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FYLKE

[Old Names]

BYGDELAG

1) Oslo

Romerikslag

2) Viken

[Akershus,
Buskerud,
Østfold]

Hallinglag
Numedalslågen Lag
Ringerike Drammen
Districts Lag
Romerikslag
Sigdalslag
Østfoldlag

3) Innlandet

[Hedmark,
Oppland]

Gudbrandsdals Lag
Hadeland Lag
Landingslag
Nord Hedmark
og Hedemarken Lag
Seven Lag
Solørlag of America
Totenlag
Valdres Samband

4) Vestfold og Telemark

Numedalslågen Lag
Seven Lag
Telelaget of America

5) Agder

Agder Lag

6) Rogaland

Rogalandslag

7) Vestland

[Hordaland,
Sogn og Fjordane]

Hardanger Lag
Nordfjord Lag
Nordfjord-WI Lag
Nordhordland Lag
Sognalag
Sognefjord Lag
Sunnfjord Lag
Sunnhordland Lag
Vestlandslag
Vosselag

8) Møre og Romsdal

Møre og Romsdalslag
Vestlandslag

9) Trøndelag

Opdalslag
Trønderlag

10) Nordland

Sami Lag

11) Troms og Finnmark

Nordlandslag
Sami Lag



See "Genealogy / Fylke Map of Norway" on our web site for information on how to find your connections.

JOIN A BYGDELAG

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Bygdelag Build Pride in Heritage

One or two contact people are presented for you in this brochure for over two dozen *bygdelag* (we often call lags) which affiliate with the national council, *Bygdelagenes Fellesraad*.

Each *lag* seeks to preserve and strengthen bonds with its home district or community-of-origin in Norway. (See map). Each one will answer questions about:

- membership
 - newsletter or publication
 - Norway trips sponsored by the lag
 - Their annual summer meeting, called a *stevne* or *stemne*, and
 - assistance with genealogy searches.
- (Inquire how they operate. Each one may be somewhat different from another.)

Bygdelag are organizations comprised of descendants of emigrants from Norway to North America. A *bygd* in Norway shared the same dialect in speech, the same ways to prepare food, the same folkways and the same special occasion costumes, called *bunader*. Many *lag* serve a larger, regional area.

The national council of *bygdelag* is called *Bygdelagenes Fellesraad* which sponsors a web site to help you tie into the culture of your ancestors and gain confidence that Norway is indeed a very modern country, even though it is proud of its past.

This brochure may be printed (in two formats) at www.fellesraad.com. Check the web for the most current information. The site carries a calendar of events including date/s and places of *stevner* for the next year or two.

People from Valdres, our oldest group, first met in 1899 and a large celebration was held in Iowa to mark that occasion by all groups in 1999. To date 23 *bygdelag* have held festive centennials.

In 2016 the Fellesraad hosted its own Centennial Celebration May 5 through May 8 in Brooklyn Center and Minneapolis.

The Fellesraad invites you to use their site to further research your Norwegian connections. Many lags publish newsletters for members that give further information on the annual meetings in America and often include articles about both past and present culture in Norway.

E-mail the.president@fellesraad.com for other questions. Happy searching!

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