

Bygdelagenes Fellesraad Bulletin
NORWEGIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL BYGDELAG COUNCIL
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**SEND BF WEBMASTER RODI
DATES & SITES for 2009 STEVNER!**

Each year the stevne planners for the coming year share their information at our web address, www.fellesraad.com, the official site of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad. Our webmaster is Gene Rodi and his email is webmaster@fellesraad.com

To date, there are already several June events and one in August and two in September. Weekends in 2009 now scheduled for stevner include:

June 11-14 – Hallinglag in Albert Lea, MN

June 18-19 – NORDLANDSLAG Centennial, Granite Falls, MN

June 18-20 – Valdres Samband in Plymouth, MN: Lag's Norway trip Sept 1-6

June 18-20 – Vestlandslag & VOSSELAG Centennial in Albert Lea, MN

(June 20-July 6 – Gudbrandsdal Norway trip)

June 25-28 – 7 Lag Stevne (not July)

August 5-8 – Tre Lag Stevne & Centennial for GUDBRANDSDAL (through Aug 9)

September 11-12 – Opdalslag in Centerville, SD.

September 20 – NORDFJORDSLAG in Spicer, MN

We urge other groups to announce plans as soon as possible so that we may avoid further conflicts of same-date events.

**February 22-28 is Bygdelag Week
For Research in Salt Lake City, Utah**

Sponsoring a research week for a third year for interested lag members and people serving lag genealogy committees, the Fellesraad invites those planning to attend in 2009 to call **Marilyn Sorensen, Fellesraad VP, by December 15.**

Call 651-633-1329 or email rddlagen@usfamily.net.

Each lag is eligible for a one-time incentive (over the past three years) of \$100 to someone designated by the lag president, providing it has not been previously used.

Classes at the Family History Center of the Church of the Latter Day Saints are co-ordinated by Marilyn and Elaine Hasleton, a member of the

library staff. Participants are responsible for their own expenses – transportation, food, but there are convenient and special hotel rates.

**CO-OP ADVERTISING FEE
AND LAG DUES NOW PAYABLE**

Advertising fees of \$15 for 2009 and regular annual Fellesraad dues of \$5.00 per lag are payable by January 15. Presidents should remind lag treasurers of this.

Checks of \$20 are thereby **payable to Fellesraad** and may be sent to

R. Lee Brown, B.F. treasurer,
2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422

A few years ago January 15 was also the **due date for print advertising information** to be sent to the Fellesraad president. Her email is the.president@fellesraad.com Please state

- the date/s of your stevne/stemne**
- the place (hotel or college?)**
- the city and state**
- ONE name and phone number (this person will answer inquiries about the program, housing and meals at your stevne).**

**** Forward names & addresses of 2009 delegates by March 1:**

In order to mail **notices to delegates**, the **president needs the names and addresses of one or two delegates from each lag** that will represent that lag at **the annual Fellesraad meeting, May 2, 2009.** A person should plan to represent only one lag each year.

If you do not have e-mail, mail to **Marilyn Søndahl, Fellesraad President, 5100 West 102 St, #209, Minneapolis, MN 55437**

Welcome to New Lag Presidents

Gary Erickson, Sunburg, MN, is president of Møre og Romsdal.

Robert M. Fossum, Champaign, IL, is the new president of Trønderlaget.

Lawrence Thompson, Bismarck, ND, is president of Rogalandslag.

Remember

the Fellesraad brochure is easily downloaded and printed in a choice of formats from the web site. That is helpful to have the most current information available for whatever need arises.

MEET THE EDITORS OF LAG PUBLICATIONS

Many bygdelag have publications which continue to keep members informed. Telelag has two publications, a newsletter and an historical magazine. A few groups are seeking new editors and a few have just assumed their positions.

Some groups exchange publications on an informal basis—and it may or may not be every issue. Many have three or four issues a year while *Budstikken* publishes information for Valdres Samband members in May and December with many more pages each time. An exchange may depend on the rate of postage paid as well.

If you wish to consider an exchange with another lag, send them a sample copy of your newsletter and ask if they wish to exchange once or twice a year, for example. Usually lags that do this have some common genealogic or geographic connection. It may also be a way to share ideas another editor may consider using.

Most of the editors listed regularly send copies to the Fellesraad president.

There may be others who belong here but are not listed. In any case, the editors are free to email or otherwise contact each other to determine if reciprocity is desirable or if another group might also be interested in some news item that has come to you.

Listings appear, alphabetically, by lag with an e-mail or a phone number. Those with an asterisk (*) are seeking one or more permanent editors.

Gudbrandslaget BREV, Jan Floeter,
jfloeter@wisc.edu

Hallinglag HALLINGEN, Ivan Brattelid & Marion
Leimbach, **pineloft@bigfork.net**

Hadelands BRUA, Verlyn & Evonne Anderson,
Vanderso33@hotmail.com

Hardanger HILSEN, Laurel Dikken (Nov-Apr phone
623-580-8009)

Lands LAND-I-AMERIKA, Ann Edwards,
Arepbe2@juno.com

NHOH NEWS, Shirley Schoenfeld,
SASLAX@aol.com

*Nordlands NORD NORGE, acting editor, Susan
Lyback-Dahl, **slybackdahl@yahoo.com**

*Numedalslågens NYHETER, acting editor, Chet
Habberstad, **Habbstad@prtcl.com**

Opdalslags NEWS, John & Evy Kuecker,
Evykuecker@frontiernet.net

*Ringerike-Drammens RDD BREV, Steve Hall,
shall3307@msn.com

Romerikslaget NEWS, Kathleen Naseth,
Knaweth@charter.net

Sigdalslag SAGA, Scott Brunner,
scottbru@execpc.com

Sognefjord – Karen Tollefson, **608-727-2085**
Solør Lags GLÅMA EKKO, Rod Kurth,

rskurth@mtco.com

Sunnfjord, Rene Yndestad,
515-682-0139

Telesoga (magazine), Alice Kirn,
alicekirn@cs.com

Telelag NEWS and
Toten BULLETIN, Peter & Karen Christianson

Northloop@centurytel.net

Trønderlag NYHETER BREV, Linda Schwartz,
skarvold@ameritech.net

Valdres Samband's BUDSTIKKEN,
Arlene Quam, **aquam@tds.net**

Vestlandslags VESTLANDET, Jean Legried,
jrl@deskmedia.com and Dick

Flisrand, **flisrand38@charter.net** Serving
lag on Norway's west coast: **Hardanger, Møre og Romsdal,
Nord/Sunnhordland, Rogaland, Sognalag, and Vosselag**

Places for your Stevne Publicity

- www.fellesraad.com and your own web site
- pre-stevne news articles in **newspapers**
- information to hand out at Norwegian American **festivals and local festivals** and other organizations
- www.norway.com/events
- weigh benefits of other paid advertising

Some of the foregoing depends on space available and some lucky breaks. **The Fellesraad and each lag are buying one large print ad for the April *Viking Magazine*, published for Sons of Norway members, this coming year.** This policy is reviewed annually.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry
Christmas
From the
Fellesraad Board of Directors