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President's Message

Hei alle sammen!

For those of you who missed the January's lodge meeting, Ann Myhre's presentation, "***DNA and Norwegians - how and why to have your DNA tested and what you might learn***", was a treasure trove of information on DNA testing and how one could use it to fill missing information in your family tree (some of that information you may not want to know, perhaps). My thanks to Ann for taking the time to create and present such a meaningful presentation – it open many a member's eyes to the value of the DAN testing.

Our March meeting will feature the video "The Stavig Letters" – written in Norwegian and translated into English are an extensive collection of letters between two brothers, Lars Stavig who immigrated to America and his brother Knut who stayed in Norway. Consisting of more than 150 letters spanning more than five decades from 1881 to 1938, the Stavig Letters give voice and reality to the immigrant experience from the perspectives of both countries.

A reminder that May's lodge meeting will be the Syttende Mai celebration on May 13th. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Please share your commitment and presence at these meetings as you are what make the North Carolina Vikings Lodge! Never forget to promote the Sons of Norway membership to friends and associates. Involvement in the lodge will certainly be worthwhile for you and your families but it is truly all about what "we make of it for us and each other".

Mange takk

Mike Tilder, President
North Carolina Vikings Lodge 3-675



Upcoming Vikings Lodge Programs and Lodge Meetings

Meetings will be held Underwood Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27613) unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming Events –

January-May, 2017

March 25 th	Video: The Stavig Letters	3pm – 5pm
May 13 th	Syttende Mai Celebration	11:30am – 2pm

The “John Karlsen Memorial” Golf Tournament at Land of the Vikings

The Weekend of

May 5-7, 2017

For LOV Reservations – Call or Email Bev or Rick:

Phone: 570-461-3500; Email: vikingland@tds.net

Tournament Fee: \$70 per Golfer

Includes: Golf, greens fee, meal and prizes

Send Tournament Fee by **April 15th** to:

Audun Gythfeldt

P.O. Box 702

Pocono Pines, PA 18350

?? Questions for Audun??

Phone: 570-646-3817; Email: audun99@ptd.net

Help Plan a Meeting

Can you invite a professional or line up an expert or even fun person to help us with cultural programs at our lodge meetings? Call Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 to pick a month or activity you can line up for the lodge!

Genealogical Webinar

Jerry Paulson, Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication, has contributed a useful 42-minute **webinar** about the history, farms, communities, clerical districts and counties of Norway. His presentation is an informative and logical description of this complex topic, and should assist researchers at all levels.

To view this new addition – as well as the other free webinars and videos, visit www.nagcnl.org. On the home page, click on the webinar and video buttons to view the offerings available. *The videos and webinars on NAGC's website are free to the public, made possible by the generous support of The Edwin E. and Janet L. Bryant Foundation, Inc.*

Items for the Newsletter

Don't forget – if you've got an announcement, would like to pass on some information or just something interesting to share with the group, please email Mike Tilder at mmtilder@twc.com.

March / April Birthdays

Frank Bell	3/2	Kari Crenshaw	3/5
Chris Christiansen	3/8	Cheryl Weathers	3/10
Ted Schmidt	3/11	Berit Anne Blankenship	3/13
Sandra Valnes Quammen	3/15	Sandra Gaudier	3/20
Kathryn Hansen	3/23	Kjell Ottesen	3/28
Michael Tilder	4/10	Norman Miller	4/12
Lesley Riddenvold-McAdams	4/15	Sonja Striplin	4/17
Jennifer Axness	4/18	Jacqueline Sheffield	4/20



Gratulerer med dagen!

Norway Turns to Radical Salmon-Farming Methods

From: <http://newsonahand.com/norway-turns-to-radical-salmon-farming-methods/>



“From futuristic egg-shaped enclosures that bob within the water to supertanker-like buildings submerged within the ocean, the Norwegian authorities is making an attempt to counter rising challenges within the type of sea lice, fish escapes and the scarcity of appropriate shoreline for aquaculture.

One of the massive issues for salmon farmers in Norway, the world’s largest salmon producers, has been the rise of sea lice. A naturally occurring parasite that attaches itself to fish, the issue will not be new, but it surely has grown to be extra severe because the lice have grown to be extra resistant to chemical substances used to deal with them.

Norwegian salmon producers have more and more turned from chemical remedies to mechanical means, reminiscent of washing salmon with contemporary water or water heated to about 30C and treating the salmon with a comfortable brush, which has led to an increase in mortality charges. They have additionally been harvesting the fish earlier than they’re absolutely grown, which has meant that the nation’s manufacturing volumes fell about 5 per cent in 2016.

Prices of salmon surged to document ranges of close to Nkr80 a kilogramme final 12 months after Norway’s manufacturing issues swiftly adopted a provide scarcity within the quantity two producer Chile, whose salmon farms had been hit by a poisonous algae bloom earlier within the past 12 months.”

Norway for Bookworms: A Short Travel Guide for Literature Lovers

From: <https://www.thelocal.no/20170314/norway-for-bookworms-books-literature>

Norway's literary greats

Think Norwegian literature and chances are the name Henrik Ibsen (1828–1906) will be the first to spring to mind. Norway's acclaimed playwright was one of the most influential writers of his time, still hailed internationally as the founder of modern drama. Ibsen was born in Skien, southern Norway, and you can visit his childhood home there. If you are short of time, though, head instead to the [Ibsen Museum in Oslo](#). Ibsen lived the last eleven years of his life in the city (then called Kristiania), and his old apartment, now restored to its former glory, is well worth a visit. The adjoining visitor center features an exhibit on Ibsen's life and writing.

Nobel laureate Knut Hamsun (1859-1952), another Norway great, is the country's most famous novelist, known for works such as *Hunger*, *Growth of the Soil*, *Pan* and *The Wanderer*. The [Hamsun Centre](#) in Hamarøy, Nordland, celebrates the life and work of the author. The building itself, designed by architect Steven Holl, has received several prizes for its striking architecture. Hamsun's childhood home, which lies 5km from the centre, can also be visited.

Norway's best-selling contemporary novelist is crime writer Jo Nesbø, who has sold over 25 million books and been translated into more than 50 languages. Nesbø himself has been a long time resident in Oslo, and some of his most popular books are set in the capital. Want to follow in the footsteps of his famous police detective? [Oslo Guidebureau](#) organizes weekly "Harry Hole's Oslo" walks.

Events and festivals

Over 60 literature festivals take place every year in Norway. From the Children's Book Festival in Grimstad, southern Norway to the Finnmark International Literature Festival, from the Raptus Comic Book Festival in Bergen to Kongsberg Crime Fiction Festival, there are plenty of opportunities for book lovers all over Norway to get together. The most popular festival is the Norwegian Literature Festival, which takes place in Lillehammer in late May/early June, and attracts popular authors from around the world and tens of thousands of visitors every year.

Literature houses

Other great places to meet fellow book lovers in Norway are Literature houses (Litteraturhuset in Norwegian). Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Fredrikstad and Skien all have their own.

Public libraries

Norway boasts some beautiful libraries, several of which have received international accolades for their architecture and design. The most striking is probably Vennesla Library in southern Norway, build by Helen & Hard, almost entirely made from wood. Also worth mentioning are Bodø's Stormen and Tromsø Library, both in northern Norway. Travelling with teenagers? The uber cool [Biblo Tøyen](#), Oslo, opened in 2016, is Norway's first library for 10-15 years olds only! Here kids can do homework inside a converted tuk-tuk, learn to prepare food in the back of an old Volvo truck, or read in a recycled gondola hanging from the ceiling... No grown-ups allowed. Located in Bjørvika, next to the Opera and the new Munch Museum, the new Oslo Public Library ([Deichmanske bibliotek](#)), due to open in 2020, will be Norway's finest, and a must see for any visitor

Norway's book towns

The bookish destination par excellence, the village of Fjærland in Fjord Norway, the original Norwegian Book Town ([Bokbyen](#)), boasts miles of shelves, housed in quaint little sheds along the picturesque fjord. There are also a few second-hand bookshops, most of which sell books in foreign languages as well as Norwegian. Bokbyen is open daily May to September, 10am–6pm [Tvedestrand](#), on Norway's southern coast, also brands itself as a book town, and here too you will find a few second-hand bookshops, as well as guided tours and a range of events. The town even has its own [book hotel](#).

Book shops

If all this has made you want to go buy a book, you will be glad to hear that most big bookstores in Norway have a section selling books in English. But [Tronsmo](#) in Oslo is arguably the best bookshop in the country for English language books. Here you will find a great choice of contemporary English language literature, as well as Norwegian authors in translation, a fine selection of art books and comics, and more.

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Vennesla Library



Ibsen in Oslo



Hamsun Centre



Biblo Tøyen



Bokbyen in Fjærland

World's First Ship tunnel to Bypass Norway's Most Dangerous Waters

From: <http://gcaptain.com/worlds-first-ship-tunnel-to-bypass-dangerous-seas-in-norway/>



Norwegian officials have given the green light to fully finance what is set to become the world's first full-scale ship tunnel, bypassing one of the most dangerous areas for vessels along the Norwegian coast. The Stad Ship Tunnel will be blasted through 1.7 kilometers of rock at the narrowest point of the Stad Peninsula, allowing ships the size of Hurtigruten's coastal steamers to navigate it.

What's fascinating is that the tunnel isn't expected to shave much time off the normal route, rather it is intended to allow ships to navigate more safely through the Stadhavet Sea, where the North and Norwegian seas meet. The Stadhavet Sea is considered one of the most exposed and dangerous areas for vessels along the coast of Norway, sometimes experiencing more than 100 storm days per year and a dangerous combination of wind, currents, and waves.

The Norwegian broadcaster **NRK reports** that the Norwegian government approved the full NOK 2.7 billion in funds needed for the project on March 2. The funding will be provided in two phases beginning in 2018 and lasting until 2029, according to NRK.

The Norwegian Coastal Administration, which is responsible for the project, says construction will involve conventional blasting using underground drilling rigs and pallet rigs, which will be used to remove approximately 3 million cubic meters of solid rock from the mountainside.

The idea for a bypass route through Stad has been kicked around in Norway for decades, but the idea has picked up steam in the recent years following studies pinpointing the best route. In 2013, the Norwegian Parliament earmarked NOK 1 billion for the project in the final period of the National Transport Plan 2014-2023.

According to reports, 33 people have lost their lives in the area since the end of WWII.

Once completed, the Stad Ship Tunnel will be 1.7 kilometers long, 37 meters high and 26.5 meters wide. Construction time is estimated to be approximately 3 to 4 years, but overall the project could span more than a decade from its potential start date sometime after 2018.

In addition to providing a safer route for sailors, the tunnel is also expected to serve as a popular tourist attraction with the potential for an overhead bridge that will be open to the public.

Find out more about Sons of Norway!

Sons of Norway Website:

<http://www.sofn.com/home/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SonsofNorway/>

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/SonsofNorway>

LinkedIn:

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/2080826>

Sons of Norway Blog:

<http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com>

... and here are some informative Genealogy Websites!

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~norway/>

A comprehensive list of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy.

<http://www.nndata.no/home/jborgos/register.htm>

Oldest church registers in Norwegian Parishes. Shows the year in which different parishes began keeping church records.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/norway/>

List of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy

<http://www.nb.no>

The National Library of Norway, including Norwegian newspapers.

<http://www.emigrationcenter.com/index.cfm>

The Norwegian Emigration and Genealogy Center

<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraak=e>

Norwegian National Archive. Includes the 1660, 1801, 1865 and 1900 censuses.

<http://home.online.no/~cfscheel/index.htm>

List of Norwegian local histories, dictionary, calendar, and more

http://www.dokpro.uio.no/dipl_norv/diplom_field_eng.html

Search amongst 16,000 documents from Norway during the period 1050 – 1590.

