

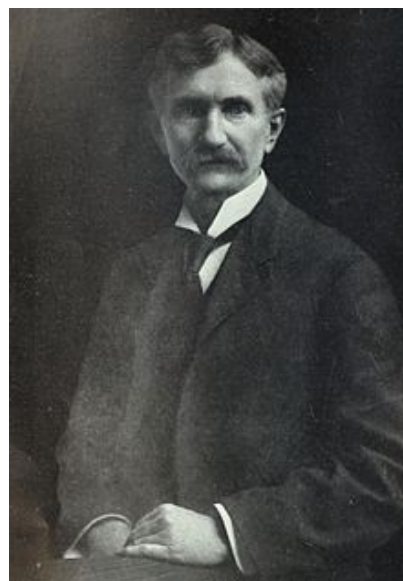
*"EMBRACING AND PROMOTING OUR NORWEGIAN HERITAGE"*

## **NSSL Spring Thaw 2020**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is the date set for our 2020 Spring Thaw event to be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Webster Groves, 1 Selma Avenue 63119, just off Lockwood Avenue in the heart of Webster University and Eden Seminary. We have reserved the church from 1:00 - 5:00 pm for our gathering a pot-luck luncheon, program, and dessert event spread over these hours: luncheon from 1:30-2:15, program and conversation 2:30 – 3:45, followed by dessert and coffee.

Registration charge is \$5.00 per person; children free. Those whose last names begin A-M bring a luncheon item to share; N-Z bring a dessert.

This year's Spring Thaw program features an introduction to the NSSL of Norwegian immigrant and 19<sup>th</sup> century St. Louis Industrialist N. O. Nelson, founder of the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company, a profit-sharing enterprise. Begun in St. Louis, Nelson later moved his operation to Edwardsville, IL, providing housing, schools, recreational facilities, and shared profits for his workers. This history of Nelson's legacy is preserved and celebrated by the "Friends of Leclair" in Edwardsville. Michael Reinhardt, President, and Cindy Reinhardt, Communications Specialist, will be with us to present the remarkable history of this amazing Norwegian American man.



**N. O. Nelson 1844-1922**

## 2020 Spring Thaw Reservation Form

NSSL "Spring Thaw" set for Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 p.m.  
Christ Lutheran Church, Webster Groves 1 Selma Ave 63119 (Just off Lockwood Ave)

\$5 per person children under 12 eat for free

**Those whose name begins with the letter A-M please bring a luncheon item**

**Those whose name begins with the letter N-Z please bring a dessert item**

Spring Thaw Program – Cindy Reinhardt will talk about N.O. Nelson and the Village of Leclaire which is near Edwardsville, IL

Adults @ \$5 and the children eat for free

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Potluck

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues for 2020

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL enclosed

I am willing to help with set up

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I am willing to help clean up

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your dues payment! The NSSL needs funds to reserve locations for our activities and to provide activities at a low cost. We count on your interest and support for the club's continuance. If you are paying for the Spring Thaw AND the NSSL dues with one check, please indicate on the memo line of the check what it is covering. Reservation and check must be received by **Friday, February 22, 2020**. Checks should be made out to the Norwegian Society of St. Louis, reservation form and check sent to:**

**Ann Pott  
606 Oak Springs Trail Drive  
Ballwin, MO 6302**

Meanderings ... from the President-a Retrospective

I used to be able to remember where I had been, because I could trace my footprints in the snow, and make my way back home. But when Springtime comes in Winter where we live, I just kind of wander... meandering. Oh, yes — we did have a snowfall on December 15th that interrupted plans for our Julefest\* event and caused postponement 'til the 18th. I want to commend all who were able to adjust schedules, etc., to make it to our rescheduled mid-week date and time; and, for keeping pots and kettles simmering 'til Wednesday with the Julboard accompaniments you brought which added festivity to our mealtime gathering. Chef Larry Larson made the adjustment, too, and laid out another marvelous meal of pork ribs and gravy, potatoes and squash. Special thanks also to Solrun Bard for her program presentation on the traditions and food preparations in Norway, which form the substance of our Julbord gathering. Solrun declined the offer of payment, or an honorarium, saying, "Oh, this is just so much fun for me!" Also, thank you to Phyllis Jacobson for her preparations and lead in our traditional dance around the Christmas tree\* I learned something new from Solrun about the appropriate designations for our celebration event — some of you have probably known this before, but were kind enough not to publicly correct me! With the tree dance tradition included, our event is ... **Jultrefest** "*Så går vi rundt om en enebaerbusk*" ... **Jultrefest**.

And it is the **Julebord** ... which are the foods set out before us at the table that draw us together in celebration in this season. ... **Julebord**. I think I got it! **Jultrefest** — *Så går vi rundt* ... **Julebord** (Norwegian) **Julbord** (Swedish) **Julefrokost** (Danish) — well, whatever! ... everybody's got to eat something, I guess!

We had a good attendance at the event despite the weather and re-schedule complications.

Thanks for your careful attention to e-mail notes and information. Apologies to any who may have missed the communication and got left out in any way. Records from Marie Ingraham (Secretary) and Ann Pott (Treasurer) indicate that we had 38 Adults and 6 Children (12 and under) in attendance for our **Jultrefest/Julebord** event. Oh, here's an added treat for everyone, a Norwegian dessert! Besides having had "so much fun", Solrun has voluntarily given us the entire image collection of her program projection to be downloaded by any interested NSSL members. This colorful content may be helpful to you in your own Christmas baking/cooking preparations for next Christmas. **If you are interested acquiring this program content, please send an e-mail request to Sandy Ghormley at [sandyghormley@gmail.com](mailto:sandyghormley@gmail.com) and ask for Solrun Bard's Julefest program.** Sandy is presently responsible for our e-mail Newsletter distribution, and has capacity to transfer this program content to you. And, we heartily thank Solrun Bard for sharing this material with us.

### Some pictures from the Jultrefest provided by Janet Moen.



Alex Bard, Oliver Hagemann,  
Sophie Hagemann



Phyllis Atkins- NSSL Member and  
St Mark's Church *sponsor*



Mary and Reuben Walter



Stefan and Monica Irgens



Phyllis Jacobson and Keith Moorehead



Ruth Tweeten, Andrea Hagemann (daughter)  
Sophie Hagemann



Chef Larry Larson



Lefse Table with nisse patrol !



Paul Tweeten  
Phyllis Atkins, and James Littlefield  
Ian and Andrea Hagemann  
Oliver and Sophie Hagemann



Robert Willman and Sonja,  
Marit Sherry, and Ann Pott,



*Doron, Alex, Solrun Bard  
Solrun, program presenter*



Monica and Stefan Irgens on the left  
Ian Hagemann, Jan Moen on the right

The two pictures taken from a short video that Marie Ingraham sent to me. NH



## Meanderings continued—a Prospective

Now we are into year 2020. As we approached the end of 2019, the Executive Board decided to de-couple the payment of the next year's dues from the costs of the end of the year Jultrefest and Julebord. Some of you, out of habit and sincerity, have dutifully paid the 2020 \$20.00 per household dues. Most of us haven't! So now at the start of 2020 we begin a new effort to solicit payment of the prescribed organizational dues. We approach you in this regard in confidence that as past and current NSSL members, you have found the NSSL to provide a satisfying and rewarding social environment worthy of your support in which to share our common Scandinavian heritage; a setting in which to recall and celebrate memories of days gone by; and perhaps even, to find here a place where your life is enriched through discoveries of nearby heritage sites, and conversations about local Norwegian heroes who have passed this way before us and have left a legacy of inspiration for our day as well. Does this sound like the NSSL you have experienced, or that you want to experience? Along the way, of course, to enjoy the exquisite cuisine of Norway — Romme Grøt, Lutefisk, og lefse, from time to time. Yes? Then we're going to ask you to pay your membership dues again. \$20.00 per household. Thanks. Uff Da! I've got to stop writing this stuff. I've forgotten where I started out here, and there's no snow!

Paul Tweeten, President



Winter painting by J O Huppler

## From the Editor's Kitchen Table ~

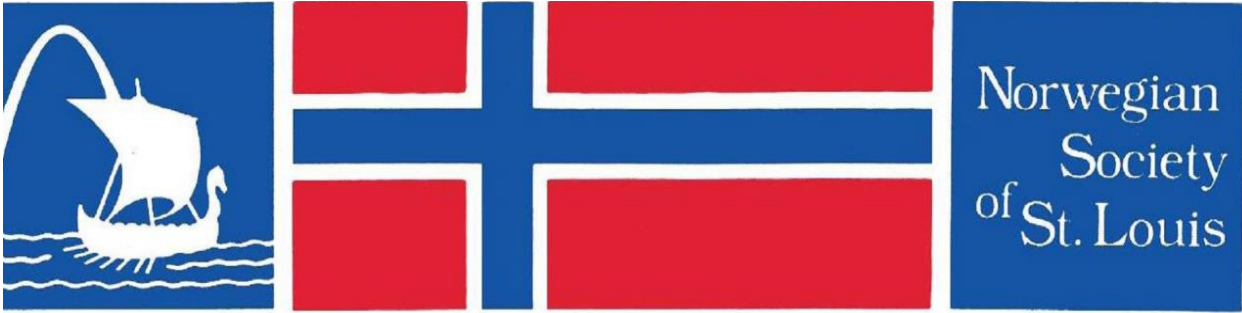
After reading her snail mail version of the November 2019 NSSL newsletter, my Mom sent me the following information. Mom figures that the picture of the driveway being cleared was taken before Christmas when she was 5 and her brother was 13. The guys in the picture with the plow were her dad and her brother, Carl and Morris Ysen. The plow was called a scoop that they used to clear off the driveway. The scoop sat by the door outside of the shop until after Morris died. The barn was destroyed by the tornado that went through Norman county on July 5, 1975. Awhile back, my Mom asked me to find some information about a book she'd seen mentioned in the Norwegian American Weekly newspaper that she gets.



The image to the left is of Bamse is from Wikipedia; Bamse, St. Bernard. Bamse wearing a [Royal Norwegian Navy](#) sailor's cap. Originally brought home as a puppy to be a pet by Erling Hafto a former naval officer. Bamse was a companion and protector to the Hafto children. When Erling returned to naval service during WW II, Erling's wife pleaded with him to take the then 2 year old Bamse with him as she would have four children to take care of by herself. So Bamse ended up going with Erling and then became the mascot of the crew aboard a mine-sweeper vessel, the Thorodd. Bamse spent time on the shores of Norway as well as Scotland. While he was generally a very tolerant dog, once when he had joined some of his shipmates at a local pub, seeing a cat sitting on the bar got the better of him. He put his front feet up onto the bar and with one of his front paws, Bamse swept the cat off the top of the bar. Bamse was also prone to seasickness when the weather was severely unfavorable. Thus he would spent time on the shore during such times. There are two statues of Bamse, one in Honningsvåg Norway looking southwest and one in Montrose looking northeast. More about Bamse can be found in the book, "Sea Dog Bamse World War II Canine Hero". Or check out Bamse in Wikipedia. But Bamse isn't the only animal to sail the with Norwegians. Vikings were known to take cats on their ships with them out to sea, but I'll save that for another time. NH

Ann Pott has made a couple of requests. Unless it is a **new member OR ANY information has changed**, current members **do not** need to send her a membership form each year. Tho' any membership forms that she does receive, she will pass on to Sandy Ghormley. Also, if you are paying for BOTH the Spring Thaw AND the dues, please make a notation on the memo line what the check is covering. Thank you very much.





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### Membership Form for NSSL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Feb 2020 NL Ver)

Member name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it OK to use e-mail for all communications?  Yes  No

NSSL was recommended to me by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Interests and/or any other comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

Where my family is from in Norway and/or who speaks Norwegian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with setting up for events  Yes  No

I am willing to help with clean up after events  Yes  No

**Annual dues are \$20.00 per household, to be paid by the first scheduled event of the current year. The club needs funds to reserve locations for our activities and to provide them at a low cost. We count on your interest and support for the club's continuance.**

**Please fill out this form and include your check for \$20.00 and send it to:**

**Ann Pott  
606 Oak Springs Trail Drive  
Ballwin, MO  
63021**

Website for the Norwegian Society of St. Louis is [www.norwaystl.com](http://www.norwaystl.com)





## Places to Go, Things to See, Things to Check Out

### Local St. Louis Scandinavian Club Websites

Danske Klub [www.danishclubofstlouis.org](http://www.danishclubofstlouis.org)

Norwegian Society of St. Louis [www.norwaystl.com](http://www.norwaystl.com)

Swedish Council of St. Louis [www.swedishcouncilstlouis.org](http://www.swedishcouncilstlouis.org)

### Local Friends and Neighbors

The Sons of Norway Lodge Shawnee Skogen Lodge 689

Carbondale, Illinois Att: Wendy Winkelman

The Sons of Norway District 5 (google)

Ozark's Scandinavian Society of Springfield, MO

<http://www.osssm.org>

The Friends of Leclaire, Edwardsvill, Illinois

[www.historic-leclaire.org](http://www.historic-leclaire.org)

Remembering the legacy of N O Nelson, Norwegian Industrialist

Ravensborg Vikings, Knox City Reenactment

<https://ravensborg.org>

Skjaldborg combat practice or crafting generally on Sundays. For more information contact Nathan Strickland at [tribunalpower@gmail.com](mailto:tribunalpower@gmail.com) OR on facebook under the name of [nate dunamai](#).

### Regional Resources of Culture, Tradition, and Nordic Taste

Norway, IL

[www.norskmuseum.org](http://www.norskmuseum.org)

The Norsk Museum can also be found on facebook

Viking Memorial Norway, IL

[www.roadsideamerica.com](http://www.roadsideamerica.com)

Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church 2614 N Kedzie Blvd Chicago, IL 60647

773-252-7335 [www.minnekirken-chicago.org](http://www.minnekirken-chicago.org) can also be found on facaebook

Vesterheim Museum and Heritage Center, Decorah, Iowa

[www.vesterheim.org](http://www.vesterheim.org) (they also have an e-newsletter)

Syttende Mai Festival May 15-17, 2020

Stoughton, WI

[www.stoughtonfestivals.com](http://www.stoughtonfestivals.com)

Ingebretsen's 1661 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN

[www.ingebretsons.com](http://www.ingebretsons.com)

Jacobs Lefse Bakeri, Osakis, MN

<http://www.gotlelse.com>

Stabo Scandinavian Imports 406 Broadway Fargo, ND 58102  
email address: [staboimports@msn.com](mailto:staboimports@msn.com) [www.stabo-imports.com](http://www.stabo-imports.com)

UFFDA Shop 202 Bush Street Red Wing, MN 550666  
[www.uffdashoponline.com](http://www.uffdashoponline.com)

Hjemkomst Center  
202 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N  
Moorhead, MN  
[www.cityofmoorhead.com/home](http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/home)

Norsk Hostest  
Minot, ND  
<https://www.hostfest.com>

### **Contacts for Real in or about Norway**

Consulate General of Norway in Chicago  
<http://www.embassypages.com>  
[www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org) > norwegian consulate

Norwegian American Weekly Newspaper  
in print OR digital, there is also a newsletter (highlights from the NAW newspaper)  
[www.norwegianamerican.com](http://www.norwegianamerican.com)

Life in Norway — Norway's ultimate English Language  
Resource - podcast, news, culture, travel  
Free! Search: Life in Norway



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