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**To: All Lodges**

On June 25, 2026 the District Convention will begin at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, MN. We are again planning for a NORDIC FOLK ART & COMPETITION. 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 the visitors to the exhibit). During the 3 days of convention, delegates will be able to enjoy seeing all 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 EXHIBIT ONLY or enter the item (s) for COMPETITION. 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 the Waiver of Responsibility and an Identification Label to be used and attached the item.

**Registration before May 1<sup>st</sup> is appreciated. Please send forms to Betty Knutson at the address or email address above.**

**At the Convention site, turn in the Folk Art item (s) in to an attendant in the designated Folk Art room from 10am to 6pm Thursday or before 9am Friday. The doors will close for judging at 9am.**

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 activity
3. Adult Professional              Award winners, teachers, or experts

**Youth                      Judging separately from Adult Folk Art**

Any S/N member is eligible to exhibit with a maximum of two (2) items for Weaving and two (2) items for Quilts, or two (2) Figure Carvings, or two (2) Chip Carvings. The person entering the folk art item (s) must have made the item within the PAST FOUR YEARS.

Our District Convention is a wonderful opportunity to display the beauty and creativity of our Nordic culture and heritage!

**Fraternally, Betty Knutson, District 1 Social/Cultural Director**