

Sons of Norway

Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.
St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

President's Message



President Ken at the Syttendemai Parade on Sunday May 15th

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

Our family has had a very busy month of May celebrating Syttendemai, celebrating the 95th Birthday of Barb's mother, Phyllis Benson, and entertaining Barb's Norwegian cousins who were visiting America for the first time. It was great to see the Midwest through the eyes of first time visitors who were so interested in Norwegian emigration to the Fox Valley area! We have a country to be proud of and a shared heritage that connects all of us!

Hopefully you will be able to see the Viking Ship as it sails into Chicago and that you will be able to attend the Folk Dancing Event in August!

Your President
Ken Johnson



Steve and Sue Tanda
enjoying the Syttendemai
Banquet in Park Ridge

Upcoming Events

The Draken arrives!
Tall Ship Celebrations &
portage information on page 2

Polar Star Folk Dancing Event

at the
Norway Community Building
Sunday, August 7

1:30p.m.

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.
Please submit all articles to Barb Johnson
at barbjohnsonb@aol.com
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THE DRAKAN IS COMING...



The Drakan Harald Hårfagre Viking Ship has entered the St. Lawrence Seaway and will anchor in Midwest cities during Tall Ship Celebrations in July and August.

Bay City, MI, United States, July 14th

Tall ships Celebration Bay City July 14-17.

Chicago, IL, United States, July 27th

Tall ships Navy Pier July 27-31

Green Bay, WI, United States, August 5th

Tallships Festival Greenbay Park August 5-7

Duluth, MN, United States, August 18th

Drakan will stay in Duluth August 18-21

<http://www.drakenexpeditionamerica.com/>

KATHLEEN ERNST BOOK SIGNING NORSK MUSEUM

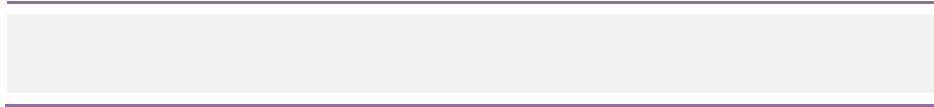
July 9, 2016 – Noon & 2:00 p.m.

See attached flier

Bestselling author Kathleen Ernst writes award-winning mysteries as well as historical fiction and non-fiction for adults and young readers. Her work has earned numerous honors, including an Emmy, a LOVEY, and nominations for an Edgar and multiple Agatha mystery awards.

To date, readers have purchased 1.6 million printed, ebook, and audio copies of Kathleen's now thirty-three published books.

Editor's Note: *A Memory of Muskets*, the seventh book in the Chloe Ellefson Mystery series will be released in October 2016.



Syttendemai 2016



Nancy Andersen, Barb Johnson and Carol Devito join Solveig Bender from Skjold Lodge and Connie Kross from Cleng Peerson Loge at the Syttendemai Banquet



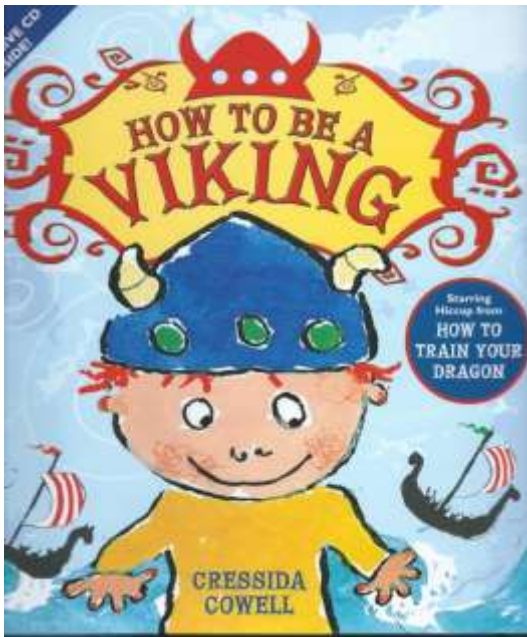
Phoebe Bergh, Carol Devito and Frank Krawczyk at the Syttendemai parade



Frances and Roald Berg at the banquet



Art and Nancy Andersen posing with District 5 friends, Lynn and Tom Maxson



Help needed for the 2nd How to Be a Viking Workshop!

July 7, 14, and 21 from 10:30-12:30

Language, Cooking, Games, Music, and Stories

Call Yorkville Public Library to register 630-553-4354

Attend one session or all three

Presentors: Barb Johnson, Polar Star Lodge

Connie Kross, Cleng Peerson Lodge

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POLAR STAR AND CLENG PEERSON LODGES HOST A NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCE EVENT – AUG. 7TH



Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges will join together to host a pot-luck dinner followed by folk dancing on August 7th. The joint event will be held at the Norwegian Community Building, in Norway, Illinois. The Potluck dinner will begin at 1:30 and will be followed by folk dancing instruction by members of *Leikarringen* "Heimhug" Norwegian Folk Dancers of Chicago. Plan to bring family and friends!

VASA PARK SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 11th, 2016



TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend and work in the Polar Star Bakery Booth. Start baking (and freeze) your favorite Norwegian baked goods to sell in the booth and look for Norwegian collectibles at garage sales to re-sell in our loppemarked (flea market). We will be baking Norwegian Vaffler with Lingonberries on site and selling pre-packaged baked goods and Norwegian knit items and collectibles.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>

POLAR STAR 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015 PROGRAMS 1:30 p.m. (unless listed)"

JULY (7,14 & 21) "HOW TO BE A VIKING" CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS

JULY 9 Kathleen Ernst – 2:00 p.m. at the Norsk Museum in Norway, Illinois

July 27-31 – Draken Viking Ship in Chicago

AUGUST 7TH – Norwegian "Barn Dance" - 1:30

SEPTEMBER 11th - VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 2 - Program TBA

NOVEMBER 6 - Høstfest

December 4 - Juletreret



Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps for Tubfrim

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)



Polar Star Members!

JUNI

- 15. Kristen Miller
- 21. Jim VanWinkle
- 23. Roald Berg
- 26. Richard Hatteerg
- 29. Harold Broten

JULI

- 5. Linnea Vann
- 12. Norm Olson

Pictures from the Opening of the Norsk Museum on June 4th!

Barb Johnson of Polar Star and Connie Kross of Cleng Peerson entertain their Norwegian cousins , Kjell and Birger Sandvik, first time visitors to America, at the Opening of the Museum.



Help is needed at the museum Saturday and Sunday through September.
Contact Roald and Steve to be placed on the schedule

**District 5 Convention will be held June 21-June 26 a
Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, WI**

See you there!