Manthus Vine 6, No. 3 May 1981 Vol. Publisher - WESTERN ROSEMALERS ASSOCIATION - Mary Lou Overturf Editor Editorial/Advertising Offices 14555 Sixth Avenue NE Tel. 206/362-1786 Seattle, WA 98155 Deadline for next issue: August 15, 1981 (Firm) -le COMING MEETING: Date - Sunday, May 31, 1981 Time - 1:00 Social Hour and Sharing 1:45 Business Meeting 2:30 Break (15 minutes) 2:45 Program NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM NEW LOCATION! 3014 Northwest 67th Street, Seattle (Ballard area) From I-5 Northbound, take Exit 172 which leads to N.E. 85th Street westbound: continue on it to 24th Ave. N.W. Turn left to N.W. 67th Street. Turn right and follow it to 30th taking the small jog to the right The museum is an old brick school building unlabeled on the backside but that leads to the playground where parking is plentiful. If you take the jog to the left, you may find streetside parking.

From I-5 Southbound, take Exit 172 which splits on the off-ramp so stay in left lane which will lead to N.E. 80th Street westbound; continue directions as above but on 80th rather than 85th.

at the front of the museum, labeled.

PROGRAM: A surprise this month.....

PATTERN: Our appreciation to Florence Buck for her orignal design gracing page 17.

We've set a record--this is our biggest issue yet! Your editor really appreciates that our staff has now tripled since Betty Edwards and Barbara Hazen volunteered (without being asked!) to help fold, stuff envelopes, stamp and seal all 325 copies we process to mail.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"What is Western Rosemalers Association?" How many times have you been asked this question? In the years WRA has been in existence, we have slowly educated the public to who we are through our sales and, most recently, our exhibits at South King County Art Museum in Highline College and at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle.

Now, Lila Granaas, our new Publicity Chairman, will be submitting news of our meetings and sales events to various local area newspapers, and an announcement concerning us aired on the Scandinavian Hour radio program on Sat., April 25, thanks to her effort. Please channel all news items through Lila and let her function as our official PR person. She would appreciate if it you will give her the name of the proper contact person and full address of any newspaper in your area which would be interested in carrying such news. Thus, as time progresses, more people will become aware of WRA and its purpose...and maybe some new members will be added to our roster. (Lila will be en route to Norway as this reaches you, but returns in 5 weeks.)

We now have a Sunshine Chairman, Mary Lou Overturf. Please do let her know if any of our members need to be remembered.

The Telephone Committee is almost complete; just a few more volunteers are needed. How about you???

Just a reminder--keep those paint brushes busy; we have several sales coming up, and your rosemaled items will be needed. Have a good summer!

P.S. We need a chairman for Midsommar Fest at Poulsbo June 14; call or write me? Dena Iverson

SALE--this one will be before our coming meeting.

The WRA is again taking part in the <u>Regional Folk Life Festival</u> May 23-24, Saturday and Sunday, at the Seattle Center.

Our\_booth will be in the Exhibition Hall this year, located between the Arena and the Opera House, on the lower level facing Mercer Street. We're <u>very</u> short on rosemaled items this year, and would especially like to have some painted time boxes on display. Call Betty Edwards or Mary Ellerman for places to bring your rosemaled items to sell; we'll bring all pieces left to our meeting on May 31 at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

The Folk Life Festival is the only Seattle show that our WRA takes part in at this time, so it's an important period for educating and showing our work.

If you're interested in helping or demonstrating, please call Betty Edwards at AT2-8674. Let's really use this fine opportunity.

Special thanks to Carole Ramstad and her nice sister (who's not even a member of WRA) as they did most of the dismantling, packing, and transportation of our display at the Juried Show (with a bit of help from ye olde editor), and to Bertha Edwards, Wilda Snider, Betty Edwards, and Dena Iverson helping Director Marianne Forssblad set it up with additional entries at The Nordic Heritage Museum. It was a beautiful exhibit we hope many of you took time to see. Still a few openings left for this unusual opportunity, but do ACT QUICKLY.

Western Rosemalers Association will be fortunate to have three rosemalers from Norway visiting our area in May. Plans have just been completed for them to teach TWD, five day workshops.... one in Seattle and one in Tacoma. The workshops will be held on the same dates.

In Seattle... Elsa Sjøvaag, from Oslo, Norway. Many of us know her from her previous visits. She will be teaching Hallingdal and Gudbrandsdal style of rosemaling, at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

In Tacoma.... Ingaborg Loftgarden, from Telemark and Ellis Saelid, from Valdres. This will be their first visit to our area. One of Ingaborg's students was Alfhild Tangen, who taught a class here in 1979. They will be teaching Telemark style of rosemaling, at The Trailcrusiers Clubhouse.

DATES .... May 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30th ( Tuesday thru Saturday)

TIME .... 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

TUITION ..... \$ 75.00

#### LIMIT ... 15 students per workshop

Would you like a chance to get to know these special visitors a bit better? If you'd like to entertain any of them for an evening, please contact Inger Svendsen for Elsa, May 25-30 or Florence Buck for Elie or Ingaborg, May 20-30.

Additional information regarding materials for class, driving directions, etc., will be sent to those who register for the workshops.

WRA Policy on Workshops Refund ...

- Refund of full fee:

- entire amount will be refunded up to within 2 weeks of workshop

- within 2 weeks of workshop no refund will be made if minimum for workshop has not been met
- if mimimum has been met, one-half of fee would be refunded

The Western Rosemalers Association executive board may take under advisement any individual request for a refund for a workshop and may override any of the above stipulations if it is deemed necessary.

PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE ROSEMALING WORKSHOP, MAY 26 thru 30 th with .....

Elsa Sjøvaag, in Seattle

Ingaborg Loftgarden and Ellie Saelid in Tacoma

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Enclosed is my check for \$ 75.00 for tuition. Make checks payable to Wester Rosemalers Association.

Send to : Dena Iverson 1817 S. 262nd Pl. Kent, WA 98031 Synopsis of our March Meeting at Normanna Hall in Tacoma

44 members and 2 visitors attended. Chairman Bea Haynes and her committee of Olympia members served tasty refreshments; these members deserve special appreciation because they joined us so recently their chairman didn't even yet know their names to thank them! Virginia Hosak, Eva Wederspahn, Marie Bates, Marge Collins, and Esther Cagley, you really get involved quickly; mange takk!

Treasurer Barbara Laskowski reported our balance then at \$1,366.24. (Several large expenditures have since reduced that, such as printing our new membership directories, and postage to mail them to our members unable to pick them up at meetings. A special thanks to Membership Chairman Gelia Hendrix for devoting a full half-day to proofing that directory with ye old editor before it went to the printers. Please notify us if you find errors so we can correct them in future issues of the Vine.)

Chairman of the Juried Show Jean Alfsen reported that we had 45 entries and after it closed at Highline Community College, most items were moved to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle along with additional ones for an exhibit from March 15 through April 12. It was so well received that Director Dr. Marianne Forssblad has invited us to exhibit for 3 months next year. Keep this in mind as you paint this year.

Betty Edwards made a fine display of all the photographs taken at the Juried Show and numbered them for members to order copies. She will bring them to the coming meeting also. They are excellent and certainly reasonable at  $60 \notin$  for 4x6 (10 for \$5 mixed);  $50 \notin$  for  $3\frac{1}{2}x5$  (10 for \$4); \$1.50 for 5x7(10 for \$12). Our thanks again to Sam Gardner, the photographer, from Bellingham, very recently returned from Norway ....

Our order of notecards with Norma Splitt designs arrived and sell for \$1.75 for members' use only. These are not to be resold at a profit. Ruby Knowlen handles sales in the south area, and Rita Knutson in the north. Contact the nearest one for either cards or WRA membership pins.

It was announced that we would use pegboards and tables only, not our Viking ship, for display at the Norwegian Festival at Pacific Lutheran Univ. Sat., May 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mimi Schuster and Wilda Snider co-chairmen, circulated a sign-up sheet for workers in 2-hr. shifts to set up, sell, demonstrate, and dismantle.

Other upcoming sales discussed were: Plan Ahead

Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, May 23-25, Mary Ellerman, Chairman. Betty Edwards, Co-chrmn.

Skandia Midsommar-Fest, Poulsbo, June 14, Chairman unnamed (Bremerton member?) Heritage Festival, Redmond, July 4 weekend, Celia Hendrix, Chairman Esther Einmo, possible co-chrmn.

Scandinavian Days, Tacoma, October, Mimi Schuster and unnamed, co-chairmen.

Rental of Normanna Hall raised from \$20 to \$75; voted to continue meeting there when we meet in Tacoma, twice yearly. Rental at our new Seattle meeting place, the Nordic Heritage Museum is \$25. We will need to bring coffee pot. Hostesses for May meeting will be North Seattle members.

Door prize - A beautiful scarf with Hardanger embroidery was won by Florence Buck.

The meeting was followed by an interesting talk on Hardanger by Solvig Swanson who brought many lovely examples to show us, including a tablecloth valued at \$2,000...

## VACATION ROSEMALING CAMP

Why not spend a week's vacation in the beautiful Blue Mountains in Meacham, Oregon and take Rosemaling lessons at the same time?

Instructor	Trudy Wasson of Oelwein, Iowa. Trudy teaches several
	classes every year at the Norwegian Art Museum at
	Decorah, lowa.
Date	August 3-7, Monday through Friday . (Come on Sunday to be
	there for class on Monday morning.)
Classes	9:00 A.M 4:00 P.M.
Cost	\$ 160.00 for entire week; lessons, meals and room.
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#### MEET YOUR PAST-PRESIDENTS



### FLORENCE BUCK of Tacoma, Term 1975-76

Our founding president is the proud owner of one of the largest private collections of original authentic Norwegian rosemaling. She began gathering her treasures over 6 years ago on a 6-week trip to Norway, a part of a quest for her family's heritage and an extreme interest in rosemaling begun 15 years earlier in Stoughton, WI. when she studied with her first teacher, Annette Hayter.

She began her collection while forming an exhibit for Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, WA. during the American celebration of 150 years of migration from Norway to America. She brought back 71 pieces for the show, many of which she purchased for her private collection, which includes work of 36 Norwegian artists. A return trip 2 years ago added more pieces and the chance to meet and chat with many of the rosemalers, and study with some of them. She traveled the entire country and did extensive research in the works of the old masters and the contrasting styles in the various districts. She has a strong concern about retaining the classic art pure and Norwegian. Her father is from Trondheim and her mother's family from Ostfold. Each rosemaler she hosts in her home paints a stool for her collection, and these stools are used by her students for inspiration in her classroom. Other distinctive additions to her classroom are her Trollkjerring (troll women, or kitchen witches as they are popularly known in America), made especially for her by an 80-year old lady in Norway. Their heads are made of moss, and their bodies stuffed with it; they ride birch twig brooms and are clad in tiny garb made from handwoven wood, keeping watchful eyes on the students, preventing paint smears and increasing their skills....if you believe the legends, and you do, don't you?

With 12 other Washington rosemalers, Florence founded WRA 6 years ago this month, and continues to be very active in the organization. She designed and painted our handsome Viking ship that is the centerpiece of our booth at many of the sales and festivals in which we participate. She has served on the Board of Directors of Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, IA. and as President of the Daughters of Norway Lodge in Tacoma.

She is also a member of the Leif Erickson Committee that is responsible for Scandinavian Days in Tacoma each October, Chairman of the Heritage Collections Committee responsible for collecting artifacts and books for the Scandinavian Cultural Center presently being planned at Pacific Lutheran University, and is a member of the Collegium at PLU.

Profiles of the two members who followed Florence in the presidency will be found on succeeding pages.

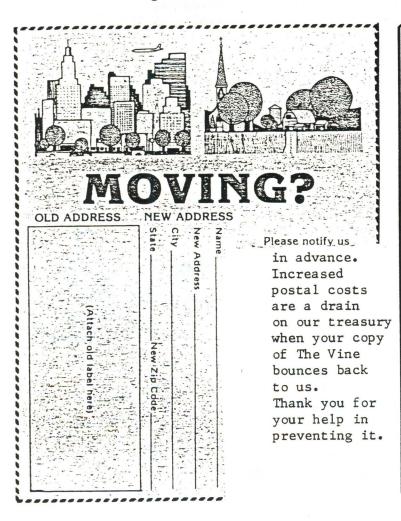
MARY ELLERMAN of Edmonds, Term 1977-78 writes

I was born and raised in South Dakota, and moved to Portland, OR. after marrying Roy and after he had graduated from college. Our four children --3 boys and 1 girl--were born in Portland. In the 30 years since coming to Portland, we've lived in Portland a total of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  years and in Edmonds  $13\frac{1}{2}$  years.

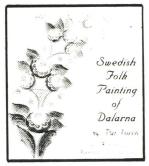
My interest in rosemaling came from having a tole painting teacher in Portland, Eunice DeCamp, who had a deep interest in it and had gone to Decorah for classes and had hosted Sigmund Aarseth and Nils Ellingsgard in her Portland studio for workshops. It was in one of these workshops with Nils that I had my real introduction to rosemaling.

After moving to Edmonds, the rosemaling did not get a lot of nurturing for awhile. Eventually, I became acquainted with others who had a great interest in rosemaling and we began to discuss the idea of an organization and therefore, I've been involved with WRA since its organizational meeting in May 1975. Because of the many opportunities through WRA, my knowledge of rosemaling has been greatly increased.

My interest is entirely due to the beauty of the art, as I can lay no claim to a Scandinavian heritage except for the usual comment people make upon learning this, "Well, you <u>look</u> like you could be a Norwegian", or the slim link that might come about when more is learned about an ancestor in England whose last name was Hanson!



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JEAN ALFSEN of Gig Harbor, Term 1979-80, writes

My grandfather, grandmother, and father (Johan) came to USA from the Ringerike district of Norway in 1874 when my father was 2 years old. They settled in Alpena, Michigan. My father married a German lady and I was the seventh of eight children born to them. My mother died when I was 4 years old. My father later remarried, this time to a Norwegian lady, so I was brought up in the Norwegian tradition.

I graduated from college and taught school for 5 years in a suburb of Detroit. My second career was with Michigan Bell Telephone Co., from which I retired in 1974.

I first became interested in rosemaling on a trip to Norway in 1958 with three members of my family. Upon my return home, I looked for a rosemaling teacher in the Detroit area, but found none. So rosemaling remained just a dream for many years.

Following my father's retirement, my parents moved to Lakebay, Washington in 1941. After many visits to the area, I decided this was the area where I'd spend my retirement. I had lived since 1960 with another woman, Edith Johnson, who also loved Washington, so following my retirement in 1974, we moved out here and built a home in Gig Harbor.

Then the search for a rosemaling teacher began in earnest. Through Sons of Norway, I learned of Inger Svendsen and began taking instruction from her in 1975. In January 1976, Elsa Sjovaag came from Norway to teach rosemaling at Pacific Lutheran University's interim. I signed up to take a workshop with her--after only 6 lessons in rosemaling! During this workshop, Florence Buck signed me up as a member of the recently-formed Western Rosemalers Association.

From then on, it was WRA and rosemaling all the way! I took more lessons from Inger, and later from Florence. I also took advantage of the WRA-sponsored workshops with Elsa Sjovaag, Berjlot Lunde, Nils Ellingsgard, Alfhild Tangen, and Addie Pittelkow. I also became very active in WRA, serving as Financial Secretary/Membership Chairman for 2 years (1977-78) and as President: for 2 years (1979-80).

As Past-President, I will continue serving on the WRA Board of Directors and promoting the goals of WRA.



Special thanks to Gloria Pederson's super-son for helping so much in setting up our display at PLU's Norwegian Festival 5/2.

SUNSHINE CORNER:

Ruth Martin was hospitalized with leukemia, but wrote us a cheery note of thanks. Drop her a hello? <u>Note her new address listed in</u> <u>Directory Update</u>. (on page 10)

Esther Einmo and Celia Hendrix both ailing last month, better now. Let them know you're glad.



When calling or writing to our advertisers... we'll appreciate your mentioning that you saw it in the

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# News & Notes

With this issue, a new column is born! We'll call it FROM THE TENDRILS because it will be composed of letters from our members farther out along our Acanthus Vine. Please help us keep it a steady part of our newsletter. It can't be done without your input, so "Keep those cards and letters coming"....

Our very first contribution is a joy-filled note from Jurene While, a member in LaMesa, CA. near San Diego. She writes:

"I was privileged to rosemal a shopping center called NORDIC VILLAGE in the late months of 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Helge Hansen are the owners and Mr. John Sigurdson the architect. I painted the doors and addresses on the various shops--some 20 doors, an archway inside the restaurant, and also over two fountains.

I'm mainly a Telemark rosemaler, but I'm now doing some Hallingdal too. I've studied under Sigmund Aarseth, Nils Ellingsgard, Claudine Schaltz, Vesla Harris (Mini-convention 1980) and Ruth Wolfgram (Convention 1979).

I teach these two types of rosemaling, and I paint orders for a private party in Vienna, Virginia, and a party in San Diego; both are Norwegians. This is my first love, but I also teach tole painting and calligraphy. I've been painting since 1977. Sigmund Aarseth was my very first teacher. I feel it an honor to have studied under these great people."

There's nothing like starting at the top in your training, is there? Congratulations, Jurene, on using your talents in such a productive way. You were indeed fortunate, but you obviously must have worked very hard, too, or you wouldn't be commissioned for such a fine project.

From even farther out along <u>The Vine</u>, we were delighted to receive this response to our request from one of our members who lives in Norway! Magnhild Glaerum wrote:

"I started doing rosemaling in the later years, but I adways admired it. Born in Halsa, Norway, Feb. 17, 1923. Now living in Surnadal; married to Olaf Glaerum; one son, Halvor, and granddaughter, Marit. I work part-time at a pharmacy.

My interest in rosemaling goes way back to childhood. We had very old tine boxes dated early 1800. They were painted dark background colors with light stems and dark red roses. Initials of grandparents in beautiful script. When a teacher offered classes in rosemaling here in Surnadal, I had my first lesson. Later, I took a course with "Norsk Korrespondanse Skole". They mailed several lessons at a time to me, in colors, techniques, and designs which I studied and mailed back each project as required. My work was checked and returned to me with the teacher's corrections. The instructions were helpful--but there is so much to learn...My husband makes plates and a few items I can paint on. Before Christmas, friends and neighbors want me to paint items for gifts.

I visited Seattle in 1975 and am looking forward to another trip in the future. My sister, Ruth, informed me about WRA, which I am happy to be member of. I'd like to participate in a future show. Med rosemaling hilsen"

Thank you for writing, Magnhild; we feel your warmth cross the ocean and the continent.

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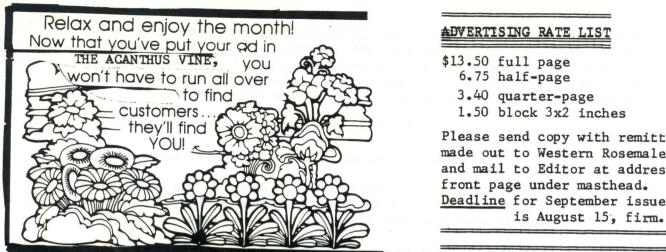
WRA's membership now radiates to 111 cities and towns in 18 states and 2 foreign countries.

Guests are welcome at our meetings, and if you decide to join us, our dues are still only \$5/year including subscription to The Acanthus Vine published in January, March, May, September and November. Please send remittance made out to Western Rosemalers Association to Membership Chairman Celia Hendrix 4805 - 88th Street NE Marysville, WA 98270

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Please pick up your copy of your 1981 Membership Directory at our meetings to save on your treasury. Each one costs 53¢ to mail!!!!



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ROSEMALING WORKSHOP at TROLLHAUGEN - Norma Splitt (Wisconsin)

Sept. 14 - Sept. 18 (5 days) Catered by Norwegian cooks Date: Sept. 21 - Sept. 23 (3 days) Potluck

This class is geared to the intermediate and she will teach Olav Fossli (Telemark) and tips from Oskar Kjetsa class she is taking in June.

Cost:	Non-member of Sons of Norway	Member S/N	Booster member of Trollhaugen	
room food	\$45.00 40.00	\$30.00 40.00	\$15.00 40.00	•
Tuition	<u>44.00</u> \$129.00	<u>42.00</u> \$112.00	<u>44.00</u> \$ <b>99.</b> 00	

Potluck class: There will be a \$2.00 daily service charge for the hired person taking care of meal preparation and dishes. The above costs are for a 5 day class and catered food so you -must adjust costs if coming for the 3 days. Upon registration you will receive instructions and directions for your stay at Trollhaugen.

Flease fill out the form provided and mail to Ione Bard, 6004 Yellowstone, Kennewick, Washington 99336 (509) 783-2913

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Enclosed is 1/2 of the total cost as it pertains to my membership status. Registration deadline August 10 and non refundable after Aug. 24

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Since it has been over a year since <u>The Acanthus Vine</u> printed the list of books available for borrowing by WRA members, President Dena asked that we publish it again now for new members who have joined since then and for our earlier members who may have forgotten this treasury at their disposal. Our lending library operates under the following rules:

- 1. Books can be borrowed for 1 month. No renewals.
- 2. Books may be returned in person to the librarian at the meetings.

Books returned to the librarian by mail should be put in book mailers and insured for the price of the book. Some of these are very valuable. Borrower is also responsible for the return postage.

- 3. Books will be brought to the regular meetings for members to review and request.
- 4. Books can be requested by mail from the librarian.
- Members will pay for any books lost or damaged. Price will be determined by board members.
- Library privileges will be revoked to any members who do not comply with these rules.

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This is a wonderful opportunity for WRA members, and another benefit of joining sometimes forgotten. It enables us to read some books we may otherwise be unaware of, or don't want to buy until we decide if they may be one we'd read more than once or need to refer back to, or simply can't afford. I, for one, really appreciate the service. Take advantage of it and maybe you will, too.

If anyone would care to write them, we'll print reviews of good books on rosemaling when space permits. These should include title, author, publisher, copyright date, price, evaluation, and where available if not in general bookstores. -Please observe deadlines always stated on front page under masthead.

Speaking of books, will whoever borrowed Inger Svendsen's copy of "Rosemaling I Hallingdal" by Nils Ellingsgard please see that it is safely returned to her at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. Being a \$60 book (!) and by such a master from her home area in Norwaw makes it especially sad to have it missing so long.

ODTUB GIOLD TIERERS

We'd like to start another new column in our next issue if you'll help. It will be called <u>RAMBLING ROSEMALERS</u>, and under it we'd like to invite any of our members who travel to Norway (or anywhere else they may encounter exhibits or other items of rosemaling interest to fellow WRA members) to drop us a line and share what they are seeing with the rest of us. So far, we know only of the following members heading for Norway soon: Lila Granaas in mid-May for 5 weeks, Jan Wartinger on July 1 for 5 weeks (bike touring it), Ragnhild Feroy and Gudrun Berg soon, and Inger Svendsen in the fall. Bon Voyage, Lila, Jan, Ragnhild, Gudrun, and Inger and to any others so blessed! Please share with us?

#### WESTERN ROSEMALERS ASSOCIATION

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- ROSEMALING I HALLINGDAL by Nils Ellingsgard History of rose painting; covers work of nearly 60 artists in Norway. Over 130 colored pictures & over 115 b & w pictures. Text in Norwegian with English summary at the end. Hardback; 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 12"; 330 pages.
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His home overwhelmed one with all the beauty that came from this one man in so many artistic endeavors. He was decorated by both the King of Norway and the King of Sweden, as well as many American societies. The furtherance of a perpetual memory to this distinguished man should include a visit to see the exhibition at the Nordic Heritage Museum which features his works in music, painting, sculpture, photography and writing. The exhibit will continue through the year. Regular hours of the museum are Wednesday 11 am to 3 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm. It is located at 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle. Driving directions are on page 1 of this issue.