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## COMING MEETING:

Sunday, January 17

- 1 pm. Social Hour/Sharing
- 1:45 Business Meeting
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Program

Our program promises to be an interesting one. MARY ELLERMAN travelled to Germany this fall and while there spent some time studying some of the folk art there. She will tell us about BAUERNMALEREI, peasant painting and we may find comparisons to Rosemaling in it. DON'T MISS THIS ONE.

LOCATION: NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM  
3014 Northwest 67th Street  
(Ballard Area)

**DIRECTIONS** From I-5 north bound, take exit 172 which leads to 85th street westbound; continue on it to 24th Ave. NW. Turn left of N.W. 67th St. 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 at the front of the museum.

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this year draws to a close, and we may be thinking ahead to the New Year, be sure to include in your list of resolutions "to do more ROSEMALING".

Thinking back over this past year, which has flown by ever so fast, I realize that it has been a busy one - a Juried Show, three workshops conducted by visiting rosemalers and our participation in five public sales events. All of this would not be possible without the help and support of so many. My THANKS to each of you.

Looking ahead to 1982 - we have plans to add two more sales events to our schedule - Scandinavian Midsummer Fest in Astoria, Oregon and Yule Fest, Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. So it would seem there is promise of another activity filled year to come.

BEST WISHES FOR A GOOD AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DENA IVERSON

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WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:

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**Viking Fare**

NEW FROM SAS

Round Trip: **\$640** US

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Stay: Min. 7 days; Max. 21 days  
Validity: Oct. 1, '81 to Apr. 30, '82  
Tuesday departures  
Call your travel agent or SAS for details

Also think car rental, Eurailpass. Min. land arrangements, \$140 for 7 days.

Take a Short Cut **SAS** Fly the Polar Route  
SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CELIA urges you to get your renewals in soon!!!! Those not arriving by February 1 will not be in the new directory. Don't let holiday activities get in the way of taking care of this important matter if you are one who has neglected to do this.

Thank you to Bergljot Lunde of the Craft School in Sand, Norway for the lovely pattern included in this issue of the VINE. This one is taken from the packet of patterns developed while she was in Decorah this past summer.



SYNOPSIS OF NOVEMBER MEETING

HOSTESSES, Bremerton members, were thanked by President Dena for the refreshments.

TREASURER'S REPORT showed a balance of \$573.90

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Celia Hendrix reported 70 renewals at that date.

ACANTHUS VINE Membership approved the new format of the Newsletter.

BY-LAWS Jean Alfsen moved the acceptance of the by-law change in Article IX, Section I to add "or June" after May. Motion passed.

SCANDINAVIAN DAYS Ida May Swedberg, chairman, reported \$1,190.88 in sales. After expenses the net amount was \$1,178.91.

NORMA SPLITT CARDS: The board position on re-sale of cards for profit was clarified. Those members who wish to sell cards may order directly from Norma. Our stock is down but will not re-order until January.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: A list of names will be mailed to those participating.

JURIED SHOW: Mary Ellerman and Jean Alfsen will work on it and select a third member to carry on to to next year's committee.

P.L.U. YULE BOUTIQUE: Carole Ramstad and Wilda Snider, chairmen announced final plans. Carole explained how to fill out sales entry form. Each item must be listed separately on this form and will be in use from now on. When your check for sales is sent to you by the Treasurer, she will return a new entry form. Use a new form for each sale.

SCANDINAVIAN DAYS - ASTORIA, OREGON: Ida Mae explained the festival. It was recommended by the Board that we participate next year. It is held the weekend closest to June 21st. Motion was made that we pursue the possibility of a booth in the festival. Passed.

NEW BOOK: Nils Ellingsgard has a new book on Rosemaling techniques which will be out in the fall.

NORWAY TOUR: Florence Buck announced that she will be leading a tour to Norway on May 15, 1982. It will be 2 weeks conducted and 2 weeks on your own. Brochures available at next meeting.

PROJECT TO COUNT ROSEMALERS: If you have not signed up for this project, sign up with Helen Gjovaag who will forward the names and dollars to Norma Splitt. Monies will be used to refurbish the classroom at the Decorah Museum.

PLATES FOR SALES BOOTHS: About 6 plates will be painted in different Rosemaling styles for display at sales.

BUSINESS CARDS: Contact Mary Ellerman if interested. Should be ordered in groups of 500. She will get estimates.

DOOR PRIZE: Helen Gjovaag was the lucky winner of 2 Rosemaling brushes.

Program cancelled because of weather.

Bonghyt Lunde 1980









Mary Ellerman  
23406 - 94th Ave. W.  
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OPEN HOUSE -- January 10 -- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Newly painted items from JoSonja's seminar which I attended in December.

New wood items -- with Roy's retirement, we expect to introduce new items regularly and to be more prompt with orders. We also have wooden plates, bowls and duck decoys.

Tinware -- antique reproductions for Early American decoration.

Workshops -- samples will be on display for the various workshops being offered. Several of the workshops will be in the techniques brought back from JoSonja's.

Classes -- classes will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Please come and have a cup of coffee, visit, look over the painted and unpainted wood items. If you have any friends who might be interested, please invite them. If you need directions, or have any questions, call me at 542-1592.

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ITEMS FROM THE THE BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 5:

ETHICS COMMITTEE The ethics committee will consist of 3 people. Should there be a question, dissatisfaction or other problem, this shall be submitted in writing to the WRA Board. If the issue is a complaint of rightful conduct, it will be referred to the Ethics Committee. The committee will respond in writing. Committee will be appointed in the near future.

JURIED SHOW Mary Ellerman and Jean Alfson are working on the plans for a Juried Show. There is nothing concrete on time or place to announce at this time. However, members are urged to begin painting! Guidelines will be much more flexible this year no restrictions on type of piece or style.

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Do you have a need for the cards with the short explanation of Rosemaling? They are available at 2¢ each from the people who handle the Rosemaling pins. Ruby Knowlen in the Tacoma area and Rita Knutsen in Seattle.

*From the Tendrils*

Addie Pittelkow sent greetings to fellow painters in WRA along with her renewal of membership. She had just returned from an inspiring week of painting in Mission, Kansas and commented that all painters are "the nicest people ever."

A letter from Bergljet and Gunnar Lunde in Sand, Norway tells us that they are very busy with preparations for the holidays and with Bergljet's classes at the school. She has 12 students but will have more after the New Year. Two of her students are American born and one of those did not speak any Norwegian when she came to them in the fall!

They send holiday greetings to all of their friends on the West Coast.

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PROVERBS AND SAYINGS TO PAINT ON BOWLS OR PLATES

Vend andletet mot soli so hev du  
skuggen bak deg

Når musa fyrst hev smaka ost,  
vil ho ha ost jamt.

La denne bli i slektens eie, husk  
det gode, glem det leie.

Sus og dus gir øde hus.

Betre a bygge sitt eige bo enn  
sitja på framand pinne og glo.

Det er fagnad i fint fylgje.

Godt lag stuttare dag.

Det er for seint a stenja buret  
når fuglen er flogen.

Trollette kjerringer, rotter og  
mus gjer onde ting i bondens hus.

Mange bonn, og mye korn, store  
stuta med lange honn.

Betre a tenne eit ljøs, enn  
klage over myrkret.

God aften!

Er kaffen ferdig?

Jeg har hatt det veldig hyggelig.

En ny dag er den første av de  
siste dagger av ditt liv.

Godt lag gjør lange vegen litte.

Takk for maten!

Mange takk

Vær så god

Velkommen

(Gathered from a variety of sources.  
ADVANCED ROSEMALING.)

Turn your face towards the sun; then  
the shadows are behind you.

If a mouse gets a taste for cheese, it  
will always have cheese.

Let this be a family heirloom; remember  
the good, forget the gloom.

Riot and revel make a home fall  
below level.

It is better to build a nest of one's  
own than to sit in another man's  
and stare.

There is a certain charm in certain  
company.

To work together well makes the work  
seem light.

Too late to close the bird cage  
after the bird has flown.

A wicked wife, the rate and mouse are  
pretty bad for a farmer's house.

Cute kids and lots of grain and corn,  
strong steers with hefty horns.

Better light a candle than complain  
about dusk and darkness.

Good evening!

Is the coffee ready?

I have enjoyed myself very much.

A new day is the first day of the  
last days of your life.

Good company makes a long road short.

Thanks for the food!

Many thanks

If you please

Welcome

Many from Elsa Sjøvaag's book

# Western Rosemalers Association 1982 Calendar

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| <p><b>JANUARY</b><br/>17 - Regular Meeting<br/>Nordic Heritage Museum<br/>Seattle</p> | <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p>   | <p><b>MARCH</b><br/>Regular Meeting 21st</p>   |
| <p><b>APRIL</b></p>   | <p><b>MAY</b><br/>16th Regular Meeting</p>   | <p><b>JUNE</b><br/>Scandinavian Midsummer<br/>Fest in Astoria Oregon<br/><br/>Midsummer in Poulsbo</p> |
| <p><b>JULY</b></p>  | <p><b>AUGUST</b></p>   | <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b><br/>19th Regular Meeting</p>   |
| <p><b>OCTOBER</b><br/>Scandinavian Days in<br/>Tacoma</p>                             | <p><b>NOVEMBER</b><br/>21st Regular Meeting<br/><br/>PLU Yule Boutique<br/>Yule Fest - Nordic<br/>Museum</p> | <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p>   |