



Fjeld-Ljom.

Pressemuseet Fjeld-Ljoms Venner

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Heritage at Risk – Røros symposium 2026

The history of free speech in danger

Program 4.-7. september 2026

The growing use of line casting machines and other printing equipment in early years of 20th century, opened for developing the right to free speech as a vital part of the democracy. Newspapers could easier produce more pages, with long articles and exchange of political views.

Letterpress technology went out of commercial use late in the 20th century, and it is now a “Heritage at Risk”. In Røros, at the Press Museum Fjeld-Ljom, we try to preserve the heritage, and invites in September to an international symposium, discussing these challenges.



Pressemuseet Fjeld-Ljom – open museum, Stigersveien 1, Røros:

- Working line casting machines (Linotype and Intertype), Nebiolo printing press, producing the yearly museum newspaper.
- Visit the last fully working predigital newspaper house in the Nordic, where a yearly newspaper is produced.

Saturday 5th of September, Bergstadens Hotel, Røros:

- **09.45 Good Morning coffee**
- **10.00 Maarten Renckens:**
The history of the eight world wonder
Introduction what the Linotype is
- **10.30 Knut Ketil Oftedahl:**
Keeping the Metal Hot. Operating, Maintaining and Repairing Hot-Metal Typesetting Machines
- **11.00 Victor Thibout:**
Line casting around the world (not only latin typefaces)
- **11.30 Maarten Renckens:** The state of the Linotype 2026
- **12.00 Q and A quarter**
- **12.15-14.45 Lunch Break – with concert**
- **14.00-14.30 Røros Kirke / Bergstadens Ziir – kantor Stephen Hicks**
- **14.45 Katharina Lutz:**
Linecasting in modern art – contemporary use
- **15. 15 Petter Bratland:**
Making a living out of letterpress in northern Norway – contemporary use
- **15.45 Jan Erik Øvergård / Trond Degnes:**
We need a national museum, preserving the history of free speech and democracy.
- **16.00 – 16.15 Q and A quarter – Thank you all!**

19.00 Dinner at Peder Hiort Mathus



Ways of travelling to Røros:

By Air: Danish Air Transport (2 daily connections from Oslo, no connection on Saturday)
By Train: Number of connections from Oslo, aprox. 5 hours travel time (www.entur.no)
By Car: 360 km Oslo – Røros



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Enthusiastic participants in our 2025 May training in operating and maintaining line casting machines. In September there will be a new gathering in Røros.

For a longer stay – Workshop with training

The Friends association of the Press Museum Fjeld-Ljoms has had several workshop gatherings with training in the use and maintenance of Linotype and Intertype line casting machines during the last years.

In September, from Sunday 6th to Friday the 11th of September, we will host a new session. This is part of a three-year project we conduct together with the museum Typa in Estonia, Grafiska Museet in Helsingborg, Sweden, and Landeskogen Kunstsanatorium, Setesdal, Norway.

This training project is financed with the help from Nordic Culture Point.



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Stay tuned for more information, or register your interest already now by writing an e-mail to jan.erik@pressit.no