

# Aurland Newsletter

## Past and Present

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**From the editor:** Wow! What a year it has been. I hope that all of you have enjoyed the first year's issues. We have had a wonderful time getting together to get each one ready for printing. I want to thank Millie Ohnstad, Gordon and Brit Eddy, Arne Brekke, and Jerome Ramstad for everything they have done to make the newsletter what it is. Thanks also go to Ray Ohnstad and Jane Ramstad for helping us fold, stamp and staple the newsletter to get it ready to mail. We are trying something different this time by sending the newsletter out in an envelope. Was your newsletter ever damaged without the envelope? Let us know.

I want to thank all of you wonderful people who have sent warm notes of congratulations for my recent graduation from Winona State University. They made me feel so special.

Arne has written about the new Lærdal/Aurland Tunnel on page 2. The grand opening was November 27, 2000, which Arne attended. Millie has written about her trip to Norway in July 2000 on page 5.

This issue and next we are concentrating on the Flåm parish. (If you have something to include for next issue, please send it to us soon.)

We have some genealogy charts of people who have ancestry in the Flåm valley. Johannes Larsen Flom's chart is on page 6 and Arne Brekke's chart is on page 7.

Our sympathies go out to Nancy Nelson, who's mother, from Caledonia, passed away October 27, 2000. Nancy was the editor of the

Aurland Heritage Chronicle that was our predecessor, published in Stillwater, 1992-1999.

Millie and I lost our dear Aunt Gladys December 7<sup>th</sup>. She loved to bake and cook and sew. We all have quilts that she made for us. We will miss her so much.

A member of the Aurland kommune died suddenly September 18, 2000. Arvid Kåre Indrelid had been working on archiving pictures for the Aurland kommune the day he died. The community will miss him greatly. You can find these obituaries and others starting on page 8.

The language lesson by Jerome Ramstad starts on page 10. I have to start my lessons now. I have no more excuses since I am done with school. Out on the "Black Hammer" by Gordon Eddy starts on page 12. Arne has written about the Flåm Railroad's Anniversary (page 15). Millie is compiling a list of subscribers with e-mail addresses (page 16). We will continue the list in the next issue.

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