



Norwegian Crossings

July 9-12, 2025
Doubletree by Hilton
Austin MN

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Registration

Print the PDF below or register at TOA website.

The event will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton & Austin Conference Center, 1701 4th Street NW, Austin, Minnesota. There is a block of rooms reserved for the *stevne*. Mention the 7+Lag *Stevne* when making reservations. To reserve, call Doubletree at 507-433-1000, press 1 for room reservations, Ask to be connected to the front desk at the Austin, MN location. Room rate is around \$140/night

Additional rooms have also been set aside at the Days Inn, 700 16th Avenue NW, close to the Double Tree. Phone: 1-507-299-5675. Room rate is around \$120/night.

Event Schedule

Wednesday, July 9th

The *stervne* begins with a tour and lunch starting at 11:00 am at St. Olaf Church in Austin. After lunch, participants will carpool to the town of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, for guided tours of the Bear Creek Norwegian Lutheran Church, The GAR (Grand Army of the Republic Hall), also known as Booth Post No. 130, and the Grand Meadows Chert Quarry. The return time is estimated at 5:00pm.

Thursday, July 10th

We will begin at 8:00 am with registration and genealogy.

Opening Session begins at 9:00 am with Keynote Address by Dale Goodman arranged through the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, IA. Dale's presentation follows the story of the 1825 "Restauration" sloop from its voyage across the Atlantic and its reception in New York City. The story ends with the first Norwegian Settlement in Kendall, NY.

Classes begin after lunch. The evening is set aside for individual *Lag* meetings. **Telelaget** will hold its annual meeting at a time and place to be determined. Details will be emailed at a future date.

Friday, July 11th

Expect a full day of genealogy and classes. In the evening, there will be a banquet with entertainment and the Norwegian Bachelor Farmers musical group.

Saturday, July 1st

Closing session (9:00-11:30 am) features George Olson presenting "They Brought More Than Lutefisk and Lefse." This includes a mixture of light history, traditions, traditional humor and songs our immigrant ancestors brought with them. A *Bunad* Parade and entertainment will officially end the *stevne*.

Event Speakers

Dean Uland – Riverland Community College, Austin, MN. His areas of interest are agriculture, including local and regional Minnesota history, as well as topics in immigration and World War I.

Miranda Moen – Architectural Designer and Founder of MO/EN DESIGN PRACTICE, LLC , Austin, MN. Miranda has researched Norwegian-American architecture and its influences from Norway. Providing background on regional building customs in Norway, she will transition into its relationship to the houses built by Norwegian-Americans, specifically her ancestors' house in Spring Grove, MN.

Karen Fried & Nancy Gulbranson will provide food demonstrations. Both retired, Nancy was a FACS teacher/HS Principal and Karen was on staff at Spring Grove School District. She is a member of the SG Sons of Norway Lodge, and both are members of the Spring Grove Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. They will be making Norwegian Kransekake (Norwegian Wedding Cake) and will have a fun demonstration.

Thomas Jacobson will speak on Pastor Clausen who worked on establishing mission churches among Norwegian settlements. He was the pastor who was active at Beaver Creek.

Caitlin Sackrison recently received her PhD in Norwegian studies and speaks on a variety of topics with an interest in women settlers.



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Telelaget Member Registration. Registration deadline: June 20, 2025

To register on-line, go to Telelaget of America.org - Events & Happenings

Name(s) for badge(s) _____

Address, City, St, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Ancestral *Kommune*, Farm or Parish _____

Are you an active member? _____ Yes. _____ No. If no, [Click here to register first](#).

Description	How Many	Item Cost	Total
Event Registration (covers entertainment, classes & genealogy)	_____	X \$70.00 = \$	_____
Wednesday Tour (Carpool) and Lunch	_____	X \$40.00 = \$	_____
Friday Banquet Meal Choices:			
A. Stuffed Pork, Green Beans w/almonds, Baby Red Potatoes, Garden Salad, Strawberry Shortcake w/whipped cream, water. \$35/per person	_____	X \$35.00 = \$	_____
B. Chicken Provolone, Glazed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Garden Salad, Strawberry Shortcake w/whipped cream, water. \$35/per person	_____	X \$35.00 = \$	_____
C. Quinoa Bowl, Garden Salad, Strawberries in a bowl, water. \$30/per person	_____	X \$30.00 = \$	_____
Grand Total:			\$ _____

Mail this form with a check made out to Telelaget of America and send to
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