 miles, Mileage requested; if overnight stay needed, will stay with S/N host.

BOB & DOROTHY  
HOOVER

218-847-6345

Email: [rrdmhoov@gmail.com](mailto:rrdmhoov@gmail.com)

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: Any Distance



## TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN COOKING

ARLENE FIELDS

515-964-3363 Marsteinen #1-596 (Des Moines)

Address: 2828 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, #21, Des Moines IA 50316

Presentation and/or Small Group ;

Travel: 70 miles, no overnight stays; Mileage requested

Rosettes, Krumkake, Fattigmann, Lefse, Smorbord

(Will also help with requirements for Cooking Pin)

JANE NORDAKER

402-452-6666 Elveby 604 (Omaha)

Belview NE 68025

Email: [cnordaker@cox.net](mailto:cnordaker@cox.net)

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: Any distance, Mileage requested,  
No over night stays.

Baking: Lefse, rommegrot //also see Hardanger Embroidery



## NORDIC MUSIC & MUSICIANS

DARLA THORLAND

563-382-2614

Valdres 503 (Decorah)

Decorah, IA 52101  
Email: none  
Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel 70 miles  
Kveding, medieval ballads or unaccompanied song.  
Also see Weaving, Language and Norwegian Culture

PAUL WILSON &  
MARY ABENDROTH  
(Duo) 218-764-2994 Brainerd, MN 56401  
[pwilson@brainerd.net](mailto:pwilson@brainerd.net) <http://www.nisswastamman.org/pmpage/>  
Professional Musicians; Performance fees, Plus mileage.  
Travel: anywhere in Midwest with performance fee met.  
Willing to stay with S/N host.

**Skålmusik** (Quintet) – they also perform with a quintet. Performance fees apply

GORDY LINDQUIST 701-28-2622 (h) 701-201-0352 (c) [Crazyfingers37@yahoo.com](mailto:Crazyfingers37@yahoo.com)  
Bottineau, ND 58318  
Norsk Høstfest entertainer for 33 years.  
Prefer: have several bookings as distance a factor; willing to stay w/ S/N host  
Contact for presentation fee & mileage.

ROSS SUTTER 612-978-9942 [rosssutter@mac.com](mailto:rosssutter@mac.com) Vonheim Lodge  
**Professional Musician** Minneapolis MN 55458  
SUTTER BROTHERS \$500. Please contact for complete information on performance fees

JUDY NIMS 218-739-2915 [judynims@hotmail.com](mailto:judynims@hotmail.com)  
**Accordian trio** Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
Travel: 75-100 miles, weather permitting; mileage requested.

JOHN BERGQUIST 218-744-3207  
**Music and storytelling** 8164 North Long Lake Court, Eveleth MN 55734  
Email: [abjb123@gmail.com](mailto:abjb123@gmail.com)

DR. MICHAEL JORGENSEN 507-933-7362 (o) 507-934-2562 (h)  
St Peter, MN 56082  
“The Life & Music of Theodora Cormontan” & “More Theodora”  
[mjorgens@gustavus.edu](mailto:mjorgens@gustavus.edu) Honorarium requested –fee can be negotiated;  
Mileage requested if more than 75 miles

DAVE SWENSON 515-298-2535 email: [boonefiddler@gmail.com](mailto:boonefiddler@gmail.com)  
1610 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Boone Iowa 50036

the songs & instruments used by Norwegians & immigrants in America.

Program length: 45-60 minutes.

Travel distance: up to 200 miles @ \$0.30/miles. If Twin Cities or around Austin MN has relatives so can call him ~ he would have lodging.

Program fee: \$100



## **BUNADER / SEWING**

**CAROL COLBURN**  
**BUNADER**

319-2307174 Solglimt 547 (Cedar Falls)

140 West Kent, Duluth MN 55804

[carol.colburn@uni.edu](mailto:carol.colburn@uni.edu)

Presentation and/or Small Group – Travel: Any distance

Bunad styles, patterns, fabric (Norway), construction

*Contact for presentation fee & mileage charge.*

## **OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST**

**THOMAS LATANE**  
***Kitty, wife***

715-442-2419 [tclatane@gmail.com](mailto:tclatane@gmail.com)

T & C Latane

412 Second Street, PO Box 62

Pepin WI 54759-0062

Presentation: studied in Hamar with Havard Bergland – wrought iron made in historic Norwegian style. Demonstrations with silver wire inlay or embossing.

Travel: up to 90 miles; \$150 fee for evening presentation

**DAVID SUSAG**

507-467-0100 Heimbygda #376

Lanesboro MN [lemse@acegroup.cc](mailto:lemse@acegroup.cc)

Knifemaking

Contact for fees & travel distance / mileage

**KAREN AAKRE**

218-731-0072 Heimskringla #1- (Fergus Falls)

Email: [kaakre@hotmail.com](mailto:kaakre@hotmail.com)

Travel: Any Distance, mileage requested

Skinfellers (Norwegian sheep blankets)

Video on youtube-karenaakreskinfellers

DAN BOWMAN 320-765-2547 [dbowman@hcinet.net](mailto:dbowman@hcinet.net)  
 PO Box 40, Sacred Heart, MN 56285  
 Lefse lessons & program; wrote "The Lefse Catechism"  
 Contact for travel distance and program fees. *See attached list of programs.*

CHARLES KING 651-428-9186 [crking@me.com](mailto:crking@me.com)  
 5375 Nottingham Rd, North Branch, MN 55056-5245  
*Storyteller* & helps others write family stories. (Cambridge- Rumelva lodge gives him rave reviews.)  
 Travel: check about distance; fees \$100-\$200 to cover time & travel.  
 on Hiatus until 2020

GARY LEGWOLD 612-926-1877 [glegwold@lutefisk.com](mailto:glegwold@lutefisk.com)  
 Author; requests to sell books before & after presentation. Will donate a portion of sales to local cause or lodge designee.  
 Fees & mileage costs: \$150-200; will travel some distance if gas/mileage covered.  
 S/N host o.k. if overnight required.

SHERRY STILLEY 605-996-3595 [stillnord@mitchelltelecom.net](mailto:stillnord@mitchelltelecom.net)  
 Mitchell SD  
 Presentation: Christmas in Norway  
 Travel: mileage plus fee; willing to stay with SofN Lodge host.

DR. LAWRENCE MOE 612-702-5861 (c) 651-793-1429 (o)  
 Professor Lawrence Moe, Metropolitan State University  
 700 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street; St. Paul MN 55106  
[Lawrence.moe@metrostate.edu](mailto:Lawrence.moe@metrostate.edu)  
 Travel: up to 100 miles; honorarium \$100 plus expenses (mileage); hotel requested if more than 100 miles to presentation.  
 Presentation 45-60 minutes; Scandinavian topics – Has 10 programs from which to choose; *see attached listing*. Several lodges have had him do presentations.  
 Contact Dr. Moe for a detailed list of his presentations.

KATHY SLETTTO 320-762-8428 [slettos@gctel.net](mailto:slettos@gctel.net) website: sheperdsbayfarm.com  
 6600 County Rd 8 NW, Alexandria MN 56308  
 Presentation: making of the spinning wheel & how spinning wheel created a whole way of life for her family. Raises sheep, llamas, alpacas & angora rabbits.  
 Also: immigrant experience of relative, as well as a memoir program that is published by Minnesota Historical Society.  
 Travel: 150 miles, mileage requested. Fee: \$50  
 If overnight stay needed, willing to stay with S of N Lodge host.

PATRICIA LUNDEEN

218 562-4049

[pklundeen@icloud.com](mailto:pklundeen@icloud.com)

31891 Blue Ridge Drive, Breezy Point MN 56472

Presentations

- organ recital featuring Norwegian composers & Scandinavian hymn tunes.
- Piano recital program featuring music of Edvard Grieg, Nordic composers
- Life changing year spent in Norway

Travel: 200 miles, mileage requested. Plus fee.

If overnight stay needed, willing to stay with S of N Lodge host.

ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, Washington DC

2720 34<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20008

Tel: (202) 333-6000 E-mail: [emb.washington@mfa.no](mailto:emb.washington@mfa.no)

Has videos that can be sent to lodges; contact for complete list; Sample below

- *The Orange Girl* - a romantic about 2 childhood playmates who reconnected in young adult life and didn't recognize themselves as childhood playmates.
- *Snow Cave* - a misfit man who lives from snow cave to snow cave in Norway's high mountains; beautiful scenery
- *Mama, you didn't Tell Me* - showing the discrimination of the Saami

### Suggestions from other lodges:

- Have a special display or event coming up? Have the Mayor of your city make a ***proclamation*** that it is \_\_\_\_\_ Day in \_\_\_\_\_. You may have to write it up for them and get them to sign it, but it gets your lodge and Sons of Norway in the paper!
- Kevin Wallevand: A Sons of Norway member, and anchor of TV news program and special reporter. Unable to have a response to DSH, but contact info is: [kwallevand@wday.com](mailto:kwallevand@wday.com) . He travels to Haiti each year with team of doctors & nurses.
- Celebrate Sami National Day – February 6<sup>th</sup>. This day was first celebrated in 1917. About 40,000 Sami live in Norway; 20,000 in Sweden; 7,000 in Finland. An estimated 2,000 live in Russia.
- Celebrate Swedish Midsommer – June 24<sup>th</sup>. Swedes decorate their homes, cars, churches, etc with flowers and leafy branches. Dancing around the Maypole is part of the celebration. Traditional food menus feature herring, boiled new potatoes with fresh dill and a dessert of garden fresh strawberries.
- Syttende Mai celebration – Norwegian Constitution Day – May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- St Lucia Day – December 13<sup>th</sup> – have St. Lucia make a visit to your lodge when you have your December meeting. Remember to serve ginger cookies and crack it in 3 parts with your knuckle to have good luck in the year ahead!
- Iceland celebrates Twelfth Night – January 6<sup>th</sup> with bonfires. And Republic Day on June 17<sup>th</sup> which celebrates the creation of Iceland as a republic in 1944. It is also the birthday of Iceland's independence hero, Jon Sigurdsson.
- Finland celebrates on December 6<sup>th</sup>, their Independence Day. This day marks the celebration of independence from the Russian Republic in 1917.
- Canada Day – July 1<sup>st</sup>. National day of Canada to celebrate the anniversary of July 1, 1867 enactment of the Constitution Act of 1867. Originally called Dominion Day.
- Denmark – June 5<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day (the June Constitution of 1849) – it is also Danish Father's Day.

- Send a greeting for the holiday – whether a Nordic Holiday or a traditional holiday to everyone in the lodge email list.
- Send a postcard to past visitors to the lodge inviting them to come help your lodge celebrate Syttende Mai, Christmas, or just an invitation to come back and visit!
- Have a rosemaler in your lodge that likes to teach? Want to do a community project? Invite your local high school art students to learn basic rosemaling in 5 or 6 sessions. Can work with your local high school or community education program to offer this way to share this beautiful art form.

Need a lodge fundraiser with a twist?

- Waffle breakfast – use youth to set up and serve, do clean up, make a donation to their organization in addition to being a lodge fundraiser.

Do you have more ideas?? Please share them with me, your zone director or the president of District I. This is a 'living' document and we can add more information and more ideas. Mange takk...

## Pastor Dan Bowman Program Information:

Several possibilities -

1. A focus on the Lefse Catechism (which is a presentation of the Gospel message using the medium of lefse). We do not use lefse in the presentation unless the audience would like to have some for treats along with the program. I incorporate music from my musical saw into the program. I mostly play classical or religious music.
2. Lefse making 101 - the basics of how to make lefse. We would use my instructions from my lefse book that I am writing. If we have the dough prepared, we could have a lot of fun learning and practicing at the same time. I would be willing to come up with the dough. We just have to make sure the electricity will be adequate for the number of grills used.
3. Lefse making 201 - advanced techniques of lefse making - appropriate for people to develop skills utilizing technology and for those preparing larger quantities. This class would focus on quality assurance techniques to make sure the lefse doesn't dry out.
4. Focus on music with my saw - My Norwegian song repertoire is not that great but there may be a few songs I could put in (Children of the Heavenly Father - Swedish, Prayer of a Norwegian Child, Behold a Host). Christmas time is a great time for a program of music since many of the loved melodies are excellent (I think written) for the saw. I have programs for Christmas or Lent, or for any other time of the year.

## Dr James Kaplan Program Information: SCANDINAVIAN CRIME NOVELS TODAY (this was the press release from his recent January 2016 programs in Florida)

Dr. Jim Kaplan, professor emeritus at Minnesota State University Moorhead, will present three programs on Scandinavian crime novels in the San Francisco Bay Area in early 2016. Dr. Kaplan is well-known to the Swedish Community in the Bay Area and has spoken at the Fylgia Swedish VASA Lodge, SWEA San Francisco, the Swedish Club and the Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz.



These Scandinavian crime novels are enjoying a world-wide vogue right now and have had huge successes as books, on TV and in films. Their main characters like Lisbeth Salander, Kurt Wallander and Harry Hole have gained international attention. Featured in this program will be “The Draining Lake” by Icelandic author Arnaldur Indridason, “Redbreast “ by Norwegian author Jo Nesbø and “The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo” by Swedish author Stieg Larsson. Detective novels are a fine opportunity to learn about the real lives of Scandinavian people today. They are fun and exciting and introduce the reader to literature and the humanities. The programs are free and open to the public.

### Miss Pati Kachel Program Information:

**Miss Pati Kachel** is a professional traveling storyteller based in St. Paul, MN. For the past thirty-five years she has been invited all around the Midwest and beyond to present her uplifting and heartwarming story programs. She has researched, written, produced and performed her original presentations through *The Parable Fund*. Wherever she goes, her audiences easily receive Pati’s gentle voice, whimsical songs, good humor and joyful spirit. With a collection of over thirty-five time-tested, crowd-pleasing shows, she offers something special for every audience to experience.

One of her most requested story programs is, "*Ya Sure, I'm A Norvegin Luteran.*" In this one-woman show, Pati honors her family's heritage as she tells the tales of her pioneer ancestors immigration from Norway to Minnesota back in 1868. While wearing her beautiful Nordland bunad and surrounded by family heirlooms, she artfully weaves together Nordic songs, humorous traditions and remembrances of the homestead farm. Listeners will be inspired as they learn about the lasting legacy of her forefathers fortitude and faith. This program has been presented at countless churches and lodges and also received a standing ovation at the Daughters of Norway National Convention in 2014. Do even Norwegian bachelor farmers enjoy this show? Ya sure, you betcha! For scheduling availability contact Pati though her website at: [www.theparablefund.org](http://www.theparablefund.org) to request her color brochure, read financial guidelines and watch her video clips.

### Ross Sutter & Sutter Brothers Program Information:

Ross Sutter and the Sutter Brothers are still interested in being on the list. Willing to travel any distance, with standard government mileage reimbursement but traditionally I know you have paid a bit less than that and had a cap on the amount of money that could be spent. We are willing to stay in a home but sometimes we have enough hotel points to arrange a free stay at a hotel.

The Sutter Brothers rate for a program is \$1000 to \$1500. However, we do have ideas for funding so lodges shouldn't count us out without first talking to us. In the fall of 2014 we had a very successful event at the Cloquet Public Library. The Heimsyn Lodge teamed up with the library to share the cost and publicize the event. It was a standing room only crowd and quite fun. The lodge was allowed to put out information to sign up new members as well.

Ross Sutter: solo fee is \$500 plus expenses. Again, I can work with any lodge to try and help them find funding *but since I make my living doing this I can't offer programs for free.*

### Clayton Johnson Scandinavian Carving Example:



## Dr. Lawrence Moe Program Information:

Dr. Moe's Ph.D. was in English, but his Ph.D. Supporting Program was in Scandinavian Studies, and throughout his career he has done research and public speaking on topics that are of special interest to Norwegian-Americans.

### **Carl Ben Eielson: The Norwegian-American Lindbergh**

The fascinating Carl Ben Eielson was a Norwegian-American pilot and explorer in the golden age of aerial adventurers. "The Father of the Bush Pilots" achieved the first non-stop transpolar intercontinental flight (Alaska to Norway).

### **Knud Wefald: You Can Take Knud Out of Norway . . .**

Born in Telemark in 1869, Knud was 17 when he came to MN as a penniless farm hand, worked his way into business, and went into politics. He was a mayor, MN legislator, US congressman, and state commissioner. He is a significant figure in Norwegian-American cultural history, yet little known today.

### **The Life and Work of "Colorado Pete"**

A Norwegian-American named Arthur Peterson (1896-1932) served honorably in World War I, but came home terribly sick, to spend the rest of his too-short life shifting from one veterans hospital to another. It's a sad story, except that during his years of painful struggle against a terminal condition, he refused to give up on life, and so recreated himself as "Colorado Pete," a robust and romantic poet, who published over 100 poems and acquired a following of admirers who never learned his real life story until after his death.

### **Norwegian-American Folk Poetry**

Folk poetry is written by ordinary people seeking to preserve meaningful ideas and feelings in memorable ways. Norwegian-American folk poetry may reflect aspects of our culture or immigration experiences. Norwegian immigrants formed the largest element of the Europeans who settled in the Red River Valley of the North; today, their experiences are inherently interesting to those who study our Nordic roots, and many Norwegian-Americans have personal connections to the Valley. Professor Moe collects the early folk poetry of North Dakota, which he will offer as a case study within this topic, along with additional examples from elsewhere.

### ***Beowulf***

Dr. Moe wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on the Old English poem *Beowulf*. This remarkable epic takes place in early medieval Nordic settings, and appeals to those interested in Norse myth and legend—or to anyone interested in *The Lord of the Rings* (which Professor Tolkien drew in part from the world of *Beowulf*). Dr. Moe will overview the plot of *Beowulf*, and discuss its themes.



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Owner of the “WOODEN SPOON” Scandinavian Gift and

Cultural Shop. See attached sheet for information. Organizes classes for Rosemaling; Hardangersom; Knitting & Crocheting, Language (Norwegian, Swedish, Danish & Finnish) and History. *See attached sheet.*



Location	Hours	Food	Shop	Classes	Events	Clubs	Mailing List	Articles
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**Welcome, Vakkommen, Velkommen, Tevertola, Velkomin to the Wooden Spoon, your Scandinavian connection.**

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#### Up the Down Staircase



#### Who and what are we

In our shop you will find imported and domestic gifts and food from the Scandinavian countries. We also teach the languages and Rosemaling.

Our upstairs is used as the need arises. We have art in every room, a Rosemaling Studio, and a collection of 200 year old pewter.

Several of the Scandinavian events are held here. Sons of Norway, Nortex Lodge meets the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM. Meetings begin with a pot luck meal (bring a Norwegian food please). The Danish/American Club has their Smorbord the 18th of October 2015 at 2 PM. The Norwegian families celebrate Christmas and Syttende Mai.

Alan has a Kranskage demonstration annually. I hold lefse demonstrations in October and November each year.

Our annual Anniversary party the second Saturday of September from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Our annual Stella Olson Cooky party the second Saturday of December from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Please join our mailing list for an update of the things happening at the Wooden Spoon.

There are no closed doors at the Wooden Spoon--you are welcome to join us for any of the activities we have.

Our desire is to connect you or keep you connected with your heritage, to continue to learn and to teach others. Our staff is ready to help you and guide you in the direction you need.

Thanks for keeping the Wooden Spoon stirring for 27 years.

*Gwen Mikk Anderson*  
owner