

**Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners - Fall Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2009**  
**Decorah, Iowa**

The Oneota Weavers and Spinners Guild invites you to Northeast Iowa for a day of Scandinavian textiles. The morning is spent with the *Conference on Norwegian Woven Textiles*. Special programming for Iowa Federation members is scheduled for the afternoon.

**Steyer Opera House, Hotel Winneshiek, 104 East Water Street**

- 8:00 – 10:30            Conference check-in (Lobby)
- 9:00 – 9:30            “Weaving and Design in Norway” - Carol Colburn, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 9:30 – 10:00          Report on the *Rya* (Pile Weave) Study Group  
- Judy Ness, Eugene, Oregon
- 10:00 – 10:30          Refreshment Break
- 10:30 – 11:30          “Tradition and Innovation: Rugs from Fishermen’s Boats Transformed to Tapestry”- Inger Anne Utvåg, Oslo, Norway
- 11:30 – 12:00          “Hard Times and Scandinavian Spinning in the Upper Midwest at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Another Look at Alfred Andresen’s Catalog for Home Industries” - Patricia Hiltz, Columbus, Wisconsin

**Downtown Decorah and  
Vesterheim’s Westby-Torgerson Education Center, 502 West Water Street**

- 12:00 – 1:30            Lunch on your own. Time to view *Woven Women* and *Exhibit of the Rya Study Group* (First Floor). Iowa Federation Board meeting (Third Floor).
- 1:30 – 2:00            Business Meeting (Third Floor).

**Vesterheim’s Main Building, 523 West Water Street**

- 2:00 – 2:45            Gallery Talk in *Sacred Symbols, Ceremonial Cloth* (Third Floor)  
- Mary B. Kelly, Hilton Head, South Carolina
- 2:45 – 5:00            Time to explore the museum on your own. Don’t miss the exhibition *Knitting Along the Viking Trail* (Third Floor).

**Please register in advance.**

You are welcome to join the three-day *Conference in Norwegian Woven Textiles*. Check with your guild representative for the full conference brochure or visit [vesterheim.org](http://vesterheim.org) for schedule and registration form.

*The Conference on Norwegian Woven Textiles is hosted by Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum and Luther College. Thank you to conference sponsors: the American-Scandinavian Foundation's Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund; the Grace Rikansrud Memorial Lecture Fund (at Vesterheim Museum); and the Decorah Hotel/Motel Committee.*

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Inger Anne Utvåg, Dean of the faculty of Art, Design and Drama at Oslo University College, started weaving traditional versions of "boat rugs," woven coverlets with one side of knotted fringe. Now she uses vibrant colors and contrasting textures to make contemporary artworks that honor Norwegian coastal history. Utvåg was profiled in *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot* in Spring 2002.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

***Sacred Symbols, Ceremonial Cloth*** explores the many symbols that have come down from ancient times to be used in family rituals in Norway in the nineteenth century. Four theme areas demonstrate the important pre-Christian functions of symbols: good luck, fertility, protection, and connecting the human and spiritual worlds. Sept. 18, 2009 to Feb. 21, 2009, Vesterheim's Main Building, third floor.

***Knitting Along the Viking Trail*** is a traveling exhibition of knitwear designed by Elsebeth Lavold featuring Viking and Iron Age interlaced motifs. Knit items are exhibited alongside photos and sketches of archaeological finds from all over the Viking world and replicas of rune and picture stones. July 12 to Oct. 11, 2009, Vesterheim's Main Building, third floor.

***Woven Women: Representations of the Female in Norwegian Weaving*** is a juried exhibition of contemporary weaving in the Norwegian tradition. Artworks depict females abstractly or realistically to celebrate the long and varied tradition of Norwegian weaving and its many talented women weavers. Sept. 1 to 26, 2009, Vesterheim's Westby-Torgerson Education Center, first floor.

***Exhibit of the Rya Study Group*** Traditional and contemporary objects woven in rya, a pile-weave technique. Sept. 22-26, 2009, Vesterheim's Westby Torgerson Education Center, first floor.

***Exhibit of the Bandweaving Study Group*** Finely-patterned handwoven bands. Sept. 20-26, 2009, Luther College, Center for the Arts, Gregerson Gallery

## **LODGING**

\* Hotel Winneshiek, 800-998-4164

\* Country Inn by Carlson, 563-382-9646

\* Heartland Inn, 563-382-2269

\* Super 8 Motel, 563-382-8771

The Bluffs Inn, 563-382-8600

B & B on Broadway, 563-382-1420

Dee Dee's Bed and Breakfast, 563-382-2778

The Dug Road Inn, 563-382-9355

\*These businesses are offering special rates or are holding blocks of rooms (under the name "Vesterheim Conference") until August 27.

For more Winneshiek County Tourism information, contact the Winneshiek County Convention & Visitors Bureau or the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce (563-382-3990, 800-463-4692, or [www.decoraharea.com](http://www.decoraharea.com)).

## **VENDORS AND ADVERTISING**

Because of space constraints, there will not be vendors at the Conference for Norwegian Woven Textiles. Businesses and artists may take out one-page advertisements in the conference proceedings, which will be distributed to all registrants. Request advertising information on the form when you register, or contact Laurann Gilbertson (563-382-9681, [lgilbertson@vesterheim.org](mailto:lgilbertson@vesterheim.org)) before August 30.

Conference fees for the Iowa Federation Day include presentations on Saturday, refreshment break, museum admission, and conference proceedings booklet. A dessert reception on Friday evening and a banquet dinner on Saturday evening are available for additional cost.

**Iowa Federation Day**  
at the  
***Conference on Norwegian Woven Textiles***

**Registration**

Register in advance. *If* space is available, on-site registration for the Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners Day will be offered for \$85.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Conference Fees</b>	<b>Received by July 31</b>	<b>Received Aug. 1-Sept. 18</b>	<b>On-site</b>
Iowa Federation Day program:	\$63	\$73	\$85
Friday dessert reception and Saturday banquet dinner	\$36	\$46	not available
<b>TOTAL</b>	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like information on advertising in the conference proceedings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed (made out to Vesterheim Museum in U.S. funds)

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Discover

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation policy: Registration fee refunded minus \$50 administrative fee if cancelled by September 4, 2009. No refunds after September 5, 2009.

Return this completed form with full payment. **By mail:** CNWT Registration, Vesterheim Museum, PO Box 379, Decorah, IA 52101-0379. **By fax:** 563-382-8828. **By phone:** (weekdays from 9-5) 563-382-9681. Registrants will receive a confirmation email or letter with additional conference information. With questions about the conference, call 563-382-9681 or [info@vesterheim.org](mailto:info@vesterheim.org).