2013 Annual Report Sons of Norway Foundation

Thanks to You



Thanks to You.

The generosity of our donors is what makes what we do possible.

Thanks to you 2013 was another incredible year for the Sons of Norway Foundation. Together we created many opportunities to share Norwegian heritage within our communities. Foundation grants continue to provide funding so that our lodges may bring timely presentations to our members. Some of the 2013 topics included the WWII resistance movement in Norway, 100 years of immigrant history in Minnesota, showcasing contemporary Norwegian art, Syttende Mai and participation in Nordic Festivals across the USA.

Thanks to your financial support of the Humanitarian Fund, members in Calgary and Colorado received assistance following 2013 summer flooding. Helping Hands to Member Grants allowed them to move forward and get on with their lives.

Our youth are grateful to receive college scholarship funding from the Foundation. This financial help allows them to concentrate on their studies, to participate in unique study-abroad opportunities and give back to the Norwegian-American communities they came from upon graduation. Included in this report are success stories from former recipients who remember fondly the help they received from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

We offer this annual report to you, our donors and recipients, in thanks for your continued support.

Cindy Uson Tusen takk,

Foundation Director

The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture. Since then we have grown in our focus, and in 2013 we offered six categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

What is our passion?

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

We fulfill our mission by:

- Supporting educational goals through scholarships
- Showcasing modern Norway and its place in the world
- Helping Sons of Norway lodges provide quality Norwegian themed programming in their communities
- Strengthening the bonds between the U.S. and Norway by promoting cross-cultural exchange
- Preserving Norwegian heritage for future generations
- Promoting Norwegian cultural opportunities through the arts
- Offering Sons of Norway members aid following natural disasters

Contact us at foundation@sofn.com or (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.

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 response to the Red River Floods of 1997 and continues today, offering two kinds of grants:

Helping Hands to Members Grants

Awarded to Sons of Norway members affected by natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes. In 2013 Sons of Norway families impacted by flooding in Colorado and Calgary were awarded these grants.

Helping Hands to Children Grants

Awarded to support Norwegian heritage programming, for children in lodges, schools and for Project Framtid.

Scholarship Opportunities

King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarships

For 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 women 18-36 enrolled in college as sophomores, juniors or seniors studying specific areas of science and engineering.

Oslo Summer School Scholarships

For students wishing 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 70 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.



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Helping Hands to Children Grants

Awarded for Adopt-A-School programs, Viking Age Club presentations, Barneløpet Youth Skiing Events and other fun youth programs with a Norwegian theme bringing the next generation into Sons of Norway as participants totaling - \$4.425



General Heritage & Culture Grants

Bringing Norwegian culture to our communities through lecture series, showcasing contemporary Norwegian arts, recording and hosting musical events, and more totaling - **\$11,743**



College Scholarships

Providing Sons of Norway youth with assistance that allows them to achieve their educational dreams and creates positive awareness of Sons of Norway totaling - \$62,584



Camp Scholarships

Through the Draxten Fund for District heritage and language camps that promote an understanding and appreciation of Norwegian art, history and culture totaling - **\$9,691**

Helping Hands to Members

Grants to members when natural disasters strike, such as the 2013 summer floods in Calgary and Colorado totaling - \$7,000

🚺 NOREX Grant

Celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Norwegian Home Guard -Minnesota National Guard collaboration that promotes good will and opportunities for cultural understanding totaling - \$5,000

2013 Year in Review

Sons of Norway Foundation

The Sons of Norway Foundation did a lot of great work in 2013, not only did the Foundation help students from across the U.S. and Norway, it also made a positive impact in a number of communities by supporting youth, heritage, and cultural projects. All told, the Foundation gave more than \$100,000 to individuals and communities throughout the community.

The Foundation plays a vital role in the lives of Sons of Norway members and their communities, but none of what the Foundation is able to do would be possible without the members and lodges who made contributions in the last year.



YOUTH, HERITAGE and **CULTURAL PROJECTS** were **SUPPORTED** by the Foundation in 2013.

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\$100,000

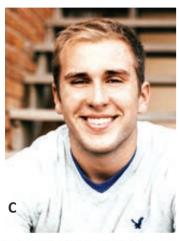
given in 2013



THOUSAND dollars in **FOUNDATION** scholarships were awarded in **2013**.







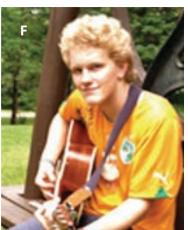
2013 Scholarship Recipients

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- A. Maria Stolen -King Olav V Scholarship B. Megan (Kari) Nixon -
 - King Olav V Scholarship
- C. Ted Deitz -Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship
- D. Dianne Seymour -Saltveit Scholarship
- E. Allura Lothary -Astrid G. Cates Scholarship
- F. Jon Erik Haines -Lund Fund Scholarship
- G. Daisy Bower -Nancy Lorraine Jensen Scholarship
- H. Laila Rode Simon -Oslo International Summer School Scholarship





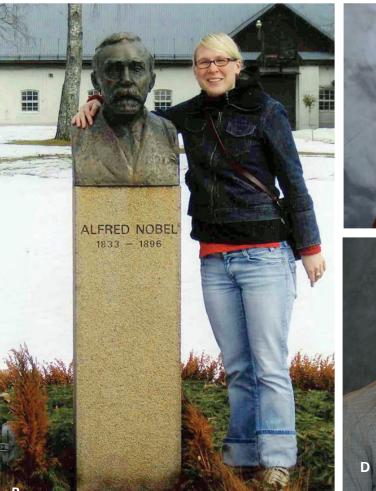


Where are

they now?

Scholarships from the Sons of Norway Foundation provide students with the chance to pursue their academic dreams. We caught up with some past recipients who are making a difference in the world.







A) Dr. Jill Bente Rolland -

King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship

In 1992 I received my scholarship from Sons of Norway which supported a trip to Austervoll, Norway to do a summer internship at the Austervoll marine biological station. That summer internship was pivotal in my career and led me to pursue graduate studies at the University of Bergen. In the fall of 2012 I became the director of the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey's Western Fisheries Research Center in Seattle, WA. My time in Norway resulted in many collaborations with Norwegian scientists at the University of Bergen and the Norwegian Veterinary Institute that are ongoing today.

B) Rachel Peterson -

King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship

In 2006 I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from Sons of Norway to help me complete my master's degree in Peace & Conflict Transformation Studies at the University of Tromsø, Norway. During the 2006-2007 academic year, I visited the Nobel Museum in Karlskoga and proudly posed for a picture with a statue of Alfred Nobel. Little did I know that seven years later I would be working as Program Manager for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Minneapolis. I am happy to be back in Minnesota and am thrilled to be working for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum.

C) Christine (Bjerkhoel) Kramer -Astrid G. Cates Scholarship

I'm profoundly grateful for the scholarship from Sons of Norway that enabled me to pursue my B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of California-Davis where I graduated with Highest Honors in 2001. Following graduation I have worked for Agilent Technologies and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. where I develop and test automation tools for wireless devices used all over the world.

D) Alissa Bjerkhoel -

Astrid G. Cates Scholarship

I am heavily indebted to Sons of Norway for their contribution to my education through the scholarship I was awarded. With the assistance of Sons of Norway I pursued my B.A. from the University of California-Santa Barbara and later pursued my J.D. from California Western School of Law. After I obtained my J.D. I started working as Supervising Attorney for the California Innocence Project, a law firm that investigates claims of worngful conviction. I have received several awards including the 2012 California Lawyer of the Year award. None of this would have been possible without the support I received from Sons of Norway.

Celebrating Our Culture Grants funding cultural exchange & community outreach.



Ørnulf Opdahl - Mood Paintings of the North General Heritage and Culture Grant, Nordic Heritage Museum

The goal of this exhibition was to introduce Opdahl's work to the Pacific Northwest and to show the similarities between the coastlines of Norway and Washington. Funding from the Sons of Norway Foundation made it possible to host the opening member preview of this exhibit. The showing was well received with more than 4,000 people attending the exhibit, including almost 400 children with their families and another 138 on organized school and daycare tours.



NEW LAND, NEW LIFE!



New Land New Life General Heritage and Culture Grant, Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge 1-008

New Land, New Life: Norwegian Immigration in Minnesota 1825-1925, an exhibit developed by the Sons of Norway, St. Paul Lodge. The exhibit highlights the history, culture, and lives of Norwegian immigrants to Minnesota and St. Paul with first-hand accounts of these early immigrants, why they came here, and what they did when they arrived. Our exhibition was made possible in part by the grant we received from Sons of Norway Foundation.

Norway and the Nazis: The Resistance 1940-1945 Local Lodge Partnership Grant, Heimsyn Lodge 1-015

In the spring of 2013 Heimsyn Lodge 1-015 and the Cloquet Public Library presented a successful series of programs we called "Norway and the Nazis: The Resistance 1940-1945." Events included book discussions, two films and two guest presenters. All the events were held at the library and were free and open to all ages. Scandinavian style refreshments were served at each of the programs.

This event was a great success and was made possible thanks to the support of the Sons of Norway Foundation through our Local Lodge Partnership Grant.

Scandinavian Days and Syttende Mai Celebration Local Lodge Partnership Grant, Maine Nordmenn Lodge 3-664

The Maine Nordmenn would like to thank the Sons of Norway Foundation for the grant that helped to support our Scandinavian Days and Syttende Mai celebrations. One of our visitors said "We all had such a wonderful time at the Syttende Mai fest at the park! It was such a lovely, family-friendly way to share our heritage with our kids. The photos that I took at the event received alot of attention from friends and family who all want to come next year."

The event was a great success, Thank you!







Helping Hands to Members Humanitarian Relief

2013 Flooding in Colorado & Calgary

Since 2004 the Sons of Norway Foundation has offered "Helping Hands to Member" grants for current Sons of Norway members who lose their homes due to natural disasters. These grants have helped our members with their recovery efforts from floods, tornadoes and hurricanes. Seven families received these grants following the flooding in Colorado and Calgary in 2013.





The Importance of Charitable Giving

Making charitable gifts at any point throughout the year helps non-profits, churches or foundations that you feel **passionate** about continue to do good work. It's our hope that when you consider making a charitable gift this year, you will think of the **Sons of Norway Foundation** and all its efforts to make the world a **better place** in which to live.

Thanks to the charitable gifts of many Sons of Norway members, like yourself, the Foundation has been able to **fulfill its mission** of awarding scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries, and providing assistance to our members, lodges and their communities. Over the years these gifts have made a significant and meaningful **impact** (\$2.5 million as of 12/31/2013) in the lives of students, lodges and members throughout the organization.

Contributions by Program

We would like to thank the members, lodges, and friends of the Foundation who donated in 2013. You make what we do possible.



Totaling: \$295,451

Donating to the Foundation What Can I Do to Help?

There are a number of ways that you can make a gift to the Sons of Norway Foundation from a one time gift, to a yearly gift, or a gift by will or life insurance. Your gift, in any amount, makes a difference.

- Hold a Fund-raiser Get your lodge or community involved in supporting the Sons of Norway Foundation by raising money for a great cause.
- **Give Online** Visit www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation and click "Donation" in the right-hand menu
- Charitable Giving Make a gift by will, donate life insurance or annuities, make a gift of cash or appreciated stock.
- 5 Year Pledge Make a 5 year pledge of support.

For information about making your gift contact **Foundation Director, Cindy Olson -** *foundation@sofn.com* **or (800 945-8851)** 2013 Financial Report Sons of Norway Foundation

The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2013 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 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.

Statement of Activities Year Ended 12/31/2013

Revenues	
Contributions Investment Income	\$295,451 \$96,484
Net Capital Gains Other	\$751,053 \$463
Total Revenues	\$1,143,451
Deductions	
Scholarship & Grant Awards General & Administration Expenses	\$143,240 \$133,394
Total Deductions	\$276,634
Increase in Net Assets	\$866,817
Net Assets as of 12/31/13	\$6,094,740

Member Donations

The Sons of Norway Foundation thanks the 2013 donations of \$10 or more from members:

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1-008 Synnove-Nordkap	1-599 Hjemkomst	2-131 Vesterdalen
1-010 Bjorgvin	1-602 Norsota	2-145 Island Viking
1-012 Heimskringla	1-633 Lillehammer	2-163 Bla Fjell (Disbanded)
1-017 Terje Viken	1-638 Nortonna	3-109 Faerder
1-040 Haarfager	1-645 Cleng Peerson	3-215 Nordkap
1-047 Kristiania	1-655 Storelva	3-252 Loyal
1-052 Normanna	1-658 Skogvannet	3-337 Norge
1-059 Fedraheimen	1-659 Tusenvann	3-410 Nansen
1-065 Gjoa	1-665 Maihaugen	3-427 Nor-Bu
1-070 Snorre	1-667 Fjell Syn	3-433 Scandinavian
1-240 Granlund	2-000 Central	Heritage Society
1-264 Jaabæk	2-004 Grays Harbor	3-466 Noreg
1-464 Draxten	2-011 Harald Haarfager	3-506 Norumbega
1-483 Kong Olav V	2-027 Breidablik	3-515 Tampa Bay
1-487 Kenyon Viking	2-033 Svalbard	3-522 Hampton Roads
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1-532 Borgund	2-044 Poulsbo	3-646 Bla Fjell
1-538 Stavanger	2-046 Bernt Balchen	4-000 Central
1-546 Vennelag	2-047 Fjeldheim	4-021 Gyda-Varden
1-548 Restauration	2-058 Columbia	4-025 Kringen
1-550 Solskinn	2-080 Columbia Basin	4-037 Balder (Disbanded)
1-554 Vennskap	2-094 Hovedstad	4-067 Thor
1-559 Vennekretsen	2-106 Bothell	4-086 Bjarne
1-590 Norskfodt	2-129 Elvedalen	4-107 Sverdrup

4-138 Lodsen	5-513 Vennelag	6-061 Snorre
4-247 Wergeland	5-525 Cleng Peerson	6-064 Solbakken
4-307 Enighed	5-534 Fossen	6-065 Sundfjord
4-424 Normanden	5-544 Nordland	6-067 Soldalen
4-478 Mollargutten	5-549 H R Holand	6-075 Scandia
4-499 Jotunheimen	5-556 Elvedal	6-078 Snowshoe
4-507 Normont	5-568 Christian Radich	Thompson
4-528 Hovedstad	5-570 Vakkertland	6-107 Fjellheim
4-536 Norhaven	5-580 Norskeland	6-114 Stein Fjell
4-543 Fjelldal	5-593 Elvesund	6-118 Vesterheim
4-553 Dalen	5-600 Scandiana	6-128 Gulldalen
4-557 Smaa Fjell	5-609 Myrmarken	6-133 Desert Fjord
4-589 Beverhode	5-614 Circle City	6-134 Sol Byer
4-618 Vennlig	5-616 Fagernes	6-146 Vestafjell
4-649 Prairie Fjord	5-620 Nordlandet	6-150 Solskinn
4-656 Bitterrootdalen	5-625 Viking	6-153 Overtro Fjell
5-000 Central	5-627 Vennligfolk	6-165 Desert Troll
5-028 Wergeland	5-632 Grønnvik	6-168 Sola
5-029 Løven	5-635 Sjoland	8-000 Central
5-074 Idun	5-657 Edvard Grieg	8-011 Cleng Peerson
5-097 Leif Erikson	5-662 Arctic Circle	International
5-100 Skjold	5-677 Vikings Of The	
5-168 Valhall	Smokies	
5-183 Nordlyset	6-009 Fridtjof Nansen	
5-206 Hafrsfjord	6-014 Bjornstjerne	
5-314 Mandt	Bjornson	
5-353 Dovre	6-022 Peer Gynt	
5-378 Nordkap	6-025 Valhall	
5-417 Trollhaugen	6-043 Victory	
5-457 Solvang	6-048 Roald Amundsen	
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We make a living

by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.

- Winston Churchill

Sons of Norway Foundation

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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.

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