



# The Scanthus Vine

Western Rosemalers Association

Mary Ellerman, editor

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## COMING MEETING

Date: Sunday, January 23, 1977

Time: 2:00 -- time to socialize -- please bring rosemaled articles  
or other items to share.

3:00 -- Business meeting

4:00 -- Program

Place: Normanna Hall, 1106 S. 15th, Tacoma, WA

(From I-5 take exit 132 (Bremerton), next take Sprague Ave. exit, then  
turn right onto 15th St. and go to K Street. Normanna is on the corner  
of 15th & K Streets.)

Business: The important item on the agenda this time will be the election of  
officers. Old and new officers are requested to stay after the meeting  
for a short while.

Program: Always an interesting program -- but we are keeping this one a surprise!!

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\* Door \* Some lucky person will go home from this meeting with another piece of  
\* Prize \* lovely rosemaling. The piece is from our own Western Rosemaler, Inger  
\*\*\*\*\* Svendsen. This can only be won by being present at the meeting.

## DON'T PUT ME DOWN!!!

Please, don't put me down until you have read over the following pages. There is  
much happening that you should not put off taking action on -- Sigmund's workshops,  
annual dinner, membership renewal, etc. etc.!!! Though it may be true that "If it  
weren't for the last minute a lot of things wouldn't get done" that isn't always  
advisable as you just might be too late. Remember -- "Procrastination is the  
thief of time -- Edward Young" -- and this is being reported by one who knows!!

## SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Western Rosemalers Association was held at Norway Center in Seattle on September 26, 1976

A special guest was Gyda Christofferson from the Western Viking.

Officer's reports: Jean Alfsen reported on Scandinavian Days in Tacoma.  
Pat Morgan reported on the juried show that will be at Pacific Lutheran University in January.

The kubbestol drawing was held. Erna Harrison from Tacoma won it.

It was discussed whether to get some round tin pins with the association name on them for the members or whether to get fancier enamel pins. It was decided to get the enamel pins.

The by-law changes as printed in the last newsletter were accepted by a vote of the membership present.

A general telephone chairman and area telephone chairmen are needed and the following people volunteered:

General telephone chairman: Audree Rush

Everett, Marysville area - May Evenson, Helen Gjovaag

Seattle, Edmonds area - Esther Einmo

Olympia area - Gudrun Berg

Mercer Island area - Kaja Englund

Tacoma area - Yvonne Martinec

Aberdeen and Montesano area - Pat Morgan

Federal Way, Kent, Des Moines, Auburn area - Dena Iverson

A dinner for members and their spouses was discussed. It was decided to combine dinner with juried show in PLU in February.

A nominating committee was named: April Meier, Carol Ramstad, Gudrun Berg.

Shirley DeBower discussed yule boutique at PLU. It was decided to have a booth at the boutique. Shirley was named chairman.

The meeting adjourned and slides were shown by Betty Cooper, Florence Buck, Gudrun Berg, and Mary Ellerman of rosemaling in Norway and areas of the U.S.

Many thanks to the hostesses at the Seattle meeting for the delicious refreshments. Among those who helped were Adeline Svehaug, Inger Svendsen, Esther Einmo, Helen Hanson, Margrete Waldean, and others who provided goodies. Thanks to all!!

## HAPPENINGS

The Scandinavian Department of the University of Washington is making a documentary on various aspects of Scandinavian culture and a segment on rosemaling was filmed at Norway Center. Inger Svendsen and a special rosemaling class were featured. The finished film may be available in the future for use by our group as a program at one of our meetings.

Florence Buck has been keeping busy promoting rosemaling around the area. She taught a three-hour workshop at the SeaTac Hilton for the Northwest mini tole convention in September, demonstrated at Scandinavian Days in Tacoma and visited with the mayor and his wife about rosemaling, spoke about rosemaling at Pacific Pal-ette's tole meeting in November (spoke about history of rosemaling and gained 8 new members for WRA), and demonstrated at Yule Boutique and sold wet paintings as completed!!

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 \*AT LAST!! All of Elsa's pattern books have arrived: : Florence Buck \*  
 \* ABC's of Rosemaling - \$ 3.75 + .19 tax = \$ 3.94 : 9204 Division Lane S. W. \*  
 \* Advanced Rosemaling - \$ 8.50 + .43 tax = \$ 8.93 : Tacoma, WA 98498 \*  
 \* Pattern Book #3 - \$12.95 + .66 tax = \$13.61 : 584-5392 \*  
 \*Include 50¢ extra for postage & handling if you want them mailed. I also have \*  
 \*Aarseth - Miller book of Norwegian Rosemaling as well as other patterns and \*  
 \*books for sale.\*\*\*\*\* pd.ed\*\*\*\*\*

SIGMUND IS COMING

Sigmund Aarseth, well-known rosemalar from Norway, is coming to our area in February. Sigmund is coming to the U. S. under the auspices of the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. He will be giving demonstrations and classes in various parts of our country, and we feel very fortunate that he has accepted the invitation from Western Rosemalers Association to come to our area to give demonstrations and conduct classes in rosemaling. The schedule is as follows:

- February 16 -- Demonstration on large panel -- informative -- 1:00 - 4:00 -- at Norway Center, 300 - 3rd W., Seattle -- \$3.00 per person.
- February 17 -- Beginner workshop (student must have brush control) -- 9:00 - 3:00 at Norway Center, 300 - 3rd W., Seattle -- \$20 per person
- February 21 -- Demonstration on large panel -- informative -- 1:00 - 4:00 -- at Normanna Hall, 1106 S. 15th, Tacoma -- \$3.00 per person
- February 22 & 23 -- Advanced workshop -- 9:00 - 3:00 each day -- at Normanna Hall, 1106 S. 15th, Tacoma -- \$40 per person

Sigmund will also be painting panels which will be sold. These panels will be 24" x 32" and will sell for \$50. There will be one or two larger panels available also which will sell for more. All panels will be backgrounded in traditional Norwegian colors. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire an original, lovely, and authentic piece of rosemaling by a very gifted rosemalar. If you are interested in purchasing one of these panels, contact either Florence Buck, phone 584-5392 in Tacoma or Mary Ellerman, phone 542-1592 in Edmonds. There will only be a certain number of these panels available, and they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

If you are interested in taking one of the workshops, fill out the following form and return it with your money to: Mary Ellerman, 23406 - 94th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020. The workshops will be limited to 12 people, so return your reservations as soon as possible. We do have a little time to work with and if there is enough interest, it is possible that we could schedule additional workshops in both the Tacoma and Seattle areas.

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I am interested in taking Sigmund's workshop on \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## SCANDINAVIAN DAYS IN TACOMA

Scandinavian Days were held in the Bicentennial Pavilion from October 4 through October 8. Western Rosemalers were there! It was an exciting, interesting, and profitable experience for all of our members involved.

Nine artists contributed 94 rosemaled items and 60 pieces of unpainted woodenware. Sixty-five of the rosemaled items and about half of the unpainted items were sold for a total of \$592. Our commission contribution of \$88.82 to the Lief Erickson Society will go toward scholarships at Pacific Lutheran University and University of Puget Sound.

Special thanks go to Marian Athrow and Ragnhild Feroy who served on the committee. Florence Buck, Pat Morgan and Gudrun Berg gave of their time to demonstrate rose-maling. In addition to Marian and Ragnhild, Gloria Pederson, Karen Dahl, Audree Rush, Asta Oden, Emilie Pederson, Susan Elshaug, Bonnie Smith and Yvonne Martinec worked in our booth. Thanks to all of you who helped make this such a successful venture.

One of the greatest benefits that derives from this type of activity is the opportunity to promote Western Rosemalers Association. We were able to talk to many people interested in rose-maling and in classes that we have to offer. About 40 potential rosemalers signed up for future classes. These people are all potential members of Western Rosemalers. It's a great way to build our membership and keep the association alive and growing.

-- Submitted by Jean Alfsen, Chairman

## PLU YULE BOUTIQUE

Western Rosemalers also participated in the Yule Boutique at Pacific Lutheran University on Nov. 20. Fourteen artists entered 185 pieces of which 126 pieces were sold for a total of \$755.83. Pretty good! Thanks go to Shirley DeBower, chairman, and her committee, Susan Elshaug, Loretta Pullis, Audree Rush, Asta Oden, Barbara Laskowski, Bonnie Smith, Jean Alfsen, and all who contributed to this event.

## JURIED SHOW

Information about the juried show at Pacific Lutheran University was mailed to each member. If anyone did not receive this mailing, contact Pat Morgan, 624 N. 6th, Montesano, WA 98563.

## HOT TIP

Here is a neat trick you might like to try sometime -- it comes our way from our Pacific Pal-ettes fellow painters via Ada Belle Davis, who is also a Western Rosemaler.

Use a plain old brown bag to sand a varnished or painted board; it will smooth the surface and not hurt the finish. (Try it -- it works!!)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Western Rosemalers Association has closed its doors on the first full year of activities. It is a time of great pride for all who have shared in its growth. Our membership nears 150!!

In January, we were privileged to have Elsa Sjøvaag from Oslo, Norway to teach workshops in both Seattle and Tacoma. We all learned many new techniques and enjoyed having her with us.

We participated in three sales events during the past year. We were invited by PLU to take part in their Festival of Norway in May and again at their Yule Boutique in November. In October, we shared the sales area with many Scandinavian organizations at the new Bicentennial Building in Tacoma. Our total sales from these three Tacoma events totaled \$1725!!

Our regular meetings were held in Olympia, Tacoma, Everett and Seattle. Those who attended agreed we had some fine programs: slides, speeches, films, demonstrations, etc. Our social hour, show & tell, and sales tables that precede the meetings have come to be an especially anticipated part of our meetings. The greatest attendance was enjoyed at the Seattle meeting in September. A bowl that had been rosemaled by a Norwegian artist was given as a door prize. The drawing for a **beautiful** rosemaled kubbestol from Norway took place at that meeting and proved to be one of our biggest money makers of the year.

While it is satisfying to look back over the activities of the past year, it is important to take time to reflect on the year ahead. We look forward in 1977 to our first juried show, another workshop by a fine Norwegian artist, Sigmund Aarseth, and a new slate of officers to bring life and renewed energy into our organization.

My many, many thanks to the members of the board who have supported me in so many ways -- to Vice-President, Pat Morgan; Treasurer, Andy Feroy; Secretary pro tem, Susan Elshaug; Financial Secretary & Membership Chairman, April Meier; and Newsletter Editor, Mary Ellerman. To each of you goes my deepest gratitude. In addition, I wish to thank the many members who cheerfully volunteered and served on so many committees during the 19 months I have served as president. It has been a happy part of my rosemaled memories and I will look forward to serving in a new capacity during 1977.

Respectfully submitted -- Florence Buck,  
President, Western Rosemalers Association

## PATTERNS

We are fortunate to have two patterns in this newsletter. One has been provided by Kaja Englund one of our members who has taught rosemaled for many years in the Seattle, Mercer Island, Poulsbo and Bremerton areas. The other pattern we are very fortunate to have -- it is from Alfhild Tangen of Skien, Norway (one of the Telerosa members listed in the last newsletter.)

## MEMBERSHIP -- TIME TO RENEW

Enclosed with this newsletter is a very attractive flyer with a membership application form. It is time to renew your membership for 1977, so please use this form to send along with your dues to April Meier. You might want to pass the informational part of the flyer along to a prospective member along with April's name and address. These flyers have been passed out at Scandinavian Days, PLU, and the Pacific Pal-ettes Tole Association.

On your roster please change the address for Erna B. Harrison to 9032 Whitman Ave., S. W., Tacoma, WA 98499 -- phone JU2-2883. On the next page is a list of new members to add to your roster.

Judy R. Klepinger  
8495 US 285  
Morrison, CO 80465  
697-8435

Mildred K. Harris  
112 N. W. 159th St.  
Seattle, WA 98177  
EM2-7653

Gudrun Rodseth  
1820 - 9th W.  
Seattle, WA 98119  
284-7582

Evelyn Hernandez  
8030 Emery Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
354-4110

Ann Erickson  
2149 Ulrich Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
~~384~~-1537

Marie Canfield  
12020 - 6th N. W.  
Seattle, WA 98177  
362-1036

Jayne Markuson  
610 Pioneer E., #21  
Montesano, WA 98563  
249-5625

Gerd M. Saunders  
7305 Sound View Dr.  
Edmonds, WA 98020

The Folk Art Shoppe  
420 S. Steele  
Olympia, WA 98501

Rudy J. Knowlen  
3915 N. 38th  
Tacoma, WA 98407

Helga M. Johnson  
2316 - 140th N. E.  
Marysville, WA 98270  
659-1814

Solveig Rockom  
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Seattle, WA 98177  
783-3975

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Puyallup, WA 98371  
845-1661

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1131 Crestline  
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Mrs. Verne M. Larson  
2125 El Camino  
Turlock, CA 95380

Florence Colmetz  
44 Oak St.  
Norton, Mass. 02766

Kristina Dale  
716 - 4th  
Hoquiam, WA 98550  
532-3494

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Missoula, Mont. 59801  
543-7348

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P. O. Box 71  
Westport, WA 98595  
268-7723

Lorraine Block  
11821 N. E. 155th  
Bothell, WA 98011  
486-7876

Sandra Lee Cole  
464 Ranger Dr. S. E.  
Olympia, WA 98503  
491-8852

Opal MacDonald  
25210 - 54th Ave. E.  
Graham, WA 98338  
VI7-2246

Edith Bales  
P. O. Box 6  
Seaview, WA 98644  
642-2468

Tammy Guay  
7258 - 14th N. E.  
Olympia, WA 98506  
491-8883

Noma Mercer  
P. O. Box 883  
Long Beach, WA 98631  
642-2464

Hettie Herron  
505 N. 19th  
Kelso, WA 98626  
425-1423

Frances Veach  
1429 S. Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371  
845-5573

Jannette Andersen  
1716 Warren N.  
Seattle, WA 98108  
282-8216

Mary O. Nyman  
4015 - 21st Ave. S. E.  
Lacey, WA 98503  
453-1570

Ruth Corbett  
601 Marine View Pl.  
Mukilteo, WA 98275  
355-1162

Marilyn A. Haugen  
7401 - 86th St. E.  
Puyallup, WA 98371  
845-9489

Astrid Gabrielson  
1109 S. 131st  
Tacoma, WA 98444  
537-8383

Janet Hurlbut  
2085 N. Fremont  
Tacoma, WA 98406  
759-8285

Camille Eliason  
909 S. 130th  
Tacoma, WA 98444  
537-3299

NaDean Rognaldson  
2515 Hillside Lane  
Everett, WA 98203  
355-8195

ATTENTION MEMBERS!!

Needed at the shows our organization participates in are volunteers to work in the booths selling or demonstrating and people who will work on committees to arrange the exhibits. Will you please fill out the following form and return to: Mary Ellerman, 23406 - 94th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020

I am willing to:

Work on Committee to arrange exhibits and sales of Western Rosemalers' artwork

available daytime

available evenings

Work on booth at exhibits and sales

available daytime

\_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ Sat.

available evenings

\_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ Sat.

Demonstrate Rosemaling

available daytime

\_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ Sat.

available evenings

\_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ Sat.

I am willing to go to the following areas (e.g. Seattle, Bellevue, Everett, etc.)

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ANNUAL WESTERN ROSEMALERS DINNER

The first of what we hope will be an annual event for WRA is being planned for February 19. This will be a dinner for Western Rosemalers and their spouses. The guest of honor will be Sigmund Aarseth and there will be a very special program. We are trying to make arrangements to have the dinner at the Swedish Club in Seattle, but because of illness have not been able to get a firm committment in time for publication. The cost will be \$7 per person. If you are interested, fill out the following form and mail with your money to:

Betty Stephens Smith, 17023 - 51st Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98188  
phone 246-4958 -- in the evenings

(If there is a change of location, you will be notified if you send in a reservation.)

Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$7 per person)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## ROSEMALING INSTRUCTORS

### BELLINGHAM

Solveig Goetz, 1123 E. Indiana St., Bellingham, WA 98225 734-3843  
Teaches at Mooney's Arts & Crafts, Bellingham, usually 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
on a variable, weekly basis. Also teaches 5-day workshops.

### BOTHELL

Karen M. Newbill, 12037 N. E. 138th Pl., Kirkland, WA 98033 822-3810  
Teaches at Bothell Sons of Norway Lodge on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

### EDMONDS

Mary Ellerman, 23406 - 94th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020 542-1592  
Teaches at Heirloom Arts in Old Milltown in Edmonds - 5th & Dayton - 774-7997  
Vivian West, Heirloom Arts in Old Milltown in Edmonds - 5th & Dayton - 774-7997  
Teaches at shop.

### EVERETT

Susan Solie, 4315 Federal, Everett, WA 98203 252-7781  
Teaches at Normanna Lodge, Everett, and Central Lutheran Church, Everett,  
on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons at 7:00 and 2:30.

### MARYSVILLE

Celia Hendrix, 3330 Mission Beach Dr., Marysville, WA 98270 659-1495  
Teaches in home studio on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
and Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### MONTESANO

Pat Morgan & Dianne Cokeley, 315 W. Pioneer (Country Cousins), Montesano, WA 249-5743  
Teach at shop (Country Cousins), two morning classes, 1 afternoon and two  
evening classes - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 7:30p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### OLYMPIA

Gudrun Berg, 1212 Conger, Olympia, WA 98502 943-4380  
Teaches in her home Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
October thru November and middle of January thru April

Edna Conyers, 420 S. Steele, Olympia, WA 98501 943-7975  
Teaches classes in The Folk Art Shoppe, address above.

### POULSBO & EDMONDS

Betty Cooper, 300 N. W. Ferry St., Poulsbo, WA 98370 779-7591  
Teaches at The Art Shop in Poulsbo and gives workshops at Heirloom Arts in  
Edmonds,

### SEATTLE

Inger Svendsen, 2337 N. W. 97th, Seattle, WA 98117 782-7366  
Teaches at own shop at 2408 N. W. 80th, Seattle.  
Mary Ellerman, 23406 - 94th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020 542-1592  
Teaches at Annette's Gallery, 8560 Greenwood N., Seattle 782-4666

### TACOMA

Florence Buck, 9204 Division Lane S. W., Tacoma, WA 98498 584-5392  
Teaches in her home Tuesdays & Wednesdays & others in morning, afternoon,  
and evenings and teaches extra workshops, too.  
Inger Svendsen, 2337 N. W. 97th, Seattle, WA 98117 782-7366  
May teach at Normana Hall, Tacoma, later in year.