

Tre Lag Stevne - August 1-4, 2012 - Fargo, North Dakota  
Evaluation Results: 77 respondents.

**Wednesday Tour: 40 [57%] Attended**

1. Did you enjoy the tour of Hjemkomst Center? YES = 40 NO = 0  
2. Did you enjoy the tour of Prairie Public Broadcasting? YES = 40 NO = 0  
3. Did the dinner at Sons Of Norway meet your expectations? YES = 38 NO = 2

*COMMENTS: Very Good/Well planned/Interesting = 5. Wanted more time at Hjemkomst = 6. Hard to arrive in time for tour = 1. SON was great, especially rommegrot bars = 3. Prairie tour was highlight = 2.*

4. The TLS tour is usually Wednesday afternoon. Do you have a different preference?  
Wednesday PM = 12 Thursday PM = 8 Friday PM = 0 Saturday AM = 2 Anytime = 21

**Genealogy Lab: 55 [71.4%] Attended**

**5.** When did you use the lab?

Wed Eve = 52.7% Thurs PM = 67.2% Fri AM = 40%  
Thurs AM = 49% Thurs Eve = 42.8% Fri PM = 47.2%

6. Were the volunteers able to assist you with your research? YES = 43 [78%] NO = 0  
7. Did the genealogy resource materials meet your needs? YES = 42 [76%] No = 6 [11%]  
8. *What would improve your lab experience? More electrical outlets = 2. More assistants = 3. Provide list of resources available from lag = 1. They worked hard/ were great/ THANK YOU = 8. Bring own computer = 2. Allow more time = 1. Running out of existing records = 2.*

**Opening Ceremony; 70 [91%] Attended**

9. The opening ceremony is to welcome lag members and guests in a dignified, Norwegian-American manner. Did we maintain this goal? YES = 62 [80.5%] NO = 0

*Comments: Not sure I'd call it a ceremony = 1. Could add a little more to this = 2. Flags & poles should be same size = 2. Poor audio = 3. Need wider aisle for marching in/out flags and poles. = 1.*

**Keynote Speaker: 60 [78%] Attended**

10. Did Verlyn Anderson's *Old Photos - Voices of the Past* add to your understanding of the early Norwegian - American community? YES = 59 [98%] NO = 0

*Comments: He was great!/Interesting/Wonderful! = 24 [40%]*

**Hospitality Room: 62 [80.5%] Attended**

*Comments: Wonderful/Great/Good = 21. Thank You!! = 4. Good location & seating = 10. No need for hotel coffee - hospitality room is nicer = 1. Great coffee = 6. Selection was wonderful = 4. More up-front organization - 1. Open after opening ceremony = 1. BEST ever! = 2. Chex mix stale/awful = 1. No gluten free = 1*

**Friday Evening Hospitality Hour, Banquet and Program: 64 [83%] Attended**

11. The hospitality hour is intended to provide time for lag members and guests to interact with one another and meet new people. Was it successful? YES = 44 [69%] NO = 11 [17%]

12. Was your meal hot, tasty, sufficient? YES = 56 [87.5%] NO = 8 [12.5%]

13. Given a choice – 22 [34%] beef; 5 [8%] pork; 14 [22%] chicken; 31 [48%] salmon; 0 vegan.

*My comment - Some people who did not attend this banquet, did answer the food choice question.*

14. Did you find the preview of the 2013 Stevne in Madison WI interesting? YES = 57 NO = 1

*Comments: Say Table grace before serving = 2. Lovely evening = 3. No singing or music?? =*

*4. Melted dessert & tasteless beef = 1. Entertainment could stop at 9 = 6. Need coffee before/during/after meal = 12. Bar needs to be separate from tables for mingling = 7.*

*Potatoes & rice? = 1.*

**Frokost (Breakfast) on Saturday: 42 [54.5%] Attended**

15. Should this become a standard Stevne event? YES = 32 NO = 8

Comments: *If it can't be done right - don't continue. = 2. Too expensive for quantity/quality = 2. What happened? Closed way too early = 18. A great opportunity to meet people = 2.*

**Seminars:** Please circle the ones you attended with **YES** if you liked, **NO** if you didn't and **MORE** if you would like to hear this speaker again.

When	Who	What	YES	NO	MORE
Wed	Marilyn Sorensen	Classic & Internet Genealogy	24	2	20
Wed	Joan Buckley	Norwegian Immigrants Who Dared to Dream & To Do	25		15
Thur	Don Schwert	Geology of the Red River Valley	15	1	9
Thur	John Storlie	Autosomal Testing for Genetic Genealogy	34	3	14
Thur	Rick Scott	History of Skiing: Norwegians brought to N. America	12		6
Thur	Lawrence Moe	Carl Ben Eielsen - The Norwegian - American Lindberg	16	1	6
Thur	Jackie Henry	From Family Tree to Family History	20		6
Thur	Verla Rostad	Virtual Tour of Minot Scandinavian Heritage Museum	11		2
Thur	Fred Cogelow	Plainly Virtual Rurality	16		4
Th/Fr	Gary Romsaas	Government Technology For Genealogy: Google & GPS	36		28
Th/Fr	Ginny Nelson	Hardanger Klubb Embroidery & Workshop	15		14
Thur	Polly Johnson	Norwegian Dancing	8		5
Fri	Rick Crume	Tracing Family History: Online Books & Newspapers	26		13
Fri	Joy Lintelman	I Go To America - Life of Mina Anderson	17		8
Fri	Lawrence Moe	Colorado Pete: Tragedy, Triumph and Sex Appeal	17	1	4
Fri	Joy Lintelman	Think Outside (& Inside) Box: Reconstructing Imm. Life	28		11
Fri	Jackie Marler	Red River Genealogy	11	1	4
Fri	Verlyn Anderson	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Old Photos – Voices of the Past	29		20
Fri	Mark Peihl	Historical Photographers of Clay County	10		4
Fri	Carroll Engelhardt	Scandinavians and the Birth of Fargo & Moorhead	15		4
Sat	Diane Schmid	Beauty & Superstitions of Norwegian Jewelry	35		13
Sat	Dixie Hansen	Face Time With Your Ancestors: Photo Editing Techniques	30		17

**Events:** Please circle the ones you attended with **YES** if you liked, **NO** if you didn't and **MORE** if you would like to see more or similar presentations again.

Fred Cogelow	Plains Art Museum - Woodcarving Exhibit	21	4	11
Prairie Public Broadcasting	Documentaries	25		10
Movie	<i>Kitchen Stories (Salmer fra kjøkkenet)</i>	15	10	6

*Suggestion - Sweetland movie.*

## **Here is your chance to grade the overall Stevne Experience for 2012.**

A = 40 [52%] B = 20 [26%] C = 3 [3.8%] D = 1 [1.2%]

Did you buy anything from the vendors? YES = 61%

Where did you learn about the Fargo Stevne if not from your lag newsletter? My Mother/sister = 2, Friend = 2. Googled Gudbrandsdalen = 1. Local genealogy group = 1. Last Stevne = 3.

Will we see you in Madison WI in 2013? YES = 46 [60%] Too soon to tell 26 [34%]

### *More Comments:*

- 3 - *"Too many seminars at same time. Some had only a handful attending. I felt bad for the speaker."*
- 2 - *Seminar rooms cold.*
- 1 - *Carpet in hotel rooms was very dirty. Hotel rooms dark and dated*
- 1 - *Thurs - Sunday would be nice with a church service on Sunday.*
- 1 - *Share your skills with Vestlands - they need help.*
- 1 - *"Need to keep Stevne going until the end - vendors, displays, etc. It feels like everything was done and packed. Saturday feels like an afterthought".*
- 1 - *"Request presenter's outlines/notes to include in the Stevne handbook for reference & note taking. This could also be helpful because we can't attend all the seminars."*
- 2 - *Need seminar classes on computer skills: DropBox, Facebook, Digitalarkivet, FamilySearch etc.*
- 1 - *Keep seminar schedule together [in Stevne booklet or on walls??] not plastered around.*
- 6 - *Wonderful time/Great planning/Another great Stevne/Thank You*
- 2 - *Please provide programming from NAGC-Naeseth.*
- 1 - *"Too long, too much, too expensive." This person did not attend the tour, the gen lab or opening ceremony. Gave Stevne a "D" rating.*