

2015 EVALUATION Results - Tre Lag Stevne: August 5-8, 2015 in Eau Claire, WI

66 papers were turned in - about 50%?

[Y = yes, N=no, NA = no answer, 4.0 = A, 3.0 = B, 2.0 = C, 1.0 = D]

Attended Wed. Tour: 24=Yes, 26=No, 16=NA [Pioneer Village/Chetek Museum/Dovre Church]
 7=Enjoyed/Good tour. 2= Too long on bus. 1=Nice bus. 2= Liked Pioneer Village. 5=Dovre Church was wonderful & good treats. 2=Enjoyed Robin Fossum narrative. 2=Historical sites & churches always good. 1= Having a guide would have been helpful. 1= Liked not having a guide so could wander.

Seminars: Please grade the content of the seminars.

[#grades, GPA]

Seminars	Speaker	[#grades, GPA]
Beginning Norwegian Genealogy - Jumping the Pond	Linda Schwartz	13 = 3.46
KEYNOTE: Giving Voice to Norwegian American Stories	Tim Hirsch	46 = 3.70
American Birkebeiner Ski Race - Our Bridge to Norse Culture	John Kotar	12 = 3.75
Tips for Creating a Genealogy/Family History Book	Helen Scherer	31 = 3.65
Norwegian Newspapers in America	Odd Lovoll	35 = 3.14
Wisconsin Pinery - A Beacon to Emigrants	John Kotar	20 = 3.60
Resources at the Norwegian American Historical Association	Amy Boxrud	24 = 3.58
Norwegians in Logging Camps: Immigrants in WI Pineries	Glenn Borreson	20 = 3.55
From Sentence in Norway to Freedom - Ragnild's Story	Vigdis Stensby/Torill Steivang	27 = 3.67
In the Beginning there was the Nykelharpa	Renee Vaughan	14 = 3.93
From Posten to Posting - Staying in Touch	Dixie Hansen & Chris Falteisek	20 = 3.85
Kvinden og Hjemmet Magazine	Laurann Gilbertson	16 = 3.56
Power of the Printing Press	Margurite Ragnow	11 = 3.82
The 15th Wisconsin - Civil War - For Gud og Vort Land	Scott Meeker	30 = 3.53
Steamboats in the Timber	Glen Brandvold	14 = 3.64

Do you have specific comments about one or more of the sessions you attended?

1=Try to repeat more sessions. 1=All rooms too warm. 8=Excellent sessions. 3=Great quality Speakers. 1=Good variety. 1=Scott Meeker ran long. 1=Scott Meeker excellent research & photos. 1=John Kotar & Glenn Borreson's sessions were the same down to the pictures. 1=John Kotar was terrific, know-ledgeable excellent presenter. 2=Appreciate Helen Scherer handout. 1=Dixie and Chris always interesting. 3= hard time hearing because of bad microphones. 1=unable to attend other sessions because of overlap. 2=Renee Vaughan was excellent. 1=don't like being read to. 1=Tom Hirsch outstanding. 1=Lovell hard to hear. 1= Ragnild's Story taught a lot about law and attitude in 19th century Norway and partially explained why some of our ancestors left Norway. Having presentations from Norway each year adds to the flavor of Stevne.

What would you like in future seminars?

General Genealogy	14	Photo help	10	Online Genealogy sites	16
Emigration Stories	21	State/County History	9	Norwegian History, 1400-??	12
Norwegian Pronunciation	15	Facebook - Dropbox	1	Update on DNA results	2

4=Rosemaling, wookcarving, weaving, knitting sessions. 1=Researching records other than BMD in Norway.

1=There are 3-4 Gausdal gen websites and others specific to Gudbrandsdal, Hedmark & Trøndelag. Why not have a session devoted to comparing the sites. 1=Historical based seminar. 1=info on antiques; where to appraise, how to sell. 1= How important it is to save information for future generations. 1= Great Norwegian American success stories. 1= Choose a great Norwegian author or musician and develop a program around his or her work.

Attended Wednesday's Movie: Brudeferden - 12 people checked that they attended. **Five** thought it was: excellent/great/neat/awesome/fun.

Attended Hospitality Room: 55 attended without one complaint! **18** = Great/excellent/best yet. **1**=Thanks for hard work by Gay & Dave and email reminder. **3**=Appreciate all the hard work. **1**=Seattle's Best Coffee!! **6**=Like tables and vendors close. **2**=Great set-up space. **2**=Good variety.

Attended Genealogy Lab: 29 attended. They want: **1**=More time. **4**=Don't close early. **2**=Room size excellent and set-up by Kommune excellent. **2**=More helpers. **3**=Excellent. **1**=I need to be more prepared next year. **1**=I found 40-50% of what I wanted - I'm happy! **1**=Great assortment. **1**=Maybe time to upgrade the copy machine. **2**=Wifi not the best. **1**=Important part of Stevne. **1**=need plenty of floor outlets.

Attended Friday's Banquet, Program & Entertainment: **31** Attended. **2**=Chicken hard or undercooked. **1**=Dessert was great. **1**=Wait staff seemed to be rushing to get us out.

Did you enjoy MJ Recorder Consort: The Troll With No Heart in his Body? **34**=Yes, **8**=No, **3**=Y+N. **1**=Too long. **1**=More music, less story. **3**=Amazingly good. **1**=A bit slow in spots, but fun, thematically relevant humor. **4**=Interesting but geared for children/immature. **1**=Enjoyable, different, not too long. **1**=Nicely done.

Finding entertainment is a challenge. How important is this part? **13**=HIGH, **27**= MEDIUM, **2**= LOW
1=Good speaker on currant topics. **1**= Good story teller. **2**=Norwegian music or humor.

Attended Saturday's Frokost (Breakfast) **37**=Yes, **22**=No, **7**=NA
Comments & ideas: **2**=Good closure to fun gathering. **1**=Expected more authentic Norwegian food items. **2**=Great. **1**=As usual, not good! **1**=Not worth the price. [ed. - especially when Hotel has a free breakfast]

Attended Saturday's Antique "Roadshow". **19**=Yes
2=Lots of fun - keep doing this. **2**=Have him as banquet entertainment. **2**=Couldn't stay/forgot.

Please grade your overall 2015 Stevne experience. **34**= A, **20**=B, **1**= C, **11**=NA --- 3.6 average.
3=Excellent. **3**=Very good programs and presenters. **4**=Sing along with the Langs was great. **2**=TreLag musicians were very enjoyable, more music please. **1**=Have some door prizes. **1**= Hotel facilities so so. **1**=Plaza in Eau Claire is one of the nicest meeting locations in the past 10 years; good food, good meeting space, good rooms and good staff. **1**=None of the program items were truly outstanding. **2**=Hotel rooms were cold and lamps/electrical outlets not working. **1**= Hotel service went downhill after first day. **1**= construction noise not acceptable. **3**=Poor WiFi. **2**=Carried luggage up two flights of stairs because no elevator.

2015 Vendors. Did you buy anything? **34**=YES, **23**=NO, **9**=NA
Did we have enough vendors? **8**=More would be nice. **5**=Just right **2**=A few new ones.
8=Wearables, **6**=Collectables, **10**=Readables, **9**=Fun stuff. **1**=Would like rosemaled aprons.

We still need your input to find good facilities for Stevne: Decorah IA, La Crosse-Madison-Oconomowac WI, Fergus Falls MN. La Crosse- tour Mons Anderson's house, Senge Farm [fjord horse]. Norskadalen. Spring Grove Minnesota - Giants of the Earth heritage center.

Anything else you'd like to add - share - tell - offer? **2**=Get registration form out earlier. **1**=missed the usual pitchers of water in the seminar rooms. **2**=More Norwegian culture/art classes. **1**=encourage couples to join up for meals, encourage regulars to welcome new attendees. **1**=You're a special group! **1**=less music during Bunad parade - hard to hear people talk. **6**=Great time, Thanks for all your hard work, keep up the good work. **1**=See you next year! **3**=Loved the included breakfast each day!.

Remember: We are Norwegians . . . and we can change --- someone responded - "WHY???"

For grins and giggles - I used Dragon Naturally Speaking for this form. Tre Lag = tree log, Gudbrandsdal = good for install.