

EVALUATION TABULATION
'Looking Forward, Looking Back: Norwegian Spirit and Perseverance'
TRE LAG STEVNE - AUGUST 4-7, 2010 - STEVENS POINT, WI

Of the **179** people who registered for this year's stevne, **68** people (**38.0%**) returned evaluation forms

Genealogy Lab:

Of the **68** returned evaluations, **45** people (**66.2%**) of the evaluators used the genealogy lab

1. If attended genealogy lab, when did you use this lab? Check all that apply

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| Wed. PM. - 20 people | Thurs. AM - 14 people | Fri. AM - 20 people |
| Wed. Eve - 20 people | Thurs. PM - 34 people | Fri. PM - 15 people |
| | Thurs. Eve - 14 people | |

The results show the number of time slots they used the lab

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| 1 time - 9 people | 3 times - 10 people | 6 times - 4 people |
| 2 times - 11 people | 4 times - 6 people | 7 times - 2 people |
| | 5 times - 3 people | |

2. How helpful were the extended genealogy hours in helping you balance your time in the lab with competing seminars and other activities N = 41 A = 8.5 R = 3-10

Comments, if any - 12 people commenting

VALUE OF EXTENDED HOURS - 9 people commenting

"Appreciated the extra hours genealogy room was open (NOTE: used 5 times)", "Nice long hours, could use a whole day in the lab! (NOTE: Used once)", "Too bad more people didn't take advantage of it", "Consider keeping lab open to 10:00 or even 10:30 PM after evening activities", "When advertised schedule says it is open until 4 PM, it should be open until 4 PM - no excuses!"

Personal Confessions "I had limited issues to deal with", "We forgot our genealogy chart or would have used more", "Plan to "hit it hard" next year, since I didn't do it this year", "I didn't have occasion to use it during extended hours."

OTHER COMMENTS - 3 people commenting

A need (2): "Need more power outlets to plug-in laptops", "Could have been more helpers."

A compliment (1): "I heard many good reports on the church power point display."

3. How helpful were the volunteers in the genealogy lab in assisting you with your research N = 40 A = 8.0 R = 4-10

4. How sufficient were the materials in the genealogy lab in meeting your needs? N = 42 A = 8.4 R = 1-10

5. What did you find most helpful in the genealogy lab? 31 people commenting

VOLUNTEER HELP: - 15 people commenting

Genealogists (6), "The genealogist(s)", "John R., Barry & Margit", "Access to expert help working with a genealogist on his computer - he was very helpful."

Volunteers (9) "Volunteers", "Resource volunteers", "Help by volunteers in reading bygdabøks", "Excellent assistance", "Personal help of name index and computer help", "I let them help those that needed assistance."

Genealogy Lab: (continued)

RESOURCE MATERIALS: - 16 people commenting

BYGDEBØKER

Bygdebøker(s) (7) Bygdebøks", "Also found lots in the bygdebøk", "Good bygdebøks."

OTHER BOOKS & RESOURCES

Materials (9), "Printed materials", "Wealth of materials. Wow!", "Old NHOH records", "Norwegian farms", "Having the printed church records available (Ringebu)", "Access to so many printed sources", "The amount of resources available", "Parish records", "Material even without our charts", "Jim's back store!"

THE GENEALOGY LAB: - 11 people commenting

Space (4), "Much larger room", "More work tables", "The space to spread out."

Organization (5), "Organized", "Organization and ease of finding resources", "Arrangement of resources", "The signage", "WI-FI access."

Visual (1) "The room was beautiful & pictures exhibits were wonderful."

Hours (1), "Extended hours."

Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, Seminars, and Craft Displays

6. **Opening Ceremony:**

The opening ceremony is designed to welcome lag members and guests in a dignified, Norwegian-American manner. How successful was it in maintaining this goal?

N =45 A = 8.9 R = 6 - 10

7. **Keynoter:**

How successful was Mark Seiler's keynote address, "*Rosholt: Norwegian Pioneer and His Legacy*" in understanding the Norwegian pioneer spirit and perseverance?

N = 42 A = 8.0 R = 3 - 10

OPENING CEREMONY COMMENTS: 7 people commenting

"Opening ceremony great", "Didn't attend but I appreciate dignified NA manner!", "Need better planning of Flag and Banner procession", "Need US flag ready in advance, with pedestal and (?gov protocol?) to be higher than other flags", "I am a Canadian. No need for pledge of allegiance-it has nothing to do with Norsk culture and genealogy", "Nothing's perfect" NOTE: Rated a 9, "Not enough seats - had to stand."

KEYNOTER COMMENTS: 7 people commenting

"Wonderful pictures", "Very interesting-surprised that a professor would read his presentation", "He wasn't the most interesting speaker", "For me this presentation got long. I heard many other similar comments", "Keynoter was disappointing!", "Keynote speaker had a lot of knowledge about subject but poor in presenting information, as lost about total speech", "Two lectures on Friday afternoon are torture."

8. **Seminars: (Genealogy and Program)**

Of the **68** returned evaluations, **64** people attended 1-22 seminars offered in 9 time slots, **5.2** seminar average per person.

Please check the genealogy and program seminar(s) you attended and rank how helpful they were.

Wednesday Evening, Aug 4

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| Jon Satrum, " <i>Hurtigruten - A Journey Across Time</i> " | Wed. eve | N = 29 | A = 8.4 | R = 5 - 10 |
| | Fri. a.m. | N = 14 | A = 9.1 | R = 6 - 10 |
| John Reindl, Barry Dahl, & Marilyn Sorensen, " <i>Reading Bygdebøker</i> " | | N = 19 | A = 8.2 | R = 5 - 10 |

8. Seminars: (Genealogy and Program) (continued)

Thursday Morning, Aug 5

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| Virginia Nelson, " <i>Hardanger Embroidery Workshop</i> " Comments: "Caught her later - very helpful", "Excellent" | | N = 7 | A = 9.9 | R = 9 - 10 |
| Marilyn Sorensen, " <i>Record Availability for Norwegian Research</i> " | | N = 21 | A = 8.6 | R = 5 - 10 |
| Marv & Louise Lang, " <i>George Sinclair: The Scottish Invasion of Norway, and the Bible</i> " | - 9:15 a.m. - 2:45 a.m. | N = 25 N = 13 | A = 9.4 A = 9.2 | R = 8 - 10 R = 7 - 10 |
| Jim Olson, " <i>They Agreed to Disagree: The Norwegian Church in America</i> " Comments: "Repeat this seminar next year", "He talks so slow" | - 10:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. | N = 18 N = 12 | A = 8.1 A = 8.5 | R = 5 - 10 R = 6 - 10 |
| Jerry Paulson, " <i>Comparisons of Norway vs America</i> " Comment: "Though fun, Jerry Paulson's seminar didn't have much substance" | - 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. | N = 9 N = 12 | A = 8.1 A = 8.5 | R = 3 - 10 R = 6 - 10 |
| Kenneth Dormier, " <i>Tackling the Digital Archives</i> " | | N = 25 | A = 8.8 | R = 7 - 10 |

Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 5

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| Blaine Hedberg, " <i>Research Tools, Projects & Databases at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library</i> " Comments: "Repeat this seminar next year" | - 1:15 p.m. - Fri. a.m. | N = 29 N = 13 | A = 8.9 A = 9.6 | R = 5 - 10 R = 8 - 10 |
| Robert Fossum, " <i>Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters</i> " | - 1:15 p.m. - Fri.. a.m. | N = 5 N = 3 | A = 7.2 A = 8.7 | R = 4 - 10 R = 8 - 10 |
| Joe Waddell, Chris Falteisek, & John Reindl, " <i>How to Select Genealogical Software</i> " Comment: "Repeat this seminar next year" | | N = 13 | A = 7.6 | R = 3 - 10 |

Thursday Evening, Aug. 5

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| Polly Johnson, " <i>Norwegian Dancing</i> " Comment: "Repeat this seminar next year" | | N = 6 | A = 9.5 | R = 9 - 10 |
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Friday Morning, Aug 6

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| Roger Magnuson, " <i>The Norway Project: Putting together all the families of Norway</i> " Comments: "Repeat seminar next year", "Need more info from Family Search" | | N = 14 | A = 8.0 | R = 4 - 10 |
| Kristin Speth, Luke Annear, & Brent Allen, " <i>Norwegian Language Project</i> " | | N = 5 | A = 8.4 | R = 6 - 10 |
| Dixie Hansen, " <i>Gifted Googling and Brilliant Binging</i> " Comment: "Repeat this seminar next year" | | N = 19 | A = 9.0 | R = 1 - 10 |

Friday Afternoon, Aug 6

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| Gerry Ring, " <i>Immigrants and the Paper Industry in Wisconsin</i> " Comment: "Excellent" | | N = 20 | A = 8.4 | R = 3 - 10 |
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Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, Seminars, and Craft Displays: (continued)

Crafts:

9. How sufficient was this year's program offering, Hardanger Embroidery Workshop, in meeting your needs to learn more about a Norwegian craft or folk art? N = 12 A = 8.5 R = 4 - 10

COMMENTS: 14 people commenting

"Excellent", "Excellent workshop preparation and implementation", "Excellent class - good idea to bring project back next year!", "Excellent workshop! Do hope we have it again next year", "Very good program", "Virginia had an excellent class - her preparation was exceptionally good", "Suburb video to handout material to go with demonstrator", "Loved the DVD", "Work samples to supplies well prepared", "Didn't get itinerary before we left so didn't know to bring my Hardanger", "I would have loved to attend this offering but felt I needed to attend the research session offered", "Don't do crafts", "I already knew about (& have tried) Hardanger, but am glad this was offered for others!", "Didn't go, but looking forward to next year", "I did not attend but did stop to talk to her in the hallway with her Hardanger.", "No craft options and enrollment limited for the one offering", "Liked the idea of a workshop."

10. What craft demonstrations would you like to see another year? 19 people commenting

NORWEGIAN FOODS - 2 people commenting

"Liked the lefse/kransekake demonstrations we had in 2009"

"Would like to see a Norwegian food seminar/demo each year, e.g. Norwegian baked delicacies or maybe something like Norwegian meat balls"

WOOD FOLK ARTS - 8 people commenting

Wood carving - 5 (workshop-1) Woodworking - 1 Chip carving - 2

ROSEMALING - 6 people

"With Lois Mueller (2) - excellent class in the past"

HARDANGER - 4 people commenting

Again! More! (Hardanger), "Same clothing" (Hardanger), "Keep Hardanger"

FOLK DANCING - 1 person

"More Norwegian folk dancing, please"

OTHER - 4 people commenting

Knifemaking - 1

"How to preserve old letter, photos etc". - 1

"Something to do with pictures - painting, photography or the like" - 1

GENERAL - 1 person commenting

"Not necessary"

Overall Program:

11. The program of seminars, craft demonstrations and displays were designed to expand our knowledge of Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans. How successful was the program in achieving these goals? N = 57 A = 8.9 R = 6 - 10

12. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the program? N = 57 A = 9.0 R = 6 - 10

13. Comments on Opening ceremony, keynote speaker, seminars, and craft displays:
NOTE: Comments placed in the appropriate categories in above sections.

GENERAL COMMENTS - 9 people commenting

"Awesome and inspiring!", "Very well planned", "Thought entire stevne was excellent!", "Very good, enjoyed all of it.", "Well managed and prepared conference. Good space inside and parking. Hotel staff courteous and helpful", "Festive, getting all in right spirit to attend events, socialize, etc., learn", "All very good. The theme was not a concept that had been communicated beforehand. If themed lags are the order - one needs to be told

Overall Program: (continued)

GENERAL COMMENTS (continued)

beforehand - I prefer unthemed lag meetings”, “Only my third year, but this was the best yet”, “Everything was so well organized, prepared, and topics were so interesting.”

GENERAL PROGRAM AND VENDOR - 9 people commenting

“Enjoyed and learned a lot from the seminars I attended - excellent”, “Excellent - I liked the movie/dancing concept”, “I liked your speaker from UWSP”, “Seminar and keynote address were high quality, very professionally done”, “Lots of good topics to choose from”, “Seminar and craft display - great”, “Please have a volunteer at the door to pass out handouts so the speaker does not constantly tell latecomers ‘Pick up the handouts on the chair’”, “The additional vendors added to the overall success I think!”, “Vendors and sale articles were fantastic.”

Hospitality Room

59 people (**87%**) of the evaluators visited the hospitality room, **57** rated the experience

14. How successful is the Stevne Hospitality Room in meeting your need for taking a break from activities to enjoy a cup of coffee, maybe a snack and/or visiting with fellow members ? N = 57 A = 8.8 R = 1 – 10

15. Comments on Hospitality Room - 35 people commenting

HIGH PRAISE FOR GOODIES AND SET-UP - 16 people commenting

“Great snacks - nice area to sit”, “Yumm!”, “Great food!! Great job!”, “Excellent homemade goodies. Thank you!”, “Great (2)”, “The best ever”, “Excellent (2)”, “Best run and organized, yet!”, “Super”, “Very good and very Norwegian treats - best for years”, “Awesome!”, “Great food”, “Very well done!! Thanks!”

APPRECIATION OF OUR SONS OF NORWAY HOSTS - 11 people commenting

“Having SON Lodges each do the hospitality room for a day was an excellent idea - was successful”, “Wonderful idea - pairing with SON!”, “Cheerful hosts - excellent snacks & table decorations & serving”, “Thanks to Sons of Norway!”, “Loved the hospitality room - special thanks to our hosts!”, “Super - great to have local Sons of Norway Lodges involved”, “Excellent project by Sons of Norway Groups”, “Wonderful idea to use Sons of Norway!”, “The local clubs were very gracious”, “Mange takk to the Sons of Norway groups”, “Big ‘thank you’ to whoever organized it so well! As well as the Ladies who provided the goodies!!”, “Very nice to have the hospitality room done by Son’s of Norway Lodges - Thanks!!”, “ I arrived when all food was gone.”

THE ROOM - 8 people commenting

“Two adjoining rooms and traffic pattern between them was so well planned”, “First day you could go in one door, pick up goodie and exit other door after getting coffee - very good. Other days people had to enter and exit same door - poor people flow”, “Difficult to get in out on Thursday”, “Little small room”, “The room was so small! Crowded”, “Could be held in a larger room as when lines of people started coming it became quite crowded”, “Too small a room”, “Too small and crowded - but the pool area was good - so we could ‘mingle’ and enjoy the delicious Norsk goodies!”

NEXT YEAR SUGGESTIONS - 3 people commenting

“Could have some gluten free items”, “Would like something to drink other than coffee”, “Wish they had 2% milk v. non-dairy creamer (chemicals!!)”

Friday Evening Hospitality Hour, Banquet and Program

Of the **145** people attending the banquet, **53** people (**36.6%**) evaluated the experience

16. The **hospitality hour** was intended to provide time for lag members and guests to interact with one another. How successful was it in achieving this goal? N = 52 A = 7.5 R = 1 – 10

17. How successful was the banquet in meeting your **culinary needs**? N = 51 A = 8.2 R = 1 – 10

18. How successful was the **evening program**, “Sven & Ole” in meeting your entertainment needs? N = 53 A = 8.6 R = 2 – 10

Friday Evening Hospitality Hour, Banquet and Program (continued)

Hospitality hour, banquet and program comments: - 29 people commenting

Hospitality hour and photo op - 11 people commenting

"When we came people were already sitting at tables", "They sit too quickly, don't "mingle", "People just don't know how or when to "mingle". "People sat down at 6:30 p.m. and began to eat - even when this banquet had not started. How can you avoid this?", "There was very little socializing except at table", "People went right to tables sat down - didn't move around and visit - tables not good to talk across!", "Is there some way we could encourage people to "mingle" and chat with "new" friends while music is being played before the banquet?", "In the future it might be better to have lag photos in a separate location from the banquet to reduce pressure on the wait staff. People took seats as much as an hour early and ate their desserts waiting for the banquet to start.", "Hard to mix and take the picture in the same room as the banquet", "Picture-taking is too laborious - takes away from "Hospitality Hour", "Log photo op ran into _____, was better than last year", "Picture taking went faster and smoother. Using numbers was a good idea", "Attended hospitality hour until taking pictures", "Serving wine in plastic cups - no."

Banquet food - 9 people commenting

"Food was excellent", "Dinner excellent", "Good choices", "Very generous - almost too much", "Good - almost too much food", "Portions were too large", "Very poor appetizers - carrots were old and not rinsed in cold water", "The dessert should not have been put on the table so early", "Need a vegetarian selection. I do not eat beef and could not eat the strong flavored salmon. The waiter could not supply a box per hotel manager's orders so could not take home for dog", "A very mediocre meal!", "Would love to see Rømmegrøt."

Entertainment - 8 people commenting

"Great", "Good show", "Enjoyed the music - program just the right length", "The M and the entertainers were very good", "Marv did a good job as MC", They were funny and great but did not tell enough jokes", "Couldn't stay", "I'd rather use the time for more table conversation."

2011 stevne preview - 12 people commenting

"Sioux Falls pitch should have had audio and should have been about the town/greater area - 10 cool attractions, Norwegian content, etc.", "Need sound/music - could not read script on screen", "Needed sound", "Boring! No narration", "Not good! Hard to see/read - no sound??", "Not too exciting", "?So-so", "Gave us a brief preview", "A little", "I'm from S.F. I know the Ramada", "Been there before for stevne", "Been to SF before."

New question suggested - 1 person commenting

"How successful was the music provided by the Tre Lag musicians in fulfilling your desire for Norsk music? 1-10?"

General - 9 people commenting

"Was an enjoyable evening. I appreciated that it all moved quickly", "We enjoyed it very much", "Enjoyed all of it. Thank you for all your time and hard work!", "Everything Excellent!", "All was great", "Great banquet and hospitality hour", "Marginal value", "This is too late in the program with nothing interesting to do for 2.5 hours. We left for home in MN", "It was OK", "Good program about up coming events and presentation at ?Plague? - to Dixie and others."

Saturday Tour of the Scandinavian area near Stevens Point

Of the **80** people who participated in the tour, **30** people (**37.5%**) evaluated the event

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| 21. The tour of the Scandinavian area near Stevens Point was designed to visit sites that were important in the lives of early Norwegian immigrants. How successful was the 6 tour in achieving this goal? | N = 29 | A = 8.6 | R = 4 - 10 |
| 22. How valuable was your guide to the success of the tour to the Scandinavian area near Stevens Point with stops at the Iola Historical Society Museum, the Hitterdal Lutheran Church, the Northland Lutheran Church & a drive-by cameo visit of the Rosholt House? | N = 30 | A = 8.6 | R = 4 - 10 |
| 23. How enjoyable and successful was the church-lady lunch at the Northland Lutheran Church in meeting your culinary needs? | N = 30 | A = 9.7 | R = 8 - 10 |

Saturday Tour (continued)

24. The Tre Lag Stevne tour has usually been held on Wednesday afternoon. Do you have preference as to the day the tour is scheduled? Check the answer that best fits your needs.

34 people evaluated this question
Wed PM = **4** Sat AM = **12**
Doesn't matter = **16**
Other = **2** - *See comments below

25. Comments on the Scandinavian tour near Stevens Point: 16 people commenting

GENERAL: 8 people commenting

"Very beautiful country-side", "Nice to go beyond the interstate. Back roads show a lot about a state and area", "It was very interesting", "Very nice! Thanks!", "Okay", "Nice", "I wish I could have attended. I had to go to a quilt meeting in Madison", "All wonderful!"

VALUE OF GUIDES: 4 people commenting

"We spent too much time at Iola Museum. The rest was rushed. But a great day! Marv & Louise did a great job!", "Before getting off the bus, the guide could orient the passengers as to what to expect to look at, and set a time to return to the bus. To keep us on schedule. As a result we got behind schedule because this did not occur", "No explanation of Hitterdal Church. Tour rushed at the end. If I hadn't attended the workshop on Rosholt the rushed trip through town wouldn't mean much.", "Missed (Rosholt House). Everything else wonderful."

CHURCH LADY LUNCH: 6 people commenting

"Lunch was very good", "Great lunch", "Excellent", "Cookbooks! Bought lefse! Food great! So were the hosts", "Wow!, "Superior!" plus one rating of 12 on a 1-10 scale.

PREFERENCE FOR DAY OF TOUR - 4 people commenting

"(Sat. AM) when it won't interfere with genealogy lab", "By having the tour on Sat. it frees more time for genealogy. Or if it had to be in the evening, move the banquet to Thurs. and tour on Friday", "I was disappointed the tour was Sat. AM. It makes it difficult to attend and checkout of the room at the same time. Move it to Fri. AM or Thurs. AM", "Friday Afternoon?"

Publicity

26. The Stevne publicity committee attempted to reach as many people as possible. Where did you see information or learn about the Stevne? (Circle all that apply)"

- A. Lag Newsletter - 51
- B. Lag Website - 29
- C. LDS Family History Center
- D. Mail List or Message Board - 2
- E. Genealogical Societies - 4 (Avisen, NAGA)
- F. Historical Society - 1 (Wisc Historical Society)
- G. Library
- H. Local Churches
- I. Newspaper - 4 (Po Co. Gazette)
- J. Sons of Norway Lodge - 14 (Vennigfolk Lodge, Vennigfolk 5-627, Wergeland Lodge, Budstikken-LaCrosse, Seven Stevne - River Falls 2009, Stevens Point)
- K. Other - 6 (Member of TLSSC, Friends, Sons and a cousin, Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, Encouraged to join & attend by current member, Sister)

Comments and program ideas

27. Other comments, including program ideas for next year: 30 people commenting

GENERAL - 7 people commenting

"I was very impressed with this conference, which was my first one with this group. I'm definitely looking forward to next year's conference", "Congratulations to Joy and her committee. The sessions were very informative. I should have attended more of them", "Good stevne - thanks to planning committee!", "Great stevne - thank you steering committee for all the hard work", "Keep up good work", "The whole conference was great! Stevens Point proved to be an ideal place for this program", "I think over-all the stevne was well planned. Congratulations to the committee who were involved."

Comments and program ideas (continued)

GENEALOGY LAB - 4 people commenting

"Extended genealogy hours were helpful. Even a little more? NOTE: This person used lab 3 times: Wed PM/eve & Thurs. PM) "Genealogy labs needs more power outlets for laptops", "Some people were upset because we packed the books before the genealogy lab was scheduled to close. I think we need to close the lab (maybe@ 2:30) and then pack", "Genealogy need more computer helpers."

VENDORS - 1 person commenting

"For vendors, you might consider genealogy products, like genealogy charts, acid-free products for photos, storage items, magnifiers, maps of Norwegian fylke (county) across time as they change, maps of Norway, document preservation materials, photographic sprays, acid neutralizers, genealogical computer software, U.S. county maps where Norwegians settled. U.S. Based information like county books, city books, migration books."

HOSPITALITY ROOM - 1 person commenting

"Hospitality room was great!"

BANQUET - 1 person commenting

"Suggestion: Combine the hospitality hour at 6 PM along with the pictures and music. Dinner at 7 PM. The Stevne was fun, wonderful guests and volunteers!"

TOUR - 2 people commenting

"Tour - provide agenda, sketch map, time frames", "Cold water bottle furnished at 10:30 a.m. would have been very nice! Maybe next time!!"

PROGRAM to REPEAT and/or UPDATE: - 6 people commenting

"For next year, repeat the seminars marked with an R - repeat on page 2 of this evaluation, Jim Olson, Joe Waddell, Chris Falteisek, John Reindl, Polly Johnson, Blaine Hedberg, Roger Magneson, and Dixie Hansen", "Keep updating on Norway project form SLC & NAGC on-line database.", "Also, movies were a good idea", "4) Very much enjoyed the movie!! Good idea - Let's do it next year!", "It was very valuable using academics from the U. to speak - lots' of new subjects instead of the usual bygdebøks! I hope you're repeat this in the future", "Appreciated duplicating seminars making it possible to attend more."

HISTORY/CULTURE PROGRAM IDEAS - 4 people commenting

"1) Norwegian Resistance - WWII - specific battles (Kvam Battles), 2) "Life as a pastor on the prairie" (Kronen Diary?), 3) Vikings - Normandy - English conquests etc., 4) Ancient Kings - pick one, 5) DNA testing, 6) Edvard Grieg, 7) Kristin Larvansdatter, 7) What was it like to sail as an immigrant? What was the voyage like?, 8) Religion in Norway - pagan (Viking) . catholic . Lutheran (St Olaf's life), 9) Myths & trolls", "Consider having (or introducing) poster sessions", "5) Are there any speakers available who would be knowledgeable about Bunads? Their history, when they should properly be worn, with what "jewelry, accessories should they be worn? Examples (Photos of them (both male & female - where to purchase, cost etc., Tell us about how the Norwegian political system (gov/elections,etc.) actually works today ... where is the "state church" now?", "Contact John & Marion Casey, musicians from Mindekirken, now living in S.F."

GENEALOGY PROGRAMMING IDEAS - 4 people commenting

"Any "how to " research helps are great. For beginners, if you can have a starting "place" and then carry it through all normal records - then show the results", "Someone from Northfield about their collection and help they can provide", "Someone from ancestry", "So much new is coming on-line, there is a continuing need to have a classroom focus on computer information to keep informed about Norwegian data availability", "Perhaps a class on exactly what is available in the genealogy lab and how to make best use of it in a short time", "I would like to have more of LDS services such as ancestry.com on-line system vs other systems."

CRAFT PROGRAMING IDEAS - 2 people commenting

"Be sure to include Rosemaling class by Lois Mueller. This was a winner!!", "Would like to see Rosemaling longer with Lois Muller, wood craft demo's, maybe more info on tools, kitchen things - name and use, more Hardanger - Ginny was good."

OTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS - 2 people commenting

"Any presentations that included handouts and powerpoint or sides", "1) When the seminar presenters are stevne members, would it be possible (and of interest) to ever print a short bio (place of residence, education, employment?), 2) Could something ever be written about the "Tre Lag "Musicians"? Who are they? How did they get started? Little of their "personal history"?, 3) Since attendee's know they'll get schedules etc, in a folder could 1 or 2 sheets of blank paper (for seminar notes etc.) ever be included?"

NEW MEMBERS - 3 people commenting

Comments and program ideas (continued)

“Maybe a “get acquainted” time on Wed. evening would be helpful, especially for new comers”, “As a “first timer”, I did not have knowledge about lags. An explanation maps of Norway in the packet would be helpful if map included cities in Norway. If I had a membership form and an invitation on the form, I could join.”, “Maybe something that invites “new” people to join them?”

EVALUATION - 1 person commenting

“The evaluation is very comprehensive - but should be shorter, so as not to discourage people from fill it out!”

THE HOTEL - 1 person commenting

“Air conditioning was too cold everywhere - a waste of energy.”

PUBLICITY - 1 person commenting

“Could more publicity be done about the stevne’s by way of the Sons of Norway lodges?”