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3 different articles in this issue are both in English and Norwegian

a little in English...

Many people are familiar with the history of the Norwegian resistance movement during World War 2, but less widely known is it that the Norwegian-American community also reacted when German forces invaded Norway on April 9th 1940. **The following is an excerpt of an article published in May of 1940 in Sons of Norway's member magazine that shows how the organization and many others came together to support the Norwegian people.**

Joining Forces for Norway's Sake

Work has already begun to help Norway in the moment of the greatest disaster in the nation's history. A humanitarian organization has been incorporated in the state of Illinois under the name "Norwegian Relief, Inc." with Arthur Andersen, president of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, as National Treasurer.

For this cause there has been an unprecedented degree of cooperation between Norwegian organizations and groups in America. Regardless of everything that can divide us, we are all united by concern for the old fatherland. As soon as the first shots were fired over Norwegian soil Sons of Norway's board of directors, by personal contact and via telegraph, came to the unanimous decision to commence a fundraising operation. In various other places around the country and among other organizations similar plans were being laid.

It soon became clear that these efforts must be united. A meeting was then held in the office of Dr. J.A. Aasgaard, the foreman for the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, with representatives from many other Norwegian-American organizations including St. Olaf College, Daughters of Norway, Augsburg Seminary and College, The Norwegian Glee Club, the Norwegian-American Historical Association, the Bygdelag Council, the Norseman's Federation and others.

None of the collected funds will be sent to Norway until we can be completely certain that they will go to the right hands.

litt på norsk...

Mange kjenner historien om den norske motstandsbevegelsen under annen verdens krig, men mindre kjent er at det norskamerika reagerte også da tyske styrker invanderte Norge den 9. april 1940. Følgende er et **utdrag av en artikkel** publisert i mai 1940 i Sønner av Norges medlemsblad som viser hvordan organisasjonen og mange andre forenet for å støtte det norske folk.

Vi vil løfte i flokk for Norges sak.

Arbeidet med å hjelpe Norge i den verste ulykken i landets historie er allerede kommet igang. Norgeshjelpen er blitt inkorporert under staten Illinois lover under navnet "Norwegian Relief, Inc." med Arthur Andersen, presidenten for Det norskamerikanske Historielag, som nasjonal kasserer.

Det er i denne sak blitt et samarbeid som aldri før mellom norske organisasjoner og grupper i Amerika. Uansett alt som ellers kan skille, samles de i tanken på det gamle fedrelandet. Det første skuddet var såvidt løsnet over norsk grunn, da Sønner av Norges hovedstyre ved personlig og telegrafisk samråd kom til enstemmig beslutning om å iverksette en innsamling. På forskjellige andre steder i landet og blandt andre organisasjoner begynte man også å legge planer.

Det blev snart klart at kreftene måtte forenes. Etter en del personlig konferering ble så et møte holdt i formannen for Den norske lutherske kirke i Amerika dr. J. A. Aasgaards kontor med representanter for norsk-amerikanske landsorganisasjoner inkl. St. Olaf College, Døtre av Norge, Den norske luth. kirke i Amerika, Augsburg Seminary and College, Det norske sangerforbund, Det norsk-amerikanske historielag, Bygdelagenes fellesråd, Nordmanns-Forbundet og andre.

Ingen av de innsamlede midler vil bli sendt til Norge før man har full visshet om at de kommer i rette hender.

March Program: MARCH 27 – 3:00PM

The article above makes reference to the resistance movement in Norway in WWII. Join us at our March meeting to learn about **"CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS IN WWII"** as it relates to Norway and the much broader war effort.

MAY Program: MAY 1 – 3:00PM

NOTE: **Our April meeting is combined with our May meeting** due to conflicts with the Easter Sunday weekend. Join us and learn more about **"BUNADS/NORWEGIAN TRADITIONAL DRESS"**. History and tradition as well as: Making them, buying them, and caring for them.

Kommentar fra Presidenten



**President
Mike Hanson**

Kjaere Venner:

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this newsletter, the weather has improved from what we experienced in the first part of February. The blizzard on February 1-2 was one of the worst I can remember, even though I grew up in Wisconsin and witnessed some real bad snow storms there. I moved to the Chicago area in the early 1960s

and was traveling in northwest Indiana on January 26, 1967, during the worst blizzard in Chicago's history. My car spent four days in a snow drift, as did thousands of other vehicles, near Crown Point, Indiana, where I lived at the time.

First of all, I would like to thank and congratulate every one of the new 2011 lodge officers that were installed at our January meeting, as well as the other new officers who were not able to be there but will be installed at a later meeting. They are all a great group of hard working Skjold Lodge members who are helping to make sure we have a successful lodge.

At our February meeting we were honored to have Gene Johnson from Wergeland Lodge in La Crosse, WI present a program on "The

Birkebeiners". His program covered the Birkebeiner in Norway and in Hayward, WI and how the Barnebirkie came about. We are especially grateful to Gene because he was in Hayward for the Barnebirkie races and then had to return to La Crosse on Saturday evening and get up early on Sunday morning to arrive at our 3:00 PM meeting. That's a lot of miles of driving and mange tusen takk to Gene.

Incidentally, our esteemed lodge member, Jostein Bakken, who has been having some health problems in recent months, didn't let that keep him from attending the Barnebirkie events in February. He has been going to Hayward every year for many, many years.

Mange takk to you also, Jostein.

This year we are combining our April and May meetings into one meeting, on May 1 where we will learn more about the history and tradition of Norwegian bunads. **Our food for this May 1 meeting will be a POT LUCK meal. Please bring a dish to share with others.**

And **remember to support our friends at Leif Erikson Lodge** for their annual **corn beef dinner on March 13**. Look for details in this issue of Skjold News.

That's all for now.

Ha det,

Mike Hanson

Har du Hørt?

CANTUS, a female choir from Trondheim is touring the Midwest in March with tuba virtuoso Øystein Baadsvik. Two performances in the Chicago area will be on March 10, 2011 – one at Orchestra Hall and one at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, Chicago. Times for the performances were not available when Skjold News went to the printing company. Check our web site for more details, when available.



Anne Shabez
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Gratulerer med dagen

Survey Says: Norwegian Youth Show Lack of Respect for Law

A recent survey of more than 3,500 Norwegian youths, aged 15 to 26, revealed a surprising characteristic among its participants—a lack of respect for the law.

The survey was conducted by a research firm called Synovate which issues the Norsk Monitor survey on behalf of the Royal Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion.

The survey was designed to map the basic attitudes, sociocultural values and behaviors of the respondents; shedding light on the participant's perceptions of right and wrong, social behavior and acceptable means for achieving goals.

Survey respondents scored high in categories that involved risk taking, showing little respect for rules and regulations and having status. Erik Dalen of Norsk Monitor says, "Norwegian youth seem to have a constant tendency to test limits and be in opposition, and we see that clearly in this survey. They challenge the rules, by having a more liberal view on violations than most others." For example, participants may have a relaxed view of offenses such as cheating on tests, failing to attend classes and shoplifting.

What should be done with this new information? Dalen suggests that youth-focused retailers as well as schools put safeguards in place to prevent theft and issue tougher controls.

Adapted from various sources

Reindeer Skirmishes and the Reinpoliti

Johan Mikkel Kemi, a reindeer owner in Northern Norway, wound up in a hospital in Finnmark after he was attacked by five men on New Year's Eve over reindeer grazing rights.

"I wasn't aware they were after me until I was assaulted," Kemi told Aftenposten. "A couple of them held me down, while the others beat me up."

Kemi went on to say that he believes a neighboring rival reindeer owner took "revenge" on him for questioning the winter grazing area of the neighbors herd. A long-standing family feud, the grazing conflict escalated when large reindeer herds in the area competed for too little food.

The grazing competition in the area is tense enough that the area has its own "reinpoliti" or reindeer police who are tasked with maintaining peaceful herding in the area. Often the officers will be present during the marking, gathering and butchering of herds.

Just 15 officers patrol an area of 56,000 square kilometers covering the countries of Finnmark and Nord Troms. Police in the area are also tasked with fighting ecological crime.

Adapted from various sources



March

3 1 Michele Michelet Boyer
 3 4 Richard L. Byvik
 3 4 Thomas H. Quick
 3 4 Raymond E. Syverson
 3 5 Berit Abbrescia
 3 6 Scott A. Bakken
 3 6 Anne K. Meland
 3 9 John E. Halversen
 3 9 Steven R. Sherman
 3 10 Lois T. Amack
 3 12 Erik Michael Fries
 3 15 Liv Marit Bell
 3 15 Sarah G. Cooney
 3 17 Adeline Vowels
 3 17 Benjamin Vowels
 3 18 Judith A. Stromsland
 3 21 Jacob T. Shabez
 3 21 James E. Tarbet
 3 22 Roald C. Haar
 3 23 Lillian M. Amack
 3 25 Ron Grand
 3 25 Robert E. Wangard
 3 26 Ashton R. Behan
 3 26 Kari T. Hoel
 3 27 Karli I. Barber

April

4 2 James E. Severson
 4 5 Lisa M. Christopher
 4 6 Alfhild Kronborg
 4 6 John F. Schussler
 4 8 Arlene R. Gomoll
 4 9 Emma Madany Klein
 4 10 William M. Borndahl
 4 11 David L. Bakken
 4 11 Barbra Kronborg-Mogil
 4 12 Maureen Larsen
 4 13 Kyra Madany Klein
 4 15 Jon M. Satrum
 4 16 A. Margareta Hovland
 4 18 Dennis Gross
 4 19 David J. Hardy
 4 21 Kathleen A. Secora
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 4 22 Peggy Shabez
 4 24 Otto Vatne
 4 25 Marian L. Seaholm
 4 25 Karen B. Sveinsvoll
 4 27 James C. Secora

Bunads of Skjold Lodge – Eva Sorenson

The bunad pictured below belonged to Eva's mother. And while Eva's mother did all the embroidery, the actual sewing and assembly of the garment was done by someone from Oslo. Worn in Norway for special occasions like weddings, confirmations, and Syttende Mai it is now worn by Eva for special events (the pictures below show Eva at the Syttende Mai parade).

This bunad design was created by Marie Aaen from Tynset and made around 1947-1948. It was made because there was a wish for a more festive bunad for the Nord Østerdal area. The embroideries are based on rose-painting from Olenstua in Alvdal. The color scheme is green and black. The bunad is used all over Østerdalen today, by women who wish for a bunad with lots of embroidery.

We've all heard stories about how expensive true bunads can be.

In a search on the Internet we found www.norskebunader.no offering a Marie Aaen bunad in Oslo complete with shirt, apron, bag and the solje jewelry for just over \$3,500. Shirt \$576 / Cape \$670.

Many people don't know that there are multiple sources in Norway for bunads including web sites similar to E-bay. One site included dealers selling at full price, private parties trying to sell their Marie Aaen bunad for \$1,500 - \$2,700, and others asking you to place a bid.



Bunad Notes by Solvieg Bender

Bunad / Drakt / Stakk

Not all traditional Norwegian costumes are "bunads"

A bunad is clothing recognized and registered (sometimes copyrighted by a particular sewing establishment - usually a husfliden) by a regional committee as the official folk costume for the region.

A drakt (ex. Oslo Drakt, Lundeby Drakt) is a bunad which has not been accepted by the regional committee as an "official" bunad.

A stakk is a very simplified bunad, usually cut in a blouse and jumper style of fabric, originally home loomed. This mimics the everyday dress of people in the 1800's. Norwegians sometimes call these outfits every day or summer bunads.

Below is a picture from www.norskebunader.no showing a variation on Eva's bunad but with the apron in black cotton and wool with red and green squares. Stockings worn with this bunad would be black.



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

March

03-08-2011, 7 p.m. Tuesday,
Board meeting

03-10-2011, CANTUS, a female choir from Trondheim performs in Chicago. See page 2 for details.

03-13-2011 Leif Erikson Lodge ANNUAL CORN BEEF DINNER
Social and Meeting – 2:00PM
Dinner Served 4:00PM
\$20 per person
Contact:
Vi Covington 708-788-0316 or
Lee Hardison 773-772-8221

03-27-2011, 3:00PM

Sunday: Lodge Meeting.
PROGRAM: "CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS IN WWII".
Learn more about this part of our history and how what happened in Norway is connected to a much broader war effort. David Furholmen joins us presenting this interesting topic. EXCERPT: "During

WWII, new organizations came out of England & the U.S. for intelligence gathering and special operations to fight the enemy. This presentation will give examples of clandestine operations under England's SOE, America's OSS, the joint Norwegian-American Special Operations or NORSO, and the Jedburgh program in France. During David's narration a number of archival photographs will be shown. One such clandestine organization was codenamed "Carpetbaggers".



April

04-11-2011, 7 p.m. Tuesday,
Board meeting

NO APRIL LODGE MEETING.
Our April lodge meeting is

combined with our May meeting due to conflicts with the Easter Sunday weekend – see May for program details.



May

05-01-2011, 3:00PM/ Sunday: Lodge Meeting.

PROGRAM:
"BUNADS/NORWEGIAN TRADITIONAL DRESS".
POT LUCK MEAL TODAY –

←Please bring a dish to share with others

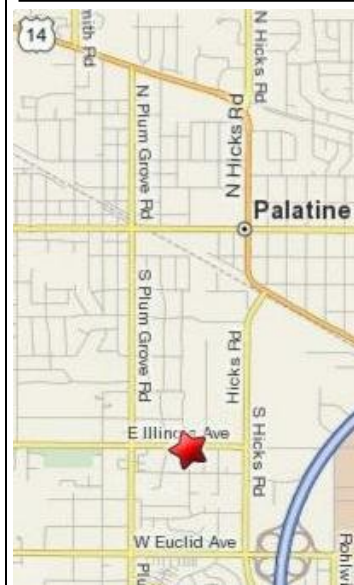
05-10-2011, 7 p.m. Tuesday,
Board meeting

Syttende Mai Activities

Many of the details for this year's Syttende Mai activities were not available as Skjold News went to the printers. Watch our website and the Norwegian National League website for the latest information.

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.**



Culture Column by Solveig Bender

March Winds and April Showers bring forth May Flowers. How many times have you said that to yourself lately? And yearned for those May flowers while you are removing some of that February snow!

Here are more details on our upcoming May events.

Easter Sunday on April 24, 2011 and all the various holidays in May caused the program committee to combine the April and May meetings to Sunday, May 1, 2011 to 3 p.m. at our usual venue. Besides the May 1 meeting, we will be taking part in the annual Chicagoland Syttende Mai festival observance in Hodges Park in downtown Park Ridge. (Hodges Park is just west of Northwest Highway and Touhy Road.) Skjold Lodge will have a unit in the parade and all our members and friends who wish to march or ride (in a vehicle you provide) are invited to assemble at South Park to form the Skjold Lodge parade unit.

Children are very welcome and if you do not wish to be in the parade, take advantage of the various vendor exhibits and foods until the parade passes

by. The *Grieg Ladies Singing Society* has great coffee and baked goods and next to their booth is the restaurant *Tre Kronor* featuring rice pudding with lingonberry topping and the best hot dogs in town. This is a good time to buy your annual Christmas ornament from the Illinois Norsk *Rosemalers Association* (don't you wonder what the ornament will be this year and do you have a favorite rosemaling style?)

Our program for the regular Skjold Lodge meeting on May 1 will be a presentation on all you ever wanted to know about bunader (Norwegian Folk Costumes). The word "bunad" once meant "clothes," such as whatever you were wearing. However, currently a bunad is now a specialty clothing item that is beautiful and has a history, an economic impact, etiquette, a mystique, and a future. We will include a fashion show of members of our Lodge wearing their bunader.

Please wear your bunad to our Sunday, May 1 meeting if you have one so that we can get a



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.

preview of all the beautiful bunader that are sure to be milling about on May 15 at the **Syttende** Mai observance in Hodges Park, Park Ridge. The parade steps off from South Park at 1 p.m. and arrives at Hodges Park a little after 1:30.

Snakker du Norsk?

A Little in English...

The Norwegian Language Council Registers New Words in 2010

With a relatively small population and a large English language influence, preserving and promoting the Norwegian language is a state priority for Norway. Språkrådet, the Norwegian Language Council, is the regulatory body of the Ministry of Culture that works to encourage the proper use of the Norwegian language, both bokmål and nynorsk, in every aspect of Norwegian society, to ensure the language's use in the future and making sure it never takes a backseat to English.

One of Språkrådet's many jobs is approving new additions to the Norwegian language. Every year they register, or introduce, new words. The selected words registered by Språkrådet often portray new trends or a phenomenon in Norwegian culture, current events, business or science. Sigfrid Tvitekkja, functioning director of the Norwegian Language Council, explained to Aftenposten, "New words can be a historical document. When new words are registered a type of profile is created of that year."

The past year's new words are a perfect example as they reflect Norway's 2010 experience. For example framsnakking (talking positively about someone behind their back) reflects a change in Norwegian culture as they tired of the concept of baksnakking (talking negatively about someone behind their back). Where askefast ("ash-stranded") was created after the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull, Iceland's volcano, which left many Norwegian travelers stranded. The new word apper ("apps" – downloadable applications for smart phones) shows the success of smart phones and the "Norwegianization" of the phenomenon.

The creation of new words makes Norwegian a unique and lively language with endless opportunities for expansion, giving Språkrådet a challenging task.

Litt på norsk...

Språkrådet Registrerer Nye Ord i 2010

Som et tynt befolket land med sterk engelsk innflytelse, bevaring og fremming av det norske språket er en prioritet for den norske staten. Språkrådet, underlagt Kulturdepartementet, er fagorganet som behandler språkspørsmål. Språkrådets hovedmål er at norsk, både bokmål og nynorsk, skal være i bruk i alle deler av samfunnslivet, for å sikre språkets bruk i framtiden og for at norsk ikke skal stå tilbake for engelsk.

Hvert år registrerer Språkrådet nye ord og hjelper til å introdusere ordene i samfunnet. De nye registrerte ordene representerer ofte nye tendenser eller fenomener i norsk kultur, aktuelle temaer, næringsliv eller vitenskap. Sigfrid Tyitekkja, fungerende direktør i Språkrådet, forklarte til Aftenposten, "Nyord kan være historiske dokument. Når nye ord blir registrert får du en slags profil på dette året."

De nye ordene som ble registrert i fjor er eksempler på den norske opplevelsen i 2010. For eksempel framsnakking (å si noe positivt om noen når de ikke er til stede) viser en forandring i norsk kultur hvor det indikeres at folk er lei av konseptet baksnakking (å si noe negativt om noen som ikke er til stede). Askefast (at folk blir forhindret i å reise på grunn av aske i luftrommet), også et nytt ord i 2010, ble skapt etter Eyjafjallajökull utbruddet og flyreisende ble strandet. Det nye ordet apper (et program man laster ned på en smarttelefon – for eksempel iPhone) viser suksessen av smarttelefoner og en fornyet forskning av fenomenet.

Norsk er et unikt, levende og grenseløst språk fordi muligheten til å skape nye ord eksisterer, og derfor spiller Språkrådet en viktig rolle.

Ole and Lena

One fine spring day, Ole decided to take Lena for a drive in his new car. As they were driving through town, a policeman pulled them over and told Ole that he was doing 50 miles an hour in a 30 zone.

"Oh, no", Ole protested, "I was only doing thirty, Officer."

"No, you were doing fifty", replied the cop.

"Really, Officer, I was only doing thirty", Ole replied

stubbornly.

"Well", sniffed the cop, "I clocked you doing fifty!"

At that point, Lena spoke up. "Officer...you really shouldn't argue with Ole ven he's been drinking."

Kids Corner

Polar Winter up North and an extra dose of Snakker du Norsk.

In this issue of Skjold News you get an extra issue of Snakker du Norsk and a chance to learn more about Polar Winter and how dark it gets in Northern Norway.

a little in English...

Northern Norway during the Polar Night In Northern Norway

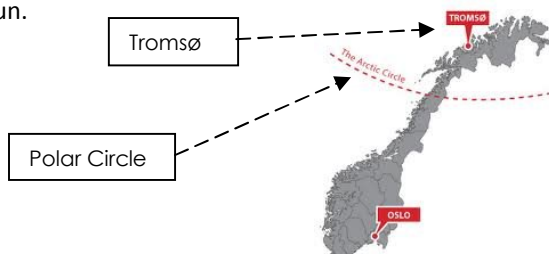
In northern Norway during the summer the sun shines nearly 24 hours a day. Under the midnight sun people celebrate with long parties and happy moods. But for an equally long time in the winter it's almost completely dark, a phenomenon called polar night or, in Norwegian, mørketida (literally, "the dark time").

Polar night only occurs north of the **northern polar circle** and south of the southern polar circle. During this period the sun stays completely beneath the horizon, even when it's at its highest point. The polar night is shortest right at the polar circle and increases in length the closer you get to the poles, where it lasts six months. That is to say that the further north you are, the longer the polar night. In **Tromsø** the darkness lasts from the end of November until mid-January, while in Longyearbyen on Svalbard, it lasts from late October until mid-February.

It isn't completely dark in most places during the polar night. As the year gets closer to the winter solstice, it gradually gets darker longer. At solstice time, noon looks a lot like twilight. Many people struggle with seasonally-induced depression over the winter due to the lack of light.

In Northern Norway it's typical to celebrate the sun's return. "Sun Day" (soldagen) is traditionally celebrated with special sweet rolls called **solboller** and in many places children get the day off from school. The date for Sun Day varies from place to place, according to latitude and local geography. In Tromsø for example the sun comes over the horizon on January 15th, but because of some mountains south of the city, the sun isn't actually visible until January 21st.

Afterwards, the days get gradually longer and people start to look forward to spring, summer and the return of the midnight sun.



litt på norsk...

Nord-Norge under mørketida

Om sommeren i Nord-Norge skinner sola nesten hele døgnet. Under midnattsola feirer folk med lange fester og godt humør. Men i et tilsvarende langt tidsrom om vinteren er det mørkt, et fenomen som som kalles mørketida på norsk.

Mørketid inntre bare nord for den nordlige polarsirkelen og sør for den sørlige polarsirkelen. I denne perioden er sola under horisonten, selv når den er på sitt høyeste. Mørketida er på sitt korteste nær polarsirkelene og øker i varighet nærmere polene der den varer i seks måneder. Dvs. at jo lengre nord, jo lengre er mørketida. I Tromsø varer mørketida fra slutten av november til midten av januar, og i Longyearbyen på Svalbard varer den fra sent i oktober til midten av februar.

På de fleste steder er det ikke helt mørkt når det er mørketid. Fram mot vintersolverv går det gradvis mot mørkere dager. Og ved vintersolverv er det tussmørket som rår på dagen i nord. Likevel blir mange folk deprimeret.

I Nord-Norge er det vanlig å feire solas tilbakekomst. "Soldagen" feires tradisjonelt med kakao og solboller, og det er mange steder vanlig at barna får fri fra skolen. Datoen for soldagen vil variere fra sted til sted, alt etter breddegrad og lokal geografi. I Tromsø er for eksempel sola over horisonten 15. januar, men på grunn av fjellene sør for byen er den faktiske soldagen først 21. januar.

Dagene blir gradvis lengre, og folk ser fram til vår, sommer og midnattsolas tilbakekomst.

Solboller



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TRE LAG STEVNE 2011

The annual joint stevne of the Trønderlag of America, Gudbrandsdal, and Nord Hedmark og Hedmarken Lags will take place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this summer.

The event will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, August 3-6.

A tour is being planned for Wednesday afternoon that will include the EROS Data Center (an agency of the US Geological Survey that provides satellite imagery from around the world); and stops at nearby Norwegian-American churches and cemeteries.

The stevne will also include genealogy labs and research assistance with all the resources of the 3 lags: books, films, maps, family histories. This is a great opportunity to use some of the best research materials available for these 3 areas of Norway.

Details are available at www.tronderlag.org.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Name and address changes:

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

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