

PRE-Newsletter

PRE-Newsletter - September 20th 2026

**Norway Community Center
Norway, Illinois**

Cleung Peerson Lodge 5-525 presents

CARD MAKING WITH CONNIE



**Come join the fun as you learn how to design your own
greeting cards using Sons of Norway stamps.**

**Lunch served at noon (if attending please bring a snack)
with card making with Connie at 1:00 p.m.**

\$5.00 for Sons of Norway members

\$10.00 for non-members

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Polar Star OCTOBER LODGE EVENT

SON Foundation Month

Gressjkarfestival

(Pumpkin Festival)

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

October 4th 2026 – 1:30 p.m.



Polar Star Lodge will celebrate 60 years of the Sons of Norway Foundation with a special event. Bring a pumpkin decorated with your favorite medium (ex. Paint, markers, construction paper, etc.) to showcase your love of Norwegian Culture. With a \$5.00 suggested donation, have your pumpkin square off for “Best of Show”, to be voted on by all in attendance. A delicious prize will be awarded to the top three earners. We’re not done yet!! Next, everyone will get a chance to take home their favorite pumpkin when they are auctioned off. All money collected will go to the Sons of Norway Foundation, which strives to celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to their members and communities. The Sons of Norway Foundation supports members through scholarships and cultural exchange opportunities, provides disaster relief to members in need and funding community programs that celebrate Norwegian heritage and cultures.

Editor’s note: The Sons of Norway Foundation Community Grant funded our 2025 D-5 Culture Week



NORWAY, Ill. — October 11, 2026 —

Join the Sloopers as they commemorate two remarkable milestones in Norwegian-American history: the 201st anniversary of the first organized Norwegian emigration to America and the 100th anniversary of the Sloopers' annual meetings in Norway, Illinois.

The Sloopers

were led by the father of Norwegian immigration Cleng Peerson.

The celebration will take place Sunday, October 11, 2026, at the Norway Community Building in Norway, Illinois.

The event also honors the historic voyage of the sloop *Restauration*, which departed Stavanger, Norway, on July 4, 1825, carrying 52 Norwegian emigrants to New York. Their journey marked the beginning of organized Norwegian immigration to the United States and inspired generations of Norwegian Americans.

EVENT SCHEDULE



Noon – Annual Business Meeting

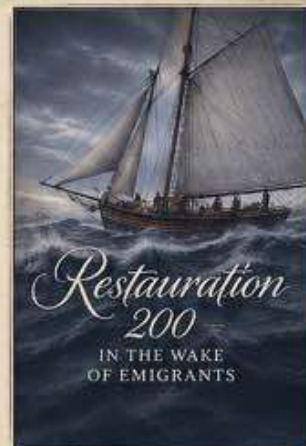


12:30 p.m. – Traditional Norwegian Smorgasbord Lunch



1:00 p.m. – Featured Presentation:
“Restauration 200: In the Wake of Emigrants”
(66 minutes • English subtitles)

This award-winning documentary follows the remarkable recreation of the *Restauration*'s historic Atlantic crossing. Exactly 200 years after the original voyage, a replica of the legendary sloop retraced the emigrants' pioneering journey, bringing history to life for a new generation.



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Seating is limited, and advance reservations are required.

LUNCH PRICES



Adults: \$20

Children (10 and under): \$10



TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, TEXT
DAVE JOHNSON AT (815) 343-5070.

Can't Attend in Person?

The featured documentary, *Restauration 200: In the Wake of Emigrants*, along with more than 90 Norwegian films and documentaries, is available through Films of Norway – Watch Norwegian Movies Online. New titles are added monthly.

Subscriptions are \$4.99 per month. Stream from home at www.filmsofnorway.com (subscription required).



For updates about the celebration and other Norwegian-American heritage events, follow the Sloopers and Norsk Museum on Facebook.



Additional information is available at www.norskmuseum.org



Join us as we honor our past, celebrate our heritage, and inspire future generations.



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Sons of Norway - Polar Star Lodge 5-472



“Taste of Norway” Høstfest – Fall Festival Sunday, November 1, 2026

St. Olaf Lutheran Church – 1233 Douglas Ave.

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Montgomery, IL

Taste Traditional Norwegian Food

Shop for Scandinavian gifts

Lefse and Krumkake demonstrations

Norwegian Craft demonstrations

**Contact: Polar Star Cultural Director - Barb Johnson
email barbjjohnsonb@aol.com or by phone: 630-632-2329**

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Other information:

1) Cleng Peerson is hosting a Card Making workshop on Sunday September 20th. Please contact Dawn Gunderson (dawnycmt@hotmail.com) or Mandy Beck (tazmann1990@hotmail.com) if you will be attending.

2) Polar Star Lodge October 4th Pumpkin Fest. Costumes are encouraged but not required!!

3) The "Slooper Annual Meeting" will be held on October 11th at the Norway Community Building. This year the program will feature a movie of the "Crossing of Restauration 200". This is a fabulous production that revisits the planning, the departure from Stavanger, the on-ship footage and the arrival in New York. I encourage all of you to attend and enjoy a wonderful Norwegian meal and a chance to meet the descendants of the Sloopers. For those of you who love to bake, the Sloopers have always enjoyed our traditional Norwegian baked goods and I'm sure they would appreciate them again this year. If you cannot attend but would like to provide baked goods, please contact Nancy Andersen (630-377-2956),

4) Our Polar Star Høstfest (Fall Festival) will be held on Sunday November 1st. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. We will need everyone's hlep to provide open-faced sandwiches and desserts and to help set up- work the event and clean up. More specific information will be coming next month, but please run off the attached flier and give to family, friends and post at local gathering places.

President Kenny wants all of you to know that our 2026 Vasa Park Loppemarked and Bakeri was the most succssful (in spite of the rain) fundraiser we have had and brought in \$2,728.00!! Thanks to everyone who baked, worked in the booth and attended! It was a great day to spend with all of Scandinavian friends!!