

Editor's Copy

Western Rosemalers' Association

March 1976

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SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY MEETING

Hostesses for the meeting were Gudrun Berg, Edna Conyers, Pat Morgan, and Linda Barrett. A great big thank you to these people for making the arrangements for the meeting and for the very delicious refreshments. (Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a recipe for that excellent flatbread!)

Karen Newbill, Betty Cooper, and Susan Solie were appointed to design a membership card and decoration for the newsletter and stationary.

Officers for 1976 were nominated and elected as follows: President, Florence Buck; Vice-President, Pat Morgan; Secretary, Lois Bradshaw; and Treasurer, Andy Feroy.

April Meier was appointed Membership Chairman, and Thelma Johnson was appointed Auditor.

A Ways and Means Committee was formed -- Pat Morgan, Edna Conyers, and Carol Ramstad.

Else Sjoavaag from Norway gave a very interesting and informative talk on rosemaking for the program.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman April Meier reports we are enjoying an enthusiastic response to our Association and now have 85 members. Additional area representatives are in the process of being located, and you will be notified of this information in our next newsletter.

Area representatives, please be reminded to compile your information for a report on your area's activities. Everyone at the meeting likes to know what other areas are doing. Members, call your area representative about any news you have about rosemaking. Area representatives are: Tacoma -- Bonnie Smith (537-3080); Everett, Seattle, Bellevue -- Inger Svendsen (Seattle-SU2-7366); Olympia -- Gudrun Berg (943-4380); Poulsbo, Bremerton, Mercer Island -- Kaja Englund (Mercer Is.-AD2-5798); Montesano - Pat Morgan (249-4296); Oregon - Betty Hager (Boring-658-2504).

If you are outside these calling areas or have any address changes or corrections, write to April at 5811 South Sheridan, Tacoma WA 98408. She also receives all new membership information, and prospective new members can forward their \$5 membership dues to her.

ADVERTISING

Don't forget to run an ad in the newsletter if you have something to sell. Good items might be patterns, wooden ware, rosemaled items and the like. Cost is \$1.50 per inch.

ROSEMALED PIECES AVAILABLE

Remember there are still a few bowls left that were not sold at the exhibit at P.L.U. in January. Florence will have to send them back to the artists in Norway if not sold. What a shame! Every rosemaler should have a piece of genuine Norwegian original rosemaking in his or her collection.

GRAYS HARBOR ROSEMALING

Pat Morgan is teaching a beginning rosemaking class at Grays Harbor Sons of Norway Hall which includes two men who are doing very well in carrying on the male heritage in rosemaking. It is planned to exhibit some of this beginning rosemaking at the annual May 17 celebration on May 15th. Slides of the recent P.L.U. show of rosemaking were shown March 3 to an appreciative Grays Harbor Sons of Norway audience.

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Rosemaling Classes

Books and Patterns ----- Authentic background colors ----- Brushes

Grumbacher, Winsor-Newton, and Rembrandt Paints

Choice wooden items

at

Heirloom Arts, Old Milltown, downtown Edmonds -- 774-7997

Pd. Ad.

Norwegian Flatbread

2 c. buttermilk

1/2 c. sugar

1/2 c. shortening or margarine

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. soda

4 1/2 c. sifted flour

1 1/2 c. quick oatmeal

Cream sugar and shortening. Sift flour, salt, baking powder and soda and add with oatmeal alternately to mixture with buttermilk. Mix well. Roll thin on floured board. May use regular, hardtack or lefse rolling pin. Bake 375° for 6 min. or at 400° for 4 - 6 min.

Pat Morgan

ELSA'S WORKSHOPS

Tacoma -- We had our first "association" sponsored rose maling workshop January 5,6,7,8, 1976. Elsa Sjovaag of Oslo was the teacher and everyone said they learned a lot. We had 26 students in 3 regular workshops and 7 students in the pattern making workshop for a total of 33. We met in the Tacoma Trail Cruisers Clubhouse.

Seattle -- The Seattle workshops were January 12, 13, and 14 at Norway Center. In three workshops there were a total of 30 students. Again, everyone was pleased with how much was learned about rose maling from Elsa.

I suggest this name for the Newsletter:

Suggestion by:

Name _____

Address _____

Cut on dotted line and bring to meeting or mail to: Betty Cooper
6613 - 21st Dr. N. E.
Marysville, WA 98270

HVA KAN JEG BY DEG? (What can I offer you?)

Do you need some Norwegian sayings for use in your rosemaling? April Meier has submitted the following which might come in useful to you.

Giv os idag vort daglige brød. -- GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

Maten er nu færdig! -- THE TABLE IS SET!

Tak for maten. -- THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD.

Forsyn dem selv. -- HELP YOURSELF.

Glædelig Jul! -- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vær saa god - Kom og spis! -- BE SO GOOD AS TO COME AND EAT.

Velkommen -- WELCOME

Smør og brød gjør kinden rød. -- BUTTER AND BREAD MAKES THE CHEEKS RED.

Borte er godt men hjemme er bedst. -- AWAY IS GOOD, BUT HOME IS BEST.

Gud signe Norges land kvar heim kvar dal og strand. -- GOD BLESS NORWAY'S
LAND, VALLEYS AND STREAMS-SHORES.

EDITOR'S NOTE

It is hoped that our newsletter will provide items of interest to everyone. But, your editor needs help to do this. If you have any item of interest about rosemaling activities, information that might help others with their rosemaling, what individual rosemalers are doing, a pattern or recipe to share, or "whatever", please send to Mary Ellerman - 23406 - 94th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020

Because your editor will be leaving May 28 to be part of the "Heart of Norway Tour" sponsored by the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, it will be necessary to get the next newsletter out extra early. So, if you have anything to submit, the deadline for that newsletter will be May 10. P.S. We are sure you will enjoy using the original pattern Florence Buck is sharing with us this issue.