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Monthly heritage meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month (except July).

7:00 pm

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Deadline for the February issue is January 20th

Attention: January Cancellations

All lodge meetings and events for Fjellheim Lodge are cancelled until at least the end of January 2021.

We will meet again when it is deemed safe to do so. At that time we will announce the change via this newsletter, on Facebook and emails.

President's Corner— Congratulations we made it to 2021!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends. It sure has been interesting learning new ways to communicate and connect with our loved ones! I am excited and hopeful as the new year starts that we can so get back to some of our regular routine. Unfortunately we are still holding off meeting in person thru January. We will keep a close watch as to when we can meet again. I continue to hope this year can be full of fellowship, hope and of course lots of lefse!

Fraternally Becky

Also, a big shout out of thanks to Karen Ravnaas for coming up with the idea for the December Lefse sales and then doing most of organizing and single handily working the sale! Takk!



Desperately Still Needed! Fjellheim Lodge Vice-President and Secretary Positions are still VACANT!

Want to help out the Lodge and become an officer? Fjellheim lodge is still missing members to fill the 2021 Vice President and Secretary positions. Interested? Here's a quick job description. The Vice-President backs up the President and is in charge of Lodge membership recruitment. The Secretary maintains the meeting notes and paper work and generally keeps us moving. Please consider volunteering! Contact any board member, or just call the search committee aka Karen Ravnaas.



Sunshine Report – January 2021

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating these special occasions during January 2021.

Brad Johnson, Ginny and Jerry Johnson's son and our bartender, is in the hospital fighting pneumonia. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he heads towards recovery.

Quote for the month: "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face." – Victor Hugo, French author

See you in 2021,

Karen Ravnaas, Sunshine Director 719-390-0621

FAMILY—A Message from Kendall Kjerstad

Since we are nearing the Holiday Season time of year, often we may look forward to precious time with our Families with great expectations, much as a child who is looking forward to Christmas morning. In a normal year that would usually be the way that it would come to pass. But, not so with all that is happening in today's world.

That is why it is even more special that the friends and families of Sons of Norway, continue to be there for one another and for their members. With everyone concerned about exposure, we as members can telephone one another and since we have that common bond already established, it helps us through these difficult times. Nothing is more relaxing and reassuring than a friendly voice, to comfort us.

Several Sons of Norway Lodges have taken to, Zoom meetings, utilizing today's technology and being able to see one another on the computer, which is wonderful. But, we must not forget that there are some folks out there that either don't have a computer or access to one. So, please consider this when you are enjoying your Holiday.

We must all, think of our Sons of Norway members as treasured Family, Always.

May your Christmas be Merry and please enjoy the upcoming New Year.

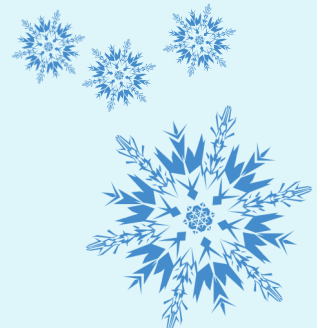
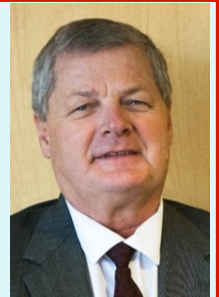
Best Wishes Mange Takk,

Kendall Kjerstad

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Want a selfie with a troll? Forget travel to Scandinavia, just go to Breckenridge CO and check out Isak Heartstone!



At Left is Isak Heartstone !

Excerpts from the Breckenridge Daily Caller — Breckenridge's beloved trail troll, Isak Heartstone, is ready to receive visitors at his new home.

The 15-foot tall wooden sculpture reopens to the public Tuesday after closing in fall 2018 when nearby residents complained about too much traffic and noise from thousands of visitors.

"Its popularity was beyond all exceptions," Breckenridge town manager Rick Holman said. "That's why we felt it was important to bring it back."

After it was dismantled, Danish artist Thomas Dambo reimaged the troll — using its original head, heart, hands and feet — and rebuilt it in May in a new location near the Stephen C. West Ice Arena and Illinois Gulch trailhead.

The new directional Trollstigen trail — which was built by a six-person team from the trails department along with a local contractor — features a rock-lined path, 200 feet of wooden boardwalk and a flagstone area in front of the troll for photos and selfies.



Tusen Takk!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our lefse sales. We did very well and were able to sell most of the inventory.

At the same time, we collected donations of non-perishable items and delivered them to Care and Share as part of our commitment to the Community. They were delighted to receive them. Thank you for your contributions.

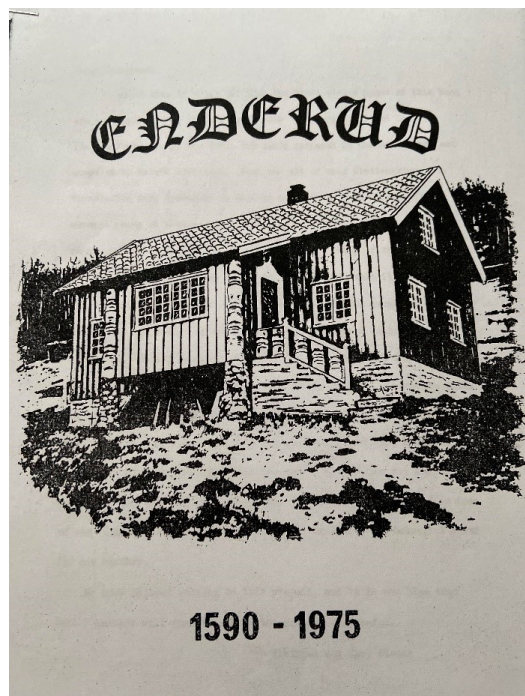
Tusen Takk
Karen (719-390-0621), Becky, BJ, & Terry

The Search for Enderud

By Jean Hagen Luce

[At the September heritage meeting we learned about stave churches and I shared a bit about my journey to Norway to find the family farm.]

Photo #1— *Photo of the cover of Jean's genealogy book with the drawing of the Enderud farmhouse.*



It all started with the cover of a genealogy book. (Photo #1). That is a drawing of the old family farm in Buskerud, Norway. In my husband's and my plans to visit Norway in 2018 I decided to make a search for Enderud my quest.

I did not know where the Enderud farm was located, nor if it was even standing. My search began with Google Earth. There are at least two Enderud farms in Norway. With additional research I figured out the one farther north is the ancestral farm home. I zoomed in with Google Earth until I could see the roads and landscape features. There is a notable small airport on the relevant road, which runs east and west, parallel to the Numendahl river. Next, I looked up a Norway road map. With more zooming I found the geographically correct road. Enderud, if still standing, lies a bit south of Geilo, which is approximately halfway between Oslo and Bergen. It is in the Buskerud region.

In my ancestry.com research I found a Rollag church *Kirkebok* (church book that records births, marriages and deaths) that had a page listing my great-great-grandfather's name. I found

this church on the maps and realized it was one of those beautiful *stavekirkes*. Well, if we're going to see this stave church, how many others can we visit?

It happens to be that on the highway (#40) that we took north after passing through Kongsberg (west of Oslo) has four stave churches in a row. We had plenty of daylight to visit because we were there on June 22.

We visited the Flesberg stave church first. (Photo #2 This was our introduction to the beauty of stave churches. The enormous rich, roughly hewn beams that fit together without nails and the preserved artwork amazed us. This church and the others we visited were all started in the 1100s, with several changes made over the centuries. Now on to the most important church.

Photo #2 -Flesberg stave church. It went through several transformations, from a more traditional stave design to a less typical design.



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The Rollag stave church was 26 miles north of Flesberg. Photo #3 is me in front of Rollag with the cover of the *kirkebok* that was one of my clues. Photo #4 is the font inside the church, made of a solid tree trunk, that would have been used for my ancestors' baptisms. For a moment, the past and present intersected.



Photo #3—Jean in front of the Rollag stave church. Our first important destination.



Photo #4—Rollag font where some of Jean's relatives were baptized.



Photo #5—Uvdal Stave Kirke

Continuing north we visited the Nore stave church, but the next church, Uvdal, was the next important target. Some of the genealogical information I uncovered indicated that some ancestral family happenings took place at Uvdal, which was a few miles north of Rollag, and just that much closer to the family farm. (Photo #5) I read that hundreds of years ago the king required all children be baptized within 30 days of birth. Instead of the many miles in the winter snow and dark they had to travel to get to Rollag, they now had a shorter trek.

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Photo #6—The Dagelien pew in Uvdal. The guide told us that that is where people from Dagali sat. Dagali is the parish in which Enderud lies and where Jean's family lived.

In Uvdal there is a family pew where the folks from the Buskerud region of Dagali, my ancestors, sat. (Photo #6)

Farther north we visited the Rødberg stave church briefly. We were very close to where Enderud might or might not be located so we made this a quick visit. Continuing on, we didn't know what we would find upon reaching the road further north that might lead to Enderud. All we had was the drawing and a name.—*To Be Continued!*

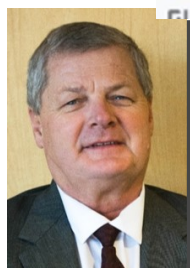
For the rest of "The Search for Enderud" you the reader will need to wait until the February 2021 issue of the 'The Flammen'. You will want to see it to the end!

Note from the editor—I hope you enjoyed the Isak Heartstone and Enderud stories. Both were submitted by Fjellheim members last fall. As you know news of the lodge ebbs and flows with the seasons and now especially with the COVID restrictions news is slow. Also, most years there is less content in the winter and summer anyway. So I as the editor need to find articles that would be of interest to the readers during those months. So, please feel free to submit articles, stories, pictures or jokes etc related to the lodge, Sons of Norway, Scandinavia, Norway, Norsk heritage or language etc. that you find of interest to others in Fjellheim Lodge. It may not show up immediately but if it is pertinent, interesting (and non-political please) it will be added eventually. I am looking forward to sharing YOUR stories!!!

Fraternally Kerry Hefta

January Birthdays

Daniel Eugene Pyhtila	3
Greg Crum	3
Dorothy G Everett	4
Nanette Walker Smith	8
Roy F Weaver	8
Cita L Helseth	12
Inger Pappas	14
Gary H Barnes	15
Lois M Enderud	15
Ruth Elizebeth Young	16
Julie E Furstenau	18
Maria M Zakrzewski	21
Sonja M Thomas	21
Cynthia Laurie Pechacek	22
Clairette Bakken	25
Randi L Babcock	25
Shannon W Stokes	25
Carol J Eacker	26
Christopher Hardy	27
Rebecca E Tamblyn	27
Jeff W Hansen	28
Ross B Olsen	28
Hazen Thomas. Jr.	30
Maren Sofia Lyby	30



Kendall Kjerstad

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