

Topic Suggestions from the 2010 Evaluations

Keep updating on Norway project form SLC & NAGC on-line database
Movies were a good idea- Let's do it next year
Norwegian Resistance - WWII - specific battles (Kvam Battles)
Life as a pastor on the prairie" (Kronen Diary?)
Vikings - Normandy - English conquests etc.
Ancient Kings - pick one
DNA testing
Edvard Grieg
Kristin Lavransdatter
What was it like to sail as an immigrant? What was the voyage like?
Religion in Norway - pagan (Viking), Catholic, Lutheran
St Olaf's life
Myths & trolls
Consider having (or introducing) poster sessions, or displays (ex. Immigrant trunk)
Bunads: Their history, when they should properly be worn, with what jewelry & accessories
Examples: Photos both male & female - where to purchase, cost etc.,
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 Topic Ideas

"how to " research for beginners: have a starting "place", 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.com
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 what is available in the genealogy lab and how to make best use of it in a short time
More of LDS services such as ancestry.com on-line system vs other systems

Craft Workshops/Demonstrations

NORWEGIAN FOOD

- 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: Wood carving;(workshop-1), Woodworking, Chip carving

ROSEMALING: With Lois Mueller

HARDANGER:

FOLK DANCING More Norwegian folk dancing, please

OTHER:

- Knifemaking - 1
- How to preserve old letter, photos etc
- Something to do with pictures - painting, photography or the like
- Maybe more info on tools, kitchen things - name and use

Genealogy Lab Suggestions

Needs more power outlets for laptops
Genealogy need more computer helpers

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

Tour Suggestions/Comments

- Provide agenda, sketch map, time frames
- Cold water bottle
- Tour on Sat. AM frees more time for genealogy.
- Tour 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
Or if it had to be in the evening, move the banquet to Thurs. and tour on Friday

Schedule Suggestions

- Duplicating seminars – make it possible to attend more
- “get acquainted” time on Wed. evening especially for new comers
- Move tour to Fri. AM or Thurs AM
- Or if tour had to be in the evening, move the banquet to Thurs. and tour on Friday

Hospitality Room Suggestions

- Could have some gluten free items
- Would like something to drink other than coffee
- Wish they had 2% milk vs. non-dairy creamer (chemicals!!)
- Room size and traffic flow

Banquet Suggestions

- Portion sizes – order lunch size?
- How to encourage socializing
- Vegetarian selection
- Rømmegrøt
- This is too late in the program with nothing interesting to do for 2.5 hours.

Vendor suggestions

- Consider genealogy products, like genealogy charts,
- Document preservation materials, photographic sprays, acid neutralizers, acid-free products for photos, storage items, magnifiers
- Genealogical computer software
- Maps of Norwegian fylke (county) across time as they change, maps of Norway
- U.S. County maps where Norwegians settled.
- U.S. Based information like county books, city books, migration books

Miscellaneous Suggestions

- Have a volunteer at the door to pass out handouts
 - Included handouts for any presentation with PowerPoint or slides
 - Provide short bio of presenters who are Stevne members -residence, education, employment
 - Could something be written about the “Tre-Lag “Musicians”? Who are they? How did they get started? Little of their personal history?
- Include 1 or 2 sheets of blank paper for seminar notes etc.
- Info about lags in the folders:
- map of Norway in the packet that includes cities in Norway.
 - membership forms; an invitation for “new” people to join them