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From the editor: We are starting our 4th year of publishing our "Aurland Newsletter- Past & Present." I hope you have found things interesting and I hope we can continue keeping it that way. We are open to ideas so please keep sending us articles or whatever. We will try to fit them in when we can.

Thanks to all of you, but especially thanks to Millie Ohnstad. She has been keeping track of the subscription list as your subscriptions come in, and also sends out back issues when subscribers request old ones. It's a huge job and she's very diligent about getting it correctly documented. **Thanks Millie!** Also **thanks to Linda Flom** who keeps who cashes the checks and enters all the names in the computer for our mailing list. Without her help our job would be a lot harder too.

Jo Ann Wickman, has written a wonderful story and sent it to us for publication entitled "Glorious New Scandinavia". The first two pages are here starting on page 2.

Michas Ohnstad consented to help us out in our feature called "Memories of the Past." See his story on page 4 with Michas' ancestor chart on page 5. On page 6, we have another ancestor chart. This one is for Mons S. Urevig who eventually settled in Goodhue County. See the Cannon Falls Beacon story of him and his obituary on pages 7-8.

We have several obituaries this time on pages 8-9. So many of our friends and relatives have been passing away recently. Our sympathies go out to you.

Our Sognefjord Heritage tour has stopped twice at the new Norsk Utvandrer museum in Hamar, Norway. We have their opening page of their WEB site on page 10. Find it on the Internet at: www.museumsnett.no/emigrantmuseum/. They have several pictures to see if you page through the site, and we have added some that we took also.

Dick Freithem has an order blank to request his book or CD of immigrants in Montana. This database could have lots of information for you as a genealogist. Find the order blank on page 11.

Gordon Eddy has again written stories of the Black Hammer community. See them starting on page 12.

We have reprinted an article from the January 2, 2003 "Agri News" about rediscovering roots in rural Minnesota on page 11. The article is about Sarah Lund, an anthropology professor in Olso, studying the Norway Lake community near Sunburg and New London, MN.

Millie's new address is: <mohnstad@frontiernet.net>. She has been busy sending out e-mail messages to find out if everyone's e-mail is correct. Look for the corrections on page 16.

We are again planning to travel to Norway with Brekke Tour's Sognefjord Heritage Tour, which leaves Tuesday, July 29th. We would love to have you join us to visit your ancestral farm(s). See page 17 for the itinerary of the tour. Arne Brekke has written about the Sognefjord: One of the World's Greatest Natural Attractions on page 18.

We are trying out the bulk mail distribution this time to see if we can save money. Let us know if there are problems so we can address the situation if possible.

We have something new!

Visit our new WEB SITE at:

<aurlandnewsletter.com>.

Please check it out and refer it to your friends. Millie's niece and her husband, Emily and John Law, (also our treasurer, Linda Flom's daughter and son -n -law) developed it for us. We will be adding to it periodically.