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To: All Lodges

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On June 4th, 2020 the District Convention will begin at Cragun's Resort, in Brainerd, MN. We are again planning for a *Nordic FOLK ART EXHIBIT & COMPETITION*. *Because this is the 125th Anniversary of Sons of Norway we want to make this extra special*. Three to five judges from the community will be judging the entries and awarding ribbons in each category.

There will also be a "BEST OF SHOW" Award (selected by the judges) and a "PEOPLES CHOICE" Award (selected by visitors to the exhibit). During the 3 days of convention, delegates will be able to enjoy seeing all the beautiful Nordic Folk Arts on display in the exhibit room.

Lodge members may bring their Folk Art to the Convention or send it with a Delegate. They may choose to **<u>Exhibit Only</u>** or enter the item (s) for **<u>Competition</u>**. A Registration Form is included in this letter. The Form should be completed for each item to be entered.

The Registration Form can be duplicated. Please make a copy for your own files. Attached is the form that includes a Waiver of Responsibility and an Identification Label to be used and attached to the item.

It is preferable for the member to mail the Registration Form to one of the Convention Committee hosts, Nick Reindl, 8101 Buffalo Creek Rd, Brainerd, MN 56401. Or, if you wish to mail the Registration Forms to me, Karen Aakre, Social/Cultural Director, send it by May 1st to the address above.

Note: At the Convention site, turn in the Folk Art to one of the Convention Hosts located in the Paul Bunyon Exhibit room. Or to me, Karen Aakre.

Every category for adults will have 3 levels of competition:

- 1. Adult Amateurs Persons learning a Norwegian folk art activity
- 2. Intermediate Those having some experience & skill in a folk art
- 3. Adult Professional Award winners, teachers, or experts

Judged separately from Adult Folk Art

Any S/N member is eligible to exhibit with a maximum of two (2) items for Weaving and 2 items for Quilts, or 2 Figure Carvings and 2 chip carvings. The person entering the folk art item (s) must have made the item within the **past two years**. Our District Convention is a wonderful opportunity to display the beauty and creativity of our Nordic culture and heritage!

Fraternally, Karen Aakre, District 1 Social/Cultural Director

