

Sons of Norway Foundation
2011 Annual Report

Lighting the Way

Grant Opportunities

Local Lodge Partnership Grants

Offered to Sons of Norway lodges that wish to promote Norwegian heritage through programming in their communities.

General Heritage & Culture Grants

Offered to individuals, groups or organizations that promote Norwegian heritage and culture to wider audiences.

Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund

Founded in 1997 in response to the Red River Floods of 1997, this fund offers two kinds of grants:

Helping Hands to Members Grants

Awarded to Sons of Norway members who lose their homes to natural disasters.

In June of 2011, 39 Sons of Norway families, members of Thor lodge 4-067, of the Minot, North Dakota, lost their homes to the severe flooding of the Souris River. To help with their recovery efforts, each of these families received a Helping Hands to Members Grant for \$1,000. The recipients have asked us to thank the members and lodges who have financially supported the Foundation Humanitarian Fund that has made this financial help possible. They are grateful for the outpouring of fraternal support they have received from members and lodges across the United States, Canada and Norway.

Helping Hands to Children Grants

Awarded to Sons of Norway lodges to support, Project Framtid (Adopt-A-School) and children's heritage programming.



Scholarship Opportunities

King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarships

The fund welcomes applications from American students 18 and older wishing to pursue the study of Norwegian topics or Norwegian students 18 and older wishing to study American topics.

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarships

For sophomore, junior and senior college women, 18-36, studying specific areas of science and engineering.

Oslo Summer School Scholarships

For students to experience an eight week study abroad program at the University of Oslo.

Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarships

For students 18 or older to study for an entire school year at one of Norway's seventy folk high schools.

Astrid Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships

For any post high school study at an accredited school.

Lund Fund Scholarships

For accredited study abroad experiences.

The Draxten Fund

For youth to attend one of the many Norwegian heritage camps offered throughout Sons of Norway Districts in the United States.



The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture. We have grown in our focus and offerings so that in 2011 we have six categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

What is our passion?

- Creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success
- Showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences
- Exploring cross cultural exchanges
- Providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters

We fulfill our mission by ...

- Continuing the Norwegian-American value of higher education through college scholarships
- Showcasing Norwegian heritage and culture
- Supporting Sons of Norway lodges and their communities to provide quality Norwegian themed programming through grants
- Promoting cross-cultural exchanges between the US and Norway, strengthening our bonds
- Preserving Norwegian heritage for future generations
- Promoting Norwegian cultural opportunities through the arts
- Offering Sons of Norway members aid following natural disasters

You may contact us at **foundation@sofn.com** or 1-800-945-8851 or check us out at **www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation**.

We invite you to join in our efforts by donating your time, talents and assets to help us achieve our goals.

**Learning is a treasure that will follow
its owner everywhere.**



Lighting the Way, the title of this year's annual report, speaks to the many ways our Foundation sheds light on education, presentation and preservation of our shared Norwegian-American traditions and values.

Our scholarship recipients remind us of the many ways that Norway is currently lighting the way in the fields of design, engineering, natural resource preservation and in the area of peace diplomacy. The students also tell of us what it was like to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with Norwegians in the streets of Oslo following the senseless violence of this past July.

Our local lodges and the communities they serve were awarded grants to assist with Norwegian themed programming from the October visit of King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway to the traveling musicians presenting to area lodges and schools. Scandinavian and Nordic festivals were held by our lodges from Yuma, AZ to New Bedford, MA. Barneløpets were sponsored in Colorado, Minnesota and Iowa. All these opportunities were done with the financial support of your Foundation.

Lastly, as we all watched on television the devastating flooding occur in the Minot, North Dakota area in June of 2011, your Foundation, with the help of members on the ground in Minot, was identifying member victims and issuing 39 families, all members of Thor 4-067, Helping Hands to Members Grants.

We look forward to lighting the way in the future with your help. Please check out the Foundation section of the Sons of Norway website at www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation to see how your donations are making a difference every day.

Fraternally,

Cindy Olson

2011 Year in Review

Sons of Norway Foundation

Grants Awarded

33 General Heritage & Culture Grants

Grants totaling \$14,975 were used for everything from parade participation to workshops on rosemaling, folk dancing and genealogy. Also funded were theater productions, concerts and Nordic festivals.

23 Helping Hands to Children Grants

Grants totaling \$5,936 allowed lodges to sponsor heritage day camps, barneløpets and Norwegian presentations to area schools. Book bags and library books were purchased for students.

15 Local Lodge Partnership Grants

Grants totaling \$4,460 helped lodges with Norwegian celebrations from Poulsbo, WA to Estes Park, CO. Cultural skills presenters were brought in to form special interest groups within lodges.

39 Helping Hands to Members Grants

Grants totaling \$39,000 supporting 39 Thor Lodge 4-067 families as they recover from the June 2011 flooding of the Souris River in the Minot, ND area.

110 opportunities funded for \$64,371!

Scholarship Awarded

26 College Students Received Scholarships

Awards totaling \$82,067 to light the way to their educational dreams. Nine are studying abroad and 17 are studying stateside.

200 Heritage Camp scholarships were awarded from Foundation Draxten Funds

Awards totaling \$8,855 was shared among the six districts within the US for children and grandchildren of Sons of Norway members to attend Norwegian heritage camps. This is giving the next generation a taste of their unique Norwegian heritage.

226 Scholarship Opportunities Awarded totaling \$90,222

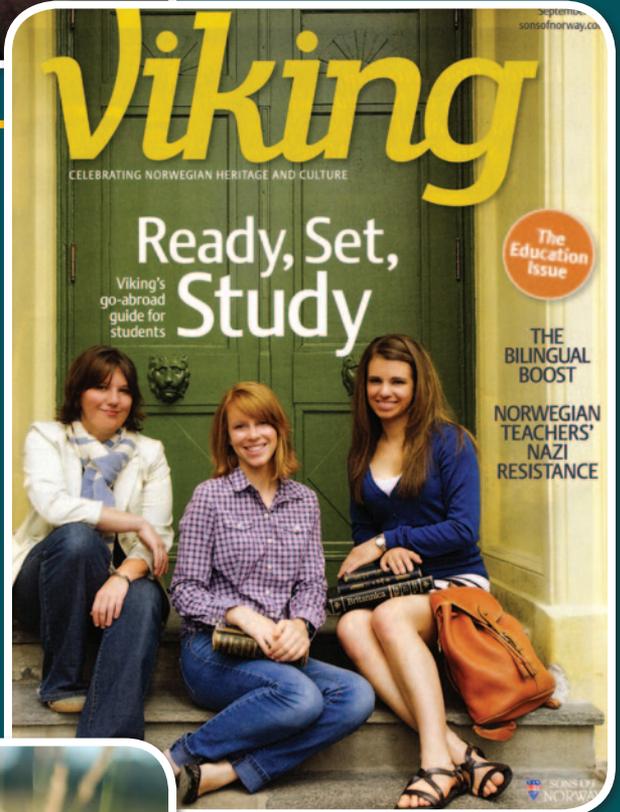
In 2011 the Sons of Norway Foundation Awarded over **\$146,000** in Grants and Scholarships!



Sallie Steiner

King Olav V
Scholarship
Recipient

**International
Summer School
Students Study
Abroad in Oslo,
Norway**



Ainslie Avery

Lund Fund
Scholarship
Recipient





Sigrid Arneson

Tronvold Folk
High School
Scholarship
Recipient



Danielle Taylor

Oslo International
Summer School
Scholarship
Recipient

Solina Bressler

Carl M. Saltveit
Scholarship
Recipient





Flooding in Minot, ND

Souris River, 2011



Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund

This fund provides "Helping Hands to Members Grants" to Sons of Norway members following natural disasters.



Viking Days 2011

General Heritage & Culture Grants

The Nordic Heritage Museum Viking Days festival is one of the Museum's largest events to promote Nordic culture. The festival draws the diverse

Seattle community together to celebrate its Scandinavian heritage and it is through this festival that we reach the widest demographic allowing us to further expand our community outreach efforts in sharing Nordic arts, culture and history

The weekend long festival took place July 16 & 17 and welcomed almost 5,000 visitors. The grant from the Sons of Norway Foundation allowed the Museum to host the Viking Encampment which offered historical reenactments and craft demonstrations.



Norwegian 17th of May, Seattle

General Heritage & Culture Grants

On behalf of the 17th of May Committee, thank you very much for the grant given to us by the Sons of Norway Foundation to help support this year's celebration of Norway's Constitution day. We had a wonderfully successful event. Our luncheon was attended by 250 people. Live entertainment took place at Bergen Place and the parade had a record 94 units entered!





Hedda Gabler

Roald Lodge 2-039

General Heritage & Culture Grants

Our event was a great success! Thank you to the Sons of Norway Foundation for helping to make this special event possible, the grant was greatly appreciated.

We went to great length to decorate the theatre lobby, so it would have as much Norwegian decor as possible, we included a birch tree with Norwegian flags, rosemaling, viking ships, viking paintings and famous posters and paintings. Everyone enjoyed the Norwegian goodies, decor and the play was very good.

2012 Longfellow Choral Festival

Ole Bull, Longfellow & Elgar: Scenes from the Saga of King Olaf



On behalf of Concerts in the Heights we would like to thank you for the generous support for our Norwegian-themed concerts in May 2011. We presented Norwegian flutist Celcilie Løken and Norwegian horn player Karl Kramer in concerts in Fort Washington Collegiate Church. The evening concert on April 12 was received enthusiastically! The highlight of the evening was the world premiere of a set of 3 variations on the Norwegian folk song "Om Kvelden når det Mørkner" written by Ms. Løken and Mr. Kramer.



Norskfodt Lodge 1-590

Helping Hands to Children

We would like to express our thanks to the Foundation for the Helping Hands & Children's grant to buy books to distribute to the area schools. They appreciated them very much. Included is a picture from the Morris Area Elementary School with lodge members Marilyn Syverson and Avis Brandt presenting the book on the Vikings to Becky Hennen.



Marilyn Syverson
Adopt A School Coordinator
Norskfodt Lodge 1-590, Morris, MN

Annual Lutefisk Fete

General Heritage & Culture Grants

Several hundred people filled the Eagles Hall on Nov. 12 for the "Annual Traditional Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner" given by Sons of Norway Solheim Lodge 6-069.



Traditional Norwegian costumes were worn by many partygoers and folk music and dance were provided by a group that appears across the United States through a grant provided by the Sons of Norway Foundation.

From all of us, Thank you!

Students in Oslo

Regarding July tragedy:

"I ended up at the cathedral where people were gathering. Jens Stoltenberg, the Prime Minister, had made an appearance there that morning. It was an extremely humbling experience to see so many people come out and come together

to honor the victims of the bombing and shooting. I myself lit a candle inside the cathedral to show my support and give my prayers and hopes. I have to admire how calm and stoic the Norwegians are about the situation. Of course, it is also very solemn, but it's not panic. Rather, every person is united together."

Danielle Taylor, 2011 Oslo Summer School recipient



Regarding Study Abroad Experience:

Wow! What an amazing and tremendous experience I had in Oslo at the International Summer School! It was an experience that I wouldn't trade and I have wonderful memories of the school and friends that will last my lifetime! I have so much to share about my fabulous, life-changing experience. I have come away with an even greater appreciation and love for Norway and the amazing people that live there. The faculty and staff were wonderful and proved to be so caring and concerned about all of us especially during those dark days of the terrible tragedy.

Solina Bressler, 2011 Salveit recipient

I truly love Norway and my time at ISS and I am thankful to the Sons of Norway for making it possible. If anyone is questioning whether this program is for them, go for it... you'll absolutely love it!

Contributions by Program

Totaling \$156,415



Contributions by Source

Totaling \$156,415



2011 Financial Report

Sons of Norway Foundation



Celebrating culture. Expanding horizons.

The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2011 audited financial statements for the Sons of Norway Foundation. A complete set of the audited financial statements is available by contacting the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is primarily an endowment foundation. Grant and scholarship award payouts are based on a percentage of the total assets, not on annual donations. Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us. Your financial support helps us reach this goal.

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 12/31/2011

Revenues

Contributions	\$156,415
Investment Income	\$136,757
Net Capital Losses	(\$187,512)
Other	\$941

Total Revenues

\$106,601

Deductions

Scholarship & Grant Awards	\$150,355
General & Administration Expenses	\$114,804

Total Deductions

\$265,159

Decrease in Net Assets

(\$158,558)

Net Assets as of 12/31/11

\$4,273,331

Member Donations

The Sons of Norway Foundation thanks the 2011 donations of \$10 or more from members:

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