



For up-to-date details on lodging, schedule, events, travel, and registration, go to [Norwegian Stevner.com](http://NorwegianStevner.com)

## Schedule

### Wednesday, July 15

10:30-3:45 pm Bus Tour

4:30-8:00 pm Registration and Hospitality

### Thursday, July 16

8:00-3:00 pm Registration, Hospitality, and Genealogy

9:00-11:00 am Opening Ceremony

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch Break

12:30-4:30 pm Classes, Presentations, Video Programming, and Stevne Around Stoughton

### Friday, July 17

8:00-3:00 pm Registration, Hospitality, and Genealogy

9:00-11:30 am Classes, Presentations, Video Programming, and Stevne Around Stoughton

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch Break

12:30-4:30 pm Classes, Presentations, Video Programming, and Stevne Around Stoughton

6:30-8:30 Banquet

### Saturday, July 18

9:00-1:00 pm Individual Lag Meetings

### Registration Deadline

June 15, 2026

### Event Costs

Registration \$56.00

Bus Tour With Lunch \$25.00

Banquet \$30.00

Class Registration fees range from \$5-\$10

Presentations: Included

Video Presentations: Included

### Regional Bus Tour

Renowned tour guide Dana Kelly will lead us through the Koshkonong prairie, and we will learn about its historical significance.

### Genealogy

Explore the printed resources of 8 lags (dozens of Norwegian municipalities) and take advantage of the guidance of over a dozen experienced genealogy researchers. Get help with online resources or translation, too!

### Cultural Sessions

Choose from 24 educational and demonstrative sessions on the 16th and 17th

### Stevne Around Stoughton

Downtown Stoughton is a one-of-a-kind adventure full of Norwegian culture, art, and heritage, and the entire community is excited to welcome us. Explore businesses on this easily walkable Main Street and experience the Norwegian connections around every corner. Get your Stoughton Stevne Passport stamped for a chance to win prizes and discover other unique Norwegian Stevner touches all around town.

### Your Host Lag



# Cultural Sessions

Thursday July 16	Videos	Presentations	Classes
Location:	Livsreise	Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge	Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge
12:30-1:30 pm	2017 Stevne Entertainment (V1)	Carolyn Benforado (P1)	Rosmal a Spoon (C1) \$5
2:00-3:00 pm	Immigrant Voices (V2)	Gary Kvalheim (P2)	History of Chocolate* (C2) \$10
3:30-4:30 pm	De Som Dro Vest (V3)	Sons of Norway? (P3)	Norwegian Beer Brewing I (C3) \$5
Friday July 17	Videos	Presentations	Classes
9:00-10:00 am	2017 Stevne Entertainment (V4)	Wood Turning (P4)	Rosmal a Spoon (C4) \$5
10:30-11:30 am	Homesteading (V5)	Anna Rue (P5)	Norwegian Beer Brewing II (C5) \$5
12:30- 1:30 pm	Stavig Letters (V6)	Anne Haugen Wagn (P6)	Wine and Cheese Pairings* (C6) \$10
2:00-3:00 pm	Kaskeland (V7)	Syttende Mai Royalty (P7)	History of Chocolate* (C7) \$10
3:30-4:30 pm	Hjemkost Ship (V8)	Fevolden Alpaca Farm (P8)	Stevne Show and Tell (C8)

\* These classes will take place at a different location, see class descriptions.

# Stoughton: Connections, Community, Culture

July 15-18, 2026  
Stoughton, Wisconsin

## Classes:

Presented in the downstairs classroom of the Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge

- History of Chocolates with Brook Johnson at Yahara Tea and Chocolates. \$10 registration fee, space limited.
- Rosemal a wooden spoon with Nancy O'Dalen. \$5.00 registration fee, space limited.
- Learn about traditional Norwegian beer brewing (with regional highlights for each lag) with Amanda Thorstad. With samples! \$5.00 registration fee.
- Learn how Norwegian immigrants brewed their beer when they got to America with Amanda Thorstad. With Samples! \$5.00 registration fee.
- Learn about wine and cheese pairings, featuring a wide variety of Scandinavian cheeses at Cheesers. \$10.00 registration fee, space limited, classroom not accessible.
- Stevne Show and Tell-Sign up for a 10-minute speaking/sharing slot and tell us about a special item, discovery, project, or endeavor you are working on. Registration required, slots limited.

## Presentations:

Presented in the upstairs classroom of the Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge

- Caroline Benforado will discuss Bunad, including the very unique Stoughton, WI, local bunad.
- Derek Brabender will share insights about early bowl turning in Norway and demonstrate how it was done with his spring lathe.
- Gary Kvalheim will present about his mother, the renowned rosemaler, Ethel Kvalheim.
- 2026 Stoughton Syttende Mai Royalty will talk about the unique Stoughton Festival Royalty program, what it has meant to them, and what they believe it means to the community as a whole.
- Telelaget of America Norwegian Liaison Anne Haugen Wagn will present via Zoom about her special connection to Stoughton through her aunt.
- Anna Rue, associate director of the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present on sustaining Scandinavian folk arts in the Upper Midwest.
- Darlene Arneson from the Stoughton Sons of Norway.
- Ginny and Tom run Fevolden Alpaca Farm on the farm Ole Fevolden settled in Cottage Grove, WI, in 1869.

## Videos

Presented in the Livsreise accessible auditorium.

- *Kaskeland*- enjoy a beautiful program by the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society about early settlers on the prairie.
- *Homesteading*-South Dakota Public Television interviews of descendants of homesteaders with context provided by local historians.
- *The Stavig Letters*-Lars leaves for America and farms, and Knut stays in Norway as a fisherman. For over 50 years, the brothers wrote to one another, and their letters are published in a book.
- *Hjemkost Ship*-learn about the Viking Ship built by Robert Asp and then sailed to Norway.
- *Immigrant Voices* (3 short videos)-three women tell us about their experiences emigrating and living on the prairie.
- *De Som Dro Vest*- Vintage video from 1988 about those who went west, including video from the 100-year Sloop Restoration celebration in Minneapolis.

## Stevne Around Stoughton: Explore 5 Amazing Blocks of Main Street

*Note: Many of these local businesses have modified their hours, customized their offerings, or offered discounts for our event. Additionally, the chamber of commerce will be providing us with a local business passport. Completed and stamped passports will be entered into a prize drawing. Stevne Around Stoughton is an essential component of the Stevne and not an addendum.*

- Stoughton Opera House (Thursday and Friday)- A docent from the Opera House will be on hand to give small groups a guided tour of this unique space. Tours schedule TBD.
- Stoughton Historical Society Museum (Thursday and Friday)- Volunteers will be on hand, and the museum will be open especially for the Stevne. Donations appreciated.
- Stoughton Public Library (regular library hours)- Stop into Stoughton's Carnegie Library, which features the original 1908 space as well as rosemaling, nisse, and bunad.
- Art-o-mat (Tavern Hours) Check out this fun and unique converted cigarette vending machine that vends art at the Water Street Tavern.
- Nordic Nook (gift shop hours) - This gift shop is just steps outside our Genealogy Room and is filled with 2 levels of Norwegian treasures, including a huge Christmas section.
- Viking Brew Pub (restaurant hours)-With a bar shaped like a Viking ship with a prow that breathes fire, this is an essential Stoughton stop.
- Fosdal Home Bakery(regular bakery hours)-Stop in for Norwegian breads and pastries as well as fantastic donuts and other delights.
- Cheesers (regular store hours)-over 300 selections of curated wines, craft beers, and gourmet cheeses to delight all your taste buds.
- Gazebo Musikk (Thursday Night)- A free family-friendly outdoor music series on the hill at Rotary Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.
- Livsreise (regular museum hours)-Explore this beautiful Norwegian Heritage Center that is right next door to our classroom space at Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge. Interactive and multimedia exhibits allow you to map a unique emigration story, explore digital

volumes of first-hand accounts, and explore cultural heritage. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated.

### Genealogy and Hospitality:

#### Chorus Public House

- Hospitality-Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats in this historic space that was formerly a dry goods store and watch our Video Bunad Parade.
- Genealogy-Explore the printed resources of 8 lags (dozens of Norwegian municipalities) and take advantage of the guidance of over a dozen experienced genealogy researchers. Help with online resources will also be available.

### Regional Bus Tour

#### Wednesday

- Renowned tour guide Dana Kelly will lead us through the Koshkonong prairie, and we will learn about its historical and cultural significance. Registration required; space is limited. \$25.00. Includes lunch provided by West Koshkonong Church. (Bus size dependent on the number of participants)
- Tour stops include:
  - West Koshkonong Church
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  - Rockdale Beer Cellar
  - Cambridge Historic School Museum
  - St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church
  - And more!

### PLUS:

Opening Ceremony in the Historic Opera House on Thursday morning.

Friday Evening Buffet Banquet at Halvorsen's, an iconic supper club built in 1927. (with cash bar)

Stevne and Lag group photos at Chorus Public House, along with closing remarks and the 2027 Stevne announcement.

Costs:

- Registration: \$56.00
- Bus Tour with Lunch \$25.00
- Banquet \$30.00
  - Class Fees
    - Beer Brewing I \$5.00
    - Beer Brewing II \$5.00
    - History of Chocolate \$10.00
    - Cheesers \$10.00
    - Rosemaling \$5.00

Locations:

Here is a link to a Google map that highlights all of our locations. A printable is on the next page.

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Examples of Travel times between locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Distance from Mandt Lodge</b>
Mandt Lodge	317 S Page Street	Classes and Presentations	nil
Chorus Public House	154 W Main Street	Genealogy, Hospitality, and Closing	5 Minute Walk
Stoughton Opera House	381 E Main Street	Opening Program	10 Minute Walk
Livsreise	277 W Main Street	Stevne Selected Films	1 Minute Walk
Yahara Tea and Chocolate	261 W Main Street	Breakout Class	2 Minute Walk
Tru By Hilton	2500 Jackson Street	Hotel Block Reserved	5 Minute Drive
Halvorsen's	1965 Barber Street	Banquet	8 Minute Drive

## Lodging:

### [Tru by Hilton Stoughton](#) (1.8 miles from Mandt Lodge)

2500 Jackson St, Stoughton, WI 53589

There is a block of rooms reserved for the Stevne Here for \$159.00. This room rate includes a complimentary shuttle to and from downtown. But those who book early may be able to get a better price.

Reservation Link [Stevne Reservation](#)

### [Quality Inn Stoughton](#) (1.6 miles from Mandt Lodge)

660 Nygaard St, Stoughton, WI 53589

### [Sleep Inn Suites](#) (7.7 miles from Mandt Lodge)

1120 Park St, Oregon, WI 53575

### [Quality Inn Edgerton](#) (14.1 miles from Mandt Lodge)

11102 N Goede Rd, Edgerton, WI 53534

### [Comfort Inn and Suites Madison East](#) (13.4 miles from Mandt Lodge)

3510 Millpond Rd, Madison, WI 53718

## Meals

Bus tour participants will be provided with Lunch at West Koshkonong Church, and our banquet will be on Friday night. A local restaurant guide will be included in the information packets for each attendee.