

Expanding Horizons

2007 Sons of Norway Foundation Annual Report





*“How will our children know who they are
if they don’t know where they came from?”*

John Steinbeck

Our Mission

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provides assistance to our members, lodges and their communities.



Message From The Director



Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to share with you all we have accomplished in 2007. This report represents a brief snapshot, from our grant and scholarship recipients themselves, of the positive impact our foundation is making.

We are a Foundation of connections. We connect culture to communities through our grants. We connect the present to the future through our scholarships. We connect our members with disaster relief assistance through our Humanitarian Fund. Each of these connections allow us to share the many facets of our unique Norwegian heritage and culture with you.

We are continually amazed at the imagination and creativity of the projects our lodges are undertaking. Our scholarship recipients are equally amazing, studying so many varied fields preparing them for life in the 21st century while connecting them to their heritage.

All of these connections have strengthened the bonds with our members and communities. Connecting with you, our donors, recipients and friends is our pleasure. Feel free to connect with us on-line, by phone or in the mail.

Respectfully,
Cindy Olson
Director
foundation@sofn.com

Success Stories From



Helping Hands to Children

Sarah Longwing, Valhall Lodge 5-168

"We, the members of the musical/storytelling group Sarah Longwing, would like to thank the Sons of Norway Foundation for their contributions to our recent tour of schools and community centers in Illinois and Wisconsin. It has been our mission during this tour to promote awareness and enjoyment of Norwegian culture through music, storytelling, dance and folk art."

"There is no genuine education without earnest life-to-life interaction and inspiration. People grow through interaction with people." Diasaku Ikeda

Helping Hands to Children

Poulsbo Lodge 2-044

"Thanks to the grant we received from the Sons of Norway Foundation we were able to take 50 youth dancers to the Folkdans Stemme in Mt. Vernon, WA. Everyone from Poulsbo Lodge enjoyed learning new dances, songs and making friends. The children enjoyed the opportunity to learn from Norwegian Dancers. Thank you."



Our Grant Recipients

Local Lodge Partnership Grant

Enighed Lodge 4-307

"Our grant helped fund the District Four Folk Dance Workshop. Seventy-five dancers from Montana, North Dakota and Canada took part in the workshop. The event was open to the public and included a wonderful closing grand march which was enjoyed by dancers and spectators alike."



General Culture & Heritage Grant

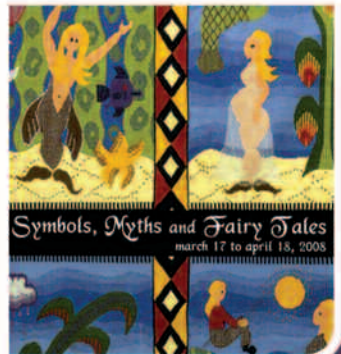
Gwen Workman - "Magnus the Troll"

"Thank you so much for the grant. I decided to write "Magnus the Troll" for my grandson, to keep him inspired to continue writing. I wove some of my childhood and my family through the story. It is my hope that others will take a part of their culture and walk forward with it to teach the next generation."

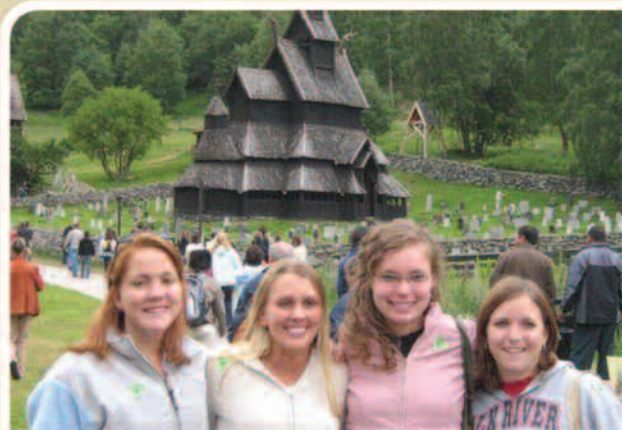
General Culture & Heritage Grant

Symbols, Myths and Fairy Tales Exhibit

"This grant was awarded to the Scandinavian Weavers of the Minnesota Weavers Guild. Taking their cues from Norse mythology and fairy tales, these contemporary weavers depicted all the Norwegian favorites from the Three Billy Goats Gruff to the ancient gods."



The Experiences of Our



2007 Tronvold Folk School

Hannah Stevens

"Getting a chance to go to Norway was truly a life changing adventure. Not only did I learn the language and make new lifelong friends, I was able to do things I never thought possible. Thank you."

"I will remember this trip for a lifetime. My interest and knowledge of Norway, its history and its people has only deepened."

Erica Haugvedt, 2007 Tronvold Folk School

2007 OISS Student

Mariel Blomstrand

"This summer at the University of Oslo was most certainly the best summer of my life. I met so many amazing people, from so many parts of the world, I really feel that I have a much more international perspective on the world. Europe, Scandinavia, Asia and Africa no longer seem quite so 'foreign' as they did before."



er Scholarship Recipients



2007 Oslo International Summer School Students



2007 King Olav V

Katie Parent

"Oslo is a very quiet city. Late at night it can be so quiet that you can't hear anything but your own footsteps or maybe an airplane – very different from my college town in the US! Working at the US Embassy makes me feel like a citizen of the world."

"It is an amazing thing to go study in another country, walk into a program knowing nearly no one, and then walk out at the end with good friends from all over the globe. I really feel like I have a much more international perspective on the world now."

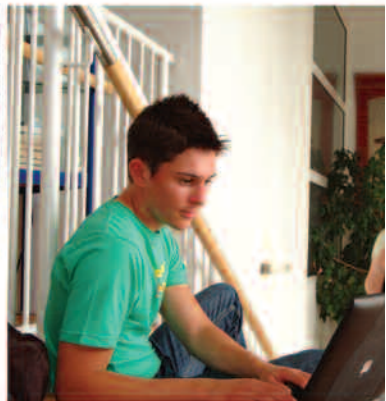
Marjel Bloomstrand, 2007 ISS Student

Is There Anything I Can Do To Help?

We want you to realize what one gift can do. Your gift plays a vital role in funding and expanding the scholarship and grant opportunities that we are able to offer. With your help we are able to provide students with scholarships that expand their horizons and connect them to their heritage.

You help our lodges and communities promote Norwegian heritage and culture to a new multi-generational audience. Through grants we are able to help lodges bring in cultural skills specialists, undertake restoration projects, plan community-wide heritage festivals and share our unique culture with children.

Your support enables the Sons of Norway Foundation to create opportunities for cross-cultural exchange. We fund visiting musical groups, theatre productions and cultural instructors. Our scholarship recipients are studying in all parts of Norway at folk schools, universities, urban studies programs and scientific research stations.



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead

\$100

- ✓ brings a cultural skills specialist to your lodge for programming.
- ✓ purchases books for an Adopt A School library
- ✓ pays for a Barnas Norsk Klubb program at your lodge.
- ✓ pays for one field trip for a Sons of Norway youth club.



\$5,000

pays for a Norwegian musical group to tour Sons of Norway lodges.

\$10,000

brings a theater or musical company to your lodge/community

\$250

- ☞ prints all the materials you need to host a Norwegian weekend camp.
- ☞ funds a local genealogy workshop.
- ☞ pays for supplies for a rosemaling expert to teach one class.

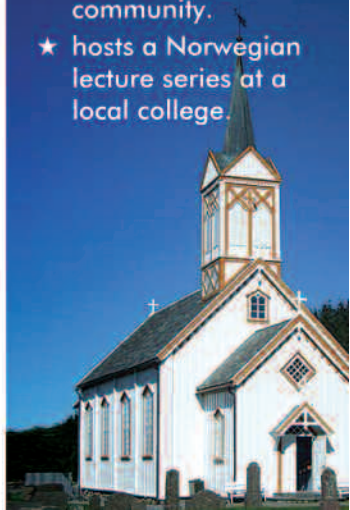
\$500

- ☞ allows a child to attend one week of youth heritage camp.
- ☞ pays for recordings of Norwegian composers.
- ☞ funds a folk dance workshop.
- ☞ pays for books for a college student.
- ☞ sponsors a summer bookmobile program for Adopt A School.
- ☞ purchases cross-country ski equipment for a school.
- ☞ brings "Ole Oleson and his traveling emigrant trunk" to a lodge event.



\$1,000

- ★ helps a student to travel to Norway as part of a performing group.
- ★ brings a Norwegian display to your local art museum.
- ★ hosts a rieg concert in your community.
- ★ hosts a Norwegian lecture series at a local college.



2007 Financial Statement

Founded in 1966 the Sons of Norway Foundation today has assets of more than 4.5 million.

Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us. The financial information contained in this annual report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2007 audited financial statements for the Sons of Norway Foundation.

REVENUES

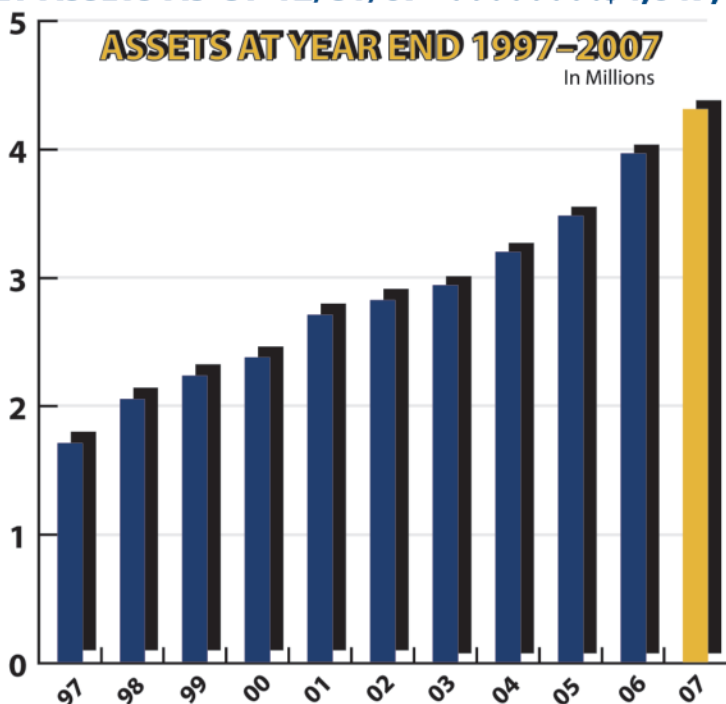
Contributions	\$301,691
Merchandise Sales (Net of Expenses)	\$3,047
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$170,938
Investment Income	\$108,897
Total Revenues	\$584,573

DEDUCTIONS

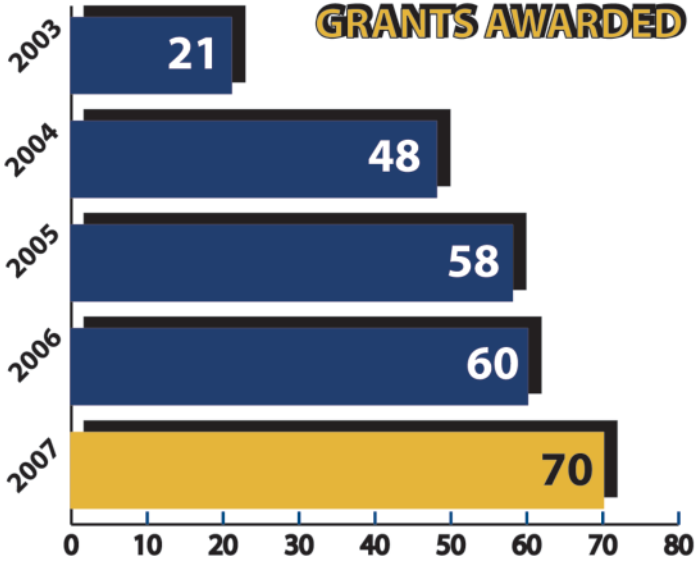
Grants and Scholarships	\$130,759
Expenses	\$92,216
Total Deductions	\$222,975

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS\$361,598

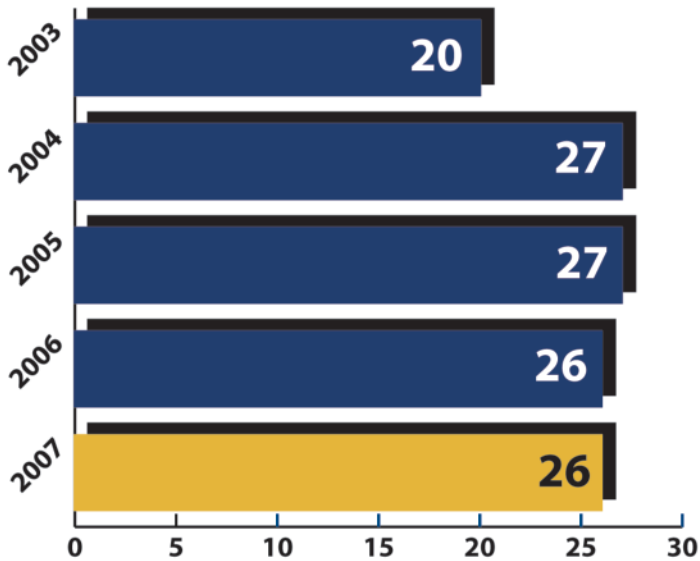
NET ASSETS AS OF 12/31/07\$4,647,165



GRANTS AWARDED



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED





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2007 Foundation Year in Review

- 17** General Heritage and Culture Grants, totaling \$8,550, were awarded this year for everything from regional folk dancing workshops to the Nobel Peace Prize Festival.
- 27** Sons of Norway lodges received Local Lodge Partnership Grants, totaling \$10,825, to host innovative heritage programming such as rosemaling classes, bunad workshops, viking encampments, heritage fests and many more.
- 26** Sons of Norway lodges received Helping Hands to Children Grants, totaling \$10,210, for Adopt A School programming which included cross-country ski equipment, books, activity trunks, musical performances and hands-on demonstrations.
- 27** Scholarships totaling \$66,350 were awarded this year to students studying a myriad of subjects such as science, archeology, environmental sciences and European history.
- 200** Scholarships were awarded to Sons of Norway youth heritage campers, totaling \$10,768, to attend district Norwegian heritage camps and Skogfjorden Language Village.
- 3** Helping Hands to Members Grants, \$2,500, from our Humanitarian Fund were given to members and communities following natural disasters.

You Make What We Do Possible



For the Sons of Norway Foundation, 2007 was a year to remember. We saw an increase in the number of scholarships and grants available, which translated into more students achieving their scholastic goals, more cultural programming and, above all, a greater opportunity to help members in need.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is proud of all it's done over the past year, but the true credit belongs to you, the donor. Your support has made all these accomplishments possible, and for that the Sons of Norway Foundation and all its grant and scholarship recipients say a heart-felt "thank you." Your contribution has made an impact on the lives of many and you should feel proud.

However, as great as 2007 was, our work is not done. Even though we were able to award many amazing grants and scholarships, there are still many worthwhile requests that go unfunded. That's why continuing your support of the Foundation in the future is so important. Your ongoing contributions will ensure that we can make a difference in the lives of others for years to come.

Again, thank you for supporting the Sons of Norway Foundation!

Sons of Norway Foundation

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