

# Nordfjordlag E-News

## Stevne Rescheduled for 2021

September 19, 2021 Nordfjordlag meets in Spicer, Mn. at Green Lake Bible Camp. Hopefully by then this COVID-19 pandemic will finally be under control. The contract from this last year has been moved to 2021 without any penalties. Between now and next spring, the board will be working to find a speaker and entertainment for next fall. If you have ideas or suggestions for a program or entertainment, please let one of your Lag officers know!

## Stevner Lost

1918 - Nordfjordlag canceled due to the WWI and Spanish Flu pandemic.

1942-1945 - None held due to WW-II and the Polio lockdown.

2001 – Not held due to the World Trade center attack.

2020 - Nordfjordlag canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Sound familiar? I doubt that any of us remember 1918 but most of us remember the rest of them. It is always sad to have to cancel or miss a stevne. Most of us look forward to the event and meeting up with old friends and relatives (let's admit it, most of us are related in some way). The story from the archives in today's issue ties the Rodi's and the Thorson's and many other of our families together, if not directly in blood then at least geographically. In these tough times meeting an old friend for an afternoon would be refreshing. Here's to 2021 and better times together. Stay well, stay safe and stay in touch.

## How are you doing?

Welcome to the second issue of Nordfjordlag E-News. In the last issue I asked for feedback on anyone who may have died since our last stevne and to my delight I got no response! I take that to mean that we are all still here. Great!

I have so many interests that keep me busy, so I have not really felt too restricted. We live across from a park surrounding a city lake and the daily activities we see from our windows keep us from feeling isolated.

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### 'Visit the Archive in 2020'

See an article about Carrie (Kirkeeide) Thorson, an early member of the lag.

## From the Archives

*Gene Rodi, Lag Librarian*

**"From the Archives"** is a feature from times past gleaned from the Nordfjordlag archives. I hope to bring you texts, articles, and copies of news items of interest from these collections.

Carrie (nee Kari Kirkeeide) and Rasmus Thorson (Hogrenning) were long-time members of Nordfjordlag. The following is an article on the life of Kari. She and Rasmus were listed in our lag records as early as 1913. This is a new addition to the archives, but I thought it was relevant to our times.

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### Goats made her gruff; U.S. beckoned

Goodbye Norway – Hello Minnesota

Her mother died when she was 8, and her father took his own life behind the family's Norwegian farmhouse. But it was her disdain for goats more than anything else that prompted Kari Kirkeeide to leave that farm and trade Nordfjord for Nordeast.

"Da truth is I just couldn't milk another goat," she told her grandson in 1969, through a lilting Norwegian accent. By then, she'd been known for more than 60 years as Carrie Thorson, her married and Americanized name.

Now, nearly 50 years after she died in 1974 at 95, her life story has been captured in a book compiled and published by that grandson, Paul Arneson. Aptly titled "I Couldn't Milk Another Goat," it's available on Amazon.

"I hated tending the goats when I was a girl. They wiggled and fidgeted and jumped and bellowed a weird noise. It was like a, wrestling match for me to get a full pail of milk," she writes. She fondly remembered her early days in Norway, she adds, "but it would have been better without the damn goats."

Her 1903 immigration journey to Minnesota, at age 24, was far from unique. Within two years of her arrival, the state boasted roughly a quarter-million Norwegian émigrés - and nearly one in five lived in Minneapolis.

Thorson began writing her memoir when she was 90 on McKinley Street in northeast Minneapolis, the last of nine Northeast homes she lived in from 1903 to 1971.



*Photo courtesy of grandson Paul Arneson  
Carrie Thorson, shown before turning 70 in 1948.*

After writing nearly 10 pages, she quit; it was too hard for her to get everything down in English. Despite more than 70 years in Minnesota, she still wrote shopping lists in Norwegian, according to Arneson, 74, along time U.S. Air Force colonel who lives near Washington, D.C. But his grandmother didn't want to burden descendants with translating her story.

Don't worry, Arneson told her. He began taping interviews with her, taking notes and scouring her journal, chock full of newspaper clippings and

photos. They worked together for nearly five years before she died in 1974. Now retired, Arneson finally dusted off the project.

"Until recently I don't think I truly appreciated the gift Carrie Thorson had given me in our talks," he writes in the book's preface. "Her, memory for events was amazing. It took me several years to realize just how revealing she had been."

Arneson urges people to "document stuff" before their elders die. "They'll say they can't do it or no one will care what happened back in Norway," he said, "but that leaves relatives short-sheeted."

Take for example his grandmother's pre-immigration job as a hotel chamber maid, before her 10-day voyage in 1903 on the S.S. Ivernia from Liverpool to New York.

Kari left the farm at 19 in 1897 with her younger sister, Bertha, to live and work as maids at the plush Alexandra Hotel in her home village of (*Loen in*) Nordfjord. German Kaiser Wilhelm II would sail his yacht there and stay at the hotel, where Kari often cleaned his room.

"He was always a gentle man and talked to us girls like a common fellow," she writes. "I got to see him in the mornings when his mustache wasn't perfectly greased to a fine point."

She met someone else at the hotel in 1898, an inn carpenter named Rasmus Hogrenning. "It didn't take long to decide we were meant for each other and that we both wanted to go to Minnesota," she writes.

Rasmus went ahead of her to find work in Minneapolis. He changed his name to Thorson and launched a 40-year career with the Washburn Crosby Co. (later General Mills), eventually becoming head millwright.

She joined him four years later. Their, 56-year marriage produced five children, one of whom died as a baby. Carrie outlived Rasmus and three more of their children.

"I lost Rasmus one summer afternoon when he went to the backyard to rest after helping me with the laundry" she writes. "I walked outside later with a glass of lemonade for him and he had passed away in his lawn chair. I miss him every day."

The book includes many such bittersweet moments and enough of Thorson's trademark candor to keep readers surprised. For example, as she gears up to detail life during the Great Depression, she gets personal:

"I'm usually more private than this but this is my story so let me mention a word describing how 1929 started, Menopause," she writes. 'As if 1929 didn't bring enough issues to contend with, I got 'it' Like so many women who went through the 'change of life' back in the early days, I was ... addicted to Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Tonic.' The book includes an ad she had clipped with a woman avowing that the tonic helped with her "nerves and other bad feelings."

"Rasmus had to suffer through Prohibition, but I had Lydia Pinkham," she writes.

The book is written mostly for family members, but Carrie Thorson makes it a worthwhile pandemic read.

"Grandma Thorson," Arneson said, "was one real tough cookie."

*Curt Brown's tales about Minnesota's history appear each Sunday. Readers can send him ideas and suggestions at [mnhistory@startribune.com](mailto:mnhistory@startribune.com). His latest book looks at 1918 Minnesota, when flu, war and fires converged:*  
<http://strib.mn/MN1918>.

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*This text is an article cut from the STAR TRIBUNE, MINNESOTA HISTORY section, of SUNDAY JULY 26, 2020. The article was written by contributing freelance writer CURT BROWN following an interview with the author Paul Arneson.*

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Paul Arneson told me, "Grandma would be delighted to know that her story is being published in a Nordfjordlag Newsletter!" A copy of Paul's book, *I Couldn't Milk Another Goat* was sent to me and I will be putting it into Nordfjordlags library.

Gene Rodi



## Pauls Book



Gene,

*Grandma would want me to do this. If any reader of the newsletter wants a copy of the book, I'll offer them a \$6.00 discount. It's \$15.99 on Amazon, but if they write to me at [psarneson@gmail.com](mailto:psarneson@gmail.com) and ask for a copy, I'll personally autograph one and send it for \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage. They can send the payment after the book arrives. If I can't trust Norfjordings, who can I trust?*

*I just wanted you to know that my grandparents, Rasmus and Carrie Thorson, we're not only active members of the Dovre Nordfjordlag in Minneapolis, they were what we now call "influencers." Carrie, especially, was a recruiter with real zeal. The lodge was their way of staying close to Norfjordings and there were never enough of them at the meetings and parties!*

Paul Arneson

Gene's Notes:

Paul called me sometime before releasing his book asking for information on the Dovre Nordfjordlag group in Northeast Minneapolis. I was not able to give him much information, but I did send a couple pictures of the location. Apparently, there were several subgroups associated with the lag in the early days that often met independent of the main stevne in local areas to maintain closer relationships with people within their immediate areas. I have found lag donation records from 1913 thru the mid 1930s that include the Thorson names.

Additional note of interest: The Hogrenning farm is in the Loen valley. It is a neighbor West of Raudi

(Rodi) which is West of Bødal. All three have a direct view across lake Lovatnet of Ramnefjellet.



Rasmus' brother Anders and his family were living at Hogrenning when the landslide took place. They were fine but were well shaken by the events. This disaster is a subject for a later edition.

## What is your story?

As Paul Arneson and I have said "Who will tell your story when you are gone?" During this time with limited personal meetings you have an opportunity to get started on telling that story.

I have recorded and transcribed some of the stories my parents and their siblings had to tell. I've created audio photo albums for several of them (Going through an old photo album while recording their comments for each photo in the book.) I have even written many of my own stories.

"But I can't write!", is the lament I invariably hear when this subject is mentioned. NONSENSE! Is my reply. Your story is not required to be a published novel. It is your story and the way you tell it is how those who follow you want to hear it.

Set out a sheet of paper and write down 4-10 words to remind you of each idea. Later come back and flesh out those words with more about that idea. Then repeat again and again until it is completed. If you absolutely cannot write it then record it while telling someone who will ask you questions. If you still need help, contact me and we'll discuss it more!

## Fellesraad Update on the Archive and Bibliotek at Norway House

By Elaine Hasleton

We are making solid progress toward finalizing the design of the John Haugo Bibliotek and Archive at Norway House! We have worked and reworked the floor plan and design several times for this new area, and we think the final design is going to work well for individuals and groups, both young and old, who visit there.

There are two sections of this facility:

One) The climate-controlled Archive will be in the north end and will have movable shelving and computer workstations. At the Information desk, there will be a scanner and printer available. All Bygdelag will have priority to place their genealogical collections, including Bygdebøker. The advantage is to preserve these and make them available year-round. Of course, Lag materials can be checked out for their Stevne.

Two) The Bibliotek Discovery area will be a modern interactive area with numerous “stations.” It will be a discovery experience. These are some of them:

Emigration & Immigration; Famous Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans; Norwegian-American and Norwegian-Canadian Settlements; A “Record My Story” area for recording and preserving our family histories.



*Experiencing the discovery experience with Grandma and Grandpa.*

The southeast corner will be an Activity area where a person can learn such things as Where Do I Come From; All About Me; How Do I Look in My Ancestors' Shoes.

A DNA area will be included, with explanatory DNA info. Our tentative plan is to provide a method to purchase DNA kits at the Bibliotek.

A multi-purpose room will be available for groups and families. We will have an Alcove to place

monitors with pertinent information in the tunnel leading from the current Albert H. Quie Education Building to the Archive and Bibliotek in the Events Building.



*I'm related to these famous people!*

You may ask yourself: “How can I assist with this huge undertaking?” We need you! You are the ones who know your geographical localities. First, share your Bygdelag charter members and famous Norwegians information. Several Bygdelag have already done so. A big “thank you” to them.

But there are many more Lags whose “famous” information would be valuable to incorporate. If you have information on Norwegian settlements in the U.S. or Canada, that is critically needed. The more we populate these databases, the better the whole discovery experience will be in the Bibliotek.

If you want to volunteer, please contact me at [hasleton@familysearch.org](mailto:hasleton@familysearch.org) or [eehasleton@gmail.com](mailto:eehasleton@gmail.com) or by cell phone 1-801-718-0379.

Photos from Lag member (Gudbrandsdalslaget and Telcelaget) Jessica Bunderson of her children and their cousins at the Lehi Discovery Center. [These photos are used with her permission.] We envision the Bibliotek at Norway House to have many of these same features!



*My Ancestors Came From These Countries & Settled in These Places*

## Library Links from Deichman Bibliotek in Oslo:

*From Elaine Hasleton*

The new remodel at the Deichman Bibliotek in Oslo appeals to the younger generation.

Copy this link into your browser: (Case seems to matter!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsB-V1VX7LI>

“There’s a new cultural hub on the east side of Oslo. You’ll definitely want to visit, but you probably can’t get in. Biblo Tøyen, at Deichman Bibliotek, is a recently revamped youth library exclusively for kids ages 10 to 15. In 2019 the library was named one of the 50 coolest places in the world by TIME [Magazine] for Kids.”

Here is another link with more info about the Biblo Tøyen. (They even use Drones!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=956kDcql6A#LibraryPlanet>

Library Planet – Biblo Tøyen (Oslo, Norway)

## Current Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Elected in</u>
President	Dennis Sorheim	2014
Vice President / Webmaster / Librarian	Gene Rodi	1995
Secretary	Sonia Rache	1997
Treasurer	Bob Swanson	2015
Genealogist	Kevin Hoff	2019
Director	Beverly Anderson	
Director	Martha McCartney	
Director	Gail Holm	

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## Lag Web Page

If you haven’t visited our web page go to <http://www.nordfjordlag.com>

There you can find photos, documents, history, and more information on the history of the lag.

## Leif Eriksson day in the USA

*Supplied by Mike Wick*



It's flag day for me. Mike Wick - Nor-sota Lodge  
- Nordlandslaget

October 9th of each year is "Leif Eriksson Day." To honor Leif Eriksson, son of Iceland and grandson of Norway, and to celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution (Public Law 88-566) approved on September 2, 1964, has authorized the President of the United States to proclaim October 9th of each year as "Leif Eriksson Day." According to Leifsbudir (Leif Ericson) saga 11th-century Norse explorer Leif Eriksson has been credited with sailing to Newfoundland and Labrador on a Knarr (cargo ship) with 35 men, and spent a year (1000-1001) in an area referred to as Vinland, a full 500 years before Columbus. Sorry Nick Mancini, Nitti and the DeGidios of West 7th St. Paul

According to another Saga of the Greenlanders ( [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saga\\_of\\_the\\_Greenlanders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saga_of_the_Greenlanders) ) Thorvald, Leif's brother, thinks that Vinland was not explored enough. Setting sail with a crew of 30, Thorvald arrives in Vinland where Leif had previously made camp. They stay there for the winter and survive by fishing. Two more groups later travel to Canada. Karlsefni's expedition and Freydis's expedition. Modern

archaeological studies have suggested that the L'Anse aux Meadows site was not Vinland itself, but rather was within a larger area called Vinland, which extended south from L'Anse aux Meadows to the St. Lawrence River and New Brunswick. The L'Anse aux Meadows site appears to have served as an exploration base and winter camp for expeditions heading southward into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The settlements of Vinland mentioned in these two sagas, Leifsbudir (Leif Ericson) and Hóp (Norse Greenlanders), have both been claimed as the L'Anse aux Meadows site. For next couple hundred years there was trading back and forth between Greenland and Canada's large Baffin island. In 2012, possible Norse outposts were identified in Nanook at Tanfield Valley on Baffin Island, as well as Nunguvik, Willows Island and the Avayalik Islands.

Here's all about the event that created the date Oct 9th as the Leif Eriksson Day throughout the USA. All Norwegians are obligated to know the history. First Rasmus B. Anderson 1874 published a book claiming Leif Eriksson first discovered America. When the Italians managed to get a holiday Norwegians pushed for a Holiday. During the 1925 at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair, President Calvin Coolidge gave recognition to Leif Eriksson as the discoverer of America because of research by Norwegian-American scholars such as Knut Gjerset and Ludvig Hektoen. 1929 Wisconsin became the first U.S. state to officially adopt Leif Eriksson Day as a state holiday, thanks in large part to efforts by Rasmus Anderson. In 1931 Minnesota also did. By 1956, Leif Eriksson Day had been made an official observance in seven states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, and California) and one Canadian province (Saskatchewan).

In 1963, Senator Hubert Humphrey and Representative John Blatnik, both from Minnesota, introduced bills to observe Leif Eriksson Day nationwide. On September 2, 1964, Congress unanimously authorized and requested the President to create the observance



through an annual proclamation. Lyndon B. Johnson did so that year, as has each president in the years since, often using the proclamation to praise the contributions of Americans of Nordic descent generally and the spirit of discovery. Bills have been introduced in the Parliament of Canada to observe Leif Eriksson Day.



From Peter Odd Jensen Oct 3 2020 "parti fra Henningsvær" This is actually a picture/drawing of the "Bordewich Bryggen" in Henningsvær, in the background you see the main house of Hans Henrik Bordewich (1834-1893) and his family. Hans Henrik was my great great grandfather. One of his daughters Karen Robertine (grew up in the house) married my great grandfather Paul Hilmar Jensen in Christiania.....were the family still lives (Oslo). Hans Henrik Bordewich purchased the "Hjemøens Handelsforetning" i 1882 from the estate of his employer the late "Væreier" Hendrik Drejer. Hans Henrik var the second son of Væreier Johan Peter Bordewich at Lyngvær in the Lofoten island of Austvågøy!

October 9 is not associated with any particular event in Leif Eriksson's life. The date was chosen because the ship Restauration coming from Stavanger, Norway, arrived in New York Harbor on October 9, 1825, beginning a wave of immigration from Norway to America

1825 is considered to be the first organized emigration party to leave from Norway. They sailed to New York on a ship called the Restaurasjonen. Here are pictures of the sloop

that entered New York on Oct 9th. The replica is in Norway if want to visit. It's hard to believe 52 persons including the ship's crew sailed aboard the ship to get to America. One lady even had a baby onboard during the trip.

Here's a outstanding overview history of the ship, the people involved and the ocean crossing. [http://www.norwayheritage.com/articles/templates/norwegian\\_settl.asp?articleid=31&zoneid=17](http://www.norwayheritage.com/articles/templates/norwegian_settl.asp?articleid=31&zoneid=17)

The etching (line drawing) is from a 1909 Norwegian Magazine. The smaller ship kind of looks like the Restaurasjonen sloop of 1825. 1825 is considered to be the first organized emigration party to leave from Norway. In the line artwork the sail post is centered in the ship and not more forward as several paintings of the Restaurasjonen. The drawing is also missing the other sail off the main sail pointing toward the back. Still an interesting etching from a 1909 Norwegian Magazine.

The Norse-American medal was struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1925, pursuant to an act of the United States Congress.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norse-American\\_medal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norse-American_medal)

It was issued for the 100th anniversary of the voyage of the ship Restauration, bringing early Norwegian immigrants to the United States. Minnesota Congressman Ole Juulson Kvale, a Norse-American, wanted a commemorative for the centennial celebrations of the Restauration journey. Rebuffed by the Treasury Department when he sought the issuance of a special coin, he instead settled for a medal. Sculpted by Buffalo



nickel designer James Earle Fraser, the medals recognize those immigrants' Viking heritage, depicting a warrior of that culture on the obverse and his vessel on the reverse. The medals also recall the early Viking explorations of North America.

Once authorized by Congress, they were produced in various metals and sizes, for the most part prior to the celebrations near Minneapolis in June 1925. Only 53 were issued in gold, and they are rare and valuable today; those struck in silver or bronze have appreciated much less in value. They are sometimes collected as part of the U.S. commemorative coin series.



Cargo ship (Knarr) painting - would not of had dragon carvings

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:L. E. C. Rasmussen - Sommernat under den Grønlandske Kyst c  
irca Aar 1000.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:L._E._C._Rasmussen_-_Sommernat_under_den_Grønlandske_Kyst_circa_Aar_1000.jpg)

According to the Iceland Saga's, Leif heard the tale of Bjarni Herjolfsson an explorer who, on attempting to find Greenland for the first time with his crew, was blown off course and sighted hospitable-looking land. Land with mountains, hills and forests to the west. It could well have been the lack of timber that created Leif's interest enough that he bought Bjarni's ship and raised a crew of 35 and set out to discover the land west of Greenland.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenland\\_saga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenland_saga)

Leif and his crew set sail from Greenland to try to find the place discovered by Bjarni. They first

encountered a land of ice and stone, which they called Helluland – Land of the Flat Stones – now widely believed to be Baffin Island. Seeing little there of interest they continued on.

Their next stop was a forested land with white shores which they named Markland, meaning Wood Land. This is thought to be somewhere on the Labrador coast of modern-day Canada. Again, this did not fit the description of Bjarni's rich and fertile discovery and so once more they carried on. After another couple of days of sailing south-west, they finally encountered a place that seemed like the place they were searching for.

They landed at a headland, with an Island offshore, and a pool accessible to ships at high tide in an area with a shallow sea and sandbanks. They established a camp and explored the land, finding great forests for timber, wild wheat growing abundantly, and huge vines of grapes.

Leif called the area Vinland and he and his crew remained there until the spring. They then set sail back to Greenland, loaded with timber, wheat and grapes for their people at home. On the way home, the saga tells of them seeing a shipwreck and rescuing two sailors trapped there. That is how he got the name "Leif Eriksson the Lucky"

A quick note on spelling...while Leif Eriksson is the common English spelling, the surname can also be spelled Ericson. In Norway, it's much more common to see the Norwegian variant Leiv Eiriksson, or even the Old Norse variant Leifr Eiríksson.



(design for 2013)

<https://www.norwegianamerican.com/we-love-leif/>

- Where do the stories about Leif Eriksson adventures come from (Iceland Sagas)
- Here's a link to a Synopsis of the Sagas
- A good overview of the stories before you read the full versions (Eiríks saga rauða).

<https://astrofella.wordpress.com/2014/05/12/saga-of-the-greenlanders/>

Did you know there was many voyages by Greenland and Iceland explorers to North America.

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Vinland#ref226392>

Everything you read from here down is based on two Iceland sagas. You can read the sagas in english using the links below. There are many links if want to explore.

- The Saga of Eric the Red - two translations. Talks about Leif Erikssons 1 year adventure.  
<http://www.americanjourneys.org/pdf/AJ-056.pdf>  
<https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/s/sagas/icelandic/erik-the-reds-saga/>
- Full text of Grœnlendinga saga "The Saga of the Greenlanders (Reeves Translation) It talks a little about Leif Adventures but mostly about

Leif's brother Thorvald 2-year adventure a few years later. Thorfinn Karlsefni, an Icelandic trader visiting Greenland a couple of years later. The last Vinland expedition was led by Erik the Red's daughter Freydis in partnership with two Icelandic traders and their crews.

<https://notendur.hi.is/haukurth/utgafa/greenlanders.html>



#### L'Anse aux Meadows

Here is a link to two of the best sources (the Canadian Encyclopedia)

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/lanse-aux-meadows>) and (google books) <https://books.google.com/books?id=arfWRW5OFVgC&pg=PA82#v=onepage&q&f=false>) I ever found about L'Anse aux Meadows and its purpose. It appears to be a base camp that provided bog iron and trees for repair for Leif Ericsson and others to explore other areas of Canada and the US. In historical records, only one site corresponds in all respects to L'Anse aux Meadows: Straumfjord (Current Fjord), the chief site of Erik the Red's Saga. This saga describes Straumfjord as a base for explorations in various directions and exploitation of resources, chiefly grapes and lumber, from a southerly summer camp called Hóp, which was likely in present-day eastern New Brunswick

(<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/new-brunswick>) or Cape Cod (<https://www.canadianmysteries.ca/sites/vinland/whereisvinland/capecod/indexen.html>).

Given the size of L'Anse aux Meadows and the number of inhabitants, there is a strong argument to be made that L'Anse aux Meadows was Straumfjord in both sagas. From the amount of sod and lumber required for its construction, researchers calculate that it would have taken 60 men two months to build, 90 men a month and a half.

Harvard University article about the sagas (Outstanding)  
<https://chs.harvard.edu/CHS/article/display/6830.part-iii-the-sagas-and-truth-7-the-saga-map-of-v%C3%ADnland>



Where is Vinland - must read the Cape Cod introduction ( another outstanding site)

<https://www.canadianmysteries.ca/sites/vinland/whereisvinland/sagaofgreenlanders/indexen.html>

Life Erikson day in Oct 9th. If you are a collector, type into google "Porsgrund of Norway Leif Erikson Day Commemorative plates" They can be found on the internet. I could not find any google history on the plate. If I were to buy one ( Off the internet) I'd want one in the original box which would most likely have a history and dates.

Porsgrund Porcelain Factory (Porsgrunds Porsel nsfabrik, abbreviated PP) is a porcelain flatware company located at Porsgrunn in Telemark county, Norway. The company's production plant is a popular tourist attraction. The company was founded by Johan Jeremiassen in 1885 and has produced designs by Norwegian artists such as Ferdinand Finne, Theodor Kittelsen, Frans Widerberg and Odd Nerdrum.

## How are you doing?

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Strangers walking by with their children or dogs often smile and wave or say Hi as they pass plus, we have the chance to go for walks in the park while staying a safe distance from others. I hope that you also have found ways to stay social while staying safe. This pandemic has a long way to go before we can say that it is over.

I may have said this before, but it is worth saying again. Reach out to old friends, relatives, or someone who may be shut in and feeling isolated. A phone call or even a letter or card can do so much to brighten the day, both for you and the recipient.

Stay safe out there and we'll see you in September!      Gene Rodi



## Membership:

Interested in becoming a member of Nordfjordlag?

Print this page, fill out the form and send it to the address on the form

# Nordfjordlag in America

## Memberships / Memorials

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If you would like to honor or remember someone with a donation to the Nordfjordlag, please complete the following:

Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special donation to Bunad Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Memberships / Memorials:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Nordfjordlag" for the total amount.

Mail this form and check to: Bob Swanson  
16226 Grinnell Avenue  
Lakeville, MN 55044

## Ending Notes:

If there are members that have died since our last meeting, please forward that information to me so that it can be included in the next issue.

We do not have a set schedule for publishing this newsletter. Much of that depends on what we hear from you, our readers.

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining Nordfjordlag? Send them a link or copy of the **Nordfjordlag E-News** and encourage them to join us. For it is through your personal contacts that 99% of our membership growth comes! Like Kari, be an advocate for lag growth!

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In any case, I'd love to hear from you!

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