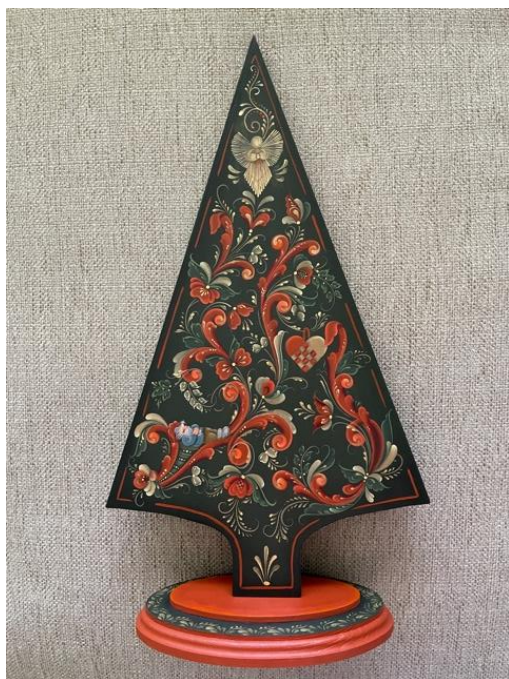


Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association Class Announcement **Christmas Tree with Kristen Birkeland, VGM**



The Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association is delighted to announce that Kristen Birkeland, VGM, will be teaching an acrylic project class this coming September for the INRA. This class is for all students with at least one previous rosemaling class who want to paint a Telemark design and palette. Our project will be a 19" evergreen tree decorated with a Christmas theme. The class will be held the evening of September 25 and all day on the 26th, through the Zoom format with three Zoom sessions: Friday, 9/25, 6 -9 PM, Central, and Saturday, 9/26, 10AM - noon & 2 – 4PM, Central.

Students may order the Stylized Tree from Mike Lusk, luskscandiaww@yahoo.com, item #495 at \$23.00 plus shipping. Please order your tree before September 5 to allow for materials shipping time.

Students will provide their own paints, brushes, and general art supplies. Additional details will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with registration confirmation. A pattern packet including line drawings, acrylic palette, instructions, and color photos of the plate will be emailed to participants in time for preparation for the class.

TEACHER BIOGRAPHY:

My rosemaling journey began in 1971 when I married into a Norwegian family devoted to their heritage and customs. When I began decorative painting in 1975, I was so happy to find that Rosemaling was part of that experience. Little did I know what lay ahead. I discovered Vesterheim in 1980 at a painting convention and began a life-changing journey. From 2000 to 2026, with a few large gaps in between, I pursued the Gold Medal. In July, I received the needed 8 points + 1 to spare to reach that goal. I love teaching and am grateful for the many lives that have crossed mine while following this path. It has been a rewarding journey—always painting, forever learning.

RECAP OF CLASS DETAILS:

- Project: Christmas Tree
- Style: Telemark
- Teacher's Name: Kristen Birkeland, VGM
- Level: All students with at least one previous rosemaling class are welcome. Students should be able to prep, background, and transfer the pattern to the piece.
- Schedule: Friday, 9/25, 6 -9 PM, Central, and Saturday, 9/26, 10AM - noon & 2 – 4PM, Central, Total hrs.: 7
- Venue: Zoom
- Medium: Kristen will be using acrylics to teach the class.
- Class Fee (includes emailed pattern packet):
 - \$128 2026 INRA member
 - \$148/nonmember (includes 2026 INRA membership cost of \$20)
- Additional Costs: Students may order the Stylized Tree from Mike Lusk, luskscandiaww@yahoo.com, item #495 at \$23.00 plus shipping. Students will supply their own paints, brushes, and general art supplies. Additional details will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with registration confirmation.

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Advanced registration starts today. Non-member registration begins on August 3. Registration ends when the class is full, students should order their tree before September 5 to allow for materials shipping time. See the registration form below. Please remember that INRA classes are designed for real-time interaction in each class session and recordings are for those who plan to participate in the live classes. All students are reminded that recordings and materials are for individual use only and are not to be shared. The INRA does not sell recordings.

SUPPLIES: Please order your woodenware described above to ensure your desired product arrival date. A supply list with palette colors will be included with your registration confirmation. The pattern packet will be sent in time for preparation before class using the name & email address given on the registration form.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Mari Smith at inrarosemaling@gmail.com for more information as needed.

INRA REGISTRATION FORM FOR EDUCATION CLASSES AND EVENTS

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Telemark Christmas Tree Class with Kristen Birkeland, VGM

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Please check all appropriate line(s): (Check payable to INRA)

_____ \$128/member (NOTE: 2026 DUES MUST BE PAID TO REGISTER, \$20, visit our website, <https://rosemaling.org/inra-membership/> to pay dues)

_____ \$148/nonmember (includes 2026 INRA membership cost of \$20)

Additional details will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with registration confirmation. The pattern packet will be emailed to each student in time for pre-class preparation. Students will order their woodenware and provide their own paints, brushes, and general art supplies.

Information given below is for teacher's awareness and planning purposes:

Student will be using _____ acrylics _____ oils in class. Note: Kristen will be teaching the class in acrylics. Independent oil painters are welcome in class.

Student's Self-reported painting experience: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ or Advanced _____

Class size: 6 students minimum/14 student maximum, no refunds unless place is filled by another student from a waiting list or class minimum is not met. Please remember that INRA classes are designed for real-time interaction in each class session and recordings are for those who plan to participate in the live classes. All students are reminded that recordings and materials are for individual use only and are not to be shared. The INRA does not sell recordings.

We are now accepting Venmo payment between friends. Please use the QR code on the right to access Venmo. Our username is inrarosemaling. Send an image of your Venmo receipt and registration form to inrarosemaling@gmail.com for registration processing.

Please send registration form and check (payable to: INRA) before September 21, to: Mari S. Smith, 3625 McCormick Ave, Brookfield, Illinois 60513.

