

Craft Demonstrations • Vendor Displays • Cultural Tour & Music

Flere Lag Stevne

New Land, New Life 1825-2025



An annual gathering of descendants and friends of the
Trøndelag, Gudbrandsdal, Northern Hedmark, Solør and
Romerike regions of Norway



5-8 August 2025

Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center
La Crosse/Onalaska, Wisconsin



Renewed Friendships • Norwegian Heritage • Call of the Lur • Keynote Speaker

Genealogy Lab • Ancestral Research • Expert Help • Banquet & Bunad Parade

Norwegian Music • Educational Seminars • Books and Maps



Velkommen til Stevne 2025!

Welcome to the fourth annual Flere Lag Stevne. We're so glad to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first organized immigration from Norway to America at this year's event. We're joining numerous other Norwegian-American organizations in celebrating this significant milestone in various ways with special events in both the United States and Norway.

We honor our immigrant ancestors with our 2025 theme "New Land, New Life: 1825-2025," as our keynote speaker Dr. Lawrence Moe gives an overview of Norwegian migration during the last two centuries. Other speakers will touch on related subjects such as the "Coffin Ships" (pg. 11), church ships (pg. 9), early La Crosse area immigrants (pg. 12), etc.

Our featured tour this stevne is a Wednesday evening bus trip to Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center that includes a picnic dinner and an open-air concert by singer-songwriter Dan Sebranek. Then at the banquet on Thursday night, we'll be entertained by the Norwegian folk dancing of the Wergeland Dancers!

We hope you have joyful and informative experiences in the variety of offerings and the camaraderie of gathering together.

Ha det bra!

Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee Chair



John F. Peterson
President, Gudbrandsdals Lag National



Joy Shong, President, Nord
Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag



Norma Kjenstad Barnes
President, Romerikslaget i Amerika



Rod Kurth
President, Solørlag of America



Gerald Frisbee
President, Trønderlag of America

2025 Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee

Officers

Norma Barnes, Chair
Rod Kurth, Vice Chair
Joy Shong, Treasurer
Nancy Pickering, Secretary

Committee Members

Mary Baumgartner	Gerry Frisbee
Andy Berg	Dixie Hansen
Sam Christenson	

Lag Boards

TRØNDERLAG OF AMERICA

Website: www.tronderlag.org

Gerald Frisbie	President
Sam Christenson	Vice President
Karen Erickson Mullen	Secretary
Jon Satrum	Treasurer / Membership
Barry Dahl	Genealogist
Linda Schwartz	Past President
Duane Haugen	Director
Joy Haugan Williams	Director
Robert Fossum	Editor (pro tem), / Acting Historian

ROMERIKSLAGET I AMERIKA

Website: www.fellesraad.com/romerikslaget/

Norma Kjenstad Barnes	President
Chuck McKeen	Vice President
Linda McKeen	Secretary
Mary F. Gross	Treasurer
(Open)	Director of Genealogy
Susan Waldera	Director of Membership
Julie Clauson	Past President

Directors:

Mary Baumgartner, Joel Botten, Chris Falteisek,
Eunice Helgeson, Jean Knaak, Barbara Nelson,
Ray A. Olson

GUDBRANDSDAL LAG NATIONAL

Website: www.gudbrandlag.org

John F. Peterson	President
(Open)	Vice President
Nancy Pickering	Secretary / Editor
Marlilyn Sorensen	Genealogist Emerita
Jeff Svare	Genealogist-Elect
Martha J. Balfanz	Treasurer
Nancy Olson	Membership
Gary Romsaas	Webmaster
Gerald Hanson	Historian
Robert O. Olson	Archivist
Richard Lundgren	Stevne Liaison

Directors:

Linda Sutton Folk, Linda Domier Lowry, Sid Stivland

NORD HEDMARK

OG HEDEMARKEN LAG

Website: nhohlag.org

Joy Shong	President
Chris Falteisek	Vice President
Jeri Johnson	Secretary
Julie Anderson Glowka	Treasurer / Editor
Larry West	Genealogist
Linda Domier Lowry	Director
Debra Lee Pritchard	Director
Gary Romsaas	Director
Dixie Hansen	Past President / Membership

SOLØRLAG OF AMERICA

Website: www.solorlag.com

Rod Kurth	President/Publication
Denny Kalvig	Secretary
Doug Johnson	Treasurer
Elaine Hasleton	Genealogist
Kathy Johnson	Membership
Karen Weiberg	Archive & History
Shanna Kurth	Research Materials Manager
Jean Berg	Publicity
LeAnn Hookom	Webmaster

Directors at Large:

Andy Berg, Julie Clauson, LeAnn Hookom, Mary Martin

Tíl Minne Om

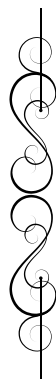
Remembering Lag Members and Associates Who Have Recently Passed Away

Peter "Pete" Christianson • 1943-2025 (age 81) • Neenah, WI • N

Robert Gjengdahl • 1943-2025 (age 81) • Minneapolis, MN • G



This two-cent stamp in red, white and black was issued in the U.S. in 1925 to commemorate the Norse-American Centennial of the voyage of the *Restauration*. The engraving of that ship on this stamp was used as the basis for the ship appearing in the logo on the front cover of this program.



Tusen takk to those many volunteers who step up during the Stevne and say "How can I help?" You can and do... and everyone benefits.

Hospitality? Registration? Hanging signs? AV Assistance? Introducing speakers? Running errands? Genealogy mentoring? Thank You!

Many thanks to several lag photographers who contributed photos (about 250!) for this booklet:

Norma Barnes, Dixie Hansen, Jeff Jorgenson, Doug Johnson, and Marilee Mortenson.

Sílent Auction

***Held in the Pines Room, second floor; begins Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
Items of cultural interest welcome; indicate the lag to which the proceeds
will be donated by filling out a form and attaching a color-coded tag.
Bids will be accepted until 2:30 pm on Thursday; Winners at 3:45;
pickup of items and payment (cash or checks only) after 3:45.***

2025 Flere Lag Stevne

Nordic Designs

*Rosemaling, Woodenware
"Rock of Norway" Jewelry*

Lois & Ron Mueller

1225 W. Main Street
Platteville, WI 53818
(608) 348-3398
nordic@mhtc.net



Karen Mullen

Loppemarked Butikk

521 S. 58th St.

Omaha, NE 68106

cell 402-312-6067

fraumullen@yahoo.com

*Norwegian sweaters, Norwegian jewelry,
Henning carvings and
candy figurines, Hardanger and tatted
pieces, rosemaled pieces and more.*

Loppemarked Butikk

(Norwegian for Flea Market Boutique)

*We feature pre-owned Norwegian (+other Scandinavian) items,
one-of-a-kind pieces: Rosemaling, Sølje & other jewelry,
Pewter, buttons, framed art, Norwegian porcelain,
Dala Horses, linens and more... just check us out!*

fraumullen@yahoo.com

Karen Mullen, Omaha NE 402-312-6067

Vendors and Crafts



Julie and Lane Backus

Lena and Ole's Gifts

891 N. Roadrunner Rd.

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

414-745-4362

jewelsdi@yahoo.com

Norwegian and other Scandinavian jewelry, kitchen linens incl. Swedish washcloths, children's books, Norwegian jerseys, flags, Finnish hand lotion, gnomes, greeting cards, socks and more.



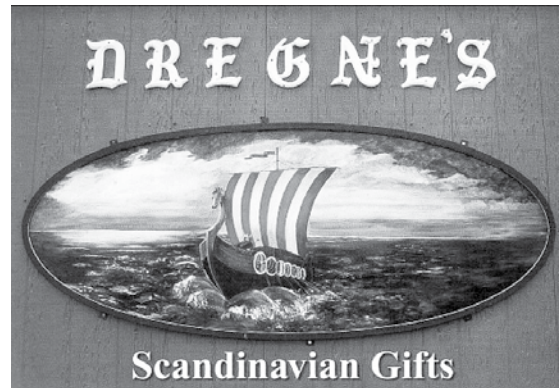
Dregne's Scandinavian Gifts

Dave and Jana Dregne, celebrating 50 years in business

100 S. Main St., (corner of W. State and Main streets)

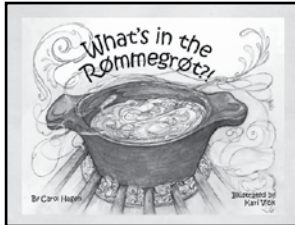
Westby, WI 54667

"A little piece of Scandinavia on the corner in Westby, WI"
(Retirement Sale; brochures, business cards, and postcards available; visit in person in Westby)



Book Authors/Speakers

Wednesday Only:



Carol Hagen is an author of two children's illustrated books: "What's in the Rommegrøt?" and "How Many Kransekaker?!" She is selling both books, and will autograph them. She's also offering aprons and flour sack towels that complement the books, as well as note cards.

Carol Hagen

carolhagenbooks@gmail.com

563.379.6963

"Carol Hagen Books" on Facebook,

and <https://carolhagenbooks.wixsite.com/website>

Thursday Only:

Heidi Eger, our 9:15 AM speaker on Thursday, raises 100% grass-fed lamb and mutton at her Radicle Heart Farm in Canton, MN. She also teaches classes at Norway House about the Norwegian art of stamped & decorated sheepskins ("Skinnfell"), and will bring some to sell.



RadicleHeartFarm@gmail.com

<https://www.radicleheartfarm.com>, and

"Radicle Heart Farm" on Facebook

2024 Flere Lag Stevne, Willmar, MN

Captured Moments



Lag Presidents & more:

Front L to R: John Peterson, Gudbrandsdalslaget, Joy Shong, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken, Norma Barnes, Romerikslag, Rod Kurth, Solørlag. Back: Gerry Frisbee, Trønderlag, and Sam Christenson, Trønderlag VP

Call of the Lur:
LeAnn Hookom



Hospitality Room

Mary Martin and Diane Clouch



L to R: Elaine Hasleton, Lori Conklin,
Nancy Pickering, Marilyn Sorensen



Filling up the
Seminar Room
prior to the next
presentation!

See more casual photos from last year, pp. 14-17

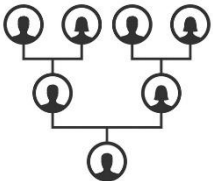
Event Schedule

Tuesday, 5 August

Time	Event	Location
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Northwoods Reception Area
1:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open A selection of items of interest to Norwegian Americans—books, clothing, jewelry, rosemaling, woodcarving, etc. The public is welcome. 	Timberlands Room (Level 2) (See pages 4–5 for a list of the 2025 Flere Lag vendors)
1:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open Expert help available for each lag... or just dig in to the myriad of resources on your own! <u>Lag Genealogists at Stevne:</u> Marilyn Sorensen, Jeff Svare (<i>Gudbrandsdalslag</i>) Larry West (<i>NHOH</i>) Rod & Shanna Kurth (<i>Solørlag</i>) Barry Dahl (<i>Trønderlag</i>) Barbara J. Nelson & Linda McKeen (<i>Romerikslag</i>) And additional volunteers from the participant lags!	Genealogy Lab Northwoods AB
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Finnskog Workshop —Elaine Hasleton Elaine retired from FamilySearch after a thirty-seven-year career. She continues to be involved in Scandinavian genealogy as a professional Norwegian and Swedish Accredited Genealogist, and Solørlag Genealogist, specializing in Finnskog research. Elaine is deeply involved, as Fellesraad President, in planning and contributing content for the Haugo Bibliotek and Bygdelag Special Collections area at Norway House. Finnskog research is different from regular Norwegian research because of the early time period and the use of Finnish family names. In this class and workshop we will discuss the sources needed and the research methodology to do Finnskog research. We will also discuss Solør area resources. 	Northwoods C
2:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Genealogy Mini-Sessions 2:45: Matrikkel Number or Farm Name? —Jeff Svare 3:30: Bad Danish Genealogy (Hint: Evaluate!) —Jeff Svare 4:30: AI and Me: Experiments in Practical Applications —Dixie Hansen	Northwoods C
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Silent Auction item Drop Off	Pines Room (Level 2)
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	(This room is in use during this hour)	Northwoods C

(continued on next page)

(Tuesday, continued from previous page)

5:30 PM — 6:30 PM	Stevne Dinner: Pulled Pork Buffet (<i>pre-registration required</i>)	T. G. Rowe Room (Lower level)
3:00 PM — 8:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open (<i>OK to drop off items starting at 2 PM</i>) Take a break between sessions and enjoy the goodies!	Hearth Room
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM	Romerikslaget Annual Business Meeting	Northwoods C
7:15 PM — 8:15 PM	Seminar: Beginning Genealogy —Shanna Kurth  	Northwoods C

Wednesday, 6 August

Time	Event	Location
7:45 AM — 8:45 AM	Trønderlag Annual Business Meeting	Northwoods C
8:00 AM — 3:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open	Timberlands Room (Level 2)
8:00 AM — 10:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open	Genealogy Lab Northwoods AB
8:30 AM — 3:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Northwoods Reception Area
8:30 AM — 9:00 PM	Silent Auction Open for Drop off and Bidding	Pines Room (Level 2)
9:15 AM — 9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony	Northwoods C
9:45 AM — 10:45 AM	Keynote: New Land, New Life: 1825-2025 — Dr. Lawrence Moe Professor Emeritus, Metropolitan State University; PhD in English, with Scandinavian Studies; department chair, associate dean; winner of multiple teaching awards, including from the Minnesota House of Representatives.  In this special presentation to commemorate the bicentennial of organized migration from Norway to America, Dr. Moe will first overview the remarkably rich history of our migration during these two centuries, giving special attention to the reasons so many Norwegians left their beautiful homeland for America, and then present and discuss a fascinating range of perspectives on our continuing efforts to preserve and appreciate Norwegian culture here in the United States.	Northwoods C
10:45 AM — 11:00 AM	Short Break (<i>visit vendors</i>)	

(continued on next page)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Seminar: Church Ships—Leslee Hoyum Born and raised in Minnesota, Leslee Lane Hoyum attended the University of Minnesota and the University of Oslo with a major in Communications and minors in Scandinavian Studies and Speech/Theater. She has been involved with almost every Norwegian-American organization. She founded Lakselaget, was president of the Sons of Norway Foundation, vice-president and secretary of Ski for Light, served on the executive committee of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, provided public relations to the Leif Eriksson International Festival, was sub-district director for the First District Sons of Norway, is a founding member of Norway House, fundraises for Mindekirken, and has written for Nordisk Tidende and Norwegian American over the last 30 years, to name a few. She was decorated by King Harald with the St. Olav Medal.  But the boat is so small and the sea so big — How and Why Norway Celebrates Ships in Its Churches The world is united by a beautiful blue ribbon of water that spans our planet. To traverse the seas, vessels of all sizes and shapes became and remain a huge part of life throughout the world, whether for trade, pleasure or warfare. This can be traced back to ancient Egyptian and Roman cultures when civilization believed ships linked the mortal world with the divine. So, how did church ships find their way to Norway? We will explore the church ship journey from the deserts of Africa to the cold Arctic north and discover their symbolism, culminating with the new church ship at Mindekirken in Minneapolis.	Northwoods C
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>) OR Stevne Sandwich Box Lunch served at hotel (<i>pre-registration required</i>)	T. G. Rowe Room (Lower level)
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open (<i>you may drop off food donations starting at 9:00 AM</i>)	Hearth Room
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Seminar: Cornerstone of Faith: The Beginning of Norwegian Lutheran Congregations in La Crosse County, Wisconsin — Hannah Scholze Hannah grew up in Holmen, WI and got the “history bug” helping her grandmother with genealogy, church history, and local history projects. She graduated summa cum laude from Wartburg College in 2008 with a triple major in History, American History Education, and World History Education. She got her start in the museum world volunteering as the Archivist with the Holmen Area Historical Society. Now, as the Museum Services Associate at the Monroe County Local History Room in Sparta, WI, Hannah enjoys assisting with local history research projects, and she is also a professional genealogist.  After La Crosse County was established in 1851, it began to be rapidly settled by a number of European immigrant groups—including Norwegians who were drawn to the fertile farm land of the ridges and coulees in the La Crosse area. The vast majority of those Norwegian immigrants were (<i>continued on next page</i>)	Northwoods C

(Wednesday, continued from previous page)

	transplants from the Ringsaker, Valdres, and Gjøvik areas of Norway. The first Norwegian Lutheran congregations in La Crosse County were not within the City of La Crosse, but in the rural areas of Bostwick Valley, Lewis Valley, La Crosse Valley, and Halfway Creek. Learn about the early history of these four Norwegian Lutheran churches—many of which are still around today—including the growth of each, the various hardships they faced and overcame, and how Halfway Creek became the “Cradle of Luther College.”	
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Tour to Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center—(<i>pre-registration required</i>)—<i>registration fee includes Bus, Norskedalen Museum entry fee, Dinner, and Evening Concert</i> Bus to Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center, Coon Valley, WI. Late afternoon meal provided; Includes “Music in the Valley” Concert; visit with Blaine Hedberg of the Westby Historical Society.	Coon Valley, WI
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Solørlag Annual Business Meeting	Badgers Den

Thursday, 7 August

Time	Event	Location
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	Gudbrandsdalslaget Annual Business Meeting	Badgers Den
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Northwoods Reception Area
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Vendor Displays Open	Timberlands Room (Level 2)
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Silent Auction ; Bidding ends at 2:30 PM (<i>winners will be revealed at 3:45 PM</i>)	Pines Room (Level 2)
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Genealogy Lab Open	Northwoods AB
9:00 AM – 2:45 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Hearth Room,
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Seminar: Skinnfell — Harnessing a Folk Art Tradition for Farm Sustainability — Heidi Eger Heidi raises 100% grass-fed lamb and mutton at Radicle Heart Farm in Canton, MN. 2025 is her 7th season managing her own flock. In her quest to honor the animals harvested to nourish families, Heidi has been exploring ways to celebrate all the parts of each sheep. Almost a decade ago, a coworker showed her a book in Norwegian with the most beautiful pictures of stamped sheepskins and she’s been deep down the rabbit hole of Skinnfell ever since. In 2024, she finally got to work with sheepskins from her own flock.  Skinnfell is the Nordic traditional folk art of creating bedding, clothing, toys, and decor from stamped sheepskins. Learn the history of Skinnfell and hear how Minnesota sheep farmer Heidi Eger is connecting with her family heritage and honoring her flock by creating clothing and decor from stamped sheepskins. This presentation will include both a discussion of the traditions and history of this art and the story of how a modern take is helping Heidi meet her goals.	Northwoods C

(continued on next page)

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Break—Visit Hospitality Suite and Vendors	Hearth Room, Timberlands Room (Level 2)
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Seminar: The Coffin Ships: Death on the Ocean Voyage & One Family's Story — Glenn Borreson Glenn Borreson is a retired Lutheran pastor, ordained in 1971 in North Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, rural Ettrick, Wisconsin. A graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, he has served congregations in Decorah, Iowa, and South Wayne, Elroy, Mauston, and Holmen, Wisconsin. After he retired, he began researching his family history, a move that led to preparing and presenting programs on his Norwegian-American heritage. Besides doing historical research, he enjoys woodworking and confesses he reads too many mysteries. He and his wife Mary live in Holmen, Wisconsin.  Imagine yourself a child boarding a ship in Norway with your family, only to arrive weeks later in an American port city without your mother: she died on the ocean crossing and was buried at sea. What does that mean for you and your family? Will you have a home again? Can America still be “the golden land of opportunity?” This program is about the Norwegian immigrant experience crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a “coffin ship,” and specifically the story of one of Glenn’s ancestor families and its struggle to begin a new life in America.	Northwoods C
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 PM	Genealogy Lab closes for packing and converting to Banquet space.	
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Seminar: Courting and Marriage Customs in 19th Century Norway—Dennis Haarsager Dennis Haarsager grew up in Minnesota and South Dakota, a grandson of Norwegian homesteaders from Stadsbygd in Trøndelag to LaMoure County, North Dakota, and of Swedish and Danish immigrants to Otter Tail County, Minnesota. His paternal grandfather, Elias Jensen Haarsager (1855-1926), was a charter member of Trønderlag of America in 1910.  He is thrice-retired from a long career in public radio and television, most of it in Washington State. From 2008-10 he worked at National Public Radio, serving as Interim president and CEO, followed by two years as senior VP. He served on the boards of PBS, NPR, and other national and regional organizations. Dennis’ genealogy work was sparked in 1979 by a cousin who published a paternal family history in 1979. He has made several trips to Norway beginning in 1986, built a library of 33 bygdebøker, and maintains a website called Stadsbygd.info to share a large database of genealogy information. (continued on next page)	Northwoods C

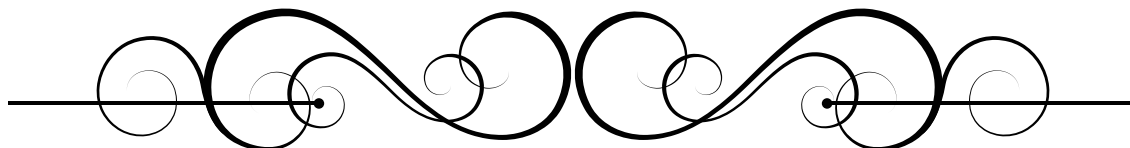
	If you spend time researching Norwegian scanned church books, you will see the word <i>uægte</i> (or <i>uekte</i>), meaning “illegitimate” next to a surprising number of birth records on almost every page. If you dig deeper, you will see an even larger number of “short” first pregnancies – births less than 40 weeks after the wedding. Not infrequently, the “first” child after marriage was actually the second child. This presentation highlights research that sheds a light on our ancestors courting and marriage practices before – and sometimes after – they emigrated to America. Eilert Sund (1817-75) was a teacher, scholar and, later, Lutheran pastor who graduated in 1846 from the University of Christiania (Oslo). He published 15 books on Norwegian social conditions between 1850 and 1869, two of which have been translated into English. Sundt is credited as Norway’s first professional sociologist. These studies were funded by the Storting, analyzing both nationwide data provided by parish clergy and notes from interviews he conducted in travels to selected parishes. The books, <i>On Marriage in Norway</i> (1855, English trans. 1980) and <i>On the State of Morality in Norway</i> (1857, trans. 1993) are used in this presentation along with data from the <i>Stadsbygd kirkebøker</i> for selected years. Data from Trøndelag, Gudbrandsdal, Nord Hedmark and Hedemarken, Solør, and Romerik will be highlighted.	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Seminar: Exploring Biographies: Early LaCrosse Area Immigrants — Laura Godden Laura Godden has been an assistant professor/archivist at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) Murphy Library Special Collections/Area Research Center since 2012. As part of that role, she frequently presents and writes on historical and archival topics, notably co-authoring a book on La Crosse’s history told through postcards. Additionally, she serves as a UWL Oral History Program board member, heritage preservation commissioner, National History Day judge, and chair of the UW System Archives Council. She holds master’s degrees in history and library/information science, both from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Like many communities across the nation, immigrants have significantly shaped the La Crosse area. This presentation will highlight some of their impact through a selection of biographies, primarily focused on Norwegians who made La Crosse home in the mid-to-late nineteenth century. Assembled using a variety of records under the presenter’s stewardship at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Murphy Library Special Collections/Area Research Center, the presentation will also show how the synthesization of distinct archival sources can help us better understand the lives and experiences of our predecessors.	 Northwoods C

(continued on next page)

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Silent Auction — Winning Bidders: pick up and pay for the items you won		
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Social Hour with Cash Bar		
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Flere Lag Group Photos: Important: be on time for your lag’s photo shoot!		
5:15 PM	Solørlag of America		TBA
5:25 PM	Trønderlag of America		
5:35 PM	Gudbrandsdals Lag National		
5:45 PM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag		
5:55 PM	Romerikslaget i Amerika		
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM	Stevne Banquet (<i>pre-registration required</i>) Emcee: Sid Stivland Entertainment: Wergeland Dancers Bunad Parade		Northwoods A, B, & C

Friday, 8 August

Time	Event	Location
7:45 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakfast and check out of hotel Turn in Evaluations in box at Registration table	
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Annual Business Meeting	Badgers Den
9:00 AM	Head on home! <i>Join us again next year for Flere Lag Stevne 2026 (Tentative dates: 15-18 September 2026)</i>	
Safe Travels! See you next year !		



2024 Flere Lag Stevne, Willmar, MN

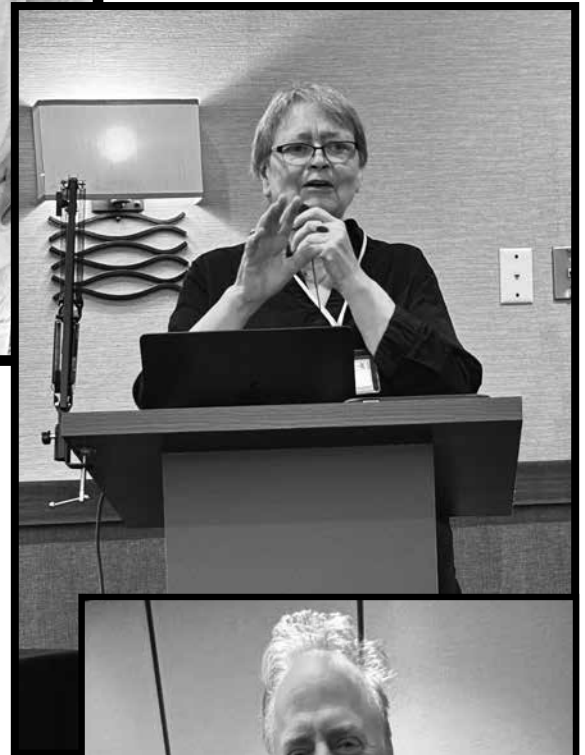
More Photos

(continued from page 6)



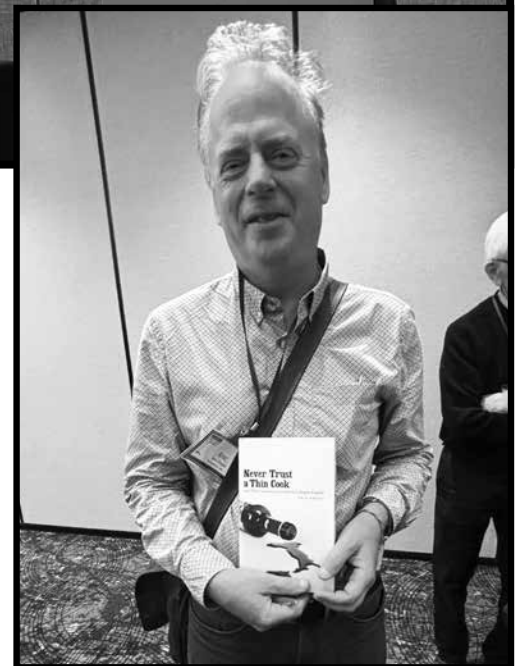
L to R: Polly Johnson, Jeff Jorgenson, Jackie Johnson (seated), Jane Holmquist, Theresa Nelson

Speaker Gracia Grindal:
"The Place of the Church in
Norwegian Immigration
to America"



Speaker Sandra Bestland:
"Women Pioneers:
From Amsterdam to Swaziland"

Many thanks to those who took casual stevne photos
seen in these pages: Credits go to: Norma Barnes, Dixie Hansen,
Jeff Jorgenson, Merilee Mortenson, and Gary Romsaas.



Banquet Speaker Eric Dregni:
"For the Love of Cod: Is Norway Truly the
Happiest Country on Earth?"

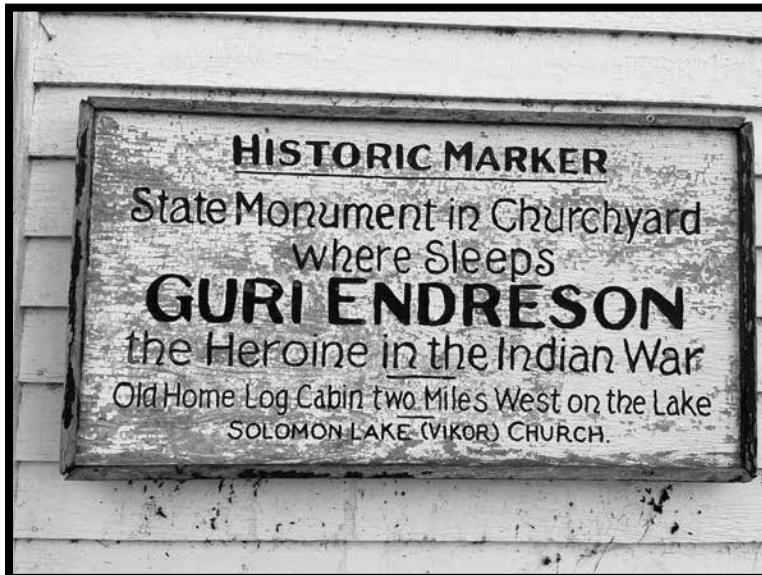


Martha Hegge Balfanz and Marilyn Sorensen assist a researcher in the Genealogy Lab



Debra Lee Pritchard does research in the Lab

Genealogy Lab

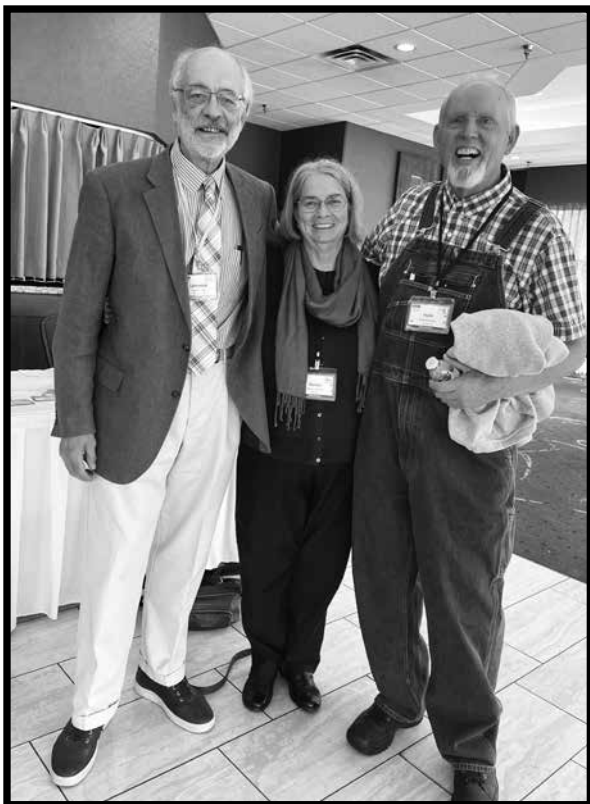


Steune Tour

Sign and plaque commemorating the Guri Endreson monument. Her cabin was one of the oldest buildings on its original site (built 1858) in Kandiyohi County.

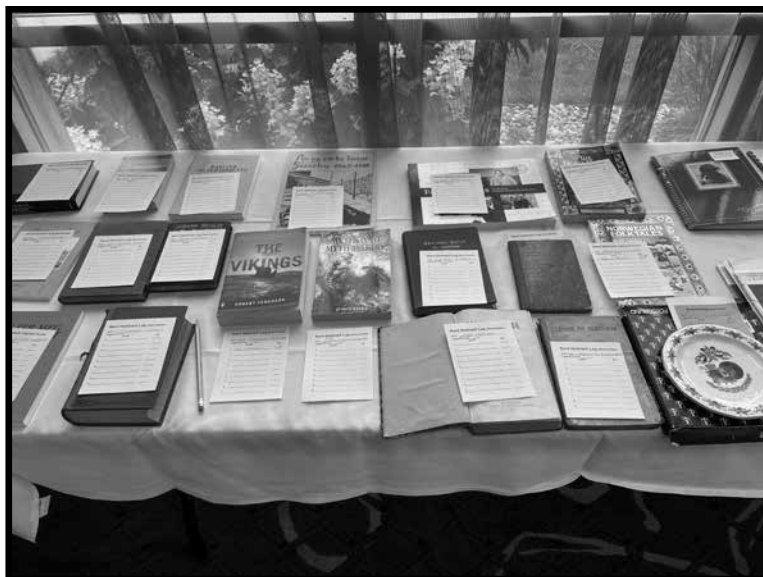
The monument is located in the cemetery at Vikor Lutheran Church near Willmar, MN. The congregation for this church was first formed at the cabin home of Guri Endreson.



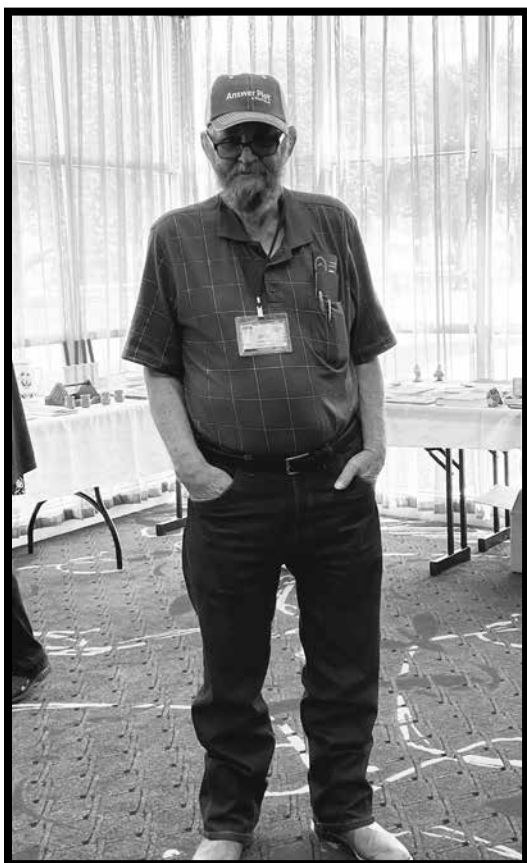


Keynote Speaker: Lawrence Moe,
with Mark and Marilee Mortensen

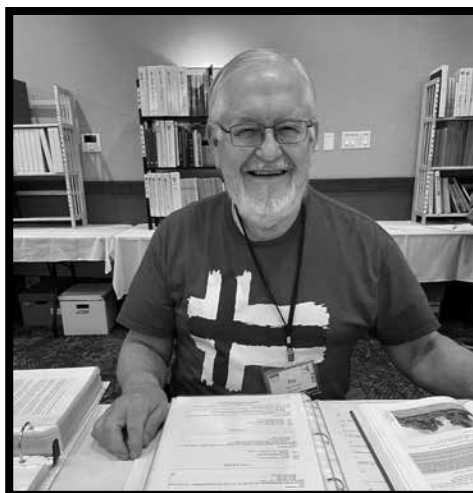
Silent Auction Items



John Peterson and Dick Lundgren



Jerry Hanson



Ray A. Olson in the Genealogy Lab

Banquet & Bunad Parade 2024



Jean Berg and M.C. Sid Stivland



Dave & Diane Clounch;
Darrell & Sandy Johnson



Ann Romo and Judy Davis



Martha Hegge Balfanz

Norma Kjenstad Barnes
& Sid Stivland



Linda & Carlton Bjerkaas, Gary Romsaas

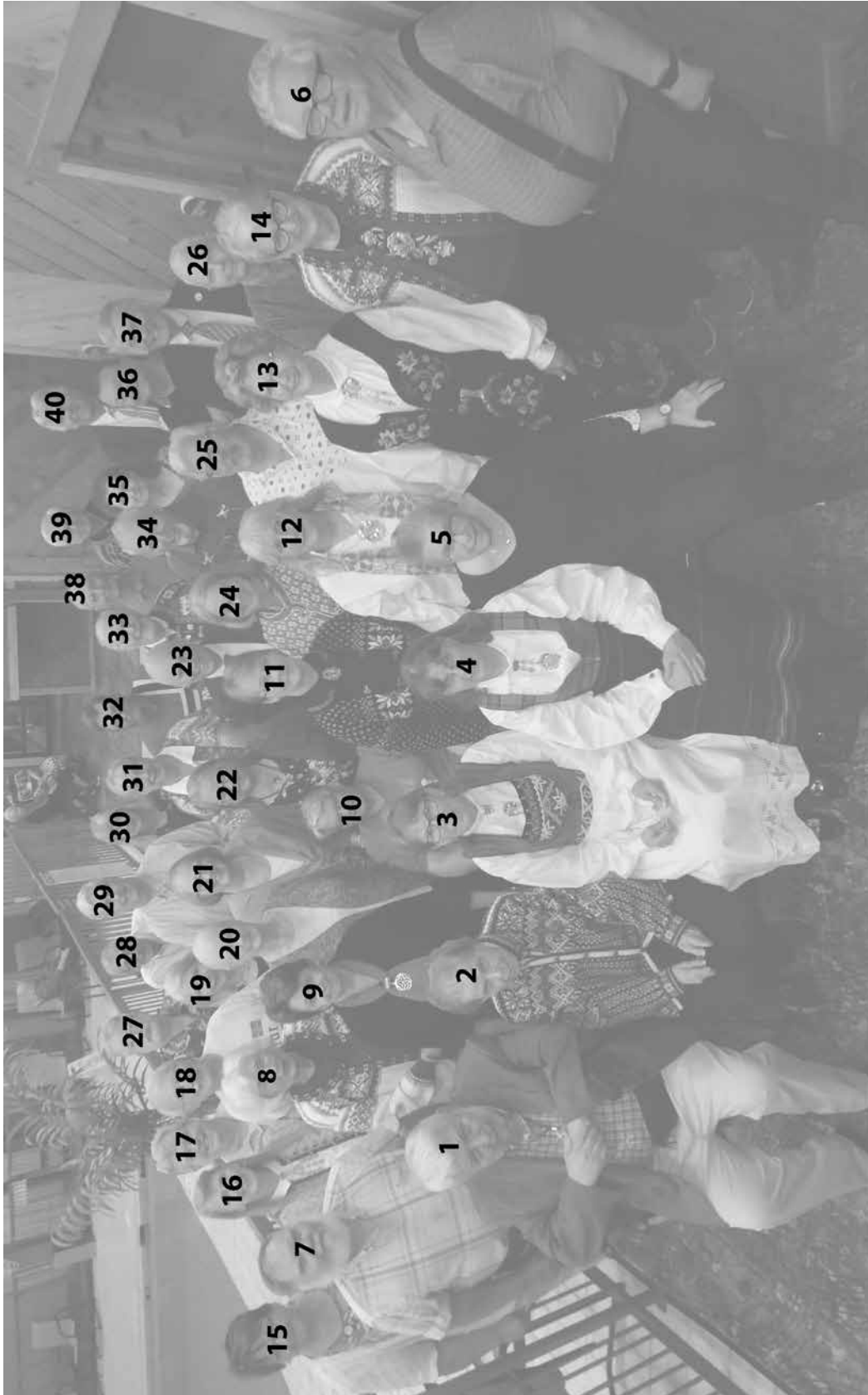


Lag Group Photos



Gudbrandsdalslaget—Willmar, MN—2024



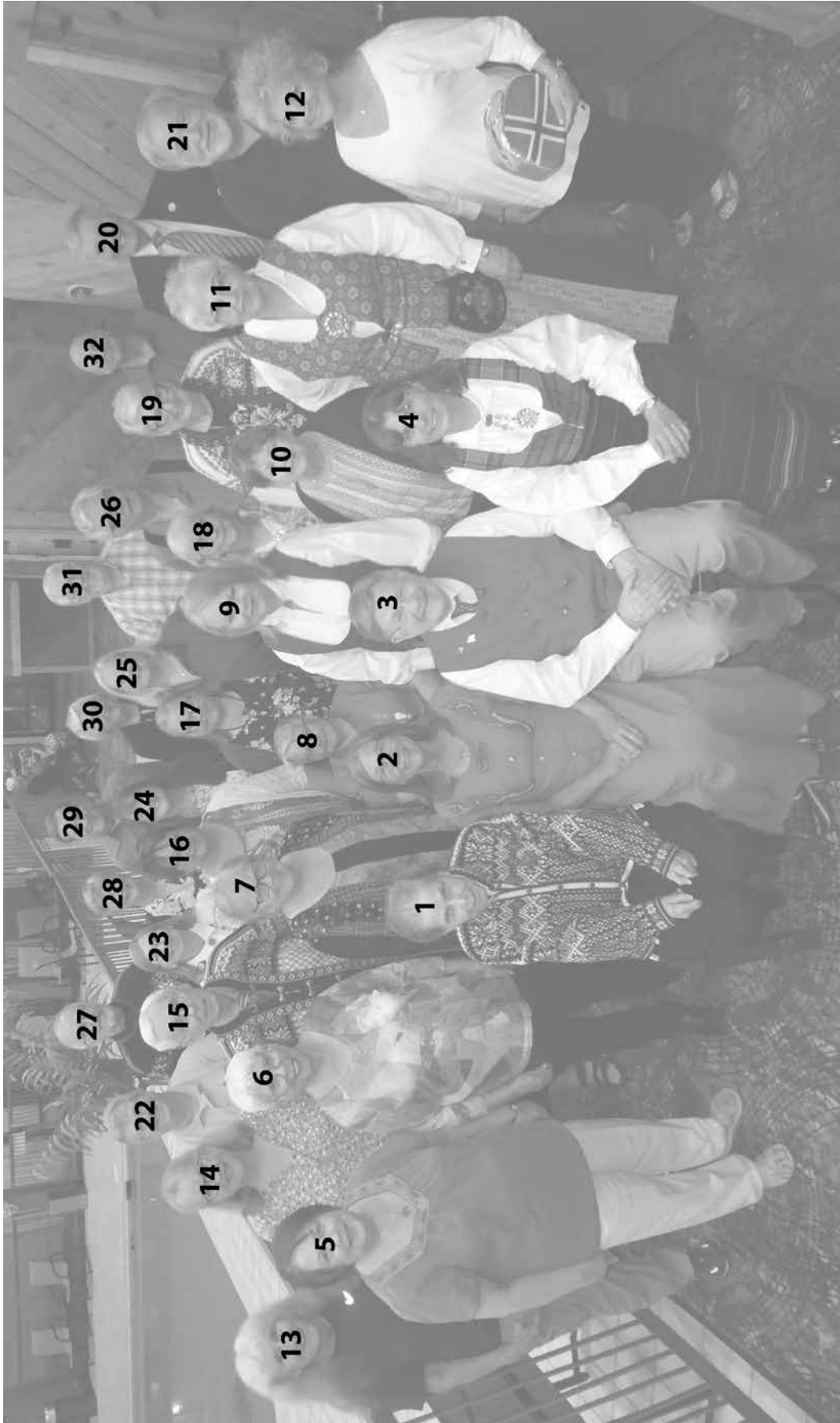


(1) Jeff Jorgenson, (2) Marilyn Sorensen, (3) Mary Tyner, (4) Linda Lowry, (5) Kathy Pedersen, (6) Randy Anderson, (7) Larry Sloan, (8) Peg Schellin, (9) Elaine Hasleton, (10) Jackie Johnson, (11) Beverly Olson, (12) Joy Haugan Williams, (13) Martha Balfanz, (14) Susan Anderson, (15) Theresa Nelson, (16) Nancy Pickering, (17) Jeff Svare, (18) Steve Schellin, (19) Linda George, (20) Mary Martin, (21) Valerie Matthiesen, (22) Polly Johnson, (23) John F. Peterson, (24) Marilee Mortenson, (25) David Williamson, (26) Roger Hellesvig, (27) David Clouch, (28) Jim Tyner, (29) Don Matthiesen, (30) Diane Clouch, (31) Barbara Nelson, (32) Jerry Hanson, (33) Doug Johnson, (34) Mark Mortenson, (35) Gail Winger, (36) Jerry Saude, (37) Gary Romsaas, (38) Dick Lundgren, (39) Joel Botten, (40) Sid Stivland



Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken—Willmar, MN—2024



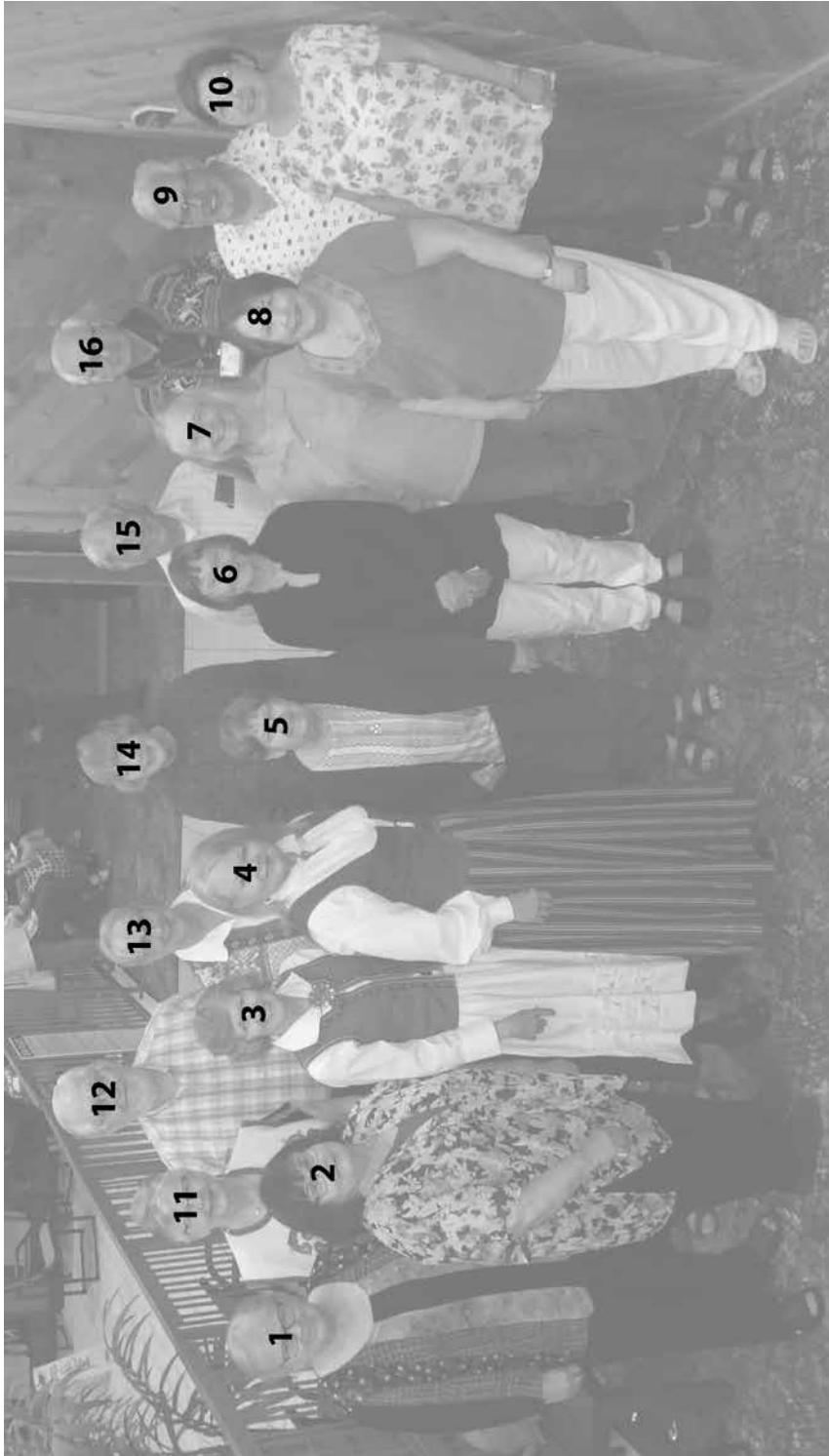


(1) Marilyn Sorensen, (2) Jeri Johnson, (3) Donald Teigen, (4) Linda Lowry, (5) Joy Shong, (6) Carol Byerly, (7) Jean Knaak, (8) Jackie Johnson, (9) Norma Kjenstad Barnes, (10) Carol Olson, (11) Judy Davis, (12) Magdalena Nelson, (13) Dixie Hansen, (14) Ramona Roller, (15) Raymond M. Olson, (16) Theresa Nelson, (17) Polly Johnson, (18) Joy Haugan Williams, (19) Susan Anderson, (20) Gary Romsaas, (21) Kris Nelson, (22) Jeff Svare, (23) Sandy Johnson, (24) Debra Lee Pritchard, (25) Julie Glowka, (26) Randy Anderson, (27) Darrell Johnson, (28) Sally West, (29) Larry West, (30) Karen Mullen, (31) Ray A. Olson, (32) David Nordhaugen



Romerikslaget i Amerika—Willmar, MN—2024



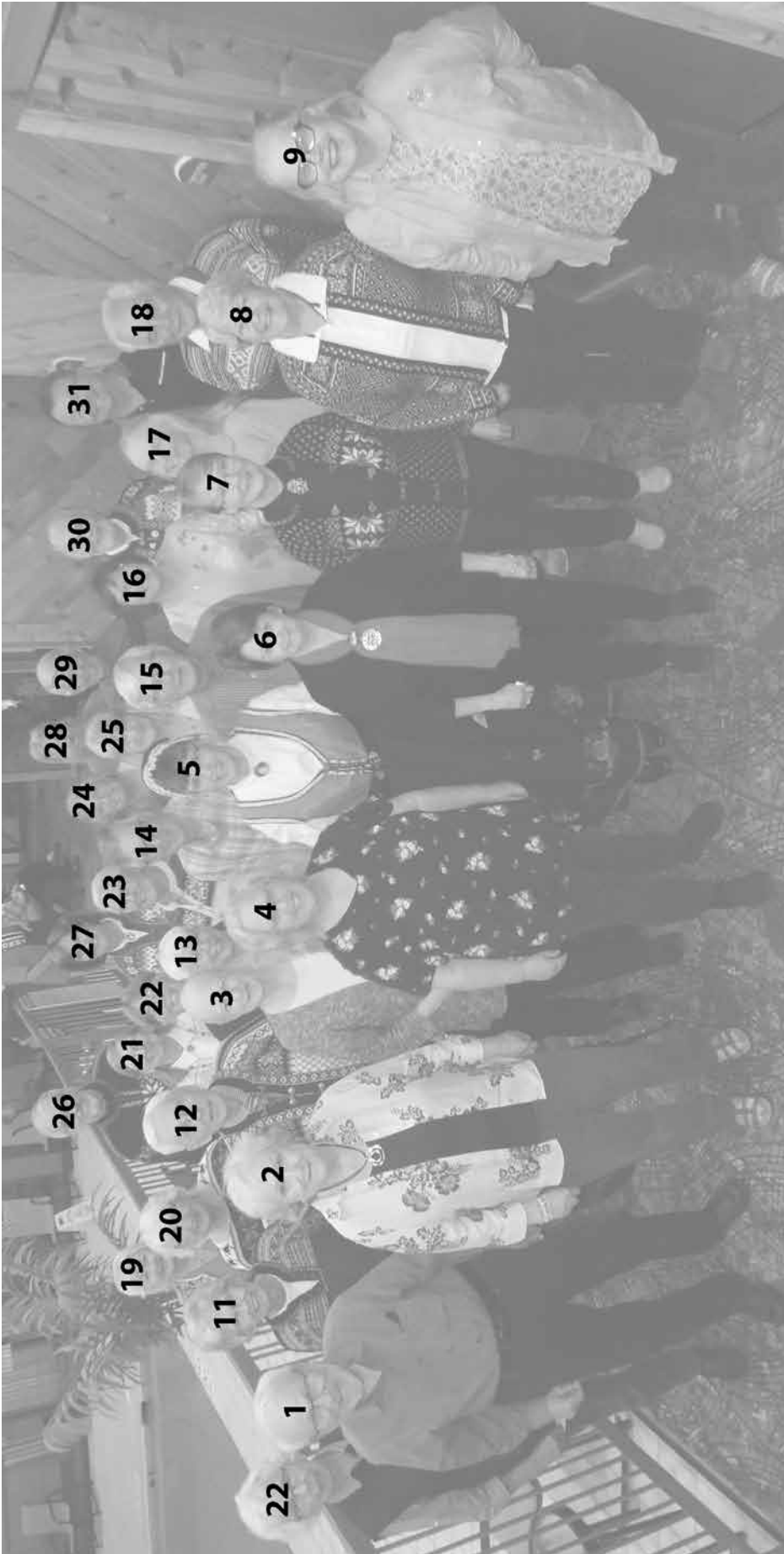


Front row, left to right: (1) Jean Knaak, (2) Sharon Ell, (3) Mary Baumgartner, (4) Norma Kjenstad Barnes, (5) Carol Olson, (6) Linda McKeen, (7) Julie A. Clauson, (8) Joy Shong, (9) David Williamson, (10) Mary Gross
 Back row, left to right: (11) Ann Romo, (12) Ray A. Olson, (13) Barbara Nelson, (14) Cindy Ostlie, (15) Chuck McKeen, (16) Joel Botten



Solør Lag of America—Willmar, MN—2024





(1) Homer Saetre, (2) Kathy Sielaff, (3) Mary Martin, (4) Shanna Kurth, (5) Jean Berg, (6) Elaine Hasleton, (7) Beverly Olson, (8) Linda Embertson, (9) Karen Weiberg, (10) Esther Saetre, (11) LaVonne Hookom, (12) Raymond M. Olson, (13) Carol Byerly, (14) Rod Kurth, (15) Andy Berg, (16) Lori Conklin, (17) Julie A. Clauson, (18) Raymond Embertson, (19) Barb Weibeler, (20) Kathy Johnson, (21) Sandy Johnson, (22) LeAnn Hookom, (23) Terry Erredge, (24) Carol Kurth, (25) Pam Nemzek, (26) Darrell Johnson, (27) Jeanne Anderson, (28) Denny Kalvig, (29) Larry Kurth, (30) Doug Johnson, (31) Jerry Saude



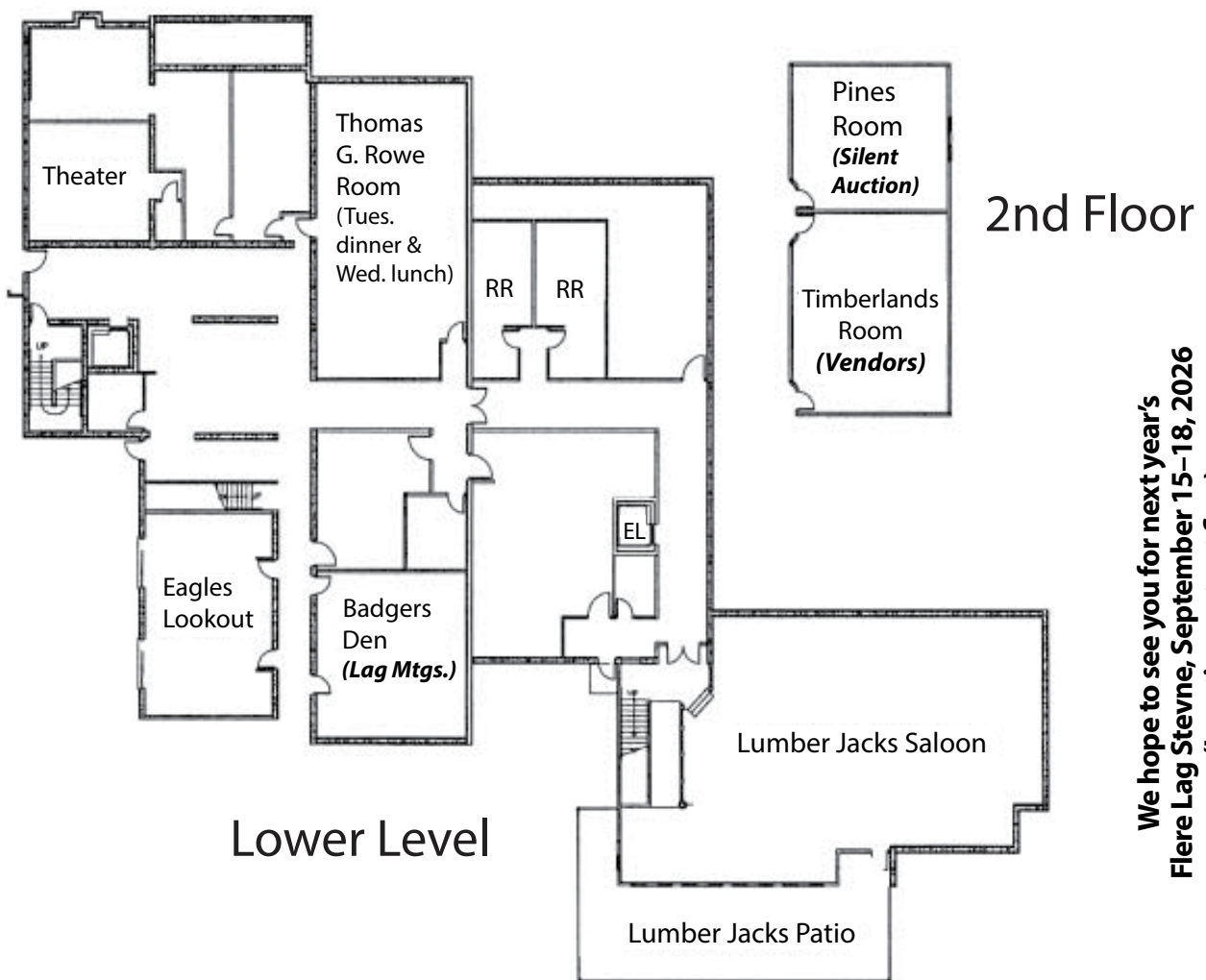
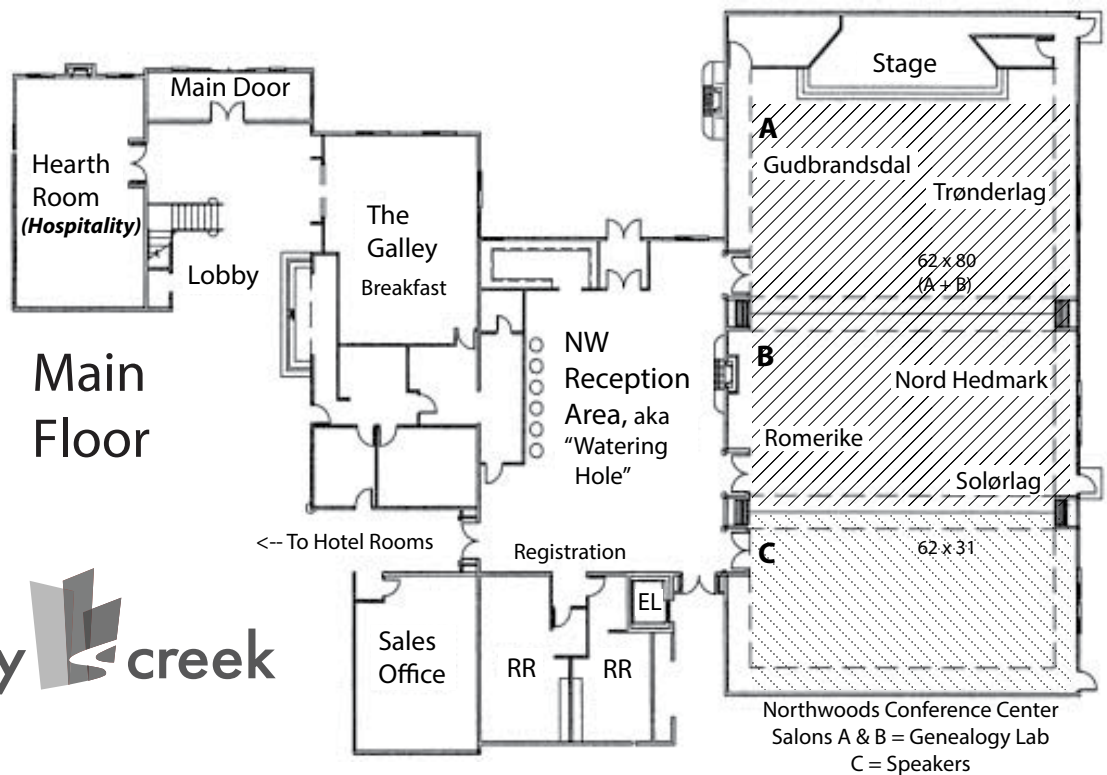
Trønderlag of America—Willmar, MN—2024



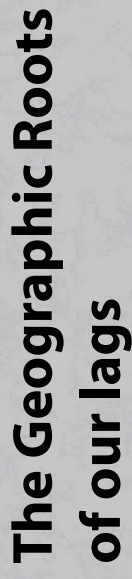


(1) Joy Haugan Williams, (2) Judy Davis, (3) Ann Romo, (4) Linda Lowry, (5) Kathy Pedersen, (6) LaVonne Hookom, (7) Susan Haugen, (8) Carol Byerly, (9) Trudy DeKeuster, (10) Linda Bjerkaas, (11) Amy Christenson, (12) Sue Eckert, (13) David Williamson, (14) Julie A. Clauson, (15) Barry Dahl, (16) Terry Erredge, (17) Roberta Takle, (18) Mary Martin, (19) Linda McKeen, (20) Julie Glowka, (21) Sandy Johnson, (22) Roger Hellesvig, (23) Sue Westhoff, (24) Raymond M. Olson, (25) Jerry Ugland, (26) Chuck McKeen, (27) Carlson Bjerkaas, (28) Darrell Johnson, (29) Gary Romsaas, (30) Tom Westhoff, (31) Duane Haugen, (32) Karen Mullen, (33) Sam Christenson, (34) Gerald Frisbie

Stoney Creek Conference Center, La Crosse/Onalaska, WI



We hope to see you for next year's
Flere Lag Stevne, September 15-18, 2026
(Location not yet firm)



Trønderlag

Romerikslag

Gudbrandsdal

