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Editor

Greetings:

The colors on Issue 28 indicates happiness which transcends what I am sure we are all feeling this September with the advent of once again meeting and greeting our Lodge friends.

As I reflect on the past 18 months of “staying safe”, I thought about how I had filled my time.

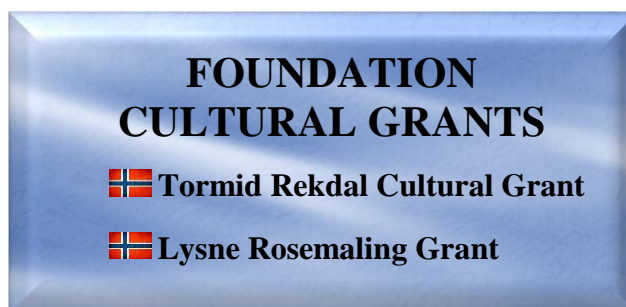
*Issue 25 featured an article about an “Armchair Book Club” and setting \$5.00 aside (or whatever figure you decided on) for each book you read during the year. I started my reading in September 2020 and with the Anniversary of Jack’s passing away January 2021, I had read 11 books so a donation of \$55.00 in his memory was sent to the Lysne Rosemaling Grant. Since January 2021, I have completed another 40 books so another donation of \$200.00 will be made to the Foundation.

*My passion for the retaining and passing on the Culture of Norway is Hardangersom. I have completed one medium size piece, almost completed a large piece for the next District No. 7 Convention in May, 2022. I found many Sons of Norway items while downsizing and among the items was an assortment of pins collected by both Jack and myself so I combined the pins and designed a piece Hardangersom in a boxed frame. Pictured below is the finished product. Pins are for recruitment, sports, length of time in Sons of Norway, Bronze, Silver Gold, Platinum Foundation Pins. Jack’s Platinum Plus was given to his daughter for sponsoring the Lysne Family Rosemaling Grant.

*Two members of Viking Lodge No. 81 decided to apply for their Gangemerke badge. I load up my oxygen in a walker every good day so why not add to my pin collection and log up my miles. I have decided to walk from Oslo to Bergen a total of 287 miles. I may or may not make it because I plan on stopping along the way and learn about some little towns I pass through. How have you filled your many hours of isolation?



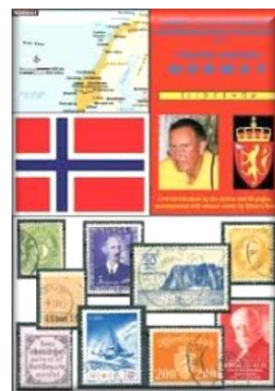
Mounted Pins on Hardangersom



A few of my books.

POST SECONDARY BURSARIES CUT-OFF DATE – AUGUST 31, 2021

Remind your post-secondary students to send their applications to:
Gloria Benazic at gloria@sonfic.ca



FEATURING HARDANGER LODGE 07-109

The Foundation in Canada Newsletter was introduced in 2014. Starting with the second issue saving stamps is mentioned in every issue as an easy way of Fund Raising for the Foundation.

Hardanger Lodge has been mentioned in six (6) of the previous 26 Newsletters and is now featured in Issue 28 of the Foundation Newsletter as one of the top Lodges saving stamps. This Lodge has led in stamp donations in all but 1 year

Issue 24 reported the Foundation has benefited from the saving of stamps in approximately \$6,000.00. Hardanger Lodge has donated a good portion of that amount with a membership of 46, through saving stamps.

Family members also get involved as in the case of Wilf and Beverley Akerlund when their daughter Wendy from Invermere, BC was given a collection of special issue stamps from the wife of a gentleman who had passed away. The six boxes (pictured with Wilf) contain albums of stamps and stamps that are separated from envelopes and organized by country. Many of these stamps go back to W.W.2. The widow wished to donate the collection to a worthy organization. Their daughter thought of Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada and brought them to Kelowna on a recent visit to her parents.

Saving your stamps is a win/win situation, 1) Helping your Foundation, 2) stamp collectors benefit, 3) you are someone who is looking for a quiet hobby.

Thanks to Wilf and Beverley for their contribution to this article,

Thelma Lysne, Editor



Wilf Akerlund with The Stamp Collection



**November 11
Remembrance
Day**

SEPTEMBER 18TH

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA

B.C. 1:00 P.M.

**A.G.M.
ZOOM**

AGENDA:

ELECTION

ALBERTA/SASK. 2:00 P.M.

MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Check www.sonfic.ca – AGM
for information

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA

50TH ANNIVERSARY

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CAMPAIGN

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA was incorporated on August 6, 1971!

In recognition of this 50th Anniversary of your Foundation, we have established the 50TH ANNIVERSARY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CAMPAIGN. Since we are recognizing “50” years, we are asking you, our supporters, to help raise funds by making tax-deductible donations of \$50 (or any amount), perhaps ‘multiples of 50’.

In these fifty years we have striven to be an important outreach program of Sons of Norway. We have focused on our founding principles of support for the preservation of our Nordic Heritage and Culture, Post-Secondary Bursaries and Humanitarian Financial Support.

On the Heritage and Culture side, we have supported programs like group camps, workshops, and traditional keep-fit programs for all seasons throughout western Canada. We have also provided financial assistance for individuals to attend special workshops, and educational centres in Norway. From the beginning, we have provided Bursaries for hundreds of Canadian students in their post-secondary studies and apprenticeship programs. From time to time, we have assisted in Humanitarian projects where people in our communities have suffered losses due to catastrophic events. We genuinely believe we are an important asset in our greater community.

Donations are generally destined for the General Fund. However, if a person has a special purpose in mind, we also have special funds:

- Tormod Rekdal Cultural fund
- Lysne Rosemaling Grant fund
- Bjarne and Karel Thorshaug Bursary and Grant for Norwegian Studies fund
(information on each fund can be found on the website)

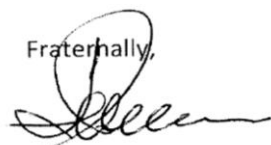
For information on making donations, please go to our website: www.sonfic.ca and click on the Donations & Fundraising box (located under the photo gallery). Donations can be made by Cheque or E-transfer.

When making donations, we ask that you use Donation Form (CF006), found on our website. Submit it along with your donation. This ensures the contribution purpose is properly identified and correctly credited for Donation Pins and the Lodge Founders Award.

Financial support for your Foundation is important. A goal of \$50,000 could be reached with everyone's participation. Let's make it happen!

This campaign will run until August 2022!

Please join our 'Foundation Circle of Friends' by donating to your Foundation.

Fraternally,


Tore Pettersen,
President

FUND RAISING FOR THE FOUNDATION



For the past six years, I have been reminding you that October is Foundation Month. This year is no exception; we encourage your Lodge to do something special for the Foundation's Fund Raising month. My role is to inspire you, the Lodge members, to do something as a group or individually. Let us try for individually this year. What are you as a member doing for the Foundation?

A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS

Norwegians are noted for their love of cooking and especially sweets. Ask every Lodge member to bring a packaged tray of sweets (Norwegian) and at the end of the meeting hold a sale, with the proceeds to the Foundation.

A "Silent Auction" is always a great option especially if there are Norwegian articles offered for sale.

LODGE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

In November, Lodges will be electing their officers for 2022.

It is important that every Lodge elect a Foundation Director.

The duties of the Foundation Director are very easy:

1. Attend one (1) A.G.M. meeting per year.
2. Report Foundation activities at your Lodge meeting.
3. Make sure your Lodge is aware of grants and bursaries available from the Foundation
4. Collect and mail stamps to Russel Wiigs.



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