

NORSK MUSEUM

Norwegian Center Incorporation Newsletter

January 2020



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Norsk Museum 2019 year in review

This was our biggest year yet! In attendance and in admiration—2020 can only get better! Thanks to YOU. Without your support, we are just an old church.

April 25, 1878

Revival meetings have been in progress at Norway for the past seven weeks and hundreds of our Norwegian neighbors are turning from their evil ways and many have already united with the church.

“How our fathers toiled and how much they suffered, we, their descendants, who are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, can never realize or know; and we owe them a debt of gratitude which we can never pay. The best we can do, is to live worthy lives, and to try to keep green the memories of those who did so little for themselves and so much for us”.

Anderson, Rasmus,
Norwegian Immigration
1821-1840, p. 432.

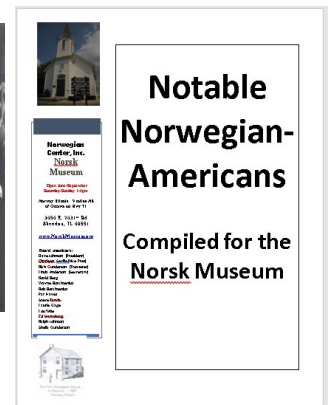
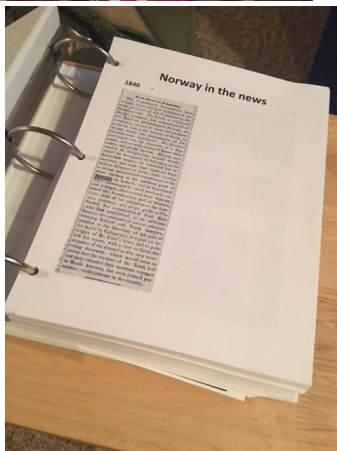
1718 Map of Illinois Territory



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January

- ◇ God Jul tablecloth donation
- ◇ Norwegian Notables book 1,680 names
- ◇ Norway in the news book



February

- ◇ Lars Fletre table donation
- ◇ Partners magazine article
- ◇ Facebook likes project

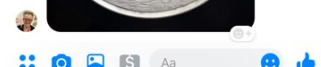


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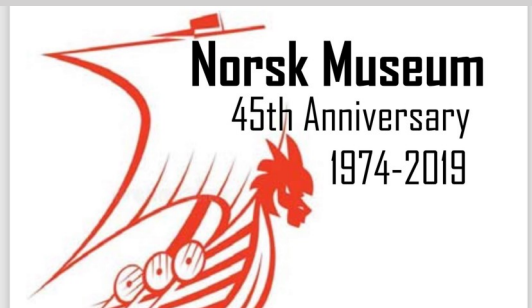
- ◇ Donations \$5 program [takk to Rich!]
- ◇ Fogn Island Sloopers
- ◇ Toftoy story sent to "Our American Story"
- ◇ Lars Waage of Stavanger Norway



Lars Ida Waage is a professional photographer in Stavanger Norway. He has found himself drawn to Stavanger, Illinois and this area. Lars has visited twice this year alone and about 7 times over the past 6 years. He is working on a story about us and the two Stavangers.



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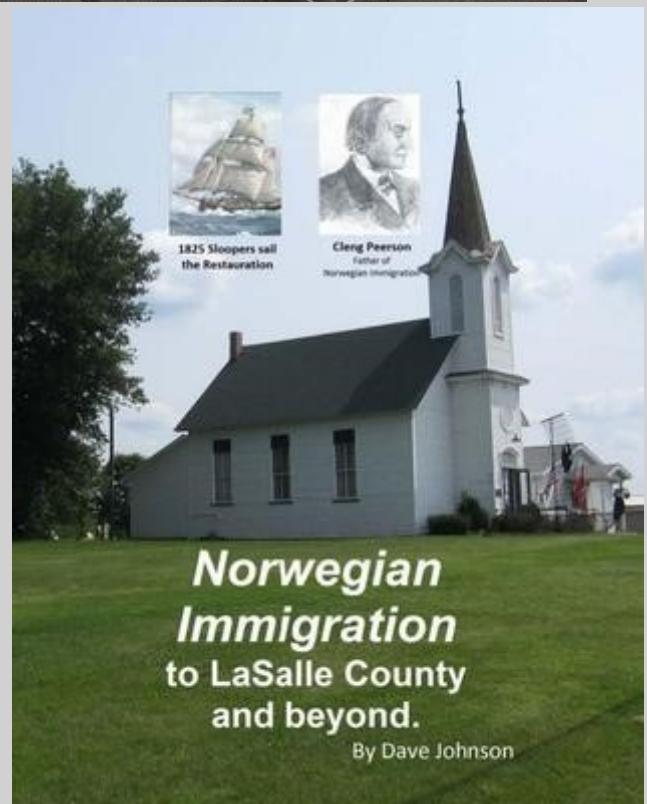


April

- ◇ New display cases [from the former archery shop in Sandwich]
- ◇ 45th Anniversary 1974-2019
- ◇ Promotional items
- ◇ Meet Mark MacKay to illustrate Cleng Peerson children's book
- ◇ Fox River Church donations John Morrow downsizing
- ◇ Norwegian Immigration book in third printing



Mark MacKay is an illustrator from Utica, IL. I sent him a copy of a children's book, I wrote about Cleng Peerson, along with my dream to fill the book with 50+ illustrations. Mark and I met at McDonald's in Ottawa. We had a long talk about our backgrounds and my ideas about the book. Today, Mark creates an illustration about every 1-2 weeks, then his wife Jan emails them to me for review. We currently have a collection of 19 illustrations. We may be ready for publication by 2021. You cannot rush perfection.



In its' third printing! Now also available at the Norway

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May

- ◇ Park Ridge parade
- ◇ Museum clean up
- ◇ Hail tornado
- ◇ New griddle
- ◇ Docent training
- ◇ Stabbur poles

A small tornado passed through Norway, while we were prepping the museum. Large hail!



Rob and his crew at the Norway Tree Farm drilled holes and cemented the footings for the future Stabbur.



A new griddle for fried kumla.

Norwegian Breakfast in June.

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June

- ◇ Duo Scandinavica tour - Jim Nelson & Lori Ann Reinhall -
- ◇ Black Hawk war display
- ◇ School desks
- ◇ Ottawa American Legion donates display case
- ◇ Opening day activities
- ◇ Taste of Norway breakfast



Velkommen til de 5th Annual...

Breakfast in Norway!

Sat., June 1, 2019 8 to 11 a.m.
Norway Community Bldg — Norway, IL
(GPS: 3676 E. 2603rd Rd., Sheridan, IL 60551)

ADULTS	CHILDREN
\$10 (at door)	\$7 (at door)
\$8 (advance)	\$5 (advance)

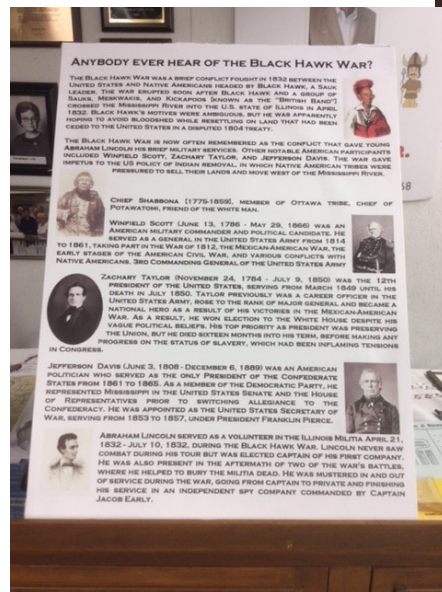
To reserve tickets or more information, call:
815-343-5070

Come and enjoy all your favorite HOMEMADE breakfast foods as well as some great laughs and visiting with friends! Enjoy things like fried Kumla, Norwegian waffles, fresh fruit, sausage, guma, scrambled eggs and much more!

Proceeds go to help support the Norsk Museum Building Fund



Laurie Gage donated two desks to compliment our one-room school.

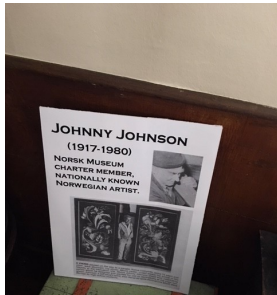
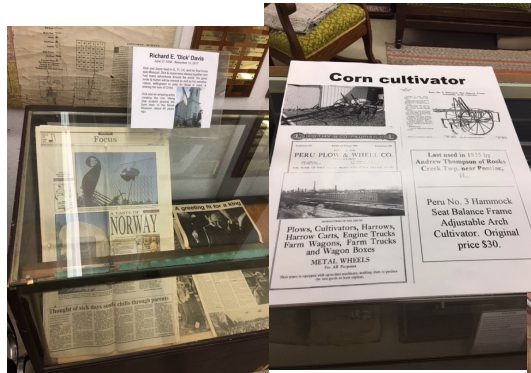


Our tribute to Norwegians serving in the military.

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July

- ◇ Corn cultivator restoration
- ◇ Dick Davis display
- ◇ Johnny Johnson display
- ◇ Tent Revival display
- ◇ Mormon display
- ◇ Astri Genealogy charts
- ◇ Numbering displays
- ◇ Self-guided tour books
- ◇ Boathouse shelving
- ◇ Mannequins dresses
- ◇ Menard's grant letter
- ◇ Norway Cruise Night



August

- ◇ Wedding dresses
- ◇ Rasmussen display
- ◇ Norway Store display
- ◇ Memorial restoration project



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September

- ◇ John Morrow farewell
- ◇ Charter member project
- ◇ Vasa Park
- ◇ Antique appraisals
- ◇ Chuck Kross passed
- ◇ Norway tour bus
- ◇ Museum at night Harvest Moon
- ◇ Marseilles Renaissance Faire



Ken Johnson and Chuck Kross



Vesterheim tours the Norsk Museum after Slooper Meeting



Possible baptismal bowl uncovered during cemetery restoration



October

- ◇ Old Norway Cemetery restoration project
- ◇ Memorial restoration
- ◇ Jorstad murder mystery
- ◇ Smorgasbord insert built
- ◇ Slooper meeting



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November

- ◇ Smorgasbord
- ◇ Nesse project
- ◇ Teresa Thörngren video project
- ◇ Lars Waage returned from Stavanger
- ◇ Linda Anderson volunteer of the year
- ◇ Cemetery tax exempt project



**Teresa Thörngren
Interviews for her
Nordic
Documentary**



Linda Anderson—Volunteer of the Year!

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From Kumla making to Kumla eating!



Norsk Museum presents a
NORWEGIAN

Smørgåsbord

SAT. NOVEMBER 16,
Seatings at 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
Norway Community Building
Norway, IL

\$20 – Adults
\$7 – Children
Carry Outs Available!

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY
For tickets or information, please call:
815-343-5070

Sponsored by the Norsk Museum, Sons of Norway Polar Star and Clong Peerson Lodges.
Proceeds benefit the Norsk Museum Building Fund



Nesse: a hot item for sale at the Smorgasbord



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December

- ◇ Fox river church altar move
- ◇ Williams research
- ◇ Old World Wisconsin
- ◇ Annex shelving
- ◇ Jim Likeness passed
- ◇ Facebook likes



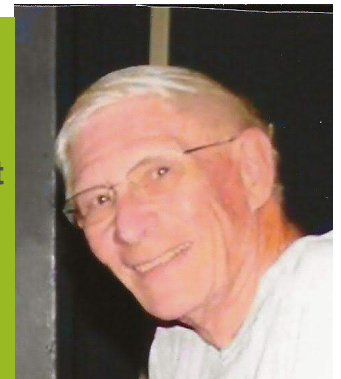
John Morrow introduced us to Roger Peterson, trustee at the Fox River Church. Our two churches merged in 1918. Now in 2020, our historic church is whole again.



Mary Vilven, daughter of Gerald Williams, who built his Restauration model. She is also granddaughter of Daniel Rosdail.



Jim Likeness, friend and promoter of the museum. Broadcast videos on Plano cable television.



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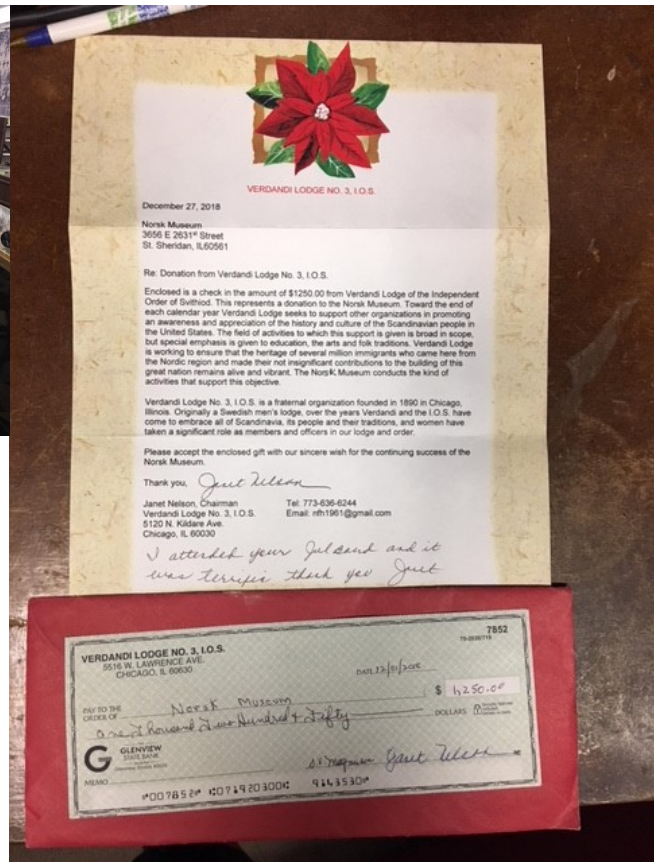
2020 plans / wish list



- ◇ Old cemetery restoration completed
- ◇ Memorial roof and bronze plaque completed
- ◇ Stabbur project completed
- ◇ New altar baptismal display
- ◇ **Recruit more docents**
- ◇ Get article published in Viking magazine
- ◇ NTA Dinner theatre (3rd meeting of the Norway Temperance Association)
- ◇ Norway Temperance building donated to us??
- ◇ Teresa's Nordic documentary puts us on the map!!
- ◇ Strengthen ties between Stavanger Norway and our community
- ◇ Preparation for the Sloop 200th Anniversary
- ◇ Get the Cleng Peerson children's book published

**Teresa interviews
Lars.**

**Between the two of
them, Norway IL
will be back on the
map!**



Donations

- ◇ Mormon tours \$250
- ◇ Polar Star lodge \$100 + volunteer hours = priceless!!
- ◇ Cleng Peerson Lodge (\$20,000 to date) + volunteer hours = priceless!!
- ◇ Verlandi lodge \$1250 (\$3,500 to date)
- ◇ Exelon volunteers \$700 (\$2,100 to date)
- ◇ Gjovik auto sales \$500 (\$2,000 to date)

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From 99 to 105 in 2020!

- ◆ Wayne "Buck" Borchsenius
- ◆ Phyllis Benson
- ◆ Don Hall



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Lynn & Tom Maxson

Besides being strong supporters of the Norsk Museum. They also involved in the Christmas Around the World at Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry.



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Board members:

Dave Johnson [President]

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Linda Anderson [Secretary]

Lynnette Johnson [Membership]

Roald Berg

Wayne Borchsenius

Rob Borchsenius

Pat Hayes

Steve Tanda

Laurie Gage

Lou Wise

Ed Hatteberg

Ralph Johnson

Mange takk to you our members, supporters who serve as docents throughout the summer, all the volunteers who man our fundraisers.

Special thanks of Sons of Norway lodges:

Cleng Peerson Lodge

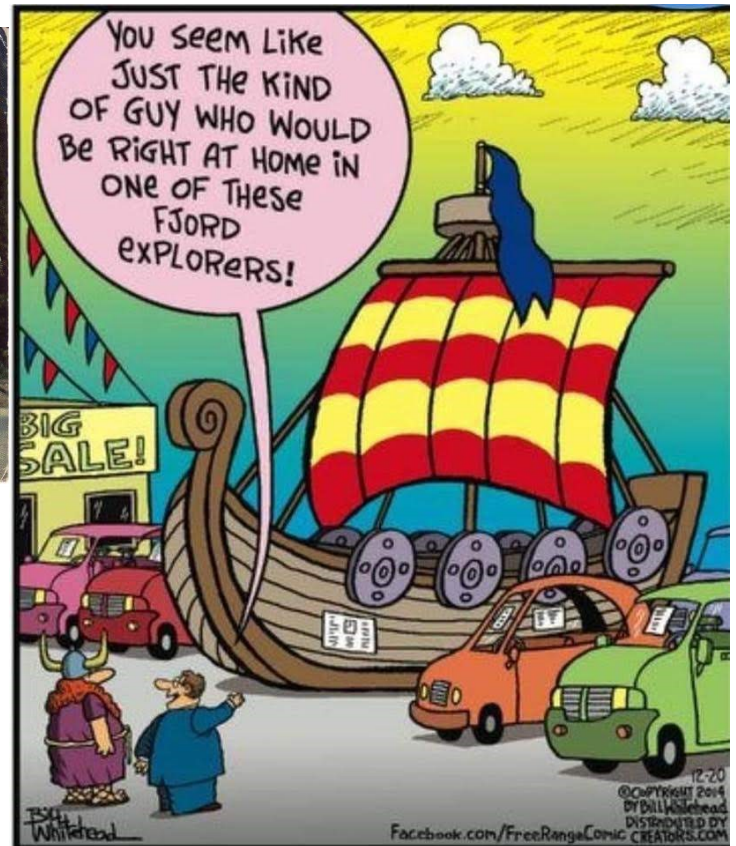
Polar Star Lodge

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Norsk Museum on Facebook.

600 likes and growing. Sharing news from the past and present, honoring Notable Norwegians, learning language and fun.



Muffler Man - Viking

