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### **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Greetings Scandinavian Cultural Center Members, Donors, and Friends,

Hopefully you are all staying warm and away from the flu bugs! This week has been very cold.....brrrrr.....and today we look out the windows and see white, snowy weather. It's beautiful if you can stay in and off the roads, right?

The "weather" in the Scandinavian Cultural Center has been wet and humid. Are you wondering why? Well, unfortunately it turns out there has been a water leak in the back 2D storage room. Melody, Linda, and Karen found it early this week when they opened the door to the storage and discovered water and mold!! PLU Facilities was called right away and they have brought in a professional service (ServPro) to get everything cleaned up, dried up, dehumidified, and the damage accessed. Looks like there will be some things in the

framed art collection that can be saved, some things that will need restoration, and some things that are beyond repair.

All that to say, the SCC will be closed until at least March 1st. There will be demolition of walls, carpet to remove, and sheet rock, etc. to replace. So far, lots of things to figure out. We'll keep you posted on the progress in repairs so stay tuned.

Once the SCC is repaired and reopened, you'll want to be sure to make time to come by if you haven't already to see the current exhibit on Textiles and immigration. It is outstanding and one of the most extensive exhibits in recent years. And remember, it goes along with the event coming up in April called "Cultural Footprints!" You won't want to miss that so be sure to mark your calendars for the festival on Saturday, April 12th.

Hope to see you at the free **ABBAgraph concert** on Saturday, Feb 22nd at 7:00 pm. Be sure to wear your 70's gear and sparkles!

Gerda

## NORWEGIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Norwegian Heritage Festival in March, the Cultural Footprints event in April, and Syttende Mai on May 17th.

The Norwegian Heritage Festival celebrates
Norwegian culture through artisans,
vendors, performers, and authentic food.
Here are some of the highlights you can
enjoy on-stage performances by Norwegian
musical, vocal, and dance groups, authentic
Norwegian food, baked goods, and shopping
for authentic Norwegian products.

Date: Saturday, March 15th
Time: 11 a.m. - 4:00 pm
Location: Scandinavian Cultural Center
Free, no tickets required

# CULTURAL FOOTPRINTS FESTIVAL



The SCC together with PLU and in conjunction with the Wang Center is hosting a cultural celebration featuring the weaving and textiles of several diverse cultures. The goal is to bring together PLU faculty and students, the SCC and its members, and the surrounding community for the purpose of understanding the importance of connections between family, generations,

and countries through textiles and to understand all that the SCC has to offer.

Date: Saturday, April 12th Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Norwegian Independence Day**



Join us for the celebration of Norwegian Independence Day, also known as Syttende Mai. This day holds great significance for the people of Norway as it marks the anniversary of the country gaining its independence from Sweden in 1814. It is a day filled with patriotism, pride, parades and joy as Norwegians come together to celebrate! Join us to raise the flag in Red Square at 8:30 followed by brunch in the SCC.

Saturday, May 17th
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Red Square (PLU), followed by
brunch in the Scandinavian Cultural
Center

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