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NORDEN STAR

NORDEN LODGE #407 HUNTINGTON

Celebrating Our 86th Year



May, 2025

Meeting normally each 4th Sunday of the month at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station, NY

Phone (516) 791-3983 NordenLodge407@Gmail.com -Next Meeting **Friday May 16, at 7 PM**

On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**

Deadline for Items for the June, 2025 Newsletter PERIODICAL is May 28, 2025

MONTH'S MESSAGE

Well! Are we ready to celebrate Norway's Constitution Day? **Our meeting is on FRIDAY MAY 16th at 6PM. If you would like to help please come at 5pm.** Barbara will prepare a short program on this special day.

A BIG REMINDER FOR OUR SUMMER FUN: Kristin and Chuck have scheduled trips for our lodge. The trip to the Vanderbilt Museum Saturday June 14th @ 10:30am, cost: \$ 28 per person (the museum we pass going to our picnic.) The Ducks Game is scheduled for Saturday July 19th. It is \$20 per ticket. Our picnic is scheduled for August 9th (Saturday) so sign-up for that too. The Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard (Saturday, September 20th @ 11am, cost: \$116 per person). PLEASE SIGN-UP and pay for these events. All except the Vanderbilt are open to all other lodges, so sign -up quickly to make sure you have your spot for these events, letting them know how many tickets to order or how many to tell the facilities for the tours. Henrik Ibsen has planned the Fishing Tournament for July 20th (yes the next day after the Duck's). Don't forget about the bus to the Third District Picnic at Nansen Lodge on August 23rd. To secure your seat - you must pay the \$10 to Karen or Barbara. It is first come first sit. Zone 1 is subsidizing the bus, for the picnic to Nansen, in Staten Island. Don't forget to send you money to Paul Kornbrekke for the full day of food. 3 meals for \$40. Where can you eat for that price alongside spending time with good friends? The Corporation will subsidize many of these events. Wow! We really will have a very busy summer getting together.

Karen and Steve will be working with the 2026 Convention that will be hosted by Hampton Roads Lodge and the District. The hotel is at a great price and that area of Virginia is beautiful so think about making it a longer vacation stay, even if you don't want to see what goes on at a convention. For those of you who remember Claire and Herb they always tried to join, even not as delegates, but to see different places up and down the east coast. Plan to come. The more the merrier.

Our corporation planned our Julefest at Palmer's Restaurant in Farmingdale NY. The cost to each Norden member is \$10 for dinner. Karen has started to collect Norden money for the dinner. Please make sure you sign up there is limited seating. Either pay Barbara or Karen to secure your place.

Remember each meeting you attend, in person or on zoom, will earn you 1 ticket in the Dues Assistant Program. It starts in January each year, to earn your tickets for the "2026 win your dues paid" raffle. So the more meetings you attend the better chance you have to win a free one-year of membership. Just talk with the committee: Roy, Karen, Kristin or Barbara.



Fraternally, Roy

If you hear of anyone who is not feeling well, or needs some cheering up, please contact our **SunShine Lady, Kathy Johannessen (631) 421-9482**, so we can respond & get the word out.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO EVERY MEETING.

As voted, a \$1.00 reminder fee for a temporary name rental will be charged each time you forget. This could be fun! Only excellent above reproach excuses will be exempted by Vote on the floor. **See Les Johannessen for your Tag**

NORDEN ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

*** NORDEN OFFICERS FOR 2025 ***

For Contact Info Email bigjobber@aol.com

President: Roy Berntsen

Vice President Kristin Gottilla

Membership Chair: Tim Baxley Assist Mary Booton

Secretary: Barbara Berntsen

Counselor: Les Johannessen

Social Director: Janet Hannigan

Youth Dir: Vacant

Editor: Les Johannessen

Alternate Editor: Barbara Berntsen

Financial Secretary: Shirley Erland

Treasurer Shirley Erland

Sunshine: Kathy Johannessen

Sports Dir. Charles Gottilla

Greeter: Mary Booton

4-27-2025 Minutes Summary

President Roy welcomed all to Norden Lodge #3-407. It is really nice to see so many here in Easter colors. We are having our corporation meeting today and we thank the corporation for hosting our dinner. I want to remind the Norden members that this is a closed meeting. There were no guests in attendance. He turned the floor to corporation President Steve, so they can give us their report. If you have any questions, please ask them when Steve and the board finishes.

Corporation: the corporation stated at our last meeting that we will have our December meeting at Palmers Restaurant. Our members will pay \$10 to attend. Other lodge members are invited to join us and Karen will start collecting today.

President Roy again took over the meeting. Again at 3:10pm.

Pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Barbara – silent officer attendance taken

Secretary Barbara the minutes were approved as distributed.

Barbara stated we have no new applications for membership.

Correspondence: announcement:

1. Remember to sign in the attendance book. Mary took the attendance for the meeting of the membership.

Correspondence:

1. Les sent out this interesting interesting zoom event from the Norwegian Society about space technology for arctic surveillance and on the increased activity of the Northern Lights.

Flyers available at Meeting: The third district picnic - Youth camp flyer. - Southern cultural camp - The ducks game - The winery tour - The Vanderbilt Museum Tour

2. Barbara informed the church about no meeting in December. St Peters Secretary Gerry was thankful we told them so early, allowing for planning.

3. Barbara advised Amanda about our December Yulefest in a restaurant and the picnic on August 9.

Financial reports – Treasurer Shirley was unable to attend however provided her report which was read by our Secretary Barbara.

Committee reports

Social Directors: Janet/Barbara/Kathy -- Janet – Love My Park Day is May 3. The corporation provided our dinner and soda at today's meeting.

Newsletter: Les – has extra copies with him. Remember to sign up for a remembrance and your name in the newsletter. Check your emails, Les sends out nice zoom programs to watch and good information to read.

Sports directors: Chuck / Kristin announced:

- Picnic: we selected the date of **August 9** – as stated Barbara notified Amanda for the food and the cook.
- Henrik Ibsen Fishing at Captree on is on July 20, 2025 from 1 – 5pm – an afternoon fishing trip. Let Roy know or send your check directly to John Kern.
- List of events – see the flyers up front & in Newsletter..
- Vanderbilt museum flyer is here Saturday June 14th @ 10:30am, cost: \$ 28 per person, rsvp and payment due by May 16th

- The winery tour will be on September at Baiting hollow farm vineyard
- 2114 Sound Ave, Baiting Hollow, NY 11933, on Saturday, September 20th @ 11am, cost: \$116 per person
- The Ducks game at 3 court house dr., Central Islip, NY 11722, on sat July 19th @ 6:35 pm, for the fireworks spectacular at \$20 p/p.

Zone: Steve / Les /Karen / Barbara

1. Memorial Service – May 4 - the zone discussed the memorial and the audience participation. The service is to remember all our members who have passed to lodge eternal. Those now and those in the past. Please think of joining us next month. Paul Kornbrekke is our guest speaker.
2. The bus trip for the third district picnic is filling up. See Karen or myself if you want to attend. It is first come first seated. So get your \$10 into Karen.
3. The scholarship applications were received and there were 5 winners. Lois is giving out one scholarship at the Brooklyn/Færder meeting and Barbara will give out the other 4 at the Loyal meeting. On June 6th. At 7pm. They are having a BBQ dinner at 6:30pm. Please let them know if you plan to attend. The invitations were sent to the award winners.
4. Karen announced that Scantest is happening again this year.

Sunshine: Kathy said Mildred Sandburg was in the hospital plus Nancy Seals and Else Hansen are now great grandmothers.

Dues Assistance Program: Karen – it is available for those who need help paying their additional dues payment.(Always handled discreetly)

3rd district: Steve & Karen: announced

Youth camp will be held in July 20-26,2025, and the age for campers is up to 17., at Camp Koinonia. (See Flyer Here in)

Sports picnic at Nansen Lodge on August 23rd. It is \$40 per person. Barbara has flyers. Please take one and come to the picnic.

Culture camp down south. – most of the presenters and the teachers are chosen and volunteered. It looks like a great weekend. There only a few rooms left so get your reservation in now.

Parade: Barbara – we are marching in three weeks. Selected our theme: “celebrating Norwegian Immigration 1825-2025” the pins selling well. Our guest speaker is Lars Nilsen from the NIA and the Scandinavian American Society. We hope to have another great parade and hope many can attend. We have the \$100. 50/50 raffle going again as a fundraiser – Barbara has a few tickets here. Or if you would like to make a straight donation – please let her know.

Good of the order

1. Bob McKeever said they have a great annuity and the rates are 5% for the first year and after that the guarantee will not go below 2.9%.
2. Absjorn gave a wonderful description of the Northern Lights when he was based up north in the Norwegian Army.

Counselor Les: may peace and harmony prevail within our lodge.

Our next meeting is meeting on Friday night – due to the parade. May 16th at 6 pm—we will again have a zoom meeting at 6:30.

Roy thanked everyone for coming today.

Roy declared this business meeting adjourned at 4:20pm
25 were in attendance 2 zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Barabara Berntsen

*** **THINGS TO REMEMBER** ***

- 1- The June 6 Scholarship Awards at Loyal Lodge has historically started at 1PM (Look for possible change)
- 2- Chance awarded at each meeting you attend to win paid Annual Membership (Zoom Included)
- 3- The S Carolina Retreat is getting a lot of attention.

Remember there are 17th of May Parade Pins available for \$6 along with \$100 Raffle Tickets buy individually or in a group effort. - See Barbara B.

*** UP COMING EVENTS ***



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

**Follow and see
Ellen Lindstrom's Band
perform at:**

<http://www.theswedishmeatballs.com/shows.html>



**Emigration Anniversary Tour to Norway
Tour Leader: Rolf Svanoe**

June 24 – July 5, 2025

Published in 2024 Newsletters

Will appear again in March Issue

A copy before then available upon request

norwaytours@vesterheim.org



"Coastal Retreat"

3rd District Norwegian Cultural Camp

June 26-29, 2025

Isle of Palms, SC (Near Charleston, SC)

For Families and Adults

**CLASSES IN: SCANDINAVIAN DANCING * HARDANGER FIDDLER *
ROSEMALING * NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE BUNADS * LIEF
ERIKSSON * SAMI PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN CAP**

Cost: 1 person Room \$700

2 people per room \$900 (\$450/person)

3 People Per Room \$1,150 (\$383.34/ea)

4 People Per Room \$1,350 (\$337.50/ea)

**A more detailed flyer is available upon request
either at our Meetings or via email. Gives one a
better idea of the beauty of the site**

**NORDEN LODGE IS HOSTING A
LONG ISLAND DUCKS EVENT**

At 3 Court House Dr., Central Islip, NY 11722

On Sat July 19th @ 6:35 PM

For the fireworks spectacular Cost is: \$20 per person

Please contact Chuck or Kristin Gottilla with any
questions or to say you will be attending.

Checks payable to and sent to: Chuck Gottilla
642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Always a fun night filled with Baseball, Fireworks and
Friends at this Rain or Shine Event!!

RSVP by June 30th

Contact: Chuck Gottilla: 516-512-9427

Kristin Gottilla: 516-521-3190



SONS OF NORWAY YOUTH CAMP



IT'S

Back!

**KOINONIA
Highland ILake,**

July 20 – 26, 2025 Ages 8 to 17

The completed application form, along with a \$100 registration fee (deposit), must be sent to Katie Brink before March 15. The check should be made payable to District Lodge #3 Sons of Norway. You will receive camp materials including a health form when your application is received. \$550 Sons of Norway members, \$600 Non-members – Send to: Katie Brink

Sons of Norway Youth Camp Coordinator

7107 Fernwood St #2421, Henrico, VA 23228

More Info: uyakkm27@outlook.com Phone: (614) 202-5964

**Activities Include: Canoeing, Language Class, Games,
Bonfires, Rosemaling, Hardanger, Archery & More**

**2025 Henrik Ibsen Fishing
Members, Family and Friends
Welcome**

Sunday July 20th, 2025

1:00pm – 5:00pm (BOAT LEAVES AT 1 PM SHARP)

\$65 per person (includes gratuity)

\$50 per child (12 & under)

RAIN or SHINE

This is a private Charter

You may bring your own food/beverages

We must give a final count so **PLEASE** send names and
payment

NO LATER then July 1st 2025

Make checks payable to: John Kern Henrik Ibsen Lodge

Sports Director

Mail to: John Kern

1498 Brightshore Blvd Bay Shore NY 11706

Questions? Please contact John cell/text 631 636-2035



Immigration Tour to NYC

October 5 – 10, 2025

Published In 2024 Newsletters

Will appear again in September Issue

A copy before then available upon request

CULTURAL CAMP COMMITTEE

The Cultural Camp Committee has been busy and has planned a wonderful time for attendees at the Third District Cultural Camp at the Coastal Retreat in the Isles of Palms in South Carolina scheduled for June of 2025. There are a limited number of rooms available on a first come first served basis.

(SEE MORE EVENTS ON PG 4 & 7)



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, Spring 2025 - Steve's Spring Message appeared in the April Newsletter – Remember past Newsletters are available on our WEB Site. (See top of page one header for site information)



SONS OF NORWAY 3RD DISTRICT PICNIC

Aug 23rd 2025 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Place: NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS - 3465 Victory Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10314

The usual BBQ fair includes Bagels, Danish, Muffins, Coffee & Tea, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries & Fresh Salad, Roast Beef Sandwiches & Sausage and Peppers, BBQ Chicken w/Corn on the Cob, Watermelon & Ice Cream – This includes an available Cash Bar (No LIQUOR to be brought into the Park) There is Music, Games for both the Adults and Children – Corn Hole, Kubk, Hammer Throw Tournament RAFFLES and 50/50

RESERVATIONS Are a Must by 8/1/25 (How Else will we ensure enough food for everyone)

Cost: Only \$40/Adult - \$15/Child 4-12 yrs old – Children under 4 yrs old are free.

Check Payable To: Paul Kornbrekke Mail to Paul 256 Barnard Ave, Staten Island, NY 10307 Info: 718-356-8395



Zone One Bus to 3D Picnic

Aug 23TH 2025 10:00 – 4:00 Seats are limited. First come first serve!

NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS

Pick-up stops 8:15 AM Loyal Lodge 201 7th Street St. James - 9:00 AM LIE Park and Ride Exit 49 Melville -

9:30 Roslyn Train Station Roslyn Heights --- The bus will leave Nansen to return home at 4:00PM

Cost of Bus \$10 for members of Zone One. Make Check payable to Zone One Committee Sons of Norway and Mail to Karen Olsen-Helmold, 183 Evergreen Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714

Please include the names of all attending, the place where they will get the bus and a cell phone number.

Other Scandinavian Activities for May 18 – June 20 – Aug 15

GRATULERER ME' DAGEN!

SC GJØA SOCCER
EST. 1911

LIVE MUSIC
3-7 PM

GJØA SPORTING CLUB
850 - 62ND STREET
BROOKLYN, NY
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

SMORGASBAND

AFTER THE PARADE

BROOKLYN!! MAY 18TH

SMORGASBAND
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH @ 6:30 PM

EISENHOWER PARK LAKESIDE THEATER

OPENING FOR "DANCING DREAM"

ABBA TRIBUTE BAND
7 PM

EISENHOWER PARK, EAST MEADOW, LONG ISLAND, FREE

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE THE SWEDISH WAY AT IKEA LONG ISLAND

MIDSOMMAR
IKEA

SMÖRGÅSBANDET
Små Grodorna & a Smörgåsbord
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

Purchase tickets at IKEA's restaurant,
Broadway Mall, Hicksville, Long Island

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2025

May 16 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 6 PM (Change Due to Parade)
 Jun 14 - Lodge Trip to Vanderbilt Museum - Centerport
 Jun 22 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
 July 19 - Ducks Game - Central Islip 6:35 PM
 Aug 9 - Lodge Picnic - Centerport Beach 11:00 - 5:00 PM
 Sept 20 - Winery Tour - Eastern Long Island
 Sept 28 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
 Oct 26 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
 Nov 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
 Dec 7 - Christmas Fest at Palmer's in Farmingdale 1-4PM

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

May 18 - 17th of May Parade - Brooklyn
 June 6 - Zone 1 Scholarship Awards - Loyal Lodge St. James
 Jun 24 to Jul 5 - Emigration Tour of Norway (See Pg 3)
 Jun 26 to 29 - 3D Cultral Weekend - Isle of Palms, SC
 Jul 20 - Henrik Ibsen Fishing - Captree
 Jul 20 - 26 - 3D Youth Camp Highland Lake, PA
 Aug 23 - 3D Picnic Nansen Park Staten Island (Bus Available)
 Sept 7 - SCANFEST - Budd Lake, NJ
 Oct 9 - Landing of the Restauration - NYC (Event TBA)
 Oct 5 to 10 - Immigration Tour of NYC (See Pg 3)

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Month's Birthdays - Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Ryan Schofield	4	Else Kinney-Patecell	31
Connor Lucas	9	Karen Schofield	31
Robert J Michta	20		

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For This Month, Congratulations:

Greta Brown - 75 Years, Susan S Olsen - 56 Years
 Inger Gundersen - 55 Years, Olaf Johnsen - 53 Years
 Else Colasonno - 49 Years, Thore Omholt - 42 Years
 Ann Omholt - 34 Years, Nina Holvedt - 33 Years
 Bette Stahl - 25 Years, Michael DiPierro - 9 Years
 Dylan Solberg - 9 Years, Robert Ryan Wick - 6 Years

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We continue to add more events every month. This is a result of members getting involved and making things happen. While our dues support effort continues to good benefit for some. We should be proud of what we are accomplishing.

Meeting Attendance - an attempt to enhance our members benefits by increasing subsidies for good participation. The more involved the more you benefit.

If you don't see your name, & you attended, let us know.

Attendance for April 27, 2025 MEMBERS: Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Susan Olson, Roy Berntsen, Roy Berntsen Jr, Barbara Berntsen, Chuck Gottilla, Karen & Steve Helmold, Kathy & Les Johannessen, Nina & Clif Hotvedt, Nancy Rucci, Nancy Seals, Heidi & Jim Varady, Linda Petersen, Dorieann Kohl, Asbjorn Lageraen, Else Hansen, Ethel & Bob McKeever Kaylin Roth, Kristin Gottilla (z), Leif Easterson (z)
 50/50 was won by Roy Jr.
GUESTS - None

The Lodge's Official Annual List of Attendance at our Meetings is Available upon request. Just ask your Editor or any of the Lodge's Officers.

2024 Norden Star Boosters Updated 04/05/25

Berntsen, Barbara & Roy 5/26	Holvedt, Clif & Nina 11/28
Berntsen, Margret 5/26	Meusel, Helen 6/27
Berntsen, Roy Jr 5/26	Obsberg, Norma 11/25
Brown, Greta & George 6/28	Rucci, Nancy 7/25
Carlson, Craig & Christine 11/24	Sandberg, Mildred 6/24
Erland, Shirly 9/25	Seals, Nancy 5/25
Hansen, Elsa 6/25	Stuckman, Barbara 12/25
Helmold, Steve & Karen 3/25	Tremel, Fred & Jean 9/25

IN MEMORY OF

COMMEMORATORS

Berntsen, Knut	Barbara & Roy Berntsen
Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/25	Daughter Shirley Erland
Frey, Judith 2/30	Daughter Norma Frey
Maier, Betsy Jane Sersted 3/26	Daughter Janet Maies Hannigan
Johansen, Lars, Sigrid & Art 10/30	Family
Jacobsen, Edward 4/29	Brother John & Wife Carol
Larssen, Tryggve & Signe 3/23	Daughter Greta & George Brown
Obsberg, Artie 11/25	Wife Norma
Stuckman, Erik 12/25	Mother Barbara
Skauvold, Harry & Kate 12/24	Daughter Christine Carlson

Room for more members that would like to join us. The \$5/Yr helps mailing costs. The dates following the names denote the end of the annual support

Please make checks payable to Norden Lodge 407. Cash is fine.

WE THANK ALL OUR BOOSTERS HELPING TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT



Memorial Service Report: It is with great pleasure that I can convey the results of this year's Memorial Service. Once again we had a beautiful service to honor this year's lost members. Although it was a rainy day, the number of attendees was around 40 but their voices were heard and the moment, although solemn, had a feeling of warmth and Camaraderie ! This really great feeling of camaraderie manifested itself in hearing all that spoke up to honor many past fraternal brother and sisters along with family members. It was so nice to hear their names and the memories it brought back of those many members we so miss. Each year these past member honors are growing, to the point many, I for one, look forward to hearing their names and remembering how special each are and how much closer they seem at that point

HURRAY, IT'S THE 17TH OF MAY!

Children's parades, marching bands, traditional costumes, and ice cream. Lots of ice cream. Norway's Constitution Day is quite a party!

This Year's Christmas Party at Palmer's in Farmingdale - Sign up Early Seating maybe limited - More Info to Follow

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: A guide to Norwegian bunads - Norway's national costumes - part 2

How do people choose their bunad? Some people choose their bunad for sentimental reasons, if for example, a grandmother has sown it by hand. For others, it represents their hometown or identity. Whilst there is no set rule for selecting a bunad, it is assumed that it represents an area that you have a strong connection to, so be prepared to engage in conversation with those dressed in the same design as you!

What are the most popular bunads? Everyone likes their bunad, but let's face it, some are nicer than others! Thanks to their growing popularity, the public weigh in on an annual poll distributed by newspapers across Norway.



Oslo. King Harald together with Queen Sonja in the East Telemark bunad.

Photo: Terje Pedersen / NTB scanpix

Here are three of the most popular:

East Telemark: Today, East Telemark has many variations in its bunads,

including the "red shirt bunad" that dates to the early 1800s. With family from Telemark and an interest in fashion, Queen Sonja was presented with this bunad as a wedding gift from her mother and wore it on May 17 last year. The red waist is non-negotiable, but the embroidery and colors vary. The men of East Telemark are in for an equally dashing look, complete with a white, green, or grey jacket.



Crown Princess Mette Marit in a Hardanger bunad, with Princess Ingrid Alexandra and Crown Prince Haakon arriving at Prince Sverre Magnus's confirmation in Asker.

Foto: Vidar Ruud / NTB scanpix

Hardanger: At the turn of the century, the traditional costume from Hardanger was the first to evolve into a bunad. Women from across Norway wore this bunad to show their support for independence from Sweden. As a result, this distinctive white apron and red vest went on to earn the nickname, "Nasjonalen" (the National). The bunad for men typically includes a red or green waistcoat, cream socks, and a black jacket.

Nordland: Inspired by earlier traditional clothing, the youth association submitted this original design in 1928. It comprises of a white blouse, woolen apron, shawl, bag, and silver jewelry. Additional accessories include a headdress and cape. Initially, the youth association wanted green wool but quickly settled for blue as it was difficult to obtain in the 1920s. Today, the bunad comes in both colors and has consistently won the nation's hearts in the annual poll for Norway's best national costume.

How much does a bunad cost? If you have ever been to Norway, then you will know that things do not come cheap and the bunad is no different! Prices vary but expect to pay between NOK 20,000 and NOK 50,000 for everything, including the accessories. The cheaper range is often manufactured abroad, whereas the higher range reflects Norway's handmade craftsmanship and lasts a lifetime. With life's stresses, we all know that waistline expansion is inevitable, but take comfort in knowing that your bunad will grow with you!

Barbara

History Article: The Rose Church -- part 1

I want to thank Barbara Bensen from Noreg Lodge in New Jersey for sending me this article that I really enjoyed. She receives the Vesterheim magazine and shares with me some of her favorites that she believes we all will enjoy. If you want to check out many articles their web site: <https://vesterheim.org/tag/vesterheim-magazine/>

Tucked away in the Norwegian mountains of More og Romsdal fylke (county) is a church in the small village of Stordal that has attracted the attention of historians and contemporary rosemalers alike. Why? Because the Rosekyrkja, or Rose Church, contains an example of early



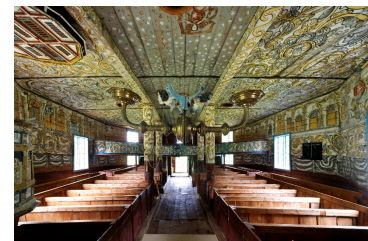
Renaissance-Baroque rosemaling that is so important and utterly splendid, it is worth studying in more detail.

From Renaissance to Rosemaling: Anyone interested in Norwegian history would be well aware that many old Master Rosemalers were Itinerant painters who earned their living traveling and painting in regional Norway. They were primarily employed to decorate churches with Renaissance-Baroque motifs, a style that, in the 18th century, had long since waned in popularity elsewhere.

Ironically, the isolation of rural Norwegian communities from outside fashion trends was what fostered an evolution in the development of Norwegian painting. The folk artists interpreted and adapted rudimentary Renaissance motifs and changed them into a more distinctive and specialized form. As time passed, this style of painting proved so popular that demand increased. As well as walls and ceilings in churches, there was enthusiasm for furniture and other common objects around the home to be decorated with rosemaling motifs. Collectively, all the differing styles are what we have come to know as Norwegian rosemaling.

Location of Stordal:

Against the backdrop of a rural landscape dotted with neat red barns and fringed with spectacular fjords, I traveled from Andalsnes on the West Coast of Norway as part of a Vesterheim tour group in 2014. After driving through valleys so narrow and steep they make you feel like an ant, we reached Stordal and Rosekyrkja, 35 miles east of Ålesund.



The History of Churches in Stordal: Since 1350 and possibly earlier, a stave church has stood in Stordal. In 1766, Clergyman Hans Strøm wrote that the village had a small and modest church that is not particular in any way. The building is maintained by the congregation that also owns it. By the 1780s, the stave church had begun to collapse and was demolished. As it was the custom to recycle and reuse materials, timber from the old church was salvaged and used, together with local materials, to build an eight-sided church on the same site.

Barbara

Don't forget by selecting (clicking) on a picture you can enlarge it by selecting it first and then select & hold one of the dots that appear & pull until the desired size is reached

Additional Events +

NORDEN LODGE

Visits: **Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium**

180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, New York 11721

Come join fellow S/N members as we discover the visual wonders of the Reichert Planetarium, where our Konica Minolta Infinium star projector and full-dome video transport you across the universe. Access to the Vanderbilt Mansion (including the Habitat and Stoll Wing animal dioramas, and natural-history and cultural-artifact galleries in the Memorial Wing), The Hall of Fishes marine museum, Planetarium exhibits, and the grounds and gardens.



Saturday June 14th @ 10:30am

Cost: \$ 28 per person

RSVP and payment due by May 16th



Checks to **Kristin Gottilla** or **Venmo @kgottilla**

Kindly state the names of participants and phone numbers in case I need to contact you.

Contact: Kristin Gottilla: 516-521-3190

642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Kgottilla@hotmail.com

Directions: Going east on 25A to Centerport, turn left onto Little Neck Rd. Continue to Vanderbilt Museum

NORDEN LODGE

Annual Picnic

at

**Centerport Beach
Senior Citizens Pavilion**

Saturday, August 9, 2025

11am to 5pm

(Rain or Shine)

Come join fellow S/N members, children and grandchildren for a day of great fun, lots of food and plenty of games for kids and adults. We will have a cook too, so all can have fun !!!

Cost: Members: \$10 (Qualified Members Reimbursed)

All Children (under 12 years): Free

Adult Non Members: \$10

Directions to Centerport Beach:

Going east on 25A to Centerport, turn left onto Little Neck Rd. - Continue past Vanderbilt Museum about half a mile. -

Entrance is near bottom of hill on the left.

(Stop at Picnic Area gate to get day pass if you didn't get one)

Contact: Norden:

Chuck Gottilla: 516-512-9427

Kristin Gottilla: 516-521-3190

RSVP by July 30 checks to Chucks Gottilla

642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

**Hopefully you can recognize our
members having fun**



NORDEN LODGE IS HOSTING A WINE TASTING EVENT



Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard
2114 Sound Ave, Baiting Hollow, NY 11931

On Saturday, September 20th @ 11AM

Cost: \$116 per person

(Includes Tax and Gratuities)



Enjoy a beautiful tour of the winery, wine tasting and a charcuterie board. Afterward you can just hang out to enjoy the day playing yard games (Giant Jenga & Corn Hole) and listening to live music. Live music is there from 1pm – 5pm.

If you choose to stay longer, at your own expense, there is always more wine, beer, soda, and delicious food from the baiting hollow pizza and food truck. No outside food or drink is allowed on the property.

Please contact Kristin Gottilla 516-521-3190 with any questions or to say you will be attending.

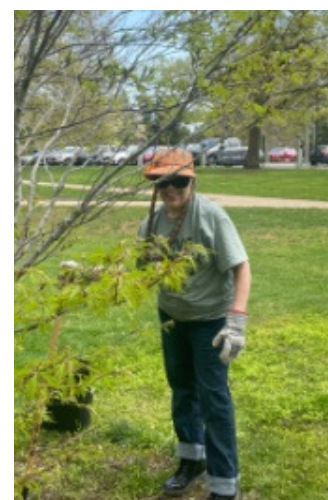
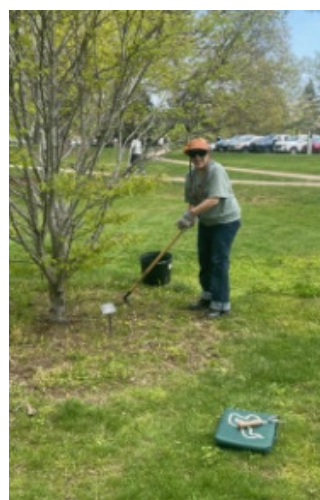
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Directions: Take I-495 East to exit 71 (toward Hampton Bays/Calverton) turn left onto NY-24 (Follow Edwards Ave S), turn right onto Sound Ave turn left into Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard

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Our Lodge Visits the Bayard Arboretum on May 3 – Pictures supplied by Inger Nielsen



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Happy Mother's Day

Join us at our next meeting on Friday May 16th at 6 PM "MAY" is a very special month for us Norwegians. We celebrate Norwegian Independence Day with a Parade on Sunday as well as recognizing this event during our meeting. Come see what we are doing and don't forget we love sharing our feeling and meaning of "Koselig" Bring a friend!



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