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Stein Fjell Lodge 6-114
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JUNI, JULI, AUGUST 2009



FRA PRESIDENTEN *Bernice Nickolaisen Kwan*

Summer time bestows upon us more daylight hours. What can we experience with this gift of time? Norwegians relish the outdoors and with access to cabins and trails, many have joyous group or family activities in the simple and basic outdoors where they celebrate the beauty of nature. Note the articles on berry-picking in our latest issue of the *Viking* magazine.

Our Front Range area is immensely blessed with stupendous scenery, great access, and many facilities and events to draw us outdoors. The big fund-raising weekend in Este Park is an obvious example that suits the exuberant Nordic spirit. Try to participate if only for a few hours and "talk it up" with your friends, family, or persons who will be in Colorado at the end of June.

We can mimic the summer time *friluft* habits of our Norway counterparts. And if you should have the good fortune to host or be hosted by Norsk folk, we celebrate your good fortune. Seize the moments and treasure them! Mingle often.

LIVING IN BERGEN, NORWAY

Come to the June meeting and hear about the experience of a lifetime! Kristi Erdal, Kris Barney, and their sons Karston and Kolben will tell us about their stay in Bergen, from August through December 2008.



STEIN FJELL LODGE TO RECEIVE 2008 FOUNDERS AWARD

Stein Fjell will receive a 2008 Founders Award for its 9% increase in membership during last year! Only two lodges in Colorado are receiving this award, and Stein Fjell's increase was the largest. Congrats to all!

STORFJELL PICNIC AND PIG ROAST SUPPORT COLORADO'S NEWEST LODGE!

Were you in Grand County for Barneløpet? Come and see the area without snow! Storfjell Lodge 6-169, Grand County, is having a picnic and pig roast on Saturday, August 22nd. It will be held in an old barn and on the grounds of the Arapaho National Recreation Area next to the Colorado River (east of Hwy. 34 approx. 15 miles north of Hwy. 40 in Granby).

The picnic will start at noon; plan to eat at 1pm. The cost of \$12 per person will cover barn rental, the roast pig, and all eating utensils and paper products. There will be plenty of outlets but no refrigerator, so bring your potluck perishables in a cooler. The Lodge will furnish coffee, lemonade, and water but you may bring beer, pop, or wine if you wish. Each person is asked to bring a side dish to go along with the roast pork.



Reservations must be made no later than August 1 and the maximum group size is 80 people. Send your check in early, made out to Storfjell Lodge, c/o Muriel Johnson at PO Box 35, Grand Lake, CO 80447-0035. Include your e-mail address, if you have one, so specific directions can be sent. If you play a musical instrument or can provide entertainment, please let us know. This is a beautiful location and we sincerely hope you will join us for a fun day.

If you have questions, e-mail me (Muriel Johnson) at kmjohn@earthlink.net.

KALENDAR

*Official Norwegian Flag-flying Day

Juni 1: Whit Monday, Norwegian public holiday

Juni 2: Fjelldalen Lodge 14th Anniversary, 6pm
General meeting, Potluck, and Celebration. Prince of
Peace Lutheran Church, 2400 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver

Juni 4: Lodge Meeting, 7pm, *Living in Bergen, Norway*,
Kristi Erdal-Kris Barney family

Juni 7*: Dissolution of Union with Sweden 1905

Juni 14: Vestafjell Lodge 19th Anniversary, 2pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Grand Junction

Juni 21: Father's Day, USA; Summer Solstice

**Juni 24: Registration Deadline, July 4th Weekend at
Camp Norge**. Info./Regis. form: www.campnorge.com

Juni 27, 28: Scandinavian Midsummer Festival
10am – 5pm both days, Estes Park

Juni 27 - Juli 5: Utvandrerfestivalen/Emigrant Festival,
Kvinesdal, Norway. More info.: www.utvandrerfestival.no

**Juli 4*: HM Queen Sonja's Birthday, Independence
Day, USA; Camp Norge Weekend Celebration**

Juli 12-25: Camp Troll Fjell, Camp Norge
Info./Apps.: www.trollfjell.org or www.sofn6.com

Juli 20*: HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' B'day

Juli 20-22: Upper Midwest Fjord Horse Show
Fairibault County Fairgrounds, Blue Earth, MN
See www.mwfhc.org/events.htm for more information

Juli 29*: Olsok/St. Olav's Day

August 1: Reservation Deadline, Storfjell Picnic

August 19*: HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit's Bday

August 22: Storfjell Lodge Picnic and Pig Roast, Noon
Bring side dish. Near Granby, CO. See article.

September 3: Lodge Meeting, 7pm, *Potluck Supper*

September 17: Board Meeting, 7 pm, Parkos' home

Oktober 16-18: So. California Kretsstevne, Jamul, CA
Register by Oct. 5. Reserve early for rental RVs. Contact
Lise Fleming, lisenorsk@earthlink.net / 909.624.2868 (H)

MEETING REMINDERS FROM RAS

Your Stein Fjell Host Coordinator

Our June meeting is on **Thursday, June 4th**.
Remember that this is not a "Salad Supper" night. We will
have our regular refreshments. Please be there to enjoy a
multi-media presentation on our daughter's five-month
stay in Bergen last fall. Our Refreshment Hosts are: **Kristi
Quinlan (chair), Kathy Browne, Toodie and Buster
Iverson, Jane Robbins, and Jane Yestness.**

Looking ahead... The Refreshment Hosts for the
September 3rd Potluck Supper/meeting are: **Kris Bakich
(chair), John Everson, Gifford Grinager, Joann
Harris, and Darlene and Jim Miller.**

BUMPER STICKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Rick Bilstad, Foundation Director and Super
Salesman, will have more SON Bumper Stickers for sale
at the June meeting. Here's something to support that
doesn't cost Big Bucks (only Two Bucks) but does make a
difference, as all proceeds go to the SON Foundation for
Scholarships and Programs. And, as you drive about, it is
advertising and generating interest for our Lodge!



**GRATULERER MED DAGEN!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

JUNI

1 Matthew Strand <i>UV</i>	27 James Miller
8 Evelyn Longseth	27 Grace Noteboom
18 Frank Nolin	28 Joann Harris
20 Kerwin Rakness	29 Bonnie Heberlein
26 Julie Youngren	

JULI

1 Mildred Schmidt	8 Casey Heinz <i>H</i>
1 Jon-Eirik Holm-Johansen	9 Richard Linsenmann
2 Dennis Lorentzson	9 Kelsey Wright <i>H</i>
6 Eva Fidje-Maestas	11 Jane Yestness
8 Marilyn Loustalet	28 Ryan Parkos <i>H</i>

AUGUST

4 Kris Bakich	20 Kira Wright <i>UV</i>
16 Barbara Nolin	28 Sonja West
20 Erik Ingvaldsen	30 Russell Nielsen

H = Heritage Member *UV* = Unge Venner Member

DEADLINE FOR POSTEN - 20TH of the month
Membership Directory corrections or additions??
Posten via e-mail?? Please let the Editors know.

THIS 'N' THAT

- ★ We're glad that **Joann Harris** is improving now, after her hip replacement in February, repair in March, and subsequent infection. Keep moving along, Joann!
- ★ Good News! **Esther Leum** is back in her Assisted Living at Sterling House (address in Directory).
- ★ **Frank Nolin** is now at Loveland House Assisted Living, 2115 Eagle Drive, Loveland, CO 80537. Cards are welcome.
- ★ Congratulations to **Hanna Bjorklund**, a 2008 graduate of Fossil Ridge High School, Loveland, who received first-place honors in the drama category of the Silver Spoon Film Festival in Loveland. She also received first-place honors for overall best of show out of 59 films. Hanna is the daughter of **Garry Bjorklund** and Rhonda McGrane-Bjorklund.
- ★ **Kristen Bilstad**, daughter of **Rick** and **Sandy Bilstad** and **Matthew Strand**, son of **Alan** and **Jane Strand** received many awards and scholarships at Loveland High School's Senior Awards Program. Kudos to these two outstanding students. Kristen will go on to Arizona State University and Matthew to Colorado School of Mines.
- ★ Are there other students that we have not heard about? Let us know.



CHARITIES SELECTED

The Weld Food Bank and Poudre Wilderness Volunteers are the two charities selected by the Lodge's Board to support this year. Donations of \$75 will be given to each charity after July 1, 2009.

KULTUR HJØRNE / CULTURE CORNER

Nancy Dunn, Cultural Director

Stein Fjell Lodge will have another bunad program when we meet again this fall/winter. I know many of you have shown interest in participating and would like to share your bunads, dolls, and/or history of a bunad from your ancestral area. An announcement will be sent out when this particular program is going to happen. If anyone wants to participate or just display their pieces, please call or e-mail me any time.

Also, if anyone has ideas for future cultural programs they would like to see or topics of interest, please contact me.

Thanks!



VELKOMMEN

Ruth Nelson has joined Stein Fjell Lodge just a few short months after her husband, Clayton, joined. We were delighted to welcome both of them at our April Welcoming Ceremony.

Ruth was born and grew up in Lakota, North Dakota, where she graduated from high school. She and Clayton were classmates.

After marriage, Clayton's job transferred them to Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, so they got a chance to see a good part of the Midwest. After his retirement in 1997, they lived on a ranch in Rye, Colorado and moved to Windsor in 2005.

Ruth and Clayton have raised five children, and have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Ruth says she was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom and is now a baby sitter to grandkids when needed.

Ruth's hobbies include quilting and her next big project is to finish five of them. She also has knitted many afghans and enjoys photography. She plans to sort through hundreds of slides and put the better ones on DVDs.

Her maternal grandfather emigrated from Voss, Norway in 1896, entering the U.S. at the Port of Detroit. She has not been to Norway, but still has relatives in the Voss area. Ruth's interests in the Norwegian Cultural Skills lie in Reading Norwegian and Norwegian American Authors, and Music and Musicians of Norway.

We thank Ruth for being a part of our May program on bunads. She shared a bunad from Clayton's part of Norway, Ål, in Hallingdal.

Welcome to Stein Fjell, Ruth!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY INFO

BOTHWELL, Tami 305 Windflower Way
(same phone, e-mail) Windsor, CO 80550- 6233

MOODY, Kari Transferred to Lodge 6-134 in
Sun City, Arizona.

["As a charter member of Stein Fjell, I wish all the best and continuous growth for the lodge."]

STEIN FJELL CONTACTS 2009

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VP & Membership: Marian Erdal – 970.225.9035

Secretary: Roxanne Storlie – 970.225.6669

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May 7, 2009

Dear Friends and Members at Stein Fjell,

Congratulations to your lodge on earning a Founder's Award for Membership. Janie Kelly, our District President, has forwarded your award and the check that goes with it to me. She brought them back from her meeting at the International Headquarters.

In coordination with Lyle Berge, District 6 V.P. and Membership chairperson, you have our appreciation for your achievement to better our Order.

I had hoped to attend your General Meeting tonight. Due to a bout of the flu (which I would not wish on anyone) and my Mom's recent surgery, I was unable to attend tonight's scheduled meeting.

I will have the honor of attending future events you host to present your award.

Respectfully,
Diane Molter
District 6, Zone 8 Director

A CHALLENGE

Marian Erdal, VP, Membership

Having read the above letter from Diane, we are very proud of our membership increase and our retention rate. Now let's offer ourselves a CHALLENGE. Our attendance at meetings could be a lot better. We've been averaging in the high 30s and low 40s. Let's challenge ourselves to increase attendance at meetings to a goal of 50. Call another member and come together. We can do it!!

VESTAFJELL'S 19th ANNIVERSARY

Vestafjell Lodge, Grand Junction, will celebrate its 19th Anniversary during the June 14th lodge meeting at 2pm. There will be an old-fashioned potluck of hot dishes and sides (no food assignments). The lodge will provide dessert. Tom Sorenson will present "The Saga of Egil Skallagrimson," from Iceland that starts in Norway and takes you to Iceland, Holland, Denmark, Poland, and England. A Viking of Norwegian descent affected the course of English history! (Info.: www.vestafjelllodge.org)

SONS OF NORWAY CAN HELP

Are your investments going the wrong way? IRAs sliding backwards? Look at those last statements! Sons of Norway can help. For a safer, more conservative approach, contact Financial Benefits Counselor LaRue Hanson: 719.599.8546 (w) / 719.237.7314 (c)/Lhanson1@msn.com 2523 Shalimar Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL HELP! HELP! WE COULD USE:

at least 8 dozen more *Sandkaker*,
8 dozen more *Rosettes*
1 more pan of *Almond Bars*
more *Large Coolers*
Call Becky or Marian if you can help with any of these.

CONTRIBUTION REMINDERS

KRUMKAKER

9 doz. Mary Ann Rakke 4 doz. Paula Sutton
8 doz. Roxanne Storlie 4 doz. Lyn Warrick
8 doz. Jane Strand

PEPPERKAKER

2 doz. Kris Bakich 2 doz. Nesses
4 doz. Karen Johnson 4 doz. Jane Robbins

SANDKAKER

4 doz. Ras Erdal 4 doz. Darlene Miller

SPRITZ

4 doz. Rick Bilstad 4 doz. Nesses
4 doz. Bonnie Heberlein 4 doz. Barbara Nolin
4 doz. Karen Johnson

ROSETTES-UNSUGARED

4 doz. Kathy Browne 4 doz. Reichels
6 doz. Darlene Miller 6 doz. Jane Yestness
6 doz. Midge Parkos

ALMOND BARS – PANS

1 Kris Bakich 3 Jane Robbins
2 Marian Erdal 2 Corinne Schlimme
2 Wilma Gullickson 2 Rod Skaflen
2 Rich Linsenmann 1 Jane Strand
1 Kristi Quinlan 1 Jerad Sutton
[1-2 rhubarb bars Patti Breien]

COOKIE PLATES: Erdals – 28

SURKÅL: Marian Erdal, Becky Holm-Johansen

TABLES – 8'

1 Becky Holm-Johansen
1 Nancy Dunn (small)
1 Midge Parkos

ROASTERS

4 Erdals
1 Barbara Nolin
1 Midge Parkos
1 Strands
2 Lyn Warrick

LARGE COOLERS

2 Nancy Dunn
1 Nesses
1 Wilma Gullickson
1 Erdals +1 smaller

ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN SONS OF NORWAY SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAMS AND DON'T EVEN KNOW IT??

Jon-Eirik Holm-Johansen, Sports Director

Join SON members in participating for sports medals, and receive rewards for keeping yourself healthy and in shape. The program follows the calendar year, from January to December, but you can start any time. Please see me before or at our December meeting to get started. If you are already participating and have qualified for a reward in 2009, please start turning in your cards. All cards must be handed in by the December meeting to receive sports medals for 2009.

The Importance of Fitness

Sons of Norway recognizes the importance of healthful activities not just to prolong your life, but to improve the very quality of your life. This Sports Medal Program, which originated in Norway, will improve your attitude as well as your physical well-being.

Something for Everyone

No matter how young or old you are, and no matter what your present physical condition, the Sports Medal Program offers a fitness plan for you. With doctor's advice, you can determine the appropriate level. Then you are assigned point or mileage requirements for medal qualifications that are within your reach. The program is great because you don't need to be a natural athlete – the only one you are really competing with is yourself.

Different Levels, Different Medals

As you reach each objective, you will be awarded different grades of sports medals. Begin in pursuit of the Bronze, then work up to Silver, Gold, and eventually Enamel. There is no longer a fee for the pins, and only members may take part in this program. Set your own pace – your program can be for just one medal or all sixteen!

Sports Medals

Sports Medal Brochure

www.sofn.com/members/PDF/sports/Sportsmedal_bro.pdf

Gangmerke (Walking) Record

www.sofn.com/members/PDF/sports/Gangmerke04.pdf

Idrettsmerke (Sports and Fitness) Record

www.sofn.com/members/PDF/sports/Idrettsmerke06.pdf

Skimerke (Skiing) Record

www.sofn.com/members/PDF/sports/Skimerke04.pdf

Sykkelperke (Bicycling) Record

www.sofn.com/members/PDF/sports/Sykkelperke04.pdf

Important Update I am authorized to determine an appropriate point system for any fitness, physical activity, or exercise not listed on our “Badge Cards.” Downhill

skiing was removed on the card for unknown reasons. Our Lodge has members who are downhill skiing. Based on the revised “Badge Card” for Sports & Fitness, I have determined that the following point system for downhill skiing is satisfactory:

15 points for 10 minutes Competitive Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding

9 points for 10 minutes of Recreational Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding.

Thanks for participating!

NORWEGIAN WINS EUROVISION CONTEST

Marianne Workman-Nesse

Norwegian singer and fiddler Alexander Rybak, 23, won the 54th Eurovision Song Contest in Moscow, Russia, on May 16. He competed with 25 performers from across Europe in one of the most-watched annual television events in the world, with an audience of over 100 million. With Rybak's win, Oslo will host the 2010 Eurovision finals. Norway also won in 1985 and 1995.



Fairytale, written, composed, and performed by Rybak, scored the most points (387) in the contest's history. Iceland's Johanna Gudrun came in second (218 pts) and Azerbaijan's AySel & Arah came in third (207 pts). The winner was picked by combining telephone voting with official juries from national broadcasters in 42 nations.

Born in Minsk (Belarus), Rybak grew up in Nesodden, outside Oslo. He has played piano and violin since the age of five.

Rybak won the 2006 Norwegian television talent show *Kjempejansen* with his own song, *Foolin'*. He has

performed with Pinchas Zukerman, won the Anders Jahres Culture Prize, and is concertmaster of Norway's largest youth symphony orchestra, *Ung Symfoni*, in Bergen. As the fiddler in *Fiddler on the Roof* at Oslo Nye Theatre, he won the 2007 Hedda Award, and stars as Levi in the forthcoming movie *Yohan – Child Wanderer* (August 2009). His debut album, *Fairytales*, will be out May 29.



Sources: www.myspace.com/alexanderrybak, *The Denver Post*, en.wikipedia.org, www.eurovision.tv

NORSK HYDRO AND ASCENT SOLAR

Marianne Workman-Nesse

Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. (a spin-off of ITN Energy Systems Inc.) opened its new world headquarters and production facility in Thornton, CO, on March 24.

Norsk Hydro (founded in 1905) owns 35 percent of Ascent Solar, and has invested about \$63 million in the company. Based in Oslo, Norway, Norsk Hydro, one of the world's biggest suppliers of aluminum, is a major global supplier of aluminum-based building systems.



Ascent Solar is expanding from its Littleton facility, where its 1.5 megawatts (MW) capacity manufacturing line currently produces lightweight thin-film CIGS



modules using a flexible plastic substrate. CIGS (copper indium gallium (di)selenide) is often used in thin-film solar energy modules, in contrast to more traditional rigid panels using silicon-based solar cells. Thornton's increased-capacity plant will be able to produce enough CIGS thin-film panels each year to cumulatively generate about 30 MW of solar-produced electricity.

"Ascent Solar's flexible, thin-film technology has been in development in Colorado for more than 15 years, so it is a great milestone to open a large-scale facility here that will help bring talented employees and a unique enabling solar technology to the market at a time when the economy and environment are creating great demand," said Dr. Mohan Misra, Ascent Solar's chairman and CEO.

Working with its partners, including Hydro, Ascent Solar is developing products with building-integrated photovoltaics that can be part of rooftops, awnings, and siding, for example, to provide solar power. The modules' substrate materials can be more flexible and affordable than most traditional solar panels. These modules can be directly integrated into standard building materials, space applications, and consumer electronics for portable power, or configured as stand-alone modules for large-scale terrestrial deployment.

"Thanks to companies such as Ascent Solar, all across Colorado, we're creating a sustainable energy future, sustainable opportunities for new businesses, and sustainable jobs," said Governor Bill Ritter. "The New Energy Economy is leading Colorado forward and will be one of the keys to bringing us out of this recession. Colorado and Ascent Solar's success are a model for how America can and must re-tool our entire economy."

Sources: www.ascentsolar.com, www.hydro.com, *Norwegian American Weekly*

TH!NK GLOBAL ELECTRIC CARS

Marianne Workman-Nesse

TH!NK GLOBAL is the new owner of the electric car producer TH!NK. Formerly part of the Ford Motor Company, TH!NK was taken over by a group of Norwegian investors in March 2006. Their goal is to make TH!NK the leading electric car producer in the world.

In December TH!NK announced plans to open a new manufacturing plant and technical center in the U.S. by 2010. Initially employing about 300 workers and producing 16,000 cars per year, ultimate plans call for 900 workers and 60,000 cars per year. In discussion with eight states, including Michigan, no further announcements have been made.

In 2008, TH!NK GLOBAL started limited production of the new generation TH!NK *city* at its Norwegian assembly plant. TH!NK *city*, a high-tech, compact all-electric car, was nominated for England's prestigious Britt Design Award, and can travel up to 112 miles on a single



TH!NK city

charge. It seats four, or two with trunk space when rear seats are folded down. The car is designed, engineered, and produced to have the lowest possible carbon footprint, with recyclable plastic body panels and a fully recyclable interior. The U.S. version's top speed would be 70 mph.

A Dutch Parliament initiative, calling for quick introduction of EVs (electric vehicles), was welcomed by TH!NK GLOBAL. Moving quickly to take advantage of programs in the Netherlands and all across Europe, and especially with the keen interest of Amsterdam and Rotterdam, TH!NK delivered the first TH!NK *city* EVs to ElmoNet (subsidiary of Mobility Service Netherlands) in February, and will deliver up to 500 vehicles in 2009.



TH!NK open

Battery advancements, financial incentives, and new national vehicle emission and fuel economy standards may transform the U.S. auto industry regarding EVs.

Sources: www.think.no, www.thinkglobalforum.com

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SCAN•DOLLS AND BUNAD INFORMATION Marianne Workman-Nesse

The bunad display at the May meeting included a doll made for Nancy Dunn by Anne Strootman of scan•dolls (www.scan-dolls.com – “Keepsakes celebrating Nordic heritage”). Strootman creates porcelain dolls wearing authentic Scandinavian and northern European garments in miniature. At least 36 Norwegian bunads are available, as well as thoroughly-researched costumes from Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Austria (Tyrol), Bohemia, Ireland, Moravia, Poland, and Russia. A recent expansion includes a collection of bears featuring the flags of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Germany, as well as “Anna” and “Sonja,” soft-cloth dolls wearing the national costumes of Norway and Sweden.

Contact Anne Strootman at 11593 100th Avenue North, Maple Grove, MN 55369 / Phone: 763.424.4343 E-mail: scandolls@comcast.net.

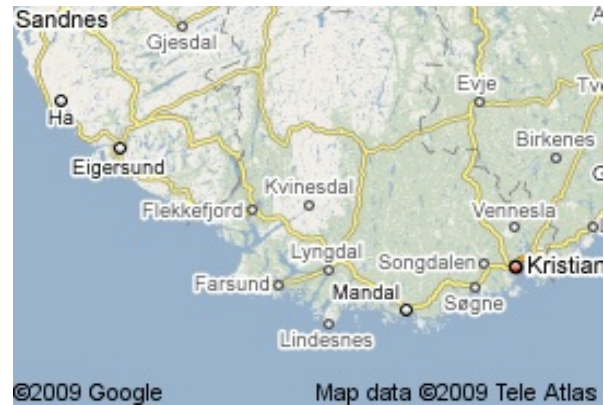
If you would like more information on bunads, the following books, recommended by Anne Strootman, may be helpful: *Norwegian Bunads* by Kjersti Skavhaug, ISBN 82-7006-177-8, *A Sampler of Norway's Folk Costumes* by Thorbjorg Hjelman Ugland, ISBN 82-7683-088-9, and *Bunads in America: A Norwegian Cultural Tradition in Southern California* by Anne Klovnes Hoidal, ISBN 978-0972413800.

NORWEGIAN WEBCAMS

Can't wait to visit Norway? Immerse yourself in a virtual visit. For free, live webcams, go to www.webcamsinnorway.com (1000 cameras) or www.webcamgo.com (world wide) or Google “webcam” and the name of the location.

KVINESDAL, HOME OF OUR SISTER LODGE Marianne and Bill Nesse

Our sister lodge, Viking Lodge 8-7, in Kvinesdal, Norway, is located between Sandnes and Kristiansand at



the head of Fedafjorden.

It was raining in Kvinesdal on May 27. To see a live image of what today is like, go to <http://norway.weblogforyou.com/webcam/webcam.html>.



Kvinesdal is the site of the Sørlandet Emigrant Center Monument, sculpted by Tore Bjørn Skjølvik. The monument was unveiled during *Utvandrerfestivalen* (The Emigrant Festival) in 2002 in co-operation with *Sørlandet i 100*, a festival celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the name “Sørlandet.” “The monument will enhance the



Sørlandet Utvandrercenter Monument

strong bonds still existing between Norway and ‘Det norske Amerika’ (Norwegian America).”

See the website listed below for more information on Viking Lodge and the Emigrant Museum, Festival, and Monument.



Aerial View of Kvinesdal

Sources: www.sorlandetutvandrercenter.no, <http://maps.google.com>

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STEIN FJELL LODGE meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Society - Loveland Village's West Dining Hall. The address is 2101 S. Garfield Avenue, Loveland, Colorado. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month at the home of a member. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**



**SONS OF
NORWAY**

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

Sons of Norways misjon er å fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, feire vårt forhold til andre nordiske land, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings og finansprodukter til våre medlemmer.

