

# Aurland Newsletter

## Past and Present

Volume III, Issue 2

April, May, June 2002

Published quarterly

**From the Editor:** The year is getting very busy for me. But is it so much fun to keep busy. See the back page for future events. Hope to see you at some of them.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, Aurland, Norway is having a Jubilee celebrating 800 years since the Vangen Church in Aurland was built. **Millie Ohnstad** and **Linda Flom** will be traveling to Aurland to represent Goodhue County for the Friendship Agreement between Aurland Kommune and Goodhue County, MN. In honor of this occasion, we are featuring stories about 3 "**Urland Churches**" in **America**—Cannon Falls, MN Willowmoor, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Frederick, SD, starting on page 2.

For "**Connecting Cousins**", we have 2 genealogy charts. **Anders J. Thye** (page 5), one of the founders of the Urland Church, Frederick, SD, and **Arndt E. Ohnstad** (page 9), one of the 4 brothers featured in the Norwegian language lesson in the last 9 issues.

**Royal weddings** in Norway are on page 6 along with something about **Vestlandslag**, in case you haven't heard about it before. Don't forget the unveiling of the **Ola and Per statues** in Spring Grove May 18<sup>th</sup> (page 7). We have some family history of the Ohnstad brothers (page 7 - 8) that have been the subject of the Language lesson. **Jerome Ramstad's** final language lesson is page 10-11. There are **obituaries** on page 12. **Michas Ohnstad** has a request for help on page 13. Then **Gordon Eddy's "Out on the Black Hammer"** starts on 14. Check the back page for **future events**.

We plan to start a new feature in the newsletter. We want you, the subscribers to write a story about yourselves (where you live, work, etc), give grandparents, gr. grandparents, & where they lived since coming to America. Please send us **your** story to publish.

Ann Forsman, editor.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Aurland Reunion (Stevne)

Mark your calendars for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for the annual Aurland Reunion to be held at Urland Church/Park, Cannon Falls, starting with coffee at 9:30. See page 18 for details.

#### Urland Church, Cannon Falls, When it was first Built

