



Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors



Share Your Ancestral Story at Flere Lag 2026

There are a multitude of ways to share a story from your family's Nordic past and, in keeping with this year's theme, we're asking 2026 Flere Lag Stevne attendees to come prepared to do just that.

You can participate (*one entry per attendee*) by submitting:

- A simple paragraph or two about your Great Uncle Gunnar
- A favorite old family photograph
- Your sketch of Oldemor's home gård in Solør
- A hearty loaf of Grovbrød (*if sliced, be aware that some items may not be returned*)
- A lively fiddle tune
- The harrowing account of an ocean crossing
- A heritage tale you've shared with your grandchildren
- Your soulful rendition of *Hils fra Meg der Hjemme*
- The history of your heirloom sølja
- Your family genealogy book
- A treasured stash of letters from "back home" in Norway
- Some spontaneous steps of a Springar dance
- An account of the ah-ha! discovery of a long-sought record of a "missing" ancestor or _____... (*you fill in the blank*)

If a written story submission fits on a single page, it will be hung on the walls at the Stevne so that all attendees can read it as they wander the hallways. Include your name at the top. If possible, email a copy in advance to Dixie Hansen dxhansen@gmail.com and she'll print it and have it posted before you arrive. Otherwise, drop it off at the registration desk when you pick up your Stevne registration materials, and she'll post it up later in the day.

Multi-page stories, photographs, drawings, scrapbooks, genealogies, or other physical objects which tell your family story will be displayed on specified tables. Bring them with you to the Stevne. *Post-it notes* will be on hand at the display tables for you to attach your name to your submission. Dixie will come by later and replace the temporary name identifiers with uniform printed placards.

If your story is told in the form of a freeform song, a dance, a toot on the lur, or an improv oration, stop by and schedule a time with Dixie to come to the registration lobby area (between sessions), and let loose!

Special Honors

On Thursday morning all attendees are asked to stop by the registration desk and vote for their favorite submitted ancestral stevne story. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen by popular vote count. Voting will close at Noon. In addition, a distinguished judges' panel comprised of an officer from each of the participating lags will honor an additional winner or two in special *ad hoc* categories. All honorees will be announced and recognized at the Thursday night banquet.