

# Presenter Suggestions for Tre Lag Stevne August 2014 – Elaine Hasleton

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## **Elaine Hasleton, FamilySearch:**

- Title of presentation: “Was my childhood home really a hospital? This house in Alexandria, MN may have been where my Grandma’s little brother died in 1895.” Learn how you can research your house history and what sources are available.

## **Kim Dillon, Douglas County Historical Society:**

- Recommended **Gary Lund**, who portrays, in period dress, and tells the history of Knute Nelson, Norwegian immigrant who became a Senator and Governor of Minnesota.
  - Elaine still needs to discuss this with Mr. Lund.
- **Kathy Albertson Sletto**, author of *Douglas County’s Immigrants, Ethnic Settlement Patterns and Immigrant architecture in Rural Minnesota*.
  - She will not be able to be a presenter, but I will contact **Taryn Flolid** of Alexandria to do this presentation. Taryn is currently visiting her daughter in Sweden. She has been recommended by two people as a good presenter.

## **Blaine Hedberg:**

- Presentation about the Norwegian settlements in West Central Minnesota area. Also included will be info on some of the travels of Rev Realf Ottesen Brandt, and the congregations he visited in Douglas and Stearns Counties, MN in the 1867 timeframe. Taken from his journals and notes. Info about whom he baptized etc.

## **John Decker, Stearns History Museum:**

- Called **Steve Barthel**, native of St. Cloud, former staff member of Stearns History Museum, who is specialized in German and Polish settlements of the area. He will not be in town at the time of Stevne.
- Steve recommended **John Decker**, Archivist, at Stearns History Museum. I have called John and am waiting for his return phone call. This is to focus on other ethnic groups in Stearns County and area.

***Elaine will continue with contacting these individuals to obtain titles of these presentations, if the Stevne Committee approves.***