

2014 Tre Lag Stevne EVALUATION Results

I don't remember the final number of attendees -- but 88 evaluations were returned.

This is my 4th year of creating and tallying the evaluations. This Stevne was a little different = more people (11) commented that the Kelly Inn facilities were good/great/outstanding, that the hotel rooms were wonderful/quiet/clean and not one complaint about meeting rooms being too cold. In fact - there were no complaints about the facilities at all! Maybe we need to keep that in mind about 4 years from now.

Tour of Stearns History Museum and St. Mary's Cathedral - 43 Attended.

Not so good = 5, Good local history = 2, Not relevant = 3, Too long at church = 3, More time at museum = 5, One suggested that we open the tour to SON members in the area.

Tour's Box Dinner: Excellent=8 Good=24 OK=10 Uffda=0

Comments: Apples difficult to eat = 2, Apple was tart = 1, Serve meal while on tour not after we return to hotel = 4, Serve wine/beer with dinner = 1, Offer salad instead of chips = 1

Seminar Comments: Not enough seats at keynote speakers session = 6, Liked Birgitta's personal, present-day narrative = 2, More Blaine Hedberg = 1, Excellent seminars = 3

Linda Schwartz	4.0	Taryn Flolid	3.6	John Christianson	3.8	Gary Lund	2.8
Blaine Hedberg	3.8	Col. Scott St.Sauver	3.8	Chris Falteisek & Birgitta Åryd	3.8	Elaine Hasleton	3.7
Chris Falteisek	3.7	Sandy Hendrickson	3.7	Clarice Dieter	3.1	Harold Zosel	3.2

Ideas for future seminars:

General genealogy help = 18 Help with photos = 21	Norwegian farm/city life = 23 Using online genealogy sites = 25	Writing/Printing a family history = 36 Emigrant stories = 24
Local history = 14 Norwegian pronunciation = 12	Norway history = 23 Norwegian Royalty = 6	Norwegian textiles with Laurann Gilbertson from Vesterheim.
Bunad Workshop, Rosemaling, chip carving, Kransekaker, making lefse	New technology = 2 Using new http://arkivverket.no/ = 1	When was the move to permanent last names? What was the old naming system?
Where to find Norw.civil records, Norway farm & land structure, farm naming system.	DNA findings/stories. What was life like after immigration?	Music in Norway, How to read old script,

Movie: Trollhunter 31 attended.

Comments & Ideas: Good/humorous/funny/fun idea/cool movie = 16, show it again = 2, Beautiful scenery = 1, great fellowship = 2, uffda = 1

Hospitality Room: 73 attended.

Pros: Nice room & tables! = 5, tasty/good variety/best ever/well organized/great coffee = 30 THANKS DAVE = 2, Great place to relax and meet people = 5

Cons: Should be on same level = 1, Have closer to vendors = 2

Genealogy Lab: 50 attended.

Pros: New layout worked well/best arrangement ever = 7, excellent assistance = 5, THANKS to Kris = 1,

Cons: Need Soknadal books to go further back = 1, More time on Friday/open Wednesday afternoon = 4

Banquet & Entertainment: 69 attended. Keep Bunad Parade = 27

Pro: Great food = 2 **Con:** Offer something besides salmon & beef = 1, table shorted on lefse & bread = 1

1. Did you enjoy ventriloquist Kevin Dooley's program? **YES = 55, No = 5**

2. How important is Entertainment? **HIGH = 12 MEDIUM=40 LOW=13**

Something humorous = 6, bring back the sing-a-long = 18, hire musicians = 3, maybe a polka band = 1
 3. Next Stevne: Several people wanted to return to hearing about the up-coming stevne at either the banquet or breakfast. Also suggested showing tour high-lights from up-coming tours and previous tours to Norway. Personally -- I'd love to see pictures and routes taken by all 3 groups -- good way to advertise for future trips!

(Breakfast) 62 attended.

Pros: great coffee = 1, great/nice/well stocked = 3, OK/not Norwegian but who cares = 4

Cons: food was cold = 4, needs fruit/berries/pickled beets = 5, expensive for cold food = 1, poor: similiar to 'free' elsewhere = 1,

"Roadshow" 28 attended.

Fun idea! = 5, repeat but not on Saturday = 3, forgot to bring item = 2, Fun to see what others brought = 1

Grade for 2014 Stevne: 3.6 [43=A, 24=B, 1=C, 1=D]

Pros: Well organized, friendly, good communication with posters and registration desk, easy access to most things, always good time, great speakers.

Cons: Not enough time to do it all, hard to find others researching same area, need younger people, find a place with breakfast included, need good shuttle connections to airport.

2014 Vendors. 39 buyers.

Many said they would like more vendors. Suggested: Vesterheim Store, Norwegian Shop in Alexandria MN, Jacob's Lefse in Osakis, MN. Also wanted vendors to sell: Christmas gifts, cards & flags, bunad jewelry and fastenings, Norwegian chocolate & candy.

Most interested in:

Wearables = 11	Collectables = 8
Readables = 17	Fun stuff = 10

Trudy's short form survey:

Had a Good time	69	Made a new friend	61
Learned something new	65	See you in 2015	36

Which states are best for you to attend Stevne? Higher is better.

Illinois = 1.6	Iowa = 2.6	Minnesota = 3.6	N. Dakota = 2.4	S. Dakota = 2.5	Wisconsin = 3.3
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We still need your input to find good facilities for Stevne.

Telemark in Cable WI Radisson Hotel in La Crosse WI Arrowwood Resorts, Alexandria MN &
 tour of Andy's Tower Hills, Thumper Pond in Ottertail, MN Holiday Inn, Wilmar MN [newly remodeled],

Cities mentioned: Madison/Stoughton/SunPrairie WI --- Twin Cities MN -- Rochester MN -- 4 want Fargo ND -
 - 3 want Sioux Falls SD --- La Crosse WI -- 3 want Fergus Falls MN -- Rockford IL.

Rotate between Eau Claire, LaCrosse/Decorah, Fergus Falls, Fargo.

- I forgot to put anything about the Thursday evening music on the evaluation -- and several people took notice. 10+ people wanted to let the Langs know that they really enjoyed the music. And they want to have it repeated next year!
- 7 people suggested that we record the seminars. They want them posted to the lag sites, or offered for sale, but they want to see the ones they missed or just to revisit the information presented. This might be a way to raise funds for the Stevne or lags.
- One would like a list of attendees in their packet.
- A few found the Stevne booklet confusing and would like the seminar schedule on consecutive pages.
- What is the 2016 Norway tour about?
- Finally, the next tour date should avoid the Dist 18 International Convention. [ed. - ???]