



# the ASKELADDEN NEWS



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## October 14 Meeting

For those of you not in attendance at the September meeting, an October meeting has been scheduled for 4 pm at the Portage Senior Center. Music practice is open to all and begins at 3:45. Linda Piper will give a program on her recent trip to Norway. She will include a slide presentation. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck. The meeting will be hosted by Curtis Cleveland and Inger and Svein Thoen.

## President's Message

Although we have had gatherings and programs this summer, we welcome back those of you who may not have been at our programs or for very good reason were in Norway at the time. Holly Jensen reported on her family's trip already in September and Linda Piper will present her travel experience to Norway at the October meeting. Please note the enclosed planned schedule of our meetings for this fall and 2008.

Joan O'Bryan has agreed to edit our monthly newsletter so we welcome her efforts and remind you to send your newsletter information to her by the end of each month. Please support Joan and the newsletter by making a special effort to contribute membership news and announcements.

Burton Bittner, a District 5 Director for our lodge, will join us at the October 14th meeting to drop off cookbooks as a means of raising funds for the district. The District has many programs which promote and preserve our cultural heritage -- camps, scholarships, and various events.

Clifford Davidson shared a questionnaire (rough draft) with us in September to be used to gather information for a book on *Norwegians in Michigan*. Please look this over and respond with suggestions so we can move ahead on this "personal stories" project.

We especially welcome any new members this year and hope each of you will plan to bring new members to participate in our cultural heritage.

Dennis

### Meetings:

Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 4:00pm  
Portage Senior Center  
320 Library Lane  
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# NEWS

## A Doll's House

**A Doll's House**, a play by Henrik Ibsen, will be performed in the D. Terry Williams Theatre in the Irving Gilmore Theatre Complex at WMU November 8-18, 2007.

This groundbreaking, century-old dramatic tale of the rising of the human spirit still challenges our complacency and the pressure to conform.

*WMU Students/Staff:* Tickets must be ordered in person or over the phone to be eligible for discount. Call the Box Office at 1-800-228-9858 for Student, Senior and Group discounted tickets.

*Tickets:* All tickets will be mailed. No refunds/exchanges.

Thur, Fri, Sat	Nov 8,9,10	at 8 pm
Thur, Fri, Sat	Nov 15,16,17	at 8 pm
Sun	Nov 18	at 2 pm

### INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICES

General Admission seating

Standard Admission: \$17.00

Senior Citizens (62 and up): \$12.00

WMU Faculty/Staff: \$12.00

University Theatre Guild: \$12.00

Students: \$8.00 with WMU ID

## Rosemaling Class Change

A change in schedule was announced at the September lodge meeting for Louise Adam's Rosemaling class. The class meets every Tuesday morning at 10 am at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Milham Road. Please contact Louise at 381-6767 if you are interested in joining the class.

## Norway's Music Scene

The September 2007 *Viking News* reviewed five recent CDs from Norwegian artists. I'd like to introduce you to another innovative Norwegian artist, singer-songwriter Siri Gjære of Trondheim. She recently released her second solo CD, **Survival Kit**. Like many of today's Norwegian artists, Siri records her music in English. In 2006 Siri was appointed Official Regional Artist by the authorities in Trondelag, giving her financial support to dedicate herself fully to writing, performing, and touring.

Siri's initial CD, **Love seriously damages health**, is available to check out from the Sons of Norway Lending Library. You can also borrow a copy from Joan O'Bryan, who is happy to share her cousin's musical talents.

## New Scandinavian Cooking

The October 2007 *Viking News* included recipes from Oslo-born chef Andreas Viestad. Four recipes from Viestad's 2003 cookbook "Kitchen of Light" were featured.

If you have never seen Viestad's PBS show, **New Scandinavian Cooking** you owe it to yourself to do so. Andreas uses a unique way of presenting Norwegian culture while teaching you how to cook a delicious meal. No words could accurately describe this energetic and captivating program. Even if you don't like to cook, I predict you will enjoy this show.

If you'd like to see a sample of the extremely entertaining **New Scandinavian Cooking**, contact Joan O'Bryan, who has several episodes on DVD available to lend out to lodge members.

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## October Birthdays

Harriet De Haan	1
Joseph Cassetto	4
James Moe	4
Haakon Selden	24
Clifford Davidson	29

## September Birthdays

Evelyn Iversen	1
Lucie Darling	2
Margery Selden	5
Louise Berdahl	14
Pearl Ingebritson	14
Holly Jensen	14
Elaine Erickson	16
Luke O'Bryan	23
Mai Elise Code	25
Astrid Code	25
Earnie Best	27
Helen Loen	27
Louise Adams	28
Marjorie Piper	28

## Thank You

The Social Director would like to thank Karin Kunze for graciously and creatively hosting our September meeting on short notice. She did a beautiful job of decorating for our meeting.

Jean and Dennis Darling and Curt Cleveland are also thanked for stepping in at the very last minute and hosting our August meeting. It was reported that the decorations were delightful.

We are in need of November hosts. Remember, decorating is optional.

## Scheduled Programs

### 2007

- Oct 14 Norway Trip Report  
by Linda Piper
- Nov 11 Vikings at Coppergate and Northern England  
by Cliff Davidson
- Dec 9 Christmas Program

### 2008

- Jan 13 Viking Settlement at L'Anse Aux Meadows,  
Newfoundland  
by Louise and Dick Adams
- Feb 10 Norway Trip Report  
by Helen Cassetto
- March 9 Norway and Scotland  
by Bob Laird
- April 13 Life and Writings of Knut Hamsun  
by Margery Selden
- May 11 Syttende Mai program
- June VASA Picnic  
Date: TBD Location TBD
- July 13 Excursion to Crandall Farm in Marshall  
for program on Norwegian Fjord Horses and picnic
- Aug 10 Knut Rockne  
by TBD
- Sep 14 Norwegian Folklore and Trolls  
by Holly Jensen

***20th Anniversary of Askeladden Lodge is Sep. 24, 2008***

### NOTES:

1. Future topics: Edvard Munch, Bunads, Nobel Peace Prize.
2. In case of no-show: Margery has program on Queen Maud and Curt has video on Norway.

## Master Builder

Details of this Henrik Ibsen play with performance dates from February through May 2008 at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre will be in next month's Askeladden News.

## OCTOBER DATES OF INTEREST

- October 6 - Norwegian-American Historical Association founded 1925  
in Northfield, MN <http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/>
- October 7 - VASA Fish Boil - Trinity Lutheran Church
- October 8 - Columbus Day observed
- October 9 - Leif Erikson Day
- October 14 - Askeladden Lodge Meeting followed by potluck dinner  
4:00pm Portage Senior Center  
3:45pm Singing Practice



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