



MJØSEN POSTEN

MJØSEN LODGE
Sons of Norway
Pope County Area, MN
October 2023

Mjøsen Lodge Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm Glenwood Chamber Office



Genealogist & Norway Tour Guide Jean Marthaler will be the guest presenter at our October meeting.

Jean currently leads several tours a summer for Brekke Tours of Grand Forks, ND.

Along with being a tour guide, she also assists individuals/families to find their ancestors' homes in Norway and arranges a visit, if possible.

Hope to see you on October 3rd

October Servers – Jim and Marsha Gronewold, Pauline Hoffman, and Connie Wendt



Tyler Smith, a wood turning artist and new business man in Glenwood, was the guest presenter at our September meeting.



He is pictured on the left with his acrylic designed pens.

Above are some samples of his wood projects.

Mjøsen Lodge 2023 Officers

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Gratulerer med dagen**October Birthdays**

10 - Ann Stensrud 22 - Sue Wright
 14 - Lars Johnson 26 - Judy Anderson
 17 - Joyce Shea 27 - Mary Thompson
 19 - Olivia Crone

**September 5 Lodge Meeting**

At our September lodge meeting, the treasurer reported a balance of \$4545.08 as of August 31, 2023.

Pins and certificates awarded - Pauline Hoffman received a past president pin and Sue Wright a 20 year pin. Mary and Dallas Thompson received a 20 year certificate and Marj Engebretson received a 10 year certificate. 20 year certificates were mailed to Sam Sanders and Judy Sosnoski. A 5 year certificate was mailed to Ellie Wright.

Program – Tyler Smith, a new Glenwood business man and wood turning artist, shared his talents.

Servers – Dallas and Mary Thompson, Carol Engh, Richard Feigum, and Dave Thompson.

Twenty-three members and two guests were in attendance.

***Halloween in Scandinavia***

Norway: Norwegians started to become interested in Halloween in the 1990s after “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” was translated into Norwegian. They celebrate much like we do in the States; however, instead of saying “trick or treat” Norwegian kids say “knask eller knep.”

Sweden: Halloween is celebrated from Oct. 31 until Nov. 6 and is known as “Alla Helgons Day.”

Iceland: Iceland doesn’t officially celebrate Halloween, but Icelanders are changing local traditions by trying to make Halloween part of their culture. Children, teens, and even some adults are starting to dress up in scary costumes which was not a tradition a few years ago.



Denmark: Costumed children dress up in costumes and go around ringing doorbells carrying tins which they try to get filled with money. If they are not given money or a cookie, they make trouble.

Finland: Halloween in Finland is more for young people and is an excuse to throw a party and hang out with friends. They don’t go door to door asking for goodies.

(ingebretsens-blog.com/halloween-in-scandinavia/)



Norway is an unusual-shaped country and shares a boundary with Russia, Finland, and Sweden. It is 1,089 miles long and its width varies from 267 miles to 50 miles. No wonder its shape is so unusual.

Leif Erikson Day is October 9

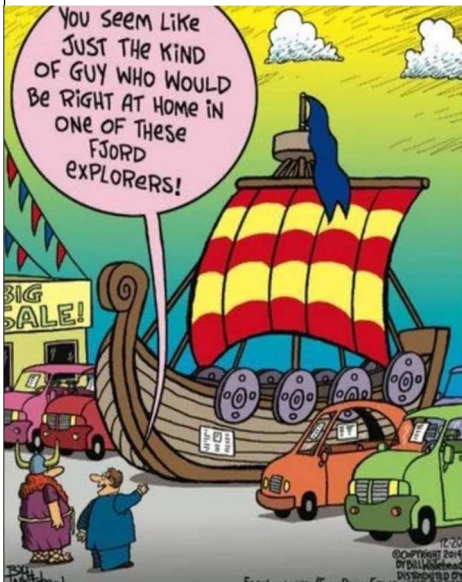
In the United States, we celebrate Leif Erikson Day on October 9. We can thank a Minnesotan for Leif Erikson Day. In 1963 Senator Hubert Humphrey from Minnesota introduced a bill to observe Leif Erikson Day nationwide. Congress unanimously authorized the observance, and President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed October 9 the day to observe this famous Norwegian explorer. (The Leif Leve, September 2021)

October 9 is not associated with any particular event in Erikson's life. The date was chosen because the ship Restauration arrived in the New York Harbor on October 9, 1825, beginning a wave of immigration from Norway to America.

(Viking, October 2015)

Did you know there is a statue of Leif Erikson outside the State Capitol Building in St. Paul as well as several other places in the U.S.?

Did you know he earned the nickname "Leif the Lucky" after rescuing a crew of 15 shipwrecked Icelanders?



More facts about Leif Erikson:

- ~ He was the first European to set foot in North America.
- ~ Erik the Red was his father.
- ~ He was born in Iceland to Norwegian parents.
- ~ He was only 24 when he captained the voyage that landed in North America.
- ~ He landed on what is now Newfoundland and called it Vinland.
- ~ He reached North America before Christopher Columbus.

(SonsofNorway.com)

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

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