

## STORYING WANDER – FORTELJARVEGEN 2016



Ved Tvergastein " In the spirit of Arne Næss, juni 2015, foto Dag Nordsveen

## 2016 - from Sognefjorden to Hallingskarvet, 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August

At all times people have wandered and exchanged ideas and stories, traded goods, learned new skills and developed both culture and economy. New techniques for weaving and other types of handcraft have spread throughout regions and countries, merging with local traditions to a multitude of different styles and varieties. It is the same with music, languages and other cultural expressions. These evolutionary processes follow along smaller or larger circles, between neighbouring valleys or throughout Europe. At the same time, it also emerges as a personalized learning experience as you walk, through the possibility of being *present* in the present.

In these times, it is also important to bear in mind that hunger, wars and search for safety and shelter, in all times have forced people to migrate. Like the refugees we see today, searching for a place to settle. How is it for a human being to walk along a path of not knowing? How can we understand and share our culture, stories, and tradition, language and landscape with them? What is actually home?

This is an invitation to participate in the second story wandering, this time from Sognefjorden to Hallingskarvet. We will also this year follow the old drover's road from west to east. The wandering starts on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>, departing from Vassbygdi with packhorses to Sinjarheim. Here we will stay for two nights, participating in practical work, stories and sharing. The task is also to create new values, and the use of such a place is connected to stories we are revealing.

Further on, the journey will take us up the valley to Østerbø Turisthytte. Next stop is Konghelleren (1600 m.asl) to Iungsdalen and Geirmunds valley, and further on to Hallingskarvet and Tvergastein. We walk the same route as last year, but the opposite way without driving cars.

*"It's a work of rejuvenating oral culture – the culture of face-to-face and face-to-place storytelling. We excavate stories that live in the land, stories rooted in particular places, stories that not only contain human characters but in which other animals figure as protagonists, tricksters or mentors, or wherein local herbs dynamically deploy their powers, wherein river-bends and boulder-strewn mountainsides enact their own active part in the tales. By rejuvenating oral culture we resuscitate and preserve the traditional ecological knowledge and place-based practices carried and handed down in the stories. In each case, ultimately, we bring diverse residents of the watershed together, out on the land, to participate in fresh telling's of those local stories, weaving the tales – and the songs and even the dances that sometimes accompany those tales – into seasonal rituals that can slowly, year after year, bind the community more deeply into the more-than-human dynamics of the local terrain. Our simple conviction is that we cannot restore the land without restorying the land"* (David Abram, Wandering Festival, 2015)

**Registration is valid after invoice is payed. Price: 2500,- NOK**

Bank account: 3745.30.81282

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The fee includes: (2 night accommodation/food /lunch packet at Sinjarheim and 1 night at Kongshelleren, (bring sleeping bag/sheet bag). Local transport from Aurland to Vassbygdi and from Iungsdalen to train (Bergen railway line). It also includes transportation costs for food brought to Sinjarheim and Kongshelleren and other costs for organizing this event.

*Accommodation and meals at Iungsdalen and Østerbø (DNT) must additionally be payed by each individual participant.*

If you know right away that you can or cannot join us this year, we would appreciate an email to Jorunn Barane (see contact info below) as soon as possible, so the spot may be offered to others. Deadline for initial response is May 1<sup>st</sup> and deadline for payment is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- ❖ We intend to collect and compile a compendium with texts, articles, stories, songs, poems, drawings, symbols ...whatever you like to send connect to this year's walk, so please be kind to come with proposals, tips or other things you would like to share. And please send them by e-mail to Jorunn and Per Ingvar.

With warm regards,

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