



## Fall Althing 2016 in Bosque County

It was great to be back in the Norwegian Capitol of Texas for our Fall Althing Meeting, October 28, 29 and 30, 2016. The meeting was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Norse. The church was completed and dedicated in 1885. Cleng Peerson and many early settlers are buried in the church cemetery.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Norse, TX

We covered several topics including Strategic Plan, Scholarship Funding and the Scholarship Selection process during the business meeting. We look forward to implementing our newly improved funding model and selection guidelines.

Belinda Klovning, President of Snorre announced their chapter was donating \$3000 to the Scholarship Fund. Tusen Takk to Snorre for the very generous gift!

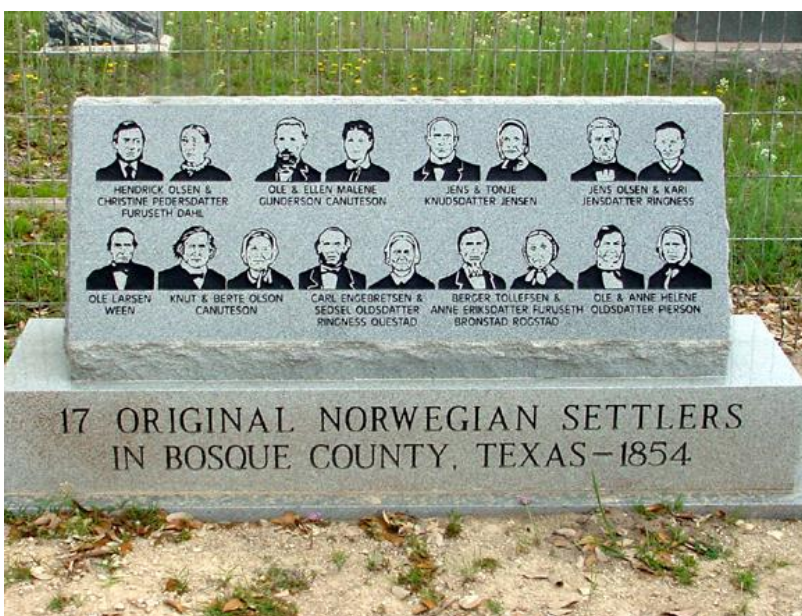
On Friday evening our meet and greet was held in downtown Clifton at Michell's Grille. It was fun to catch up with friends from across Texas.



Cleng Peerson's Grave Sight

The Saturday afternoon tours started by hearing the history of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Cemetery, then visiting the Cleng Peerson, Colwich Farm, where Cleng lived. His cabin is located on the farm. The CCP Farm was listed on National Register of Historical Places in 2015. We also toured the Ringness House Museum, a restored farm house from the 1800s and the St. Olaf Church (The Rock Church) a mission church of Our Savior's.

We finished the day at the Horny Toad Bar and Grill in Cranfills Gap. The burgers were great! The building was a former feed and grain store owned by a NST member's uncle. You can't get away from Norwegian History in Bosque County!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Cemetery  
Resting place of Cleng Peerson and other early  
Norwegian settlers to Bosque County

On behalf of the NST/Althing I would like to thank the Bosque County Chapter Co-Presidents Mary Orbeck and Virginia Richards, tour guides, members and Our Savior's Lutheran Church for hosting our Fall 2016 Althing Meeting. We appreciate your wonderful hospitality, the tours of the area historical sights and local area restaurants. Well done!

Best Regards,  
Dave Olson  
President, Norwegian Society of Texas

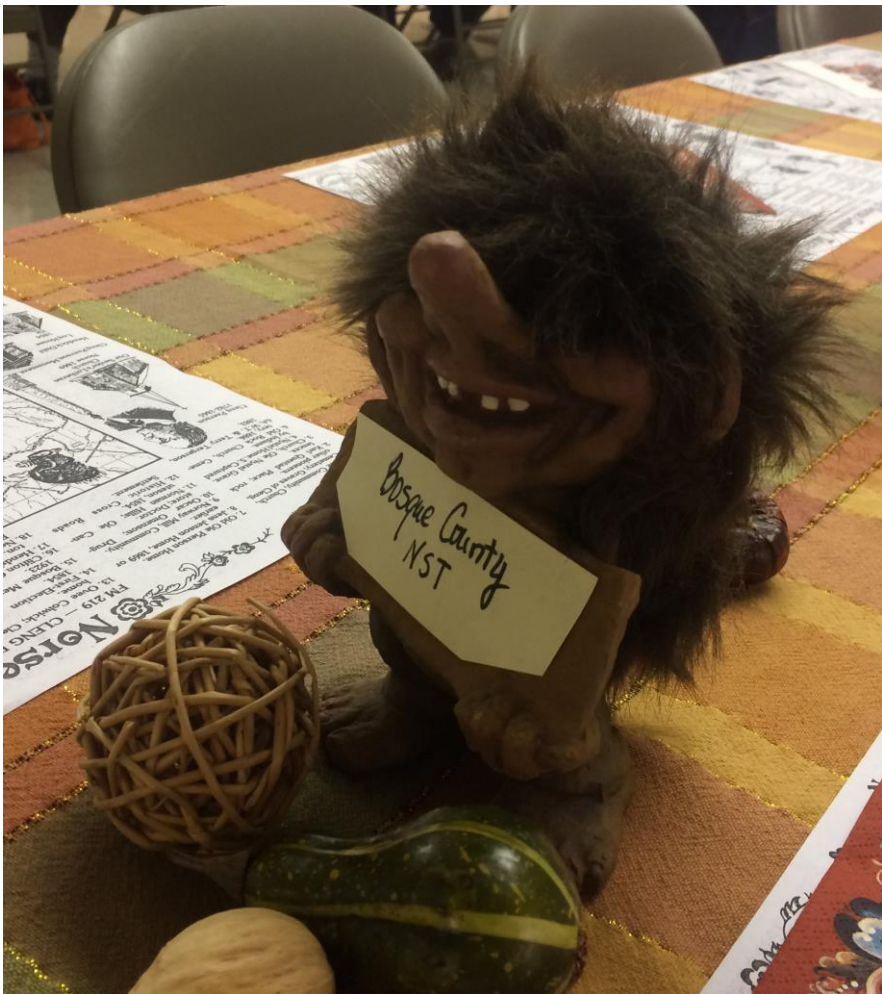


## Friday Evening Meet and Greet





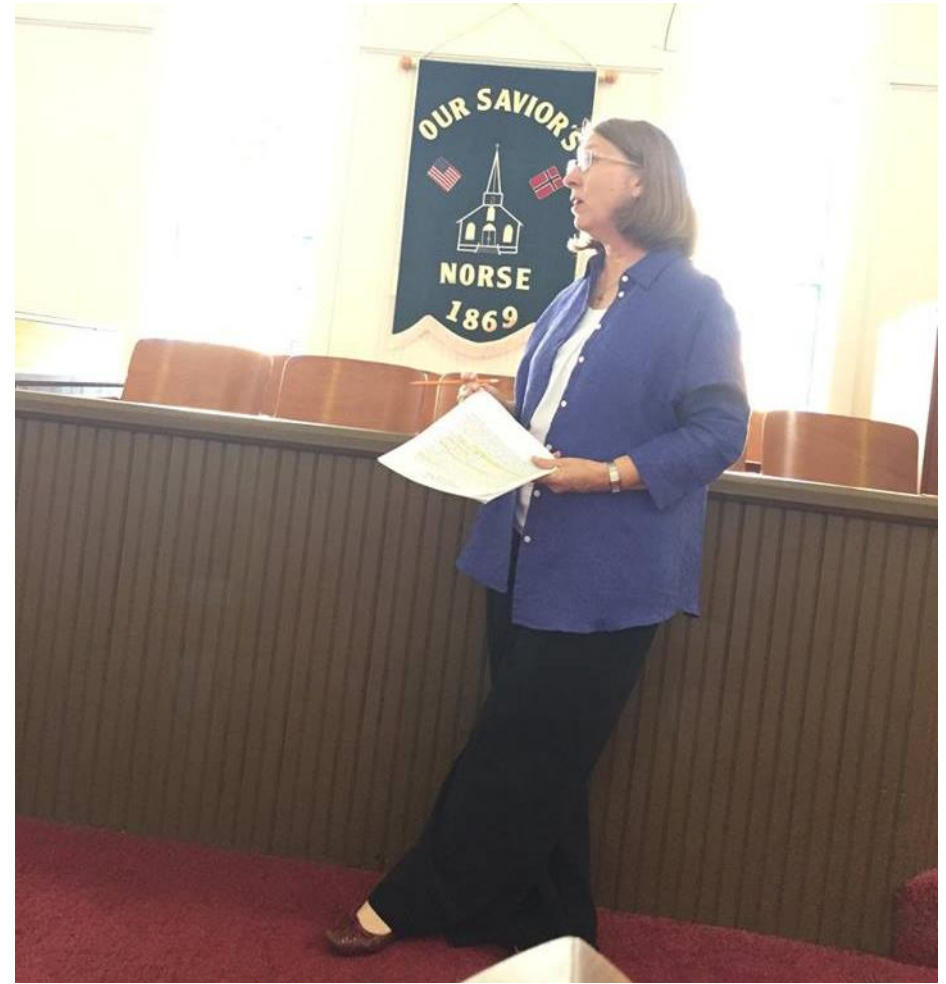
Saturday Althing Meeting





## Saturday Tours

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church





# Ringness House Museum





## CCP Farm



### The Log Cabin

This log cabin is believed to have been built in the 1850's. If so, it is the oldest standing log cabin in the community of Norse. During that time period, it was a common practice for homesteaders to build such structures to use as temporary habitats until a more permanent house could be constructed. Since written records are scarce, one can only speculate that Cleng Peerson was the one who built this cabin and that he may have used it for shelter. Evidence to support that theory is a petition from Cleng Peerson to the State of Texas, written in 1855. In this petition, Cleng Peerson made an official request to have the property legally deeded to him, and he swore under oath that he had already cared for this property for at least a year prior to the writing of that document.

When Cleng Peerson gave half of the land to the Colwick family in 1859, they built a substantial residence that became home to their own family and to their friend Cleng Peerson, as promised. Likely then, after 1859, this log cabin served purposes other than a place to lay one's weary head.

The exterior walls of the cabin with their rough-hewn logs and notched braces are original. The roof was replaced by previous owners, and will soon be clad with historically correct cedar shakes.





## The Rock Church

***Deep in the heart of Texas, located on Bosque County Road 4145 between Cranfills Gap and Clifton, is what the local people call “The Rock Church.” Built in 1886 by Norwegian settlers in the area, Saint Olaf Lutheran Church (St Olafs Kirke – as it is carved above the doorway) still serves as a place of worship, especially at Christmas Evening candlelight service and Easter sunrise service.\****



\* <http://rockchurch-gap.com/>



Saturday Evening Dinner

