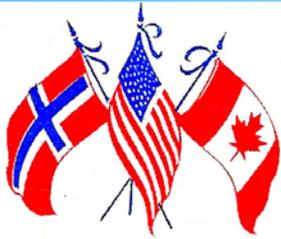


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www.telelaget.com

Greetings from the President

I am pleased to announce two upcoming events for members of Telelaget of America. The first is a **Syttende Mai [Norwegian Independence Day] Mini-stevne** to be held in Milan, Minnesota, on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The second event is the annual **7-Lag Stevne** to be held at Winona State University on July 14-17.

The *Syttende Mai* celebration is a fun-filled cultural mini-stevne. It will feature various folk arts, ethnic crafts, and a parade and Norwegian food vendors along Milan's main street. Milan is a small southwestern Minnesota community with rich Norwegian heritage. It has retained the flavor of an ethnic community that is proud of this heritage. A detailed schedule and description are contained on page 2.

The Ringerike-Drammen Districts (RDD) *lag* has announced plans to hold this year's *7-Lag Stevne*. The theme for the event is **Rooted in Norway—Branches Grow**. [See the logo design at the bottom of this page.]

It is a historic year for three *lag*—Landingslag, Hadeland Lag, and Toten Lag. They all will celebrate their 100th anniversaries on Saturday, July 17, the date reserved for individual *lag* meetings. As you may recall, Telelaget celebrated its 100th anniversary at the 2007 *7-Lag Stevne* held in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Again this year, *7-Lag Stevne* will have its own Web site with the most up-to-date information. The Web site is www.7lagstevne.com. The webmaster for this Web site is Anne Sladky, who has designed the site as well as the logo. Anne is also the webmaster for our Web site, www.telelaget.com.

All attendees, including students, may register beginning on Thursday, July 15. Registration is \$27 per person before June 5 and \$30 thereafter. Students will be admitted free. There will be a separate fee for the banquet, which will be held on Friday evening along with the *banad* parade.

Several members of Telelaget will participate in this year's program. Kjell and Elaine Nordlie will teach a class on Norwegian Folk Dancing; Joran Olson will teach a class on Family Treemaker; and I will teach a class on writing a family history.

Stevne attendees will also have the option of participating in half-day bus tours: Tour #1 on Thursday PM to historic Lanesboro, MN, in the Root River bluff area; Tour #2 on Friday AM to the unglaciated coulee country of Trempealeau County, WI; and Tour #3 on Friday PM to the old river town of Winona. The tour fees are shown on the registration form.

A more detailed description of the *stevne*, a schedule, tour descriptions, a registration form and campus maps are contained on pages 7 thru 11 of this publication. Registration forms are also available online along with a complete guide to *stevne* activities on the Web site.

We look forward to seeing you at the *Syttende Mai* Mini-stevne and at the *7-Lag Stevne*. Bring a friend.

Mange hilsner,
John Haugo
President of Telelaget



Syttende Mai Mini-Stevne to be held in Milan, MN

You are encouraged to join Telelaget members in Milan, Minnesota, for a fun-filled cultural mini-stevne on Saturday, May 15, 2010, to celebrate *Syttende Mai* [Norwegian Independence Day]. This year's celebration is known as "**A Taste of Syttende Mai 2010**". It will feature various folk arts, ethnic crafts, and a parade and Norwegian food vendors along Milan's main street.

Milan, a small community with rich Norwegian heritage, is sometimes referred to as the "Norwegian Capital, U.S.A." The town has retained the flavor of a small ethnic community that is proud of its heritage. In 1928 Milan was the site for the annual Telelaget *stevne*. The three-day event was attended by 1,500 Telemarkings.

Milan is located in Kragero Township in eastern Chipewewa County approximately 150 miles west of Minneapolis. The town was an early Telemark settlement founded in 1879. Its first post office was built in 1880. In 1882, Milan's buildings consisted of two general stores, a warehouse, a blacksmith shop and an implement shop. On March 15, 1893, Milan was incorporated as a village. Its population grew to 450 in 1905, peaked at 624 in 1944, and today is 326.

Mini-stevne events will be held in a variety of facilities. They include: [1] The **Kvitseid Lutheran Church**, founded in 1872 and named for the Kvitseid Church in Kvitseid, Telemark. [2] The **Milan Village Arts School** is a non-profit, member-supported organization dedicated to promoting the arts. Each year, the school hosts a diverse range of classes, reflecting the rich arts heritage within the community. and [3] The **Arv Hus Museum** contains unique exhibits donated to the Museum. Curator Billy Thompson has his artwork on display as well as hand-crafted wood frames.

The Telelaget Board of Directors selected this site for our mini-stevne because it typifies traditional community *Syttende Mai* celebrations. Telelaget members in attendance will meet as a group for lunch. However, there will be no formal meeting or registration fees.



Milan Village Arts School in Milan, MN

The following are some of the day's events:

9:30 a.m.: Norwegian Church Service in the Kvitseid Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Smørgåsbord Tea at Kvitseid Lutheran Church (Telelaget members will meet in the church's upstairs entrance at 11:30 a.m.)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Arts & Craft, and Food Vendors on Main Street

- Milan Village Arts School, with folk art and folk music demonstrations
- Arv Hus Museum, Bill Thompson tells his stories

1:00 p.m.: Program with *Skål Musik* (Scandinavian folk music) on Main Street

1:30 p.m.: *Uff-Da* Parade, M.C. is John Lauritson from WCCO

Other area attractions: [1] Milan's History on a 44-foot long mural on Main Street; and [2] Tokheim's Stoneware (potter & knife maker) located 10 miles west of Montevideo & 2 miles north on CO Rd. 31

New Members

Bruce and JoAnn Amundson	Shoreline, WA	Eric Netterberg	Little Canada, MN
Delma Baker	Waunakee, WI	Kenneth Oman	Amery, WI
Donald Brandvold	Socorro, NM	Kathy Roser	Rose Creek, MN
Susan and Harold Bristol	Buena Vista, CO	Betty and Robert Sande	Rochester, MN
Barbara Ekstrand	Red Wing, MN	Gary Schroeder	White Bear Lake, MN
Forest City Public Library	Forest City, IA	Donald and Bernice Stangland	Deer River, MN
Elizabeth Gatlin	Lincoln Park, NJ	Judy Stark	Austin, MN
Carol and John Gianforte	Scottsdale, AZ	Torgier Straand	Bø, Norway
Jean and Gary Hayer	St. Peter, MN	Lynn and David Susag	Lanesboro, MN
Fred and Judy Haugo	Fargo, ND	Patricia True	Versailles, NY
James T. Heg	Oslo, Norway	Tone Jorunn Tveito	Lårdal, Norway
Carolyn Nelson	Bloomington, MN		

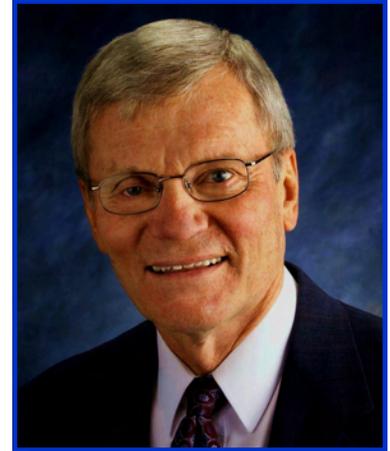
Haugo Named to Board, UM Panel

John Haugo, President of Telelaget of America, has been named to the Board of Directors of Norway House and to the Blue Ribbon Panel at the University of Minnesota for establishing a proper legacy for Dr. Norman Borlaug.

Norway House is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a link for present and future generations of the Norwegian-American community in the upper Midwest with the heritage, culture and future of Norway. Norway House sponsors an annual Midsommer event; musical programs presented by the Edvard Grieg Society; and the World Peace Initiative. The Board has recently announced that a site has been secured as first step in building a new facility for Norway House. The building would provide a place where Norwegian-American organizations can meet and conduct their business. It would also function as a conference and event center. The new facility would house the office of the Honorary Consul General to Norway.

Based upon the research that Haugo did for the November 2009 Telesoga article entitled, "Norman Borlaug, Nobel Laureate Agricultural Scientist", he was named to the University of Minnesota's Borlaug Blue Ribbon panel. Although there are many programs and facilities honoring Borlaug worldwide, the Panel is reviewing specific ways to honor Dr. Borlaug on the University campus.

Through Haugo's genealogical research it was found that Borlaug, the internationally-acclaimed agricultural scientist, was primarily of Telemark ancestry. The ancestors of three of his four grandparents immigrated from Tinn and Saude in Telemark. Borlaug, known as the "Father of the Green Revolution", is the person credited with feeding a billion people by the development of new varieties of wheat. He died on September 12, 2009, at the age of 94.



John Haugo, Telelaget President

2010 Telelaget Goals

The following 2010 goals were set by the Telelaget Board of Directors:

1. Plan and conduct a Syttende Mai ministevene at Milan, MN.
2. Participate in 2010 7-Lag Stevne at Winona State University on July 15-18.
3. Increase Telelaget family membership to 500.
4. Conduct audit/review of 2008-2009 financial and membership records.
5. Establish planning committee and begin planning 2012 Telemark tour.
6. Complete writing and editing of *Telemark to America, Volume III*.
7. Establish e-TeleNews as an alternative for distribution, and explore uses of social networking.
8. Evaluate and possibly reorganize accounting, membership, and publication distribution functions.
9. Coordinate Telelaget's events and activities with other Norwegian-American organizations.
10. Explore and recommend tour/exchange possibilities for young members and members' children.

"Evaluate and possibly reorganize accounting, membership, and publication distribution functions."

Celebrate Your Bygdelag's Stevne

Because of ancestors from different regions of Norway, many Telelaget members also belong to other *bygdelag* (lag). Other *stevner* to be held this summer:

June 17-19: **Vestlandslag** in Rochester, MN.

June 24-26: **Valdres Samband** in LaCrosse, WI.

July 29-August 1: **Hallinglag** in Grand Rapids, MN.

August 4-7: **Tre Lag (Gudbrandsdalslag, Hedmark og Hedemarken, Trondelag)** in Stevens Point, WI.

August 12-14: **Sognefjord Lag** in Stoughton, WI.

September 11-12: **Opdalslag** in Centerville, SD.

September 15-19: **Solør Lag** and **Romerikslag** in Fergus Falls, MN.

September 19: **Nordfjordlag** in Spicer, MN.

For more detailed contact information on the 2010 *stevner* check the Web site: www.fellesraad.com

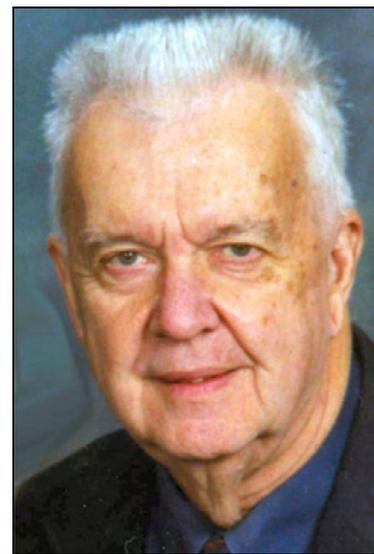
Obituary: Former Director Jim Rupert

James (Jim) Davis Rupert, age 77, of River Falls, Wisconsin, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, following an apparent stroke. Jim served as a member of the Board of Directors of Telelaget of America from 1981 to 1986. This was the period of time that the organization was going through a rebirth after a number of years of inactivity.

Jim was born on Sept. 17, 1932, in River Falls, to George and Lillian Rupert. He graduated from River Falls High School and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted in the armed forces where he served in the United States Army from 1957 until 1959. On June 23, 1962, he was united in marriage to Alberta Luke of Eveleth, MN. To this union, children Anne, Michael, and Jeffrey were blessed.

Jim furthered his education by receiving his master's degree from the University Of Minnesota. He taught foreign languages in Marion, WI, as well as in Coleraine and Austin, MN. Jim became a professor at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, teaching foreign languages from 1968 until his retirement in 1994.

In addition to his passion for foreign languages, he lived his lifelong dream of building a home on the St. Croix River. He enjoyed traveling, especially ten times to Norway to study Norwegian and to pursue his family history and genealogy. Over the years, camping with his family and photography gave him great pleasure. He enjoyed classical music, the pipe organ, and played the accordion in a polka band earlier in life.



James (Jim) Rupert

2010 Norwegian-American Events

One of the goals of Telelaget is to coordinate appropriate activities with other Norwegian-American organizations. Throughout the nation, primarily in the Midwest, there are a number of organizations that celebrate our Norwegian heritage. Listed below are some of the events scheduled for 2010.

May 8: **37th Annual Nordic Brunch**. Sponsored by Vesterheim at Interlachen CC in Edina, MN.

May 14-16: **Syttende Mai**. Celebrated at various sites including Stillwater, MN; Westby and Stoughton, WI; and Milan, MN

June 12-13: **Scandinavian Folk Music Festival [Nisswa Stammen]**. Focused on Scandinavian Music from the "new world". Held in Nisswa, MN.

July 15-17: **7-Lag Stevne**. Sponsored by RDD lag at Winona State University, Winona, MN.

July 23-24: **44th Annual Nordic Fest**. Featuring Scandinavia's finest food, crafts, and arts. Held in Decorah, IA.

Sept. 30-Oct. 3: **Norsk Høstfest**. America's largest Scandinavian festival. Held in Minot, ND.

November 20: **Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner**. Held at Minndekirken, Minneapolis, MN. [One of many church-sponsored dinners held during the holiday season.]

For more specific registration information on these events contact their Web sites or www.norwayhouse.org.

Telelaget Annual Meeting Scheduled for July 17

The Telelaget Board of Directors has scheduled our annual meeting for 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 17, 2010. It will be held at the Winona State University in Winona, MN. The meeting will follow the *7-Lag Stevne* which will end with a banquet on Friday, July 16. All of you who attend the *stevne* are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Topics to be covered at the business meeting include minutes from the 2009 meeting; the treasurer's report; reports from the president, the membership chair, the genealogist, the webmaster, and the editors of Telesoga and TeleNews; election of two Board members; a report on 2010

goals; and a report on the status of *Telemark to America, Volume III*. Arrangements are also being made for a speaker to present a topic of interest to members.

Following the meeting, a picnic will be held for all members at the Winona Park. The 7-Lag Registration Form which appears on page 11 enables you to register for the picnic. We need a count of those attending in order to order box lunches for the picnic.

In the past we have found that the meeting and picnic present opportunities to visit and reacquaint with other Telelaget members. Often during the *stevne* we are too busy with classes, genealogical research, tours, and entertainment to visit with others.

History of Stevner

At the risk of providing redundant information for those who have been regular attendees, an overview of *stevner* (plural for *stevne*) is in order. A *stevne* is an annual conference or reunion where Norwegian-Americans, who are descendants of Norwegian ancestors from the same rural communities (*bygds*), gather to celebrate their culture and history. At the *stevne*, genealogists and historians help attendees trace their ancestry and learn about the immigrant experience. In addition to genealogical assistance, there is entertainment including folk music and dance, classes, and opportunities to purchase Norwegian wares from a variety of vendors.

During the early years of Telelaget, from 1914 to 1950, the emphasis of the annual *stevne* was primarily on socializing and renewing acquaintances. Many of the original members were immigrants. After Telelaget was reorganized in the late 1970s, genealogy became

a major focus of the *stevner*. This was reflective of the national interest in our "roots" and the availability of computer data bases. At the 7-Lag *Stevne*, Telelaget will again have an extensive library containing Telemark farm history books (*bygdeboker*), which can help family researchers trace their roots in Norway, back to the 1600's and sometimes beyond. Various Telelaget publications are available for research and/or purchase.

Because of common interests and for cost considerations in 1984, Telelaget joined with three other *bygdelag* (*lag* from a particular Norwegian community or home district) to hold their annual *stevne*. Since 1986, Telelaget has joined with six other *bygdelag* from Hadeland, Toten, Land, Numedal, Ringerike-Drammen, and Sigdal to sponsor a 7-Lag *Stevne*. Under this arrangement, each *bygdelag* shares in programming, social activities, and banquet. However, each retains its own identity and has its own annual meeting.

May 2010 Telesoga Features Dr. Jon Wefald

Alice Kirn, editor of Telesoga, recently announced that the May 2010 issue has recently been mailed. The cover story is about Dr. Jon Wefald, well-known American educational leader. Wefald, who is of Telemark ancestry, was president of Kansas State University for 23 years. He served Chancellor of the 7-University Minnesota State University, president of Southwest Minnesota State University, and as Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture. The issue also contains articles on Hamlet Peterson, long-time Luther athletic coach; Harold Utigard, ancestor of many Telemark immigrants; and numerous other articles about our Telemark immigrant ancestors.

Alice and the Board of Directors have recently established guidelines for submission of articles to Telesoga. They are available on our Web site, www.telelaget.com.

Wisconsin Historical Society Survey

The Library-Archives at the Wisconsin Historical Society would like to serve genealogists better. To that end, they want to know more how genealogists nationwide

do their work. Please take a few minutes to fill out their survey at the following Web address: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/whssurvey>.

Telelaget of America is a 501(c)(3) Organization

Telelaget of America is registered in Minnesota as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. In general, your membership dues and contributions help us to maintain our www.telelaget.com Web site, to produce our publications, and to provide genealogical assistance. However, Telelaget Board of Directors are exploring activities for

younger people such as tour or exchange programs with their counterparts in the Telemark, Norway.

To donate money mail a check to Telelaget of America treasurer: **Shelley Jerviss, P.O. Box 292, Houston, MN 55943**. A tax-exempt form recognizing your contribution will be mailed to you. Thanks.

Brochures Available to Members

Telelaget has an on-going goal of increasing its membership. (Membership increased by over ten percent last year.) As a means of providing information to prospective members, a new Telelaget colored brochure has been printed. It includes several pictures from Telemark and a membership application form.

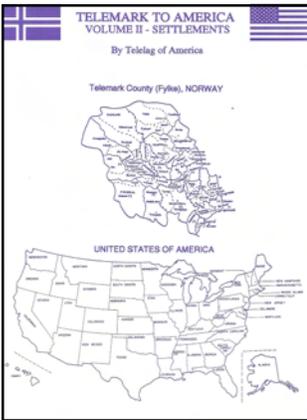
The brochure is available to members who wish to have them for distribution at family gatherings, at Norwegian-American conferences or exhibits, etc.

An electronic copy of the brochure is also available. If you wish to receive either printed or electronic copies please contact: Joran Olson, 7601 West Boulder Creek Plaza #4, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, or by email at: joranlho42@sio.midco.net.

Over a Century of Celebrating our
Telemark Heritage

New Telelaget Publications

Telemark to America, Volume II—Settlements (Revised Edition)



In 1992, Telelaget printed 500 copies of *Telemark to America Volume II-Settlements*. Last year we sold our last copy. This volume is rich with settlement history from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. This 179-page book has an index including over 5,500 names and places. All the chapters are translations from the early *Telesoga* written by Torkel Oftelie. Torkel visited most of the Telemark settlements in the above mentioned states between the years of 1907 to 1926. The first issue of *Telesoga*, published in 1909, contained the first settlement history. Torkel documented not only names of those living in these settlements, but also the stories of their ancestors - the first settlers in these areas. Volume II has been revised and 200 more copies have been printed. Revisions in the book included adding twenty-four more pictures, making numerous translation and grammatical corrections, explaining location of many place names, and making it more user friendly for younger generations by translating slang terms.

Prices: \$20.00 + \$3.00 S&H = \$23.00 or NOK 125 + NOK 102 S&H = NOK 227

"A year at Haugo farm" by Ingebjørg Draugedal



Recently, Telelaget of America entered into a distribution agreement with Vest-Telemark Museum, the publisher of the English version of the book entitled, "*A year at Haugo farm*". Under the terms of the agreement, Telelaget will sell and mail copies of the book in the United States and Canada. Author Ingebjørg Draugedal - who now lives in Kviteseid, Telemark, Norway - tells of her life as a girl in 1945, growing up under Nazi occupation on a farm in Telemark that was still as self-sufficient as those our emigrant ancestors left in the 1800's. How did people back then provide for nearly everything they needed themselves? In the book Ingebjørg recounts how they shared the work, the hardships and the pleasures of living on a close-knit family farm. The book describes in detail the practical work that was done on the farm, but it also tells about the relationships between the family members and within the local community, and about the intimate interaction with the surrounding landscape. Ingebjørg's vivid reminiscences breathe life into what is now a bygone era for most of us.

Price: \$40.00 + \$2.50 S&H = \$42.50

Order Form (May be photocopied.)

- ___ Copies of Telemark to America, Volume II-Settlements
 @ \$20.00 + \$3.00 S&H = \$23.00 or NOK 125 + NOK 102 S&H = NOK 227 _____
- ___ Copies of A year at Haugo farm:
 @ \$40.00 + \$2.50 S&H = \$42.50 _____
- ___ Copies of Telelaget – The First One Hundred Years
 @ \$20.00 + \$3.00 S&H = \$23.00 or NOK 125 + NOK 102 S&H = NOK 227 _____
- ___ Copies of Telemark to America, Volume I—Emigration
 @ \$20.00 + \$3.00 S&H = \$23.00 or NOK 125 + NOK 102 S&H = NOK 227 _____

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 Address _____

Mail Order to : **Shelley Jerviss**
P.O. Box 292
Houston, MN 55944

Note: These publications, Telesoga CDs, and various Telelaget 100th Anniversary Commemorative items may also be ordered through our Web site, www.telelaget.com. Commemorative items include a tote bag, a cap, a mug, and a fana (minature Telemark banner).



**Rooted in Norway,
Branches Grow**

7-Lag Stevne
July 14-17, 2010
Winona State University
Winona, Minnesota

**Genealogy – Tours – Classes
Entertainment
Intergenerational**

As chairperson of Norwegian Stevner, Inc. (NSI), Narv Somdahl, president of the Ringerike-Drammen Districts (RDD) Lag, welcomes everyone to the 2010 7-Lag Stevne in Winona, MN July 14-17. NSI is the umbrella organization with one purpose - planning and coordinating an annual *stevne* (conference) of seven Norwegian-American *bygdelag*(lag).

Among the *lag* there may be various points of view, but there is agreement on a couple of things: each of the *lag* needs to remain independent and strong. To remain vital to long-term members, the *lag* need to continually be open to serving new members and especially younger members, too. In 2009 several changes were made to encourage young members. School age children did not have to pay the registration fee, the time of the *lag* meetings was changed and genealogy was open on Saturday. This year we are continuing the **free registration for students** (with IDs).

This year we are privileged to have **three *bygdelag* celebrating their 100th anniversary**. To honor the celebrations of **Landingslag, Hadeland Lag and Toten Lag**, it was important to give them all day Saturday to focus on their celebrations and achievements as Centennial Lag. Please join in wishing them hearty congratulations.

People attending the *stevne*—whether youthful or mature – should find a number of programs or entertainment of more than usual interest. Note that these include a **puppet show, a music program, a Norwegian dance class and several films**.

In addition, there are several series of classes. One features family histories and includes how to write your history, authors telling of their experiences and finally how to get your book published. Another series deals with resources available with all those letters. There will be speakers explaining what is available at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library (NAGC & NL), Madison, WI; Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA), Northfield, MN; and Norwegian-American Genealogical Association (NAGA) in the Twin Cities. These are independent organizations, which offer a variety of resources which may help individuals with the common goal of genealogy.

The Internet continues to be one of the fastest growing aids in genealogy. In addition to a series of classes on what information is available on the Internet and how to find it, attendees should be aware that there will be **two days of an open computer lab**. If you are just starting using the Internet or are having problems, you will be able to sit down at a computer and work. Volunteer workers will be available to help you and hopefully answer questions for you.

Three half-day tours are available to you this year. They include the Lanesboro Tour, the Trempealeau County Tour, and the Winona City Tour. More complete information on these tours is shown on page 9 of this newsletter. If you have found your roots and just want to enjoy a mini vacation, sign up for one of these.

In any event, pack your bags and enjoy a little time in Historic Winona.

Winona provides these lodging options in addition to rooms at Winona State University:

Motels

AmericInn of Winona = (800)634-3444
Days Inn = (507)454-6930
The Plaza Hotel & Suites = (507)453-0303

Campgrounds

Great Bluffs State Park = (715)425-1129
Pla-Mor Campground = (877)454-2267
Lazy D Campground = (507)932-3098

A complete description of stevne events is posted online at <http://www.7lagstevne.com>.

2010 7-Lag Stevne Class Schedule

Thursday, July 15

<i>Time</i>	<i>Classroom 1</i>	<i>Classroom 2</i>	<i>East Hall</i>	<i>Computer Lab</i>
10:15	Family Treemaker Joran Olson	First time Stevne Orientation Lag Presidents	The Hooked X Scott Wolter	Beginning Genealogy Kathryn Sullivan
1:00	Writing /Publishing Seminar John Haugo Deb Nelson Gourley	Working with Norway's Digital Archives Dale Hovland		Open lab (Help available balance of the day)
2:30	Writing /Publishing Seminar (continued)	Canadian Genealogy on the Internet Garth Ulrich		
7:00			Norwegian/Amer. Community Dixie Hanson	
8:15			History of Spring Grove, MN Georgia Rosendahl	

Friday, July 16

<i>Time</i>	<i>Classroom 1</i>	<i>Classroom 2</i>	<i>SAC</i>	<i>Computer Lab</i>
9:00	NAGC & NL Verlyn Anderson	Norwegian Bygdeboker Dick Holter	Norwegian Ski Heroes (Film)	Internet Scams Kathryn Sullivan
10:15	NAHA/NAGA Lee Rokke Marilyn Sorenson		Moorhead Stave Church Hurtigruten (Films)	Open Lab (Help available until 4:00)
1:00	Maps & Aerial Images of Norway Art Paulson		Hakkebolle: Erickson Cousins Puppeteers	
2:30	Building a Personal Family Web site Anne Sladky			
3:40			Norwegian Folk Dancing Elaine & Kjell Nordlie	

2010 7-Lag Stevne Tours

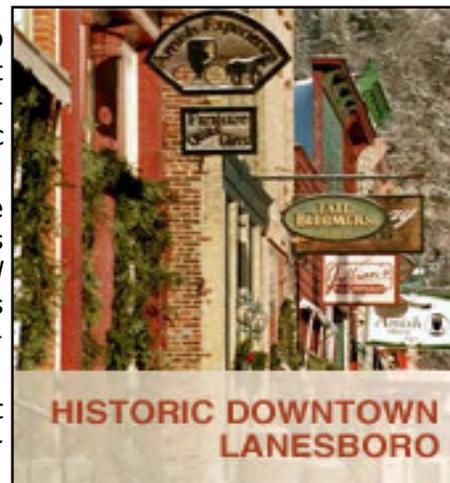
Lanesboro Tour: *Thursday, July 15, 2010 – \$32 per person*

(Leaves Kryzsko Commons at 12:00 Noon; returns at 6:00 PM)

The tour will take you through the valleys of southeastern Minnesota to the historic village of Lanesboro. It was named one of America's prettiest towns by Yahoo! Travel / Forbes Traveler for scenic beauty and small-town charm. Nestled in the bluffs of the Root River this quaint and scenic community has no stoplights or franchises.

The first stop will be the **Commonweal Theatre**. Since 1989, the professional artists of the Commonweal have brought to life soulful stories told with honesty and creativity. You will attend the matinee of *Enchanted April* by Matthew Barber. This romantic comedy, set in the 1920s breathes new life into the most stifled of souls. The Norwegian government has recognized Commonweal for its annual Ibsen Festival .

Following the play, there will be a bus tour of Lanesboro and a stop at the **Cornucopia** and **Lanesboro Art Center/s**. You will then have *mid-dag* (dinner) at the local **Sons of Norway**.



Trempealeau County Tour: *Friday, July 16, 2010 – \$27 per person*

(Leaves Kryzsko Commons at 8:00 AM; returns at 12:45 PM)

The tour first goes by Centerville, WI, via Skyline Drive—scenic beauty of the unglaciated country from the clouds. You will visit **Soldiers Walk, Memorial Park, Arcadia**—the Midwest's largest veterans memorial. You will see the Civil War "Boy Soldiers" and a statue of Abraham Lincoln. A monument depicts Teddy Roosevelt's "Remember the Maine". Further down the path is the World War I monument with a veterans' roster and a monument depicting World War II at Iwo Jima, raising the flag. Around the perimeter of the amphitheater is the Generals' Overlook. Included are statues of Generals Patton, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Pershing, and Grant; and John Paul Jones.

Next you will go to Blair which continues to operate a large cheese factory today. Its Norwegian heritage is reflected in the presence of the regionally important **Countryside Lefse Factory**. Over 4,000 lefse are made daily, using an Old World formula. You will then stop at the **First Lutheran Church** for a meal fit for Vikings, cooked by Norwegians.



Winona City Tour: *Friday, July 16, 2010 – \$12 per person*

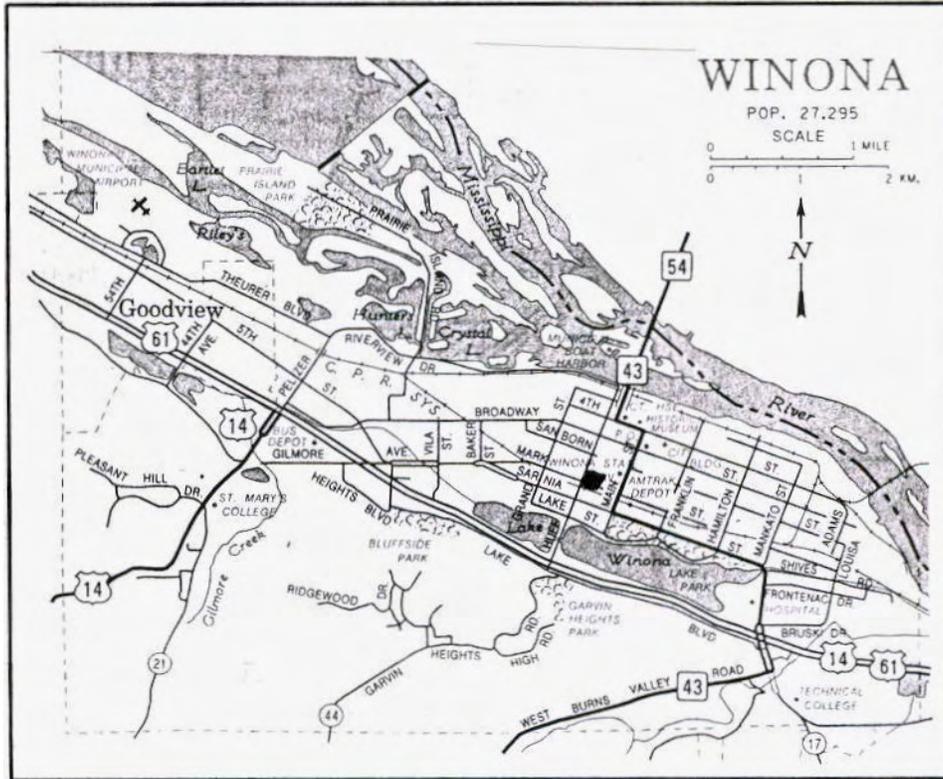
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The first stop on the tour is the **Minnesota Marine Art Museum**. The Museum features four galleries of world-class art and artifacts and is located in picturesque setting on the banks of the Mississippi River. Visitors can also view the largest collection of rare photographs along with maps of the upper Mississippi River by 19th century photographer **Henry Peter Bosse**.

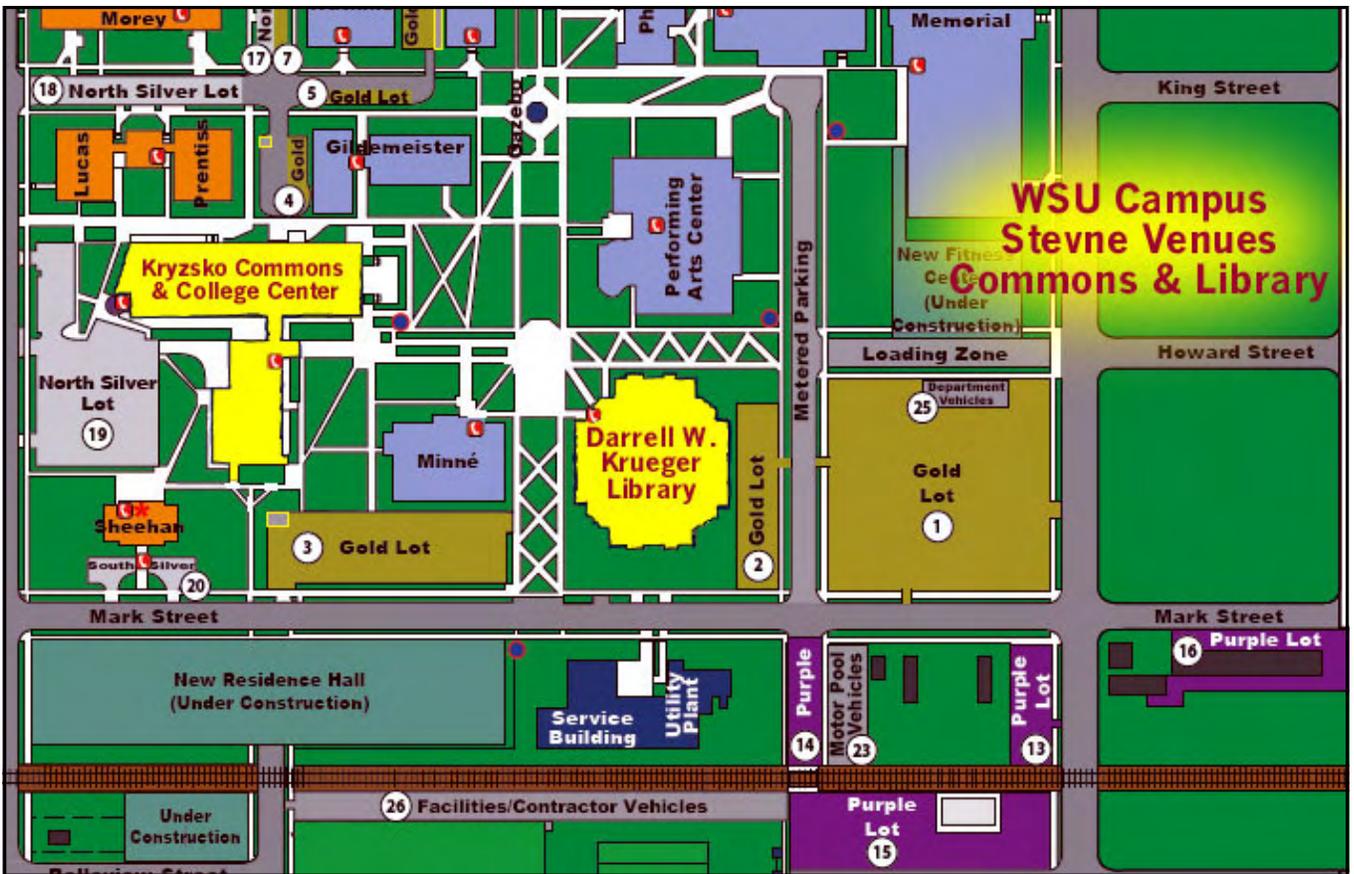
The next stop is **St. Stanislaus Kostka Church**. The church which was established by the first Polish settlers who arrived in the Winona area as early as 1855. The cornerstone of the present structure was laid in 1894. The tour also makes stops at **Winona National Bank** completed in 1916; and at the famous **Watkins Products**, which got its start in 1868 when J. R. Watkins perfected his direct sales strategy. Its administration building, finished in 1912, was then considered to be the finest private office building in the world.



2010 7-Lag Stevne Maps



Winona, Minnesota City Map



Winona State University Campus Map

7--LAG STEVNE REGISTRATION FORM

July 14 - 17, 2010 : Winona State University, Winona, MN

Name(s) _____

Print full name(s) for badges

Phone _____ Email _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Stevne Registration Fee (Entire Stevne):

Postmarked until June 19th - \$27 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____

June 20th and thereafter- \$30 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Admission to presentations, classes, entertainment and genealogy room sessions for the entire stevne. **Students** will be admitted free, except for Friday Banquet.

Friday Evening 6 PM Banquet: _____ Roast pork loin _____ Beef Tenderloin Tips
\$19 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Cafeteria Meals: Please check which meals you plan to eat at the cafeteria.

Needed for planning purposes. **Do not include payment.**

Breakfast (\$4.82) ___Thursday ___Friday___ Saturday

Lunch (\$7.47) ___Thursday ___Friday

Dinner (\$8.00) ___Thursday

Telelaget Picnic Box Lunch: 12:00 PM Saturday \$10 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____

On-campus Lodging (Non Air-conditioned):

A blanket, pillow, linens, and towels are included for each person. Bring a fan if it is hot.

I / we will be staying the following nights: ___Wednesday ___Thursday ___Friday ___Saturday

I am sharing a room with: _____.

\$20 per person/per night/Double \$28 per person/per night/Single X _____ person-night(s) = \$ _____

Lanesboro/Theater Tour: 12:00 Noon, Thursday. \$32 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____
The motor coach tour includes Play, Art Center and early supper.

Trempeleau Co. Tour: 8:00 AM, Friday. \$27 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____
The motor coach tour to Soldiers Walk, Lefse Factory and lunch at First Lutheran Church.

Historic Winona City Tour: 12:25 PM Friday \$12 per person X _____ person(s) = \$ _____
School bus tour includes MN Marine Art Museum, St Stanislaus Kostka Church, Winona Bank, Watkins

TOTAL = \$ _____

Make check, payable to: **Telelaget of America**

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