

Bonnie Hadland
Tree Dedication 2001
Given by Jeannette Radig

I'm really pleased to speak for my very good friend, Bonnie Hadland. I think I can boldly say that no one else in the S/N lodge has done more under the circumstances and handicap than Bonnie has.

Bonnie was born and raised in Grand Forks. She moved to Bismarck in 1978 from Duluth. She and Jerry have been married for 51 years. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter.

They joined the Sons of Norway in 1981. Bonnie has served as Publicity Director for the Lodge Lutfisk Dinner since 1992 and was Publicity Director for the lodge from 1990 - 1995.

The "Christmas in Norway" display held at the Governor's Residence was co-chaired by Lillian Nayes and Bonnie.

She has been active in the Hardanger group and has taught several people the Hardanger stitches. Hardanger has been a great outlet for her. She, with four other stitchers designed and made two sets of paraments for Trinity Lutheran Church. She also made a set for her son's church at St. Andrews, in Denver.

She made a special altar cloth for the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in honor of Father Kramer's 40th Anniversary. A special Hardanger "Butterfly" was made in memory of Lillian Nayes and hangs in the lobby at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Her first International award in Hardanger was presented in 1990, at that time she received 1st place honor. Since then she has placed 1st and 2nd in the District and 2nd in International competition.

The most exciting project for her was started in December 1998 when Maren Swenson Waxenberg asked her to help design and stitch her wedding dress. She and Royal Hopkins and Maren made the Hardanger patterns, Maren cut and sewed the beautiful, one of a kind Hardanger Wedding dress. The dress is now displayed at the Heritage Center in Bismarck.

She has been Rosemaling for years, but doesn't feel she has practiced her painting well enough to do it justice. She has earned her gold bars in both Hardanger and Rosemaling in the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program.

Bonnie has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1979. She has been active in Circle 9, TLCW, and has played handbells for several years. She serves on the Board of Worship, Art and Music. She also serves on the "Summer Masterworks" production and has sung in the Messiah Choir for 20 years.

She works part-time at Saint Ann's Day Care - Latchkey program.

