

Aurland Newsletter Past and Present

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From the editor: I noticed that I have forgotten to include my phone # in the past Ann: 507-356-2927. Both Millie and my e-mail are included in the 2-page listing at the end of the newsletter.

We are continuing our concentration on Flåm this issue. DeAnna Satre has written about her experiences to Norway to visit the Gjesme farm starting on page 2. "Connecting Cousins" by Millie includes the Indreli, Flåm, Gjesme and Berekvam families starting on page 4 along with a map of the Flåm valley, an Indreliid ancestry chart for Anna Pedersdtr Indreliid and a letter from Svein Indreliid, Bergen, written in 1965 to Josepine Midje. Jackie Ranby shares her exploration of her ancestry from the Indreliid and Gjesme farms starting on page 7.

From the Berekvam family I have included my grand-grandmother's chart, Randi Olsdtr Berekvam (pg 8). There is also a relationship chart (page 9) to show "connecting cousins" to the Berquams in the Sogn Valley near Cannon Falls, MN

Åsmund Ohnstad is requesting information for the revised Aurland II book on page 10. Jerome Ramstad's language lesson starts on page 12. Gordon Eddy's "Out on the Black Hammer" starts on page 14. Look for more e-mail address of subscribers on page 16. Look for corrections and additions to Issue 1 on page 18. Future events can be found on page 18, including our **Aurland Reunion** and the Vestlandslag Stevne at Fargo/Moorhead. **Ann Forsman**, editor

Mark your Calendars

Aurland Reunion (Stevne)

Our 7th annual Aurland Stevne will be held Sunday, July 29 at the Uurland Church/Park, Rural Cannon Falls, MN. More info on page 18.

NEW CRUISE DOCK IN FLÅM HONORED

For the second year in a row, the new cruise dock at Flåm has been designated the "best developed cruise dock in Northern Europe".

The Magazine "Dream World Cruise Destinations" made a survey among fifty world cruise operators, and Flåm took the first prize the second year in a row!

For the summer of 2001 a record 99 cruise ships have already reserved space in Flåm and 44 of these will also visit Gudvangen.

For next year Flåm and Bergen have applied to host the annual meeting and seminar for the organization "Cruise Europe" which represents 70 cruise docks.

Last year the "Chicago Tribune" declared the Fjords of Norway to be the greatest natural attraction of Europe, and Flåm is in the heart of the Fjord Country!

Adapted from "Sogn Avis", March 17, 2001 by Arne Brekke,



Cruise ship docked at Flåm - Photo by Thor Andresen