



NOVEMBER 2020

# VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Happy November! While we are still not meeting officially as a Lodge, I hope that you and your family are staying healthy and safe. This time, however, is a great opportunity to get a head start on your holiday baking... Kransekake anyone? There are plenty of recipes available in the SON online recipe box.

And, as our weather turns colder and the days are shorter, you may be interested in working on your literary skills pin by reading a little "Scandi Noir" murder mystery. Look at some of the new best-selling books on page 5 of the newsletter or join the Vesterheim book club.

SON continues to work to provide quality online programming for our Lodge members, including "The Blinding Sea", a compelling film by award-winning filmmaker George Tombs on the life of explorer Roald Amundsen (1872-1929). [Click here to login and watch!](#) It is available until November 8th.

**We are still looking for a few folks to step up and help with the Lodge operations for 2021!!**

The time commitment is minimal, and the rewards are the satisfaction of being involved in preserving and celebrating your Scandinavian heritage (and cookies!). No special "Sons of Norway Experience" is needed, simply a willingness to pitch in and help. And, we are still looking for an Adopt-A-Mile coordinator.

Tusen takk!!

Joleen

# Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator Needed



For over a decade, the Vikings of the Smokies have participated the Town of Farragut's Adopt-A-Mile program, and Clark Brekke has spearheaded the effort since the beginning. Clark will be relinquishing his duties at the end of the year, so the Lodge is looking for someone to replace him.

Coordinator duties involve selecting dates, recruiting 2-3 Lodge members, and making arrangements to pick up the equipment (trash bags, signs and grabbers) from the Town to walk the road once a quarter.

**You do NOT need to be a resident of Farragut. This is a great opportunity for a family with school-aged children who are looking for volunteer hours!**

Boring Road is a quiet residential road, located in Farragut off Kingston Pike, next to the Ingles Shopping Center. The quarterly clean up normally takes less than 2 hours.

**If you have any questions about the Adopt- A-Mile program, please contact [Clark Brekke](#).**



**There are still a few Vikings of the Smokies T-shirts and decals available for sale.**



2	Red Short Sleeve T-Shirt	XL	20.00
1	Navy Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt	M	25.00
1	Navy Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirt	M	20.00
3	VOTS Decals		2.00

To purchase, please contact Linda Turmo at (865) 233-7411 or [turmolat@charter.net](mailto:turmolat@charter.net).

# Congratulations Erica Wilson!

Congratulations goes to Lodge member Erica Wilson who was selected as a member of the Hardin Valley Academy's Class of 2020 Homecoming Court!

The daughter of Rick and Trude Wilson, Erica has grown up in the Lodge, as her family are charter members of the Vikings of the Smokies.



Erica also has the distinction of serving as the first St. Lucia for our holiday Juletrefest and continues to help with the annual program.



## From the Treasurer:

Our net loss for the ten months fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) was \$259. This compares to a net gain of \$1,003 for last year.

This year's Children's Museum International Festival, our only community event, had a net profit of \$57. This compares to last year's Children's Museum International Festival and Taste of Scandinavia community events with a net profit of \$729. (There was no Taste of Scandinavia this year.) Membership dues income of \$591 was \$91 (18%) more than the last year's FYTD October income.

Lodge events had a net loss of \$245, compared to a net gain last year of \$165. Additional expenses for office expenses, including the Go Daddy subscription and insurance, were \$293, and District 5 Convention reserve expense was \$417.

Our current assets are \$4,627 in the Regions checking account, a \$100 SON gift card, and \$375 for prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets for a total of \$5,102. This compares to \$5,709 for October 2019. Our only liability is a \$1,139 accrual for the next SON District 5 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre  
Treasurer

## 2020 SON Christmas Ornament

This year's ornament marks an exciting move into a new era of the Sons of Norway Christmas ornament tradition.

This beautiful, hand-painted polyresin ornament features a Telemark-inspired floral rosemaling design in bold, festive colors with a gold satin ribbon.



It measures 3" across and comes in a decorative, gold-stamped gift box with satin lining and an informative insert. It makes the perfect gift or family keepsake!

[Shop Now](#)

Sports Director Olaf Storaasli is pleased to announce the newest recipients of SON Sports Medals.

Congratulations goes to the following Lodge members:

Linda Turmo - -Bronze, Silver & Gold  
Idrettsmerke (fitness)

Francis Turmo - Bronze  
InIdrettsmerke (fitness)

Joleen Dewald - Bronze  
Sykkelmerk (cycling)

For more information on to get started on earning your sports medals, or to download a record card, please visit <http://olaftn.com/SoN/VOTS.html>





## Join the Vesterheim Bookprat (Book club)

Everyone welcome. Adults 18 and older.

### [Learn more and register](#)

Dr. Maren Johnson, Luther College's Associate Professor of Nordic Studies and Torgerson Center for Nordic Studies Director, facilitates a monthly bokprat, discussing Scandinavian authors and Scandinavian life.

Join the Vetserheim in December to discuss Per Petterson's *Out Stealing Horses*, a novel beloved by readers the world over. It is a "masterpiece of death and delusion in a Nordic land" (The Guardian). At age sixty-seven, Trond has settled in an isolated part of eastern Norway to live out his life in solitude, but a chance encounter with his only neighbor stirs up long-dormant memories. Trond recalls the fateful July morning when he and his friend Jon impulsively stole a ride on horses at a nearby farm, an adventure shrouded by Jon's inexplicable grief. Trond soon learned of the tragic events that befell Jon the day before, which would haunt them both forever.

**Supplies:** A computer, laptop, or tablet with a camera and mic as well as a fast, reliable internet connection.

**Special Instructions: Registered participants should secure their own copy of the featured book and have read it prior to the discussion**

You will receive a link to the Zoom session by email sometime during the week prior to the group meeting.

**Enrollment Deadline:** December 9, 2020

# “Scandinavian Noir”

## Winter Reading Suggestions

### **Thomas Enger**

Thomas Enger is the author of the popular Investigative Journalist Henning Juul series, but *Inborn* (2019), his latest crime novel, is a chilling stand-alone. A 17-year-old boy in a small Norwegian town is in the courtroom charged with killing two students in his high school. But he is also on trial in the social media. He begins to have suspicions about people around him and no longer knows who he can trust—while many think he is the one who cannot be trusted.

### **Anne Holt**

*Dust and Ashes* (2018) is the 10th and final book in Anne Holt’s Hanne Wilhelmsen series. A man is accused of murdering both his daughter and his wife. Is he guilty? Detective Henrik Holme tries to discover the truth with the unwilling help of Wilhelmsen, his former mentor.

### **Kjell Ola Dahl**

Kjell Ola Dahl’s *The Ice Swimmer* (2018). It is almost Christmas when a man’s body is discovered in the cold waters of Oslo Harbor. Detective Lena Stigersand must solve the case, but it becomes complicated when she finds that a politician and the Norwegian security services might be involved. His newest book, *Sister*, was released in October 2020.

### **Karin Fossum**

Karin Fossum’s *The Whisperer* (2019) is the latest in her Inspector Konrad Sejer series. The quiet, self-effacing Ragna Reigel is in prison for murder but is she the murderer or the victim? The story goes back and forth between the months preceding the murder and Sejer’s patient interrogation of Ragna in prison.

### **Jo Nesbø**

Jo Nesbø is, of course, the first writer who comes to mind. He remains Norway’s “King of Crime.” His most recent book is *Knife* (2019), another in his Inspector Harry Hole series. Svein Finne, the first killer Harry ever sent to prison, is now free and out to get him. Harry must watch his back. Will Harry survive or will this be the end of the Harry Hole series?

# **Online Genealogy class offered by the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin**

The Sons of Norway District 5 Cultural Committee is offering an opportunity for members to develop genealogy research skills and earning the genealogy cultural skills pin. If you are just beginning your family history research, or have little or no experience with Norwegian genealogical records, this class is for you!

Classes will be conducted by Dana Kelly, the Executive Director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin, who has been researching her own family history for nearly 30 years - which led her to a Scandinavian Studies degree from UW-Madison where she learned to speak, read and write Norwegian. She has served on the board of directors for the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society since 2009 and is a member of several Norwegian cultural and genealogical organizations including Sons of Norway, Vesterheim, Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, Dane County Area Genealogical Society, and International Society of Online Genetic Genealogists.

Topics covered during the two day class will include:

- Common genealogical records for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy
- Norwegian naming customs
- Locating your ancestor's birthplace in Norway
- Norwegian spelling variation,
- introduction to DNA testing

The first two-day class is scheduled for Nov 30 & December 1 at 10 am CST, (11 am EST), while the second set of classes are scheduled for January 9 & 16. Classes run from 11 am to 3 pm with a 30 minute lunch break each day.

**The class fee is a special rate for SON members at \$125 per two-day class includes 30 days of access to the proprietary databases on the NAGC website and a copy of the updated "Research Guide for Norwegian Genealogy: For Beginning and Experienced Genealogists" (a \$25 value!) Non-member friends may participate by either joining SofN or paying an additional \$25.**

## **[Learn more and register for Seminar!](#)**

To register for a class, give a class as a gift, or request further information, contact Diane Maurer at [dmaurer@nagcnl.org](mailto:dmaurer@nagcnl.org) or call 608-255-2224.