Inspiring connections to Norwegian-American experiences through discovery, scholarship, and stewardship
In October, we celebrated the completion of our new climate-controlled vault during a visit from Her Majesty Queen Sonja of Norway. A program in Rosvaag Memorial Library highlighted our collections, our preservation efforts, and the research that students are doing in the NAHA Archives. The opening of the new vault marks a new chapter of collaboration in nearly a century of partnership between NAHA and St. Olaf College.

Throughout 2022, we digitized significant portions of the 1925 Norse-American Centennial Collection. This project was made possible by the people of Minnesota through a nearly $87,000 grant funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. We also digitized 35mm slides from the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation collection and items from the Temperance Movement Papers, in cooperation with the Minnesota Digital Library.

( TOP) NAHA Archivist Kristina Warner describes our preservation efforts to Her Majesty Queen Sonja.
( BOTTOM LEFT) During the program, students Teague Peterson-McGuire, Skye Federation, and Leah Berdahl read from immigrant letters and diaries in the NAHA collection.
( BOTTOM RIGHT) Caroline Flaten was one of four students who presented their archival research to Queen Sonja.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

7,500+ Items digitized
700+ Minutes of oral histories transcribed
180+ Research and material requests
34 Donations added to our archives
7 Student internships
5 In-house researchers from Scandinavia
In April, our **virtual event, Transatlantic Frameworks**, featured the emerging scholarship of two of our members. Miranda Moen presented “Ethnicity, Class, and Regional Building Styles: The Foundation of Immigrant Architecture.” Henrik Olav Mathiesen shared “Early Transatlantic Correspondence and Translocal Communication Structures: The Case of the Vossing Letters from the Nesheim Books.” The event was moderated by historian Annette Atkins, a NAHA board member.

In June, more than a dozen North American members of NAHA attended a **seminar at the Norwegian Emigrant Museum in Ottestad, Norway**. The conference theme was “Nordic Identity Formation in a Transnational Context,” hosted by **NAHA-Norge**, our partner organization in Norway. Following the seminar, NAHA offered its week-long **Artistry and Industry of Norway tour**. Participants traveled from Oslo to Bergen, exploring the cultural, industrial, and agricultural history of southern Norway. Stops included Oslo’s new Munch Museum and Deichmann Bjørvika Library; Heddal Stave Church; the Rjukan-Notodden Industrial Heritage Site; the Telemark Canal; fish and fruit farms in the Hardanger region; the Oleana knitwear factory; and Trollhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg.

In October, nearly a hundred members enjoyed our **biennial member meeting**. The day included four engaging presentations, a Nordic-themed lunch, news from NAHA leadership, and the election of new board members. Our theme was Norwegian Americans in the Twin Cities, and it included the launch of our latest book, *The Heart of the Heartland: Norwegian American Community in the Twin Cities*. Author David C. Mauk gave the keynote presentation.

Throughout the year, we continued actively collecting materials, assisting researchers, and expanding our digital repositories. Some **significant additions to the archives** included the Ivar and Hulda Aas Aus family papers, 1938–2021; the Olaf M. Wangensteen papers, 1896–circa 1980; and the Harstad/Fjeldstad/Gilbertson family papers.

Several NAHA events are recorded and available online — look for them on the Events page of our website.
INTERNSHIPS AND AWARDS

Each year, NAHA offers internships for students to pursue their interests and gain practical experience in archives, public history, and nonprofit management. Many of these internships are made possible with funding from the Sigvald Quale Norwegian Society Fund.

NEW FELLOWSHIPS

In 2022, NAHA created two new opportunities for researchers. The NAHA Archives Fellowship, made possible thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, will encourage research using the NAHA collections. The NAHA Publications Fellowship will stimulate scholarship in the field of Norwegian-American studies that results in a manuscript. The first application deadline for our fellowships is October 1, 2023, and we plan to make our first awards in January of 2024. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

PUBLICATIONS

In the fall of 2022, NAHA released Volume 40 of our scholarly journal, *Norwegian-American Studies*, published in cooperation with the University of Minnesota Press. The journal is dedicated to showcasing the best work in the field of Norwegian-American studies, including the related disciplines of history, literature, religion, art, and cultural studies.

This year’s featured journal articles:

- “Waldemar Ager, Realism, and Woman Suffrage,” by Greg Kocken
- “Elisabeth Koren and Her Letters Home,” by Øyvind T. Gulliksen

The journal also includes photographic features, book reviews, works-in-progress, and updates on teaching, learning, and researching in the field of Norwegian-American studies. In addition to our print edition, free digital access to the journal and all past issues are available to NAHA members on the Project MUSE digital library.

NAHA members also received our newest publication, *Heart of the Heartland: Norwegian American Community in the Twin Cities* by David C. Mauk. The book was co-published with the Minnesota Historical Society Press.
## Financials

### Funding for Operations

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**Market value as of December 31, 2022**

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### Designation of Endowed Funds

- **Operations**: $1,342,243 (39%)
- **Publications**: $1,040,790 (30%)
- **Archives**: $795,749 (23%)
- **Temporarily Restricted**: $271,704 (8%)

### Investment Income

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