

# Solskinn Nyhetsbrev

Newsletter from Solskinn Lodge



Solskinn Lodge 6-150

## Ord fra Presidenten



Wow!! Someone turned off the heat. Suddenly it's now cool enough to enjoy sitting outside again. About the Covid 19, I guess you all are well aware of the situation, so I would not take more time talking of it.

From the Lodge we are working hard on communicating with our members, Newsletters, Zoom meeting and postcards. We think it is very important to keep you all informed and we would like to see and talk with you all. That is why we are hoping as many as possible of you would take part on different Zoom meetings. Communication is always best when we can do it together instead of strict one-way information. Talking with and seeing you is always the best way to do it.

We are all longing for some social contact, that is why we are planning for a social get together later in November. It will be outdoor with social distancing and using masks. There will be some food and other surprises. More information about this planned event will follow from our social group if Covid will allow us.

I will take this opportunity to inform you all that this is my last word from the President for the lodge. I am retiring from this position in November. Luella will take over as president, but I will remain as a member of our Board. I am grateful for your all confidence during my time as President. It has been a very interesting period.

Thanks to everybody and stay Safe, we would love to see you all soon.

Ulf

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*Some articles are from the English or Norwegian versions of Wikipedia and edited.*



**Border Collie**

**Most popular dog  
in Norway**

## Nominations

Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

President - Luella Grangaard  
 Vice President - Terje Berger  
 Secretary - Tone Chaplin  
 Treasurer - Tove Grigsby  
 Social - Nancy Madson  
 Culture - Luella Grangaard  
 Newsletter/Website - Terje Berger  
 Counselor - Ulf Lokke



This is not from Dante's The Inferno. They don't sell tickets to Purgatory. Hell is a village in the municipality of Stjørdal in Trøndelag county, Norway. The 260-acre village has a population of 1,589. Hell has a grocery store, gas station, a fast food shop, and a retirement home.

# Vesterheim

Have you heard about Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa?

Vesterheim is the Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center, with over 33,000 artifacts, 12 historic buildings, a Folk Art School, and a library and archives. This treasure showcases the most extensive collection of Norwegian-American artifacts in the world.

I have been a member for a number of years. I attended 2 rosemaling classes there. Now since the COVID pandemic I have been participating in a book group and a Norwegian language class on Zoom. And last weekend Vaughn Simon and I and 498 other homes participated in a Webinar via Zoom. Those participating were from over 40 states, Canada and Norway. The program focused on items in the textile collection. And I won a membership gift. It was funny I knew that Vaughn was going to attend but you couldn't see anyone. Afterwards I received an e-mail from someone else I knew who was attending and heard that I received the membership.

Take a look at their website for online courses you can participate in her is a list of some of the current class offerings.

<https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org/classes/folk-art-online>

*Luella Grangaard*

## Gløgg

Gløgg is mulled wine. In Sweden you can buy a bottled ready Gløgg or the spices to make it yourself. There is many ways to make your own Gløgg. It is all about species and alcohol.

2 bottles of wine, preferable dry red.  
1-2 cups of vodka, or a whole bottle  
1-2 cups of red port wine (alternative)

3 cinnamon stick  
1 tbsp whole cardamom kernels  
10 whole cloves  
3 star anise  
1 piece fresh peeled ginger, or dried ginger  
3 pieces of pomegranate peel or orange peel  
1/2 cup sugar



Peeled whole almonds  
Raisins

Put all the spices in a container and pour over with vodka. Let it soak for a few days. Or, warm up some of the wine with the spices, then let it cool off a few days. Use a cheese cloth or coffee filter to drain the liquid. When it is time to enjoy the gløgg, boil water and put in the almonds. This makes it easier to peel them. Take a big sauce pan and pour in all the liquid together with almonds and raisins. Don't let it boil. Scoop up a few almonds and raisins and put in a cup and pour the liquid over.

This is served with ginger cookies and saffron buns.

November 2020

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## November Lunch Tailgate Social & Anniversary Celebration

(Conditional on Riverside County safety  
recommendations)

We will wear masks and social distance.

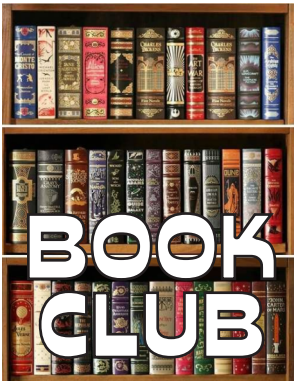
**Saturday, November 21, 1:00**

At Nancy & Rex's driveway,  
28351 Via Las Palmas, Thousand Palms

Celebrate Solskinn Lodge's 30th Anniversary  
Special surprise gift bag to members

**\$5.00** donation for Lunch  
Hotdogs & fixin's, Side, and Dessert  
Water and Soda

**MUST RSVP to Nancy by Monday, November 16**  
**[norsknn@gmail.com](mailto:norsknn@gmail.com)** or  
760-343-0848 (leave a voice message), or  
760-238-8819 (text message)



## November Book

ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday, November 19 at 4PM  
*We love to see you!*

The November book selection is "Searching For Nora" by Wendy Swallow. This book is the story after the play written by Henrik Ibsen in 1879.

### Searching for Nora, After the Doll's House

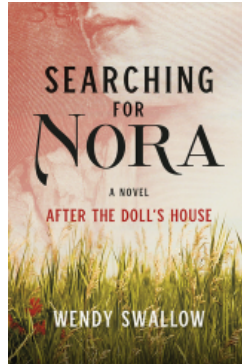
When Nora Helmer walks out on her husband at the end of Henrik Ibsen's play *A Doll's House*, she slams the door. Her action – symbolic, peevish, revolutionary – is known in theater circles as "the slam heard 'round the world." Her husband staggers about onstage, thunderstruck, as the curtain falls. And that's all Ibsen gives us. We never see where Nora goes or what she does.

*Searching for Nora* opens on the other side of that door. It's late on a winter's night in 1879, in Kristiania, Norway. Nora, bundled in her winter coat, stands there hesitating for a long moment. She's never been outside after dark without the protection of a man, and she's leaving her children behind. She has little with her other than a change of clothes and a string of pearls.

Guided by the historical realities and a close study of this celebrated Ibsen character, author Wendy Swallow sends Nora on a journey that plunges her into Kristiania's seamy underground, then sweeps her onto an emigrant ship in disguise, and strands her on the harsh Minnesota prairie. She's searching for family and purpose, but at the heart of her story is the challenge Ibsen left for her: can Nora give up her masquerades and manipulations and learn to stand honestly before the world?

At the same time, a second story about family and legacies alternates with Nora's tale. It's 1918, just after the Great War, and a new modernity is challenging traditional Norwegian society. Solvi Lange, a young university student and budding photographer, struggles to escape her family's bourgeois conformity as she works to unravel the twin mysteries of her grandfather's hidden shame and the fate of a Norwegian feminist who vanished decades earlier.

*Luella Grangaard*



November Book

Searching for Nora  
by Wendy Swallow



## Gratulerer med dagen!

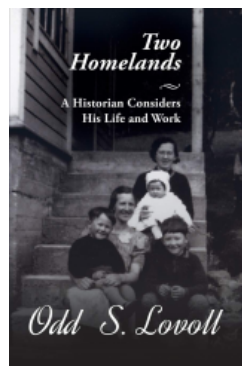
### Fødsler i November/December

November 7 Gro M. Kleitsch  
November 20 Diane Elaine Farber  
November 29 Kathy Regner

December 9 Jhan Schmitz  
December 13 Margie Jacobson  
December 21 Jack Bjerke  
December 22 Tove I. Grigsby  
December 23 Gail F. Ryan  
December 24 Corinne J. Bjerke  
December 26 Charlotte A. Larsen  
December 29 Stevan C. Rich

Wendy Swallow is a former staff writer for the Washington Post, and she is currently a journalism professor at American University. She has written for a range of magazines and academic publications, published two non-fiction books, and 2019 finished the novel about Nora Helmer.

Picture from  
[searchingfornora.com](http://searchingfornora.com)



### December Book

**Two Homelands,**  
by Odd S. Lovoll

### December Book Selection

In *Two Homelands*, Lovoll narrates the full arc of his life, beginning with memories of hardship during World War II, while his father was separated from the family, followed later by the devastating loss of his older brother in a sailing accident.

COMING NEXT MONTH 2021 READING LIST!!!

# Famous Norwegians

## Hans Nielsen Hauge

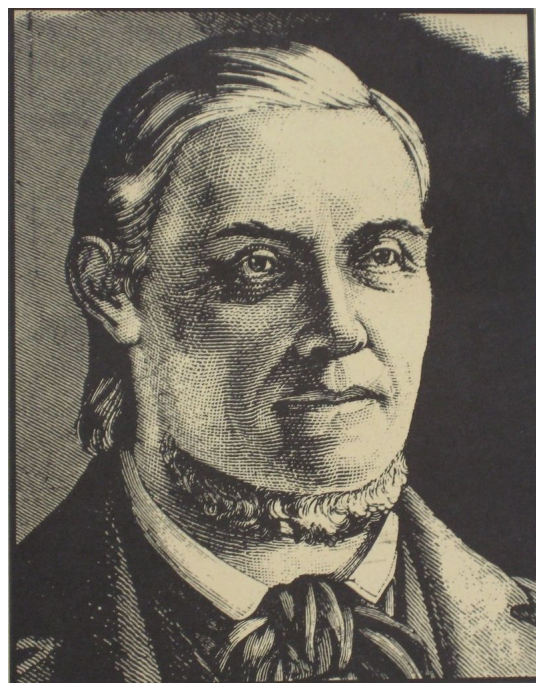
Hans Nielsen Hauge (3 April 1771 – 29 March 1824) was a 19th-century Norwegian Lutheran lay minister, spiritual leader, business entrepreneur, social reformer and author. He led a noted Pietism revival known as the Haugean movement. Hauge is also considered to have been influential in the early industrialization of Norway. Hans Nielsen Hauge was born at Hauge (Rolvøy) in the county of Østfold. His father was Niels Mikkelsen Evenrød and mother Maria Olsdatter Hauge .

He had a poor and otherwise ordinary youth until 5 April 1796, when he received his "spiritual baptism" in a field near his farm. Within two months, he had founded a revival movement in his own community, written a book, and decided to take his mission on the road. He wrote a series of books in his lifetime. In a total of 18 years, he published 33 books.

In the next several years, Hauge traveled – mostly by foot – throughout much of Norway. He held countless revival meetings, often after church services. In addition to his religious work, he offered practical advice, encouraging such things as settlements in Northern Norway. He and his followers were persecuted, though their teachings were in keeping with Lutheran doctrine. He began preaching about "the living faith" in Norway and Denmark after a mystical experience that he believed called him to share the assurance of salvation with others.

Hauge faced great personal suffering and state persecution. He was imprisoned no less than 14 times between 1794 and 1811, accused of witchcraft and adultery, and of violating the Conventicle act of 1741 (*Konventikkelplakaten*) at a time in which Norwegians did not have the right of religious assembly without a Church of Norway minister present. Hauge was imprisoned on several occasions, spending a total of nine years in prison.

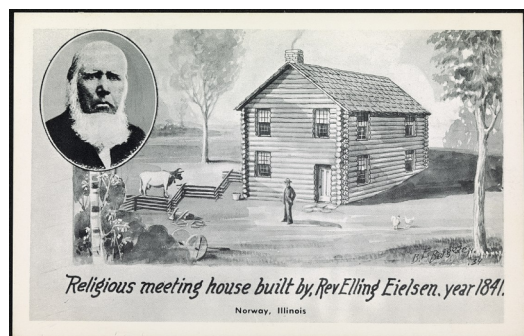
Turning to his achievements as an industrialist, the number of factories and mills that Hauge founded around the country were numerous. All but one disappeared during the industrial revolution, which in Norway took place in the mid-19th century. In 1809, the government temporarily released Hauge from prison so that he could construct salt factories to help alleviate the salt shortage caused by the British Blockade.



Hans Nielsen Hauge. Artist: Johan Nordhagen



Haugianere.  
Painted by Adolph Tidemand. 1848.



### Modesty, Honesty And Hard Work

*First permanent Norwegian settlement  
in America.  
Founded in 1834.  
LaSalle County, Illinois, USA.  
Artist: B. E. Bergesen  
Owner: National Library of Norway*

**Elling Eielsen** (Sept 19, 1804 – Jan 10, 1883) was a Norwegian-American minister and Lutheran Church leader. He was the first Norwegian Lutheran minister in the United States.

Eielsen immigrated to the United States in 1839. In 1843, he was formally ordained as a Lutheran minister. Under Eielsen's leadership, a house of worship for Norwegian-American Lutherans was constructed at Fox River Lutheran Church near Norway, Illinois.

Eielsen was a leader in the Haugean pietistic Lutheran church reform movement which encouraged evangelism and vigorous lay leadership. His piety and reliance on lay leadership long remained a dominating influence for much of upper-Midwest Lutheranism.

The Conventical poster was an ordinance introduced on January 13, 1741 by King Christian VI of Denmark and Norway and forbade lay preachers to hold divine assemblies - conventicals - without the approval of the parish priest. The law was repealed in 1842, which laid the foundation for freedom of assembly in Norway.

The Hauge Synod (Norwegian: Hagues norsk lutherske Synode i Amerika) was named after Norwegian revivalist lay preacher Hans Nielsen Hauge. The synod was "low church" de-emphasizing formal worship and stressing personal faith in the Haugean tradition (haugianere).

The Hauge Synod was formed in 1876 following a split with The Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America (Eielsen Synod). The Hauge Synod merged in 1917 into the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

# Genealogy

There are several websites available to search for your ancestors. Most of them give you the option to start your own family tree, even if recommended to start with a free program on your computer or tablet before you upload to one of the websites.

The three major websites have digitized most of the records from archives all around the world. But nothing is complete because records have been destroyed by fires or wars.

What do I find at these websites that can benefit me? All the censuses in US up to 1940 are available. 1950 census will be released April 2022. Census 1920 in Norway will be released December 2020. Millions of people have uploaded their family trees which you will have access to and able to “borrow” information.

How do I start?

Start by collecting names of your parents, grandparents and great grandparents with as much information as possible of dates and places they were born, lived or died. Aunts, uncles and cousins might have valuable information.

Most of us have lots of pictures, diplomas, deeds and documents laying around in albums and shoe boxes that need to be scanned.

You need a good system to save everything.

This is Stephan Kekule von Stradonitz’s system

You are no.1

Your father is no.2.

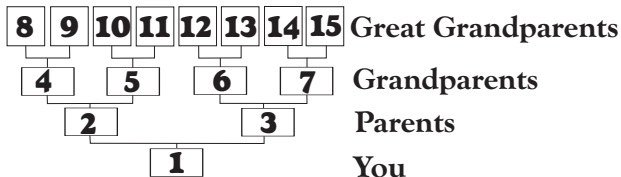
His father is 2x2=4

Your mother is no.3 (2+1)

Her father is 3x2=6

Children of grandfather no.4 are

4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, etc.



**FamilySearch** is free.

FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization and website offering genealogical records, education, and software.

FamilySearch maintains a collection of records, resources, and services designed to help people learn more about their family history. Facilitating the performance of LDS ordinances for deceased relatives is another major aim of the organization.

## Ancestry

Subscription	US Discovery	\$24.99 / month
	World Explorer	\$39.99 / month
	All Access	\$49.99 / month

Ancestry.com LLC is a privately held online company based in Lehi, Utah. The largest for-profit genealogy company in the world, it operates a network of genealogical, historical records, and related genetic genealogy websites. As of November 2018, the company claimed to provide access to approximately 10 billion historical records, to have 3 million paying subscribers, and to have sold 18 million DNA kits to customers.

## MyHeritage.

From \$129 to \$189 per year

The best website for searching outside US, like Norway.

MyHeritage is an online genealogy platform with web, mobile, and software products and services that was first developed and popularized by the Israeli company MyHeritage in 2003. Users of the platform can create family trees, upload and browse through photos, and search through over 12.5 billion historical records, among other features.

**Find a Grave** is an American website that allows the public to search and add to an online database of cemetery records. It is owned by Ancestry.com.

## NEWSPAPERS.COM (owned by Ancestry)

Basic \$7.95 / month

185 million pages from 18.000+ newspapers dating back to the 1700s.

Publisher Extra \$19.90 / month

Additional 431 million pages

**GEDCOM** (an acronym standing for Genealogical Data Communication) is an open de facto specification for exchanging genealogical data between different genealogy software.

Next time we will present options for researching ancestors in Norway

## Solskinn Lodge Officers 2019-2020

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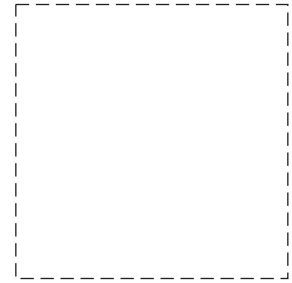
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the heritage and culture of  
Norway, to celebrate our  
relationship with other Nordic  
countries, and to provide quality  
insurance and financial  
products to its members***