

Norwegian Royal Visit 2011

VESTERHEIM NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM

HONORARY CHAIR, HIS MAJESTY HARALD V, KING OF NORWAY



Key Figures in the 2011 Royal Visit to Vesterheim

Vesterheim Board Chair Michael Schmidt

Michael Schmidt is Chair of Vesterheim's Board of Trustees. A native of Spring Grove, Minnesota, he is a retired real estate consultant turned restaurateur and owns a restaurant in Spring Grove, where he has a home. He resides in Connecticut with his wife Diane.

Vesterheim Executive Director Steven Johnson

Steven Johnson became the Executive Director of Vesterheim in November 2009. During his 31 years at the museum, he also served as Associate Director of Development, Internal Auditor, Director of Development, Director of Historic Preservation and Facilities, and Deputy Director. Steve and his wife Barbara have two children, Bjorn and Emily.

Flower Bearers Lilly Peterson and Michael Bruening

- Lilly Peterson is 8 years old and is in the third grade at Clear Springs Elementary School in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She is the daughter of David and Tina Peterson. She is also the granddaughter of former Vesterheim Board Chair Sonja Peterson and the grand niece of former Vesterheim trustee Jim Halls and his wife Elaine.
- Michael Bruening is 11 years old and is in the sixth grade at Decorah Middle School. He is the son of Keith and Amy Bruening. He is also the grandson of Vesterheim trustee Brenda Carlson and her husband David, and Duane and Eileen Bruening, who are also longtime museum supporters. Michael is a Junior Nordic Dancer and enjoys sports, music, and reading.

Artist Norma Wangsness—Creator of Gift for the Royal Couple

Norma Wangsness lives in Decorah, Iowa. She is Vesterheim Gold Medalist in rosemaling and a professional photo artist. She has been a friend and supporter of Vesterheim for over 40 years.

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