

Aurland Newsletter Past and Present

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From the editor: What a busy summer! Millie and I are preparing for the **Aurland Stevne** to be held **July 30th**.

We are looking forward to hearing **Lois Walfred Johnson** of Alexandria as our speaker. She has written many children's books. The **Viking Quest** series is about a Viking boy who goes off to England to learn about trading. He captures a young maiden and takes her back to Aurland in the Sognefjord. As they travel from Norway to Iceland to Greenland, will they find the courage to win? The story continues on through the series. I found her books very interesting, even though they were written for teenagers. She has done a lot of research to make them very realistic.

If you have not registered for the **Aurland Stevne** (reunion), **please give us (Millie or Ann) a call or e-mail**. We need to let the caterers know how many to prepare for. See the back page for the schedule, phone #s and e-mail addresses.

Let us know also if you would like to take our **bus tour** to the **Holden Church** so we know how many to plan for. Bus tours are scheduled at 9 am, and after church services—about 11:40. There will be time for the second tour group to eat before the program. We will have cemetery tours available also for those interested. There will be time to do some genealogy searches for those who wish to.

Our **2007 Stevne** will be held at the Black Hammer Church in Spring Grove. Gordon Eddy is already starting plans for it.

This year's **Vestlandslag Stevne** was held at Luther College in Decorah, IA. Millie and Ann attended Thursday and Friday, hearing some interesting and informative speeches. Stevner can be great places to search for your ancestors from other areas of Norway. Each lag has a genealogist who may be able to help you trace them. The article starts on page 2.

Blaine Hedberg of the **Vesterheim Genealogy Center** in Madison spoke at the "Norwegian Heritage Conference" in Grand Forks last October. He gave out references to help in your genealogy searches. Find his synopsis starting on page 4.

Dick Fretheim has been working hard indexing immigrants after he published **Norske I Montana**, which is a three volume, 900 page "finding index" for Norwegians and Norwegian/Americans who settled in Montana from its beginning to 1920. See his comments about his work on pages 8-9.

Our condolences go out to the families of subscribers or family members who have passed away recently. Find their **obituaries** on pages 10 and 11.

For your references, we have continued our **cemetery listings of Umland Church** in Cannon Falls, MN. Find them starting on page 12. Please refer back to the plat map of the cemetery in Volume VII, Issue 1 on pages 16-17 for the numbers listed.

Gordon Eddy's article on "**Out on the Black Hammer**" can be found starting on page 16. This time he writes "A Tribute to the Old Home" and "How the Staven Family came to be Associated with Aurland." I always look forward to each issue to see what he is writing about. Thank you Gordon for all that you do for our Aurland newsletter.

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(Reunion)
At Umland
Church
July 30th



Lois Walfred Johnson,
Speaker at the Stevne

