A Frame
for community, celebration and everyday life
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Fauske

Population:
Fauske City: 6 138
Fauske Municipality: 9729

Fauske is a town and municipality located in Nordland county, Norway. It is part of the traditional district of Salten. The administrative centre of the municipality is the town of Fauske. Other villages include Nystad, Straumsnes, and Sulitjelma.

The municipality borders Sweden in the east and the municipalities of Sørfold to the north, Bodo to the west, and Saltidal to the southeast. The town is located on the northern shore of Skjerstad Fjord.

The Coat of arms was chosen to represent Fauske’s legacy as a center for trade and transportation along the fjord.

There are several Marble quarries located in the municipality, which alongside Salten Kraftsamband and Fauske Lysverk make up the largest employers in the area.

“...de kulturelle aktivitetene foregår på bibliotek, skoler, gymsaler, (...) Ingen av disse lokalene er spesielt anvendelige for musikale aktiviteter, forestillinger og utstillingslokale for mellom annet bildende kunst, og mye av den kulturelle aktiviteten som foregår forblir usynlig fordi aktivitetene er spredt ut over hele kommunen uten et felles samlende lokale for fremvisning.”

“...the cultural activities are held in libraries, schools and gymnasiums (...) None of these locales are suited for performances, or exhibition of visual art, and much of the cultural activity remains invisible because the activities are spread throughout the municipality without a common gathering/exhibition space”

Source: Fauske Kommuneplan: Strategisk del
"...[the state of the] foundation, leaks, water damage and mould leads us to believe that a rehabilitation of the existing building will not provide any added value compared to a new building."

Source: KOM-109/14
1:500 model exploring the many possibilities afforded by demolishing the old town hall. The previous building leaves an intriguing footprint, a hole in the ground.
Concept models based on references in wooden structures native to northern Norway, with no direct connection to program or use.
1:100 models which explore the possible ways to inhabit a structure.
FAUSKE BLUESKLUBB

Independent member association with a twofold purpose: a) provide the public with good concert experiences b) spread knowledge about, increase understanding interest for blues and related music genres.

Activity:
Weekly: small informal gatherings
Monthly: performance by local musicians
Yearly: music festival

Organizes small concerts/events where they invite local musicians, club nights, general meetings etc. They are working towards establishing a blues festival called “Saltenbluesen”

Current meeting spots:
Fauske amfisenter (shopping mall)

Gain from my project:
A large communal gathering space would be a great venue for an annual music festival. Local musicians also benefit from a space where they could hold smaller performances.

http://www.blues.fauske.net/

BARNAS NATURKLUBB

For children between ages 2-10, 8-14, and 14-18. A scout like club with a stronger focus on hunting and fishing run by Fauske & Sørland Jeger – og Fiskelovning. All their activities are open to non members. The club strongly encourages parents to participate in their activities alongside their children. Their focus shift from general forest-crafts to hunting / fishing as the children grow older.

Examples of activities include:

2-10 year olds: berry picking, Fulling (boiling) and related rope/crafts projects, skiing, Christmas workshop, ice fishing, dog sledding, “from sea to plate”, Horse riding

8-14 year olds: Visits to local caverns and caves, target and clay shooting, meat smoking, nature hiking in midnight sun/darkness, ice skating, fishing with dry fish hanging, fox hunting and flaying.

14-18: activities are done independently from parents, activities such as hunting, weekend end meet ups, target practice, fox/roe deer/grouse hunting is organized by the youths themselves.

BARNAS NATURKLUBB

Activity:
Each of the three groups meet for one Saturday a month. Their activities are closely tied to the current season.

Current meeting spots:
Indre Salten Elg og Leirduebane, Fauske Harbor, Valvatnet, Cabins in the area

Gain from my project:
The goal of the club is to provide hunting-, fishing-, and forestry knowledge and experience to the public. A communal workshop space would provide an excellent venue to promote their activities such as the “from the sea to my plate” initiative, where children get to go fishing in the fjord, and participate in the process of killing, gutting, filleting, cooking, and lastly eating their catch. Catching fish is a lot more efficient than gutting it, so you could easily open this event up to a greater public. During large hunts the bounty could also be brought into town in a “hunters/fishers market”


FAUSKE KULTURSKOLE:
“Fauske culture school provides children, youth and adults the opportunity to use and develop their creative abilities” While most of their activities are aimed at children they also provide courses and events aimed at adults.
Their courses range from music and instruments, to painting and sculpture.

Dans Fauske:
A dance club with ca 600 members(?) that arrange dance performances and competitions. (swing, hip-hop etc)
Weekly practice meet-ups Monthly: Dance lessons in courses which lasts one day a week for six weeks.

Rauske Skoleband:
Weekly practice, monthly performances

Polkjentene 4H:
Scout like organization with focus on respect and responsibility for nature and people.

NRFL Raukse:
Amateur radio club, weekly meet ups.
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FAUSKE FRIVILLIGSENTRAL:
“Frivilligsentralen is a meeting place which facilitates contact between people in the local community - some need help, and other wishes to help.”

Current meeting spots:
Members homes, the cinema, local cafes shopping mall or at the cafetearia of the city hall. They also have offices at Sjøgata 71-73 8201 Fauske

Salten Motorhistoriske Forening:
Motor shows, meet ups, road-trips

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Fauske og omegn hundeklubb
Has dog shows in Vestmyra ungdomskole gymnasium as well as social meet ups or walks with other dog owners

Turnout MC Salten:
MC club with alleged criminal ties which they deny.
Current meeting spot: along E6, close to Nervatnet.

First Lego League:
Initiative to increase interest in and understanding for STEM fields in youth through building and competing with Lego robots.
Diagram of desired locations and connections between them
Different activities were given homes in a 3D model according to their needs and desires.
The everyday cultural activities of Fauske are made visible through a gathering space, where users become both audience and performer. The great hall showcases the extensive range of activities which was previously hidden away in cellars and classrooms.

The wooden construction draws inspiration from the “fiskehjell” structures, an important part of the region’s vernacular building tradition. The structure allows for an open plan suitable for large events, as well as nooks and corners that are easily inhabited by a single person.

The great hall can be divided by sound dampening curtains, allowing for flexible use of the different levels. While nonspecific in program, light conditions, ceiling heights, and size provide distinct spatial experiences which cater to a large range of activities.
North south Cross section through entrance