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From the Editor: What a busy season! I have been painting our old barn red. All the paint had worn off and most of it didn't even need scraping. Lars had our neighbor put on a new green steel roof (it had been leaking badly for a couple years), and with the white trim, it look so much better. What a job though! I think I got more paint on myself sometimes. Gordon wanted to take my picture—I was really a mess when he stopped by with some of his articles.

Gordon has written about the Aurland Stevne held at Black Hammer this past July. Find it and many pictures starting on page 2.

The Sognefjord Heritage tour included both Voss and Valdres this year with Jean Marthaler assisting with genealogy. See a group picture of participants on page 6. Linda and Ellis Larson had roots in Aurland and wrote about their farm visit. Jean has also written about the trip. It's on page 7.

We are including the final part of honoring the saints at Urland Cemetery. Find it starting on page 8. Then on page 10-11, find something about our new "Peace Garden" dedicated near the church. We also dedicated a cemetery marker in the same garden. The stone was found in Sherman and JeanAnn Hommedahl's back yard.

We have listed obituaries for Norton Onstad, Jacob Onstad, Augusta Onstad Kunst and Shirleen Bock on pages 12-13.

Gordon has written about an Abandoned Pioneer Cemetery in the Black Hammer area. Find it starting on page 14.

Then on page 18, the back page, find the index for the year 2007.

Renewal time

It is again time to renew your subscription to the Aurland Newsletter—Past and Present. We have a new address to send it to. Millie's niece, Jan Holt, will be keeping track of subscriptions for us. Please send your subscriptions in soon to make it easier for her to keep track of them.



Millie and Ann attended a Norwegian Heritage Conference in Grand Forks, October 8-9, sponsored by the University of North Dakota and Brekke Tours. The speakers were from left to right: Knut Djupedal, Norwegian Emigrant Museum, Hamar, Norway; Jeffrey Svare, Genealogical Society of Utah, Jean Marthaler, genealogist, St. Joseph, MN, and Liv Marit Haakenstad, author & researcher, Hamar, Norway. We will feature more about the conference in the February 2008 issue. Photo by Ann Romo