



*Vestland Lodge strives to provide an atmosphere where members and guests can connect to their heritage through informative and enjoyable programs, fellowship and special events. We always appreciate your input, involvement and attendance at our Lodge programs. Enjoy!*

## October Program at Vestland

# "Through Hell Gate to The Promised Land"



"Through Hell Gate to The Promised Land" is a storytelling performance about the first Norwegian group of emigrants that arrived in New York at October 9th, 1825.

Anne Elisebeth Skogen is a Norwegian storyteller living close to the city of Stavanger. She has written a manuscript for the guides onboard on the new constructed

replica of the emigration ship RESTAURATION. The boat was baptized last summer and will be sailing in the fiords around Stavanger for tourists and maybe also - in time - cross the Atlantic to America. Anne Elisebeth also has made a school version of the story and toured schools in south - west Norway. Now she has made an English version to present in America on tours.

Anne Elisebeth has worked with the written source material and literature about the sloopers and has made a selection of it and created an oral story of 50 minutes.

The story follows the emigrants from their first thoughts about emigration, and further on the preparations, the crossing, how they passed Hell Gate, the arriving in New York and the further travel up to Kendall at Lake Ontario. Through the storytelling you will learn to know about the leader of the group, Lars Gjeilane, how he got the idea to emigrate, but you will also learn to know some of the other emigrants. More over you will hear about social - and religious conditions in Norway compared with America. In this performance you will get the experience of joining the emigrants on their about four month long travel from Stavanger to Kendall.

Please invite guests to join us while Anne Elisebeth tells us about the first Norwegian group to arrive in America.

## October: Vestland's ANNUAL TORSK & MEATBALL DINNER

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**OCTOBER 16th, 2012**

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER: 7:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT: 8:00 p.m.  
(See announcement to left)

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW  
(from Board Members or Marilyn)

### MENU

(Catered by Nelson's Meats)

torsk & meatballs  
roasted potatoes  
vegetable  
cole slaw  
pickled beets  
rice pudding  
buttered lefse \*\*\*

TICKET COST: \$20 EA.

TICKET DEADLINE: OCT. 11th

**NOTE: If you and your guests number 8 people - you may pre-reserve a table by calling Marilyn Larsen at: 612-791-7406 by October 15th.**

**\*\*\*Glenn & Marion Tollefson will be selling lefse also for your holiday dinners & parties. \$9/pkg or \$17/two.**