



# Romerikslaget News



*Genealogy Research, Heritage & Culture, Seminars, Area Tour, Nordic Vendors, Banquet and more...*

## FLERE LAG STEVNE

An annual gathering of descendants and friends of the  
Trøndelag, Gudbrandsdal, Northern Hedmark,  
Solør and Romerike regions of Norway

“A Skillet in One Hand, A Hoe in the Other:  
Norwegian Women Settlers”



For a full schedule of events, meeting details, and a registration form visit:

[gudbrandlag.org](http://gudbrandlag.org) or any of the individual Lag websites or

Facebook pages, or contact Flere Lag Chair:

Norma Kjenstad Barnes, [nkwbarnes@yahoo.com](mailto:nkwbarnes@yahoo.com).

Book hotel by 6 July; Pre-Register for Stevne by 23 July.

Walk-ins OK if space permits. The Public is welcome.



6–9 August 2024  
Willmar Conference Center  
Willmar, Minnesota



## Notes from the President

I'm including my report to the May 2024 *Fellesraad* Annual Meeting, Mary Gross and Linda McKeen were our official delegates to the in-person business session on Saturday in Minneapolis.

*“God dag fra Romerikslaget i Amerika!  
As of March 31, 2024, we had 99 paid memberships. Romerikslaget has an Internet page link on the Fellesraad website. Our Facebook group has 157 members. Our newsletter is emailed to members three times a year and posted on our Facebook group.  
Our Board of Directors meets twice a year on Zoom and once in person at stevne, where we also hold our Annual General Membership Meeting.  
In August 2023, the second Flere Lag Stevne was held, this time in Moorhead, Minnesota. A steering committee composed of representatives from each of the five partner lags has been holding Zoom meetings to plan the third annual Flere Lag Stevne to be held in Willmar, Minnesota, August 6-9, 2024.”*

You will all be receiving the *stevne* program schedule, registration form, and reservation information by email and regular mail. Please submit your registration by July 22. You need to make your hotel reservation by July 6 to get the *stevne* group rate. Please remember to bring gently-used Nordic items to donate to the Silent Auction and bring a treat to share in the Hospitality room.

*See you at Stevne!*  
*Norma Kjenstad Barnes*



***Oslo & Akershus Fylke (the new Viken Fylke disbanded as of January 2024!)***

***Ovre Romerike - Eidsvoll, Feiring, Gjerdrum, Hurdal, Nannestad, Nes, Ullensaker***

***Nedre Romerike - Aurskog-Høland, Blaker, Enebakk, Fet, Hakadal, Lørenskog, Nittedal, Rælingen, Setskog, Skedsmo, Sørum Follo - Frogn, Kråkstad, Nesodden, Oppegård, Ski, Vestby, Ås***

***Vestre Akershus - Asker, Bærum***



### 2024 Fellesraad Annual Meeting

*The theme for the 2024 Annual meeting was: "Crossings 2025"*

Friday, 3 May (Hybrid Meeting on Zoom & In-Person):

Amy Boxrud, Executive Director, Norwegian American Historical Association, spoke on *bygdelag* materials and re-indexing all *lag* materials; as well as significant 1925 Norse-American Centennial materials in their archive.

FamilySearch virtual class - *What's New in FamilySearch* (Judith Kay, Special FamilySearch Instructor).

2025 Bicentennial Celebration. A little background & history of the 2025 event. Assistance & planning ideas for lags will be provided for 2025 *stevner*, such as topic helps along with some speaker and virtual presentations that may be used. Two examples were:

*That My Children May Know*. (story about Great-Grandparents' immigration in 1869). Speaker: Pati Kachel, Professional Storyteller.

*Norwegian-American Innovators (Vesterheim exhibit)*. Speaker: Laurann Gilbertson, *Vesterheim* Chief Curator.

Saturday, 4 May (Business Meeting, In-Person only at *Mindekirken*)

Officers' Reports:

Vice President's report on Norwegian Lag Week in Salt Lake City

Nomination Committee & Election of Officers:

Bob Torkelson has retired from the board.

Don Tigen was elected as the new Treasurer.

Jerry Ugland was elected as a new director.

Norway House Report: *Bygdelag* Special Collections, Haugo *Bibliotek*

Speaker Fredrik Larsen, Chief Editor of the *Aftenposten* History Magazine, speaking about 2025 Bicentennial plans in Norway and other related topics.

Succinct Reports of Highlights of 2024 from *Bygdelager*

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**In Memoriam**



**Mary Gjermo 1948 -2023**

Mary Margaret Gjermo, age 75, of Cambridge, Wisconsin, passed away on Nov. 21, 2023. She had been a member of Romerikslaget since 2006. Mary was born in Madison, WI and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1966, attended St. Olaf College for two years, and graduated from Mundelein College in 1971 with a B.A. in Psychology. She received a degree in Library Science and later an M.S. in Family Studies. She was the Director of the Cambridge, WI Community Library and was a Supervisor at the La Crosse, WI Public Library. Failing health caused her to end her library career in 1990.

Mary had a second part-time career as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She was active in her community, including serving on the board of the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society.

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