



Dear Lag Officers and Members,

We are pleased to share the information about the upcoming Fellesraad Annual Meeting which will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 5–6, 2023.

To register for the Friday Zoom connection and/or the Saturday in person meeting, please go to http://fellesraad.com/fell_events.htm . There you will find a connection to our online registration form, along with the latest information on the daily events. When you register, your email address will be added to the list for our Friday’s Zoom meeting, and the meeting link information will be returned to that address. The Saturday information will be used to plan for the meal and the afternoon tour.

Our theme this year is ***Sharing and Expanding Our Skills*** and our schedule and our presenters include the following:

Friday, 5 May (Guest Presentations, on Zoom only):

- 9:15 am—Log on to Zoom
- 9:30 – 10:30 am: “Bridging the Future and the Past: The 2025 Bicentennial Commemoration in Norway.” (Terje Joranger—Norwegian Emigration Museum)
- 10:45 – 11:45 am: “Famous Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans” (Kathy Ward)
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: Lunch break; begin logging back on at 1:00 pm
- 1:15 – 2:15 pm: “Navigating and Submitting Data to FamilySearch Family Tree” (Judith Kay)
- 2:30 – 3:15 pm: Helpful Tips for Lags (Chuck McKeen). Pay Pal; Google Translate; Other topics.

Saturday, 6 May (Business Meeting, In-Person only at Mindekirken):

- 9:15 am: – Business Meeting
 - President’s Report
 - Nomination Committee & Election of Officers
 - Succinct Reports of Highlights of 2022 from Bygdelags
- 10:45 am: The Sami (Pr. Gunnar Kristiansen)
- 12:00 Lunch (\$20 cost) at Mindekirken. Finish by 1:00.
- Tour of Norway House Archive & Bibliotek from the Fellesraad/Bygdelag perspective.

At the Business Meeting on Saturday morning, we will need two delegates from each Lag to vote on the officers for the upcoming year.

We would also like information from each Lag for the “Bygdelag 2022 Report” to be compiled and presented by Nancy Pickering, Fellesraad Board Member, at the Business Meeting. Please send your information to Nancy Pickering at nancyp@minn.net no later than Friday, April 21.

Suggestions include:

- Brief greeting from your Lag
- What your Lag did this past year
- How has your Lag communicated, such as newsletters, web sites, Facebook, stevner, monthly emails, mini-newsletters?
- Concerns for your Lag
- Plans for the upcoming year

The current agendas for both Friday and Saturday are listed herein. We look forward to hearing from and seeing you at our Annual Meeting.

Tusen takk.

Vennlig hilsen,

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