



Dr. Peterson established a Chicago based publishing , [Nordic Studies Press](#), with colleague Joan Zetterlund.

Please join us Saturday, May 10 to welcome our guest speaker Dr. Charles Peterson. He has been the Executive Director of the Center for Scandinavian Studies at North Park University in Chicago since 1993. Dr. Peterson lived and worked in Sweden and Norway, and traveled extensively in the Nordic countries. He is currently on the board of NorCham Chicago.

His interest is in the current hot topic of rare earth materials and mining and its effect on the native Sámi people, their culture, and way of life.

Scandinavia, an area where energy generation, nomadic life styles and mineral rights converge. Get up to speed on this topic by Dr. Peterson. Here are a couple of informative Youtube videos on this current topic.

[Who Are The Sami?](#) (An historical reference)

[The Sámi Fight for the Right to Their Land and Tradition](#) (Some of the current issues effecting Scandinavian governments and indigenous people)



Torske Klub Luncheon - May 10, 2025—Reserve today!

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847)824-1556 for directions that day. Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation **by Sunday evening before the luncheon**. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

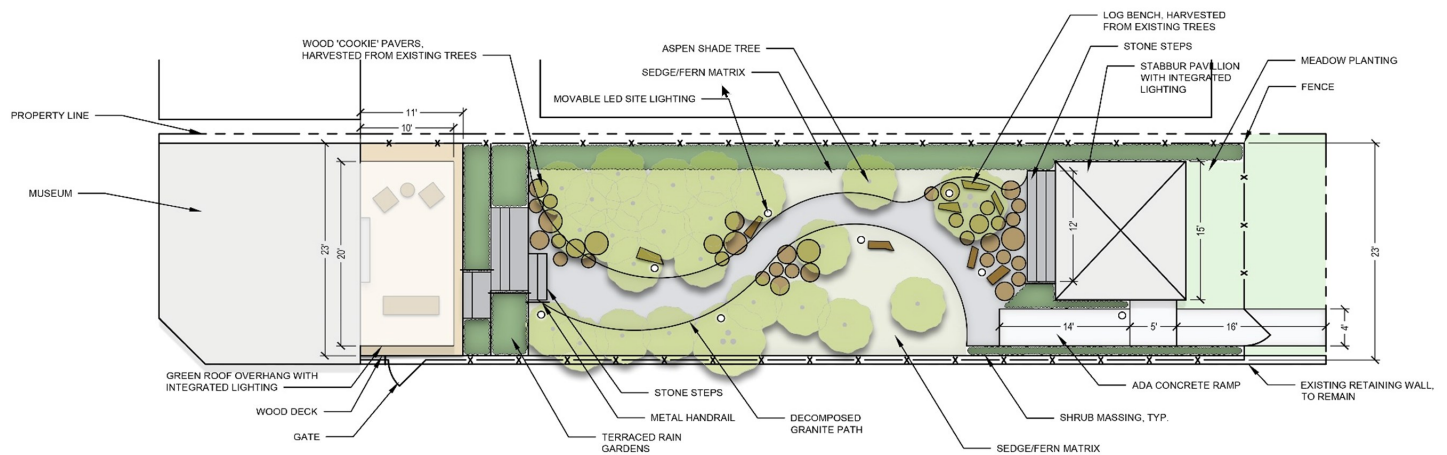
Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: **38, 51, 55, 58, 98, 102, 120, 124, 135, 149, 170A**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel *or add guest to the count*. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2024/2025 season, excluding Ladies day in February and Father/Son/Daughter day in March.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841





Logan Square Preservation Presentation at the April 12 Meeting



SITE PLAN PROPOSED

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'

Landscape plan concept for the Emil Biorn Memorial Park & Museum at 2618 N. Albany, Chicago, IL

On April 12 Andrew Schneider and his [Logan Square Preservation](#) team presented plans to the Chicago Torske Klub to transform the donated land parcel at 2618 N. Albany, Chicago, into a memorial park, museum and club house honoring both Emil Biorn along with other artists like Karl Ouren and Ben Blessum.

The Logan Square Preservation team has taken design cues from traditional Norwegian architecture as well as designs employed by Biorn and the team of landmark firm Joachim Giaver and his partner Frederick Dinkleberg. Giaver was a founding member of the Chicago Norske Klub (CNK), formerly located at 2350 N Kedzie Blvd in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. His firm designed the Jewelers' Building in Chicago and the structural steel for the Statue of Liberty.

This 501C3 organization has applied for grants from the city of Chicago but still needs to raise approximately \$35,000 in order to realize the whole vision. If you would like to donate to [Logan Square Preservation](#) contact Andrew Schneider at president@lspchi.org.



Landscape concept sketch of the front entrance to the proposed Emil Biorn Memorial Park & Museum at 2618 N. Albany, Chicago, IL

200 Years Ago the Emigration Began

Forty-five men, women, and children and a crew of seven emigrated from the city of Stavanger in western Norway on the small sloop *Restauration* on July 4th, 1825. They hoped to find a Canaan's Land in America. The journey across the Atlantic to New York City marked the beginning of organized emigration from Norway to the United States.

All Torske Klub members invited to participate

Every year the Norwegian National League hosts a parade at Hodges Park in Park Ridge, Illinois, in celebration of Norway's Constitution Day in May. We need banner and flag carriers. Sunday, May 18 at 12:30. Line up at Cumberland and Talcott in Park Ridge in the Nelson Funeral Home parking lot. Sag wagon provided.

Reminders

- 1) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 2) Please make checks out to **"Tom Peterson"**
- 3) The Torske Klub now also accepts Zelle payments via your cell phone. Tom will help you set this up at the check-in desk for the first time to insure you have it set up correctly.

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This month we recognize the May birthdays of these members:

Arnold Joseph, David Langseth, and Nels Nelson.

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Future 2024-2025 Events

May 10 Charles Peterson
Torske Klub Golf Shirt Day

May 18 Syttende Mai Parade-
Park Ridge

Sep 7 [Vasa Park](#)
Scandinavian Day Festival
10AM to 5PM, South Elgin