

Skjold News



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SKJOLD WEB SITE

Since 2003 **over 15,000** visitors have been to our lodge web site!

This counts only visitors who actually went to www.skjoldlodge.com and not the thousands of other "hits" where individuals went directly to a specific page after a Google or other search.

In April, for example, the single most visited of our web pages was our *Masse Morro* page as people researched our heritage camp.

Also in April 450 people visited our Skjold Bunads page and 180 our "Munch of the Month" page even though we no longer create new monthly Munch pages.

Naturally, our Programs and Lodge Meetings pages were visited frequently.

Peak usage is in the month of May followed by the period September-January.



Culture Column by Solveig Bender (Continued on Page 4)

This issue's column is a catch-up from last month's column and an addition to the program on bunads in May.

For those of you interested in researching your family history using the internet there are several important web sites.

1) www.digitalarkivvet.uib.no This is a Norwegian site which has English translations. On the home page in the upper left hand corner is the word English and on other pages there will/may be a UK flag in the upper right hand section. Click on either one of these and behold: English!

This site has birth, marriage, death, farm and census records from each district in Norway. Norway is subdivided into districts, each is called a "fylke" There are 13 of these. A fylke is subdivided into "commune" (note: I am not pluralizing these words because a plural in English ends in "s", while in Norwegian a plural usually ends in "er"). Some commune no longer exist because they have been consolidated into another commune. However, this website does use the old political records of its day.

A parish was usually the same as the commune. For example: my family came from the Brandval parish, Brandval

commune in southern Hedmark. It is now part of the closest commune to the south which is the Kongsvinger commune. Parishes are no longer a political unit, thus the Brandval parish still exists as a member of the state church but all current census records are now at Kongsvinger. Old ones are still found under the Brandval parish site.

2) www.kart.finn.no This is a map of all of Norway. When the map comes up, note all the arrows in the upper left. Click anywhere on the map and keep clicking until you come to the area of Norway you wish to locate. You can get as close as rooftops.

3) www.nagcnl.org This is the website for the Norwegian American Genealogical Center in Madison, Wisconsin. This is the largest library of Norwegian genealogy information in the United States. They are open for visiting and host various special workshops during the year. We just missed one on June 22 and 23, but another workshop in "Writing Your Family History" will be on Aug 3-4, 2011 in Madison. Their chief genealogist is conducting a week long workshop in Salt Lake, Utah, October 16 – 23, 2011 as part of the Salt Lake Ancestry center Norwegian Heritage week. The NAGC charges for a tour arrangement including hotels and meals, however the Salt Lake center has no charge but one has to find their own housing. The NAGC phone number is 608-255-2224.

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WHAT'S NEXT: Learn about our next two meetings

July 17 (NOT July 24) Program

July 17, 2011—Replaces July 24th meeting PROGRAM: "FIELD TRIP - CLENG PEERSON LODGE, NORWAY, ILLINOIS AND VISIT TO NORWAY MUSEUM".

In place of our regular meeting, we travel to join another lodge for their meeting. See page 3 for details, "registration", and travel arrangements.

August 28 Program

August 28, 2011, 3:00PM PROGRAM: "THE SLOOPERS": The sloop *Restaurasjonen* leaves Stavanger with 52 people aboard on July 5, 1825. Learn more about the first organized emigration to America from Norway. We are lucky to have as our speaker, an actual Slooper descendant, Wesley Haugstad.

Kommentar fra Presidenten



**President
Mike Hanson
Kjaere Venner:**

We did have an interesting "Syttende Mai" Norwegian Constitution Day parade on May 15. The temperature hovered around 37 F, with winds of 30 mph, and it rained for most of the day in Park Ridge. Mange takk to the hearty Skjold Lodge members who participated in the events. What a contrast with the weather at the 2010 parade, when we

had sunshine and beautiful weather all day.

On page 3 there is an article on TUBFRIM, the Norwegian organization that collects and sells used postage stamps to help children in Norway. We appreciate all the work of our member, **Marian Seaholm**, who has been the lodge's focus for TUBFRIM for several years. Please help Marian, and the lodge, help the worthwhile cause of TUBFRIM.

Summer is here and now is the time for our members to start buying their gifts to be donated for our annual Skjold News Benefit and Auction on September 25, 2011. Your donated gift, when auctioned, helps pay for the production and mailing of Skjold News. The details of the Benefit and Auction will be in our September-October issue.

We are working hard

to promote the lodge by making more people aware of who we are and what we do. Our announcements are starting to appear in local papers and our flyers are seen by more people. You can help by selecting and printing a relevant form from our web site's form page at www.skjoldlodge.com/forms and having it posted at your local library, or businesses you frequent. This does work. We recently had a guest from one of the northwest Chicago suburbs come to our meetings because he had seen our poster in his city library. In fact, I took a poster to my local library, and the receptionist asked for three more posters so she could take them to places she frequented. Take extra forms with you.

In the May-June newsletter I promised to give you a report on the Viennese Ball in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

that my wife Geri and I attended in April. It was great and at least 1,500 people were there. We got there at 6:00 PM and left at 1:30 AM the next morning. Seven and a half hours of choirs, waltzing, modern dances, and interesting conversations with the people from many areas of the United States, including a lot of Norwegian-Americans from the Eau Claire area. And then we enjoyed the annual midnight breakfast before calling it a night (or day). We'll be back again next year.

Please remember that our July 24 meeting has been moved to July 17 and is a field trip to Norway, Illinois to attend a meeting of the Cleng Peerson lodge, combined with a tour of their museum. The details are on page 3. We hope to see you there.

ha det,
Mike Hanson

Har du Hørt?

Tordis Kaczmarek's grandson, Ian Dutkiewicz, is now home from serving almost four years in the Marine Corps. He spent eight months in Afghanistan. Now that he has completed his tour of duty he will continue pursuing his college education. We are all so glad he is safely home and thank him for his service to our country.

OOPS! MOR MONSEN:
And speaking of **Tordis**, we made a mistake in our last issue when we mentioned

that Geri Hanson made the "Mor Monsen" cake. In fact it was Tordis Kaczmarek who made the cake. We apologize for the mistake. Tordis makes some fantastic stuff and we look forward to our Heritage Fest in November and another great bake sale. Those of you who have tasted Tordis' Julekake know what we mean. Hopefully we'll get a chance again to buy one this year.

**2012 LODGE PROGRAMS:
YOU SUGGEST - WE LISTEN.**

Our 2010 and 2011 lodge programs have all been on Norway, Norwegian culture and History, and based on member's suggestions.

We continue this trend for 2012 and ask you to submit your 2012 program ideas to any lodge officer or directly to **Jon Satrum, 5420 Brookbank Road, Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515.**

Thanks for your help in the past and we look forward to your 2012 program ideas.



Anne Shabez
Please send all information for the **Har Du Hørt** column to Anne Shabez postmaster@skjoldlodge.com

TRIP TO ANOTHER LODGE

SUNDAY – JULY 17, 2011

FIELD TRIP - CLENG PEERSON LODGE,
NORWAY, ILLINOIS AND VISIT TO
NORWAY MUSEUM.

*REPLACES JULY 24TH MEETING

LOCATION: Norway Community Building
(a red pole building), Norway, Illinois, 9
miles north of Interstate 80 and Ottawa,
Illinois on highway 71.

TIME: 1PM

There will be a pot luck luncheon and a
program on the Viking Ship.

MUSEUM TOUR:

After the meeting, Cleng Peerson will give
our members a tour of the Norway
Museum which is close to the Community
building and just east of the gas station.

The museum is the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in North America.

It was built in the oldest permanent
Norwegian settlement in North America,
founded in 1825 by pioneer Cleng Peerson
and the "Sloopers".

DRIVERS/RIDERS: We will travel in
private cars and may also rent a van as
well. **We need volunteers who can
drive** and take others with them
and also **need to know who needs a
ride** that day.

Please call **Paul Abrahamsen at 847-
359-5231** and let him know if you are
willing to drive and how many people you
can take with you. Please call Paul if you
need a ride. We will coordinate drivers
and riders as we get closer to July 17.

Norway, Illinois is about 2 hours from
Palatine and cars would have to leave by
approximately 11AM.

**Anyone planning to attend should call
Paul** even if you are planning on driving
on your own, so we can get a final count
and tell Cleng Peerson how many people
are coming.

TUBFRIM – WHAT'S THAT?



"TUB" comes from the word
tuberkulose (tuberculosis). And "FRIM"
comes from the word frimerke (postage
stamp). The two together create
TUBFRIM, a program created by the
Norwegian Postmaster in 1920 to collect
used postage stamps and sell them to
collectors to raise money to eradicate
tuberculosis in Norwegian children.

Most of the U.S. stamps are sold to
collectors in Norway, Denmark,
Germany, and Holland.

Today the profits are used to help
handicapped children and youth in
Norway, and to finance the efforts to
eradicate tuberculosis. Several hundred
handicapped children benefit from the
funds raised by TUBFRIM - every year!

The focus of Tubfrim now includes
providing wheelchairs (rullestol) and
medical equipment (medisinsk utstyr).
Kanskje "rullestolfrim" eller "medisinsk
utstyrfrim" would be a better
description today.

Sons of Norway members are the largest
contributors of stamps to this program,
contributing about 3,000 pounds of
stamps per year. Skjold Lodge
participates in this program and **YOU
CAN HELP**. Please save your used
postage stamps (and get your friends to
do it also and then give them to you).

**At a meeting, give your stamps to
Marian Seaholm.** You don't even need
to trim the stamps (trimming too close
destroys their value). **Just bring them,
envelopes and all, to a meeting or give
them to someone who is coming and
we will get them to Marian who will
take care of the rest.**

Gratulerer med dagen

July

7 2 Lauren E. Masciopinto
7 2 Elizabeth S. Venturi
7 3 Florence Hestad
7 3 Margaret Wittrock
7 6 Clinton E. Hogstrom
7 9 Kenneth P. Stromsland
7 10 Norris C. Harstad
7 10 Marilyn C. Lien
7 10 Sverre Overland
7 12 Michael D Hovde
7 14 Sara L. Costello
7 14 Peggy K. Engebretson Gorman
7 15 Lois A. Suter
7 16 Irene O. Geerds
7 18 Kenneth J. Berke
7 19 John A. Bakke
7 19 Betty Larsen
7 22 Holly Bachman
7 23 Iris T. Berke
7 24 Lillian E. Danielson
7 25 Lisa L. Shabez
7 26 Robert Bolstad
7 28 Harold C. Nelson
7 28 Judith K. Rabe
7 28 Kristoffer Stark
7 31 Irwin Dahlstrom

August

8 1 Donald Hoganson
8 2 Robyn Peters
8 2 Einar Tenold
8 4 Wendell J. Brenner
8 5 Ronald K. Jonassen
8 6 Eva Sorensen
8 8 Norma Berke
8 9 Knut L. Sjurstrand Jr.
8 10 Peter M. Strand
8 12 Ruth Ecklund
8 13 Gerd M. Juell
8 18 Marilyn J. Jeglum
8 18 Jaclynne M. Schuh
8 19 Paul Anderson
8 20 Cynthia M. Stark
8 21 Lester G. Amack
8 24 William K. Barber
8 24 Karen Brown
8 24 Roy O. Roe
8 25 Ione J. Rice
8 31 Margæret Benson



Bunads of Skjold Lodge



LILLIAN DANIELSON

Lillian Danielson wore her bunad at our May meeting and told us a bit more about it. The bunad is a Hardanger Bunad with a red vest, black skirt, white blouse, and white apron.

The blouse and apron are trimmed with Hardanger embroidery. The vest, belt, and hat have each have bead work.

The bunad was a gift from her parents in early 1950's and sent to her by her Aunt Dagne from Bergen. The solje was inherited from her Grandmother Jenny Rasmussen.

At one time, Lillian was a member of the Norwegian Folk Dance Society of Bay Ridge in Brooklyn, New York. This group performed at Norwegian-America functions in the area and at the Norwegian Seaman's church.

Around that same time, the Norwegian Cannery Association had an event at the Waldorf Astoria hotel where they were promoting sardines from Norway. Because Lillian owned a bunad she was asked to help at the event and serve hors d'oeuvres. As she served Zsa Zsa Gabor, a photographer took a picture.

Years later a friend called Lillian to tell her that her picture was in the World Book Encyclopedia – the picture, the one serving Zsa Zsa Gabor. Small events in a person's life can have interesting twists and turns later. What a fun fact to have for your family history.



At our May meeting and pictured to the right: Solveig Bender, Lillian Danielson, Julie (Solveig's granddaughter), Judy Torgersen, Tordis Kaczmarek, and Cindy Stark.

Culture Column (Continued from Page 1)

4) www.fellesraad.com This is a U.S. site of all Norwegian American genealogy societies called "bygdelags". Choose the part of Norway you are interested in and a listing of various genealogy groups comes up along with information listing their annual genealogy workshops and people to contact.

Care of Bunads. A question was asked regarding how to clean and brighten old søljes (Norwegian silver broaches). One can clean them with ordinary silver polish, or as the store Van Beria in Decorah, Iowa, suggests swish them in lukewarm water with a little soap and possibly ammonia, but for really tarnished ones I would suggest a more aggressive approach (some people might cringe).

Get some Tarnex and do the following. Put a little Tarnex in a non-metal dish. Stop up your bathroom sink and start the water running slowly. Soak a cotton ball in the Tarnex and sponge onto your sølje. Immediately rinse the sølje well under the running water. Then soak the sølje for a very few minutes in a little mild soapy water and rinse well again under running water. Dry thoroughly with a soft cloth and let dry overnight. Then pack away in a clean dry cloth inside an airtight container (small ziplock baggies are great).

For white cotton or linen shirts, blouses and aprons note that Norwegian-made garments should never be put in a dryer. Also, these garments should be hand washed soon after wearing them. Rinse well. They can be ironed later. The Norwegian method for ironing is to roll the dry garment in a wet towel, place in a plastic bag (in the refrigerator works well but don't forget it or you will have mold happening) and iron with as hot an iron as possible if the garment is linen. If the garment is a bit damp, let it air dry for a day. Note: don't put off ironing until the last minute.



Coming Events (always check our web site for the latest details)

JULY

07-12-2011, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Board meeting.

7-16-2011 Saturday Viking Ship Open House, 1 PM – 4 PM, Good Templar Park, Geneva, IL adults \$5,00, teens \$3.00, children 5 -12 \$1.00, under 4 free www.vikingship.us

07-17-2011, Sunday
Lodge meeting.
****REPLACES 7-24 MEETING PROGRAM: "Field Trip to Cleng Peerson Lodge and visit to the Norway museum".** See more details in our article on page 3 for details.

7-28-30, 2011 - 45th Annual Nordic Fest - Decorah, IA
<http://www.nordicfest.com>

AUGUST

8-09-2011, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Board meeting

8-13-2011 Saturday, Scandinavian Park Steak Fry with Crayfish Sampling, Vasa Park, Elgin, IL, Cash bar 1:00 PM, dinner 2:00 PM, Jack Grandin 847-695-6720. www.vasaparkil.com

8-20-2011 Saturday, Viking Ship Open House, 1 PM – 4 PM,, Good Templar Park, Geneva, IL. Adults \$5,00, teens \$3.00, children 5 -12 \$1.00, under 4 free www.vikingship.us

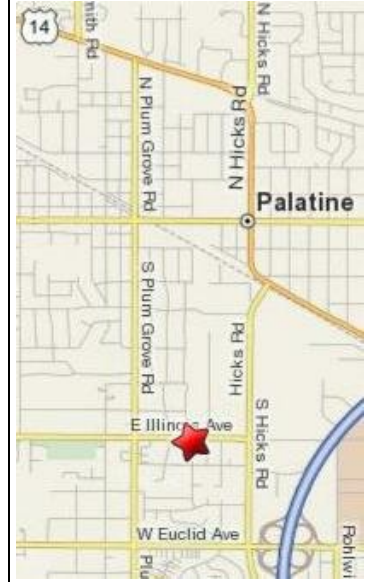
8-28-2011 Sunday, Norwood Crossing 115th Annual Picnic, Chicago, IL. Noon – 4:00PM. Norwegian food, crafts, games, entertainment and silent auction www.norwoodlifecare.org

08-28-2011, Sunday, 3:00PM
Lodge meeting.

PROGRAM: "THE SLOOPERS": The sloop Restaurasjonen leaves Stavanger with 52 people aboard on July 5, 1825. Learn more about the first organized emigration to America from Norway. Speaker: **Wesley Haugstad** a Slooper descendant.

CORRECTION: THE MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF SKJOLD NEWS MENTIONED THE TRIP TO CLENG PEERSON LODGE WAS ON 7-24. THIS IS WRONG. WE TRAVEL ON 7-17.

*****WHERE WE MEET*****
Skjold meetings and events are held at **AUYA Ukrainian Center, 136 East Illinois Avenue, Palatine, Illinois, in the 2nd floor meeting room directly next to the stairs and elevator.**



NOT SO "GOOD NEWS"

We received the following information from Sons of Norway in Minneapolis regarding an e-mail soliciting money from our members.

"You may be aware of a recent letter sent to some members within the organization from a company called "Good News" with a salutation of "Dear Fellow Sons of Norway Member" that solicits members for a \$2.00 payment for "materials".

This e-mail is to inform you that **there is no connection between Sons of Norway Headquarters and the aforementioned company.** Also, we neither support, nor endorse, their business ventures. We are currently contacting the company to request they stop contacting members

in a manner that suggests any relation between our companies.

In the meantime, we would appreciate you sharing this information with your lodge members at a lodge meeting or through your lodge newsletter.

Also, please tell them that if they should receive a letter from "Good News" they can either disregard it entirely or, if there are questions or concerns, contact Sons of Norway headquarters by calling (800) 945-8851.

Fraternally,
Sons of Norway Headquarters"



From Highway 53, Exit west on West Euclid Avenue and take the first right to Hicks Road. Travel north approximately 3 blocks and turn left (west) on East Illinois Avenue. Travel approximately 3 blocks. AUYA Center is on the north side of East Illinois Avenue, half way between S. Hicks and S. Plum Road.

Snakker du Norsk? - The Golden 1960's

A Little in English... The Golden 1960's

The period from 1960-1973 was the golden age for industry, it took advantage of the good international conjuncture and managed well in the hard fight that free trade in EFTA (The European Free Trade Association) directed. Foreign investment grew strongly, especially in the energy industry. At the end of the 1960's, Norway had become Europe's largest exporter of aluminum and the world's largest when it came to the exportation of ferro-alloy.

The strong growth in industry settled quickly in the trade of commodities, the transport industry and the construction industry. It was therefore not unusual that the need for labor increased. Luckily, there was a ready labor reserve that could flourish. In the 1960's there was an increasing amount of women who entered the workforce. Many wished to obtain a larger annual salary for their family to use towards purchasing more material goods. It was also easier to go into the workforce because women, on average, gave birth to fewer children than previously. Now that birth control was invented it was much easier for women to decide if they wanted to bring children into the world.

The symbol of the new abundance was the private automobile. In October 1960, it was no longer necessary to apply for a "purchasing permit" to buy an automobile. In the years that followed, many thousand proud car owners rolled on the roads. The desire to drive was not diminished as the number of traffic accidents increased dramatically.

In 1960, the Norwegian television officially opened and in the span of the 1960's approximately 900,000 Norwegians purchased a TV-device. Because the majority could only get one channel, Norsk rikskringkasting, the television made it possible for an unprecedented cultural unity of the population to be created. That put its stamp on daily life until the introduction of cable television and antennas in the 1980's, which made it possible to choose between multiple programs.

**Passage taken from "Norges Historie: Fra Istid til i Dag [Norway's History: From the Iceage Until Today]", by Øivind Stenersen and Ivar Libæk.



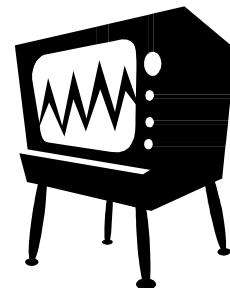
Litt på norsk... De "gylne" 1960-årene

Perioden fra 1960 til 1973 ble en gullalder for industrien, som dro fordel av gode internasjonale konjunkturer og klarte seg bra i den harde konkurransen som frihandelen i EFTA førte med seg. De utenlandske investeringene økte sterkt, særlig i den kraftkrevende industrien. Ved slutten av 1960-årene var Norge blitt Europas største eksportør av aluminium og verdens største når det gjaldt utførsel av ferrolegeringer.

Den sterke veksten i industrien satte fart i varehandelen, transport- og byggebransjen. Det var derfor ikke rart at behovet for arbeidskraft økte. Heldigvis fantes det en reserve å ta av. I 1960-årene gikk stadig flere gifte kvinner ut i arbeidslivet. Mange ønsket å skaffe familien større inntekter som kunne brukes til innkjøp av nye materielle goder. Det ble også lettere å gå ut i yrkeslivet fordi kvinnene gjennomsnittlig fødte færre barn enn før. Nå kom de nye prevensjonsmidlene som gjorde det svært enkelt for kvinnene å bestemme om de ville sette barn til verden.

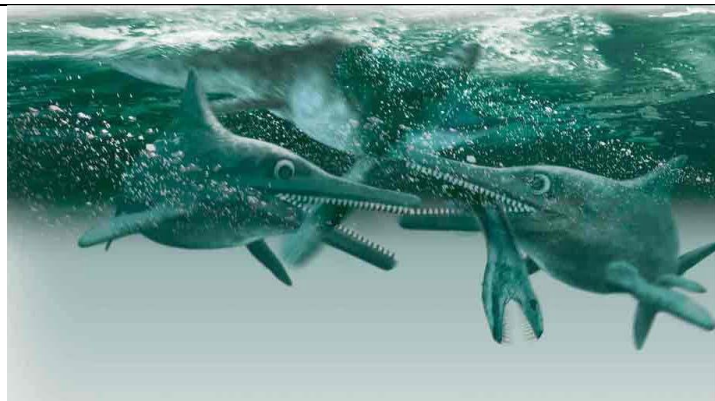
Symbolet på den nye overfloden var privatbilen. Fra oktober 1960 var det ikke lenger nødvendig å søke om kjøpetillatelse for å skaffe seg bil, og i årene som fulgte, rullet tusener av stolte bileiere ut på veiene. Kjørelysten ble ikke dempet selv om tallet på trafikkulykker økte dramatisk.

I 1960 ble det norske fjernsynet offisielt åpnet, og i løpet av 1960-årene skaffet om lag 900.000 nordmenn seg TVapparater. Fordi de fleste bare kunne ta inn en kanal, Norsk rikskringkasting, sørget fjernsynssendingene for at det kom i stand en enestående kulturell samling av befolkningen. Den satte sitt preg på dagliglivet helt frem til innføringen av kabelfjernsyn og parabolantennar i 1980-årene, som gjorde det mulig å velge mellom flere programmer.



Kids Corner

SVALBARD'S SEA MONSTERS



*Artist's interpretation of ichthyosaurs feeding on a plesiosaur -
Artwork: Tor Sponga, Bergens Tidende*

Norway's archipelago of the Arctic, Svalbard, is home to several animals—including the arctic fox, reindeer and the polar bear—but **did you know that the islands are also home to sea monsters?** – OK it's been a while since they were there, like 147 to 245 million years ago.

The two sea monsters in question are the **plesiosaur** and **ichthyosaur**. Commonly associated with the Loch Ness monster, the plesiosaur ranged in size from 8-46 feet and had a short tail with a broad back and four flippers. The ichthyosaur averaged 6-13 feet in length and closely resembles the dolphin, with a snout, two flippers, a fin and fish-like tail. Since the turn of the century, Triassic and Jurassic period fossils have been found in Svalbard.

In August of 2004, Dr. Jørn Harald Hurum, paleontologist with Oslo's Natural History Museum, conducted his first search of Svalbard and found 10 separate specimens, including a partial plesiosaur skeleton and a complete ichthyosaur skull.

Encouraged by these finds, Hurum and his team set out for a second Svalbard expedition in 2006. During the 11-day dig they discovered 28 new specimens, including six ichthyosaurs, 20 long-necked plesiosaurs and two short-necked plesiosaurs (commonly called pliosaurs). Among the skeletons discovered and eventually unearthed in 2008 was an enormous pliosauro. Dubbed "Predator X"

the pliosauro may be the largest ever found, measuring 49 ft. in length, 49.5 tons and boasting 12" teeth.

Conditions at the Svalbard fossil hotspot can be a bit of a problem for excavation teams. The location is part of Svalbard's high Arctic desert, which only thaws for a few weeks of the year. Teams must also protect themselves from polar bears. Hurum and his team continue to make expeditions to Svalbard each August to research the marine fossils they have found there. Hurum hopes that through a combination of intensive research and 3-D modeling paleontologists will be able to discover how these rare creatures lived and died.

To learn more about Hurum's expeditions to Svalbard and the sea monsters found there, look into National Geographic's new documentary "Death of a Sea Monster" or visit <http://tiny.cc/4b4cr> to see pictures and clips from the documentary. You can also visit <http://tiny.cc/wypdy> to learn more about Svalbard's massive pliosauro fossil, Predator X.



Artist's interpretation of a pliosauro (short-necked plesiosaur) catching a smaller plesiosaur. Artwork: Tor Sponga, Bergens Tidende

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NOREG? NORGE?

Did you notice the picture of the stamp in the article about TUBFRIM spelled the name for the country of Norway as NOREG?

Did they make a mistake?

Most of us know NORGE as the name for Norway but actually Norge and Noreg are both correct (just from different Norwegian languages).

Norway is officially called Kongeriket Norge (The Kingdom of Norway) in Bokmål, and Kongeriket Noreg in Nynorsk.

Norway has two main languages- Bokmål and Nynorsk. While Bokmål and Nynorsk are two distinct written languages, they are similar in many respects. In Civil Service situations there is a law that directs how government employees should use each. Urban centers primarily use Bokmål and perhaps 10-12% of the Norwegian population uses Nynorsk today.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Name and address changes:

Remember to submit your name, address, and e-mail changes to:

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