

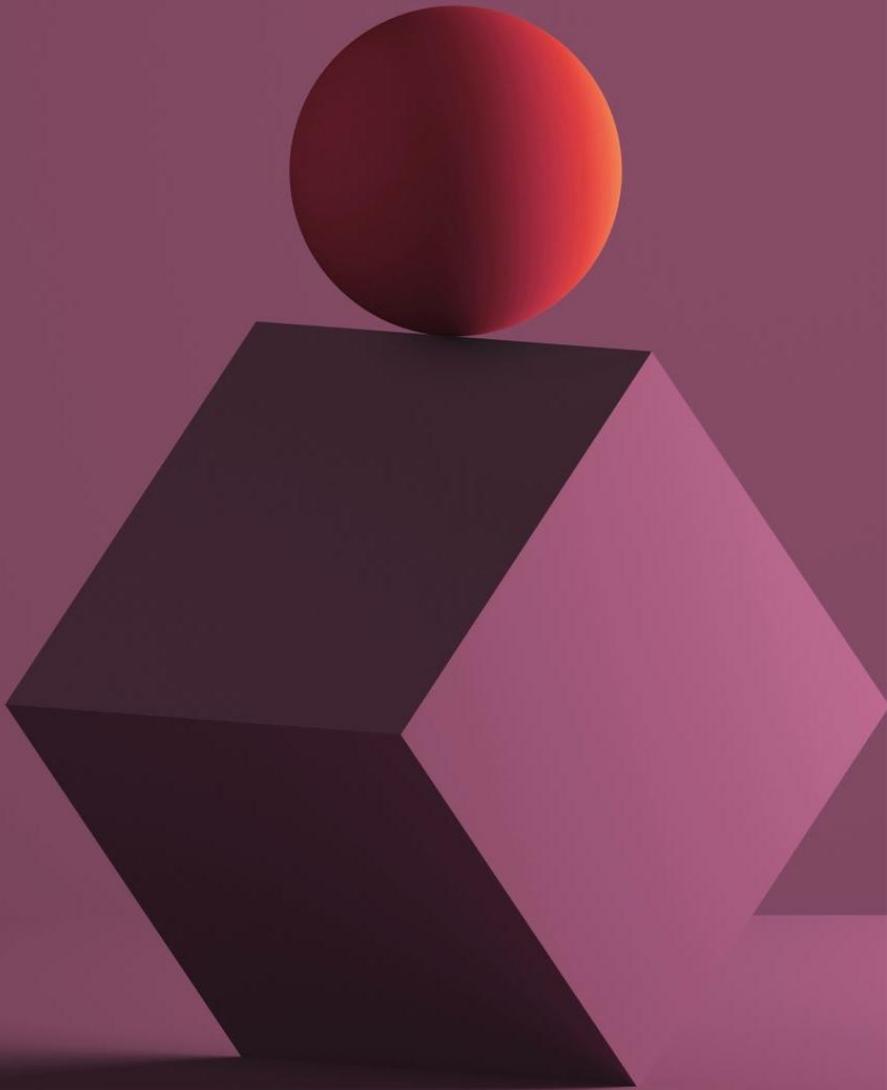
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# WALDEMAR AGER ASSOCIATION

2025

The Year in Review

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# Immigration: Three Presentations

February 13, 2025, L.E. Phillips Memorial  
Public Library.

## 1 “Immigration and Literacy”

A talk by Dr. Elizabeth Hart, Director  
Literacy Chippewa Valley



President of the Board, Chris Engen; VP Ivar Lunde; Director,  
Jodi Kiffmeyer; Speaker Hart; Ager member Sue Pearson

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# A Doll's House

by Henrik Ibsen

English Language Version by Simon Step

Directed by Arthur Grothe

FEB. 28, MARCH 1.  
@ 7:30 PM

MARCH 2, 9  
@ 1:30 PM



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## A DOLL'S HOUSE

March 2025, JAMF Theater,  
Pablo Center for the Arts

A production of the Music and Theater  
Department, University of Wisconsin-  
Eau Claire

Discussion with cast and director.

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# CultureFest

at the University of  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
March 9, 2025

Getting ready for visitors in  
the Scandinavian Room.



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## CultureFest Costumes

March 9, 2025, Davies Center,  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Ager Readers' Theater group  
presents a reading from *On the Way  
To the Melting Pot.*



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April 1, 2025

Tours at the Ager Museum  
for a book discussion  
group from Madison.  
Norwegian-America Genalogical  
Library

Pictured at the Norwegian-America  
Genalogical Library, where Bill Ager,  
member of the Ager Board, met the  
group for one of their discussions of  
*Sons of the Old Country*.

The group visited the Ager Museum for  
a tour with Tim Hirsch and Doug  
Pearson.

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# Collaborative Event with the Chippewa Valley Museum

April 17, 2025

Immigrants in Eau Claire:  
Hmong and Norwegians.  
At the Chippewa Valley Museum.

Readers theater presented an  
excerpt from *On the  
Way to the Melting Pot*.



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More of the exhibit at the  
Chippewa Valley Museum.



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The Ager Museum hosted tours and  
a luncheon for two groups from  
Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement.

May 1 and 13, 2025



# Syttende Mai 2025

Celebrated on May 16, 2025, at the Holiday Inn South, Eau Claire.



**Syttende Mai**  
Friday, May 16, 2025  
Norway's Constitution Day  
Featuring **Tom Loftus**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Norway  
"Mission to Oslo: An Ambassador's Story"

**Holiday Inn South**  
(Johnny's Steakhouse Location)  
4751 Owen Ayres Ct  
Eau Claire, WI

Doors Open at 5:00  
Dinner at 6:00

**ALL Tickets \$30** Plated Meal, Camaraderie & Silent Auction

Purchase Tickets by **May 9**  
at Festival Foods - MALL DRIVE ONLY  
or [agerhouse.org](http://agerhouse.org) or call 715 834-5204  
**NO Ticket Sales at the Door**

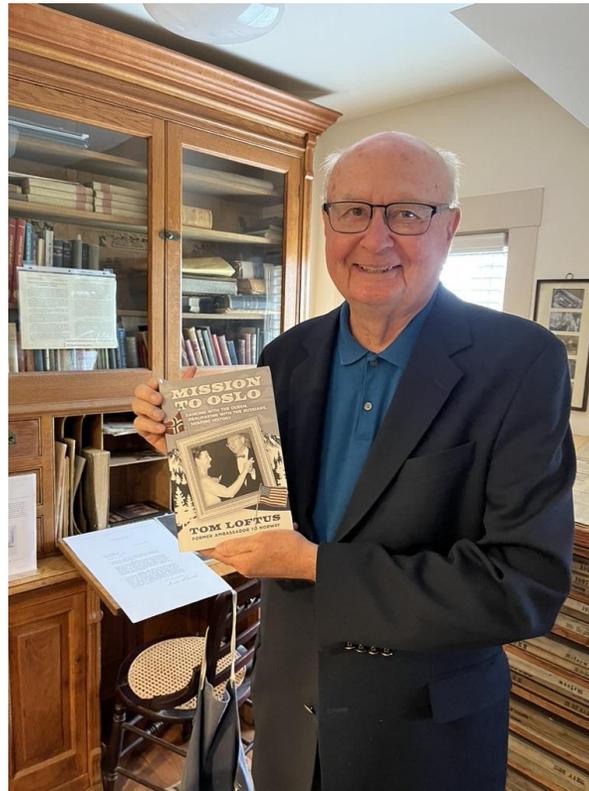
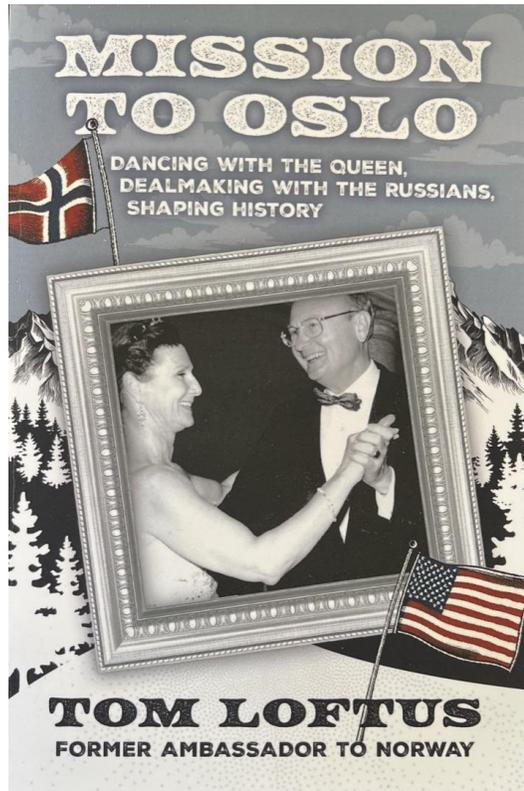
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# Syttende Mai 2025

Speaker: Former Ambassador to Norway Tom Loftus



Loftus visited the Ager Museum and presented a copy of his book for the Ager Library.

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On June 20, 2025, several volunteers worked at the **Yard Sale** and helped the Ager Museum add about \$2000 to the capital campaign fund. Thanks to the donors and volunteers.



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# THE TUSENBEINER



Forty participants. Goal is 60 for  
The Tusenbeiner 4.

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# Multicultural Festival August 17, 2025



Ivar Lunde at our table.

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# This Is Norway

In late August, Norwegian weaver Anne T-J Møller packed three heavy bags to come to Eau Claire to offer an exhibit of her weavings—all of which are based on key events in Norway's history.



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# Logistics: An International Art Exhibit



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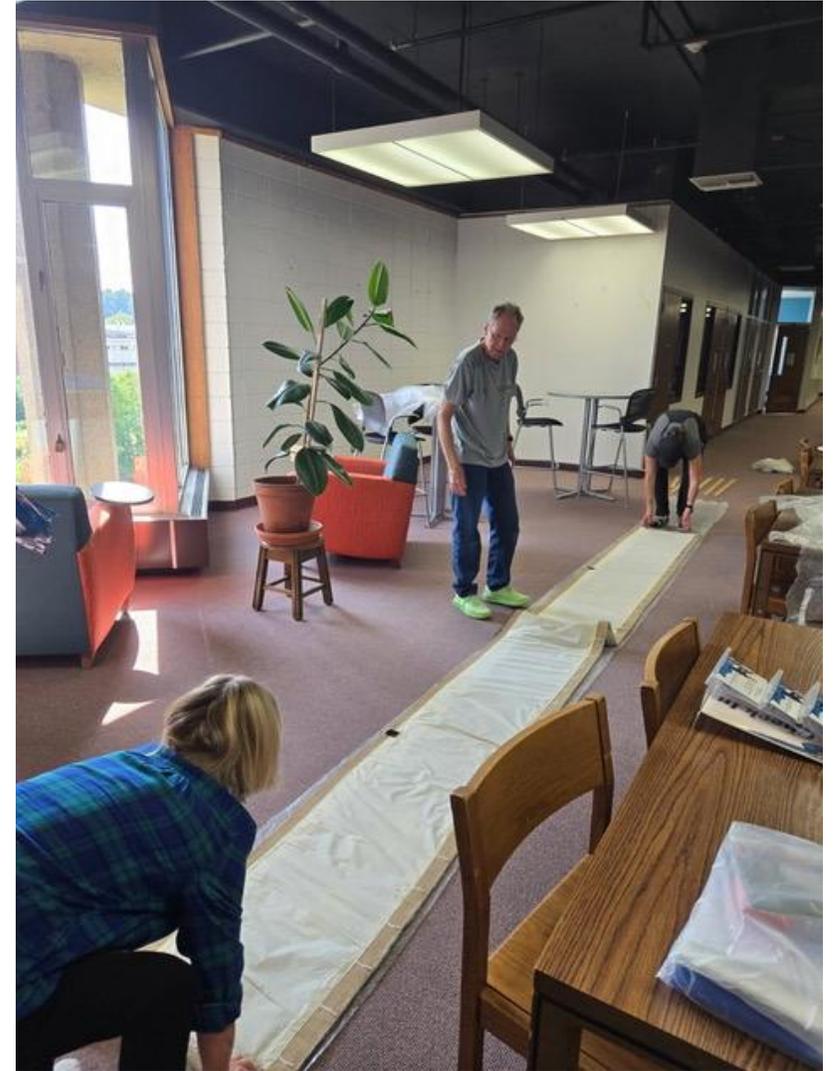
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## More Logisitics



## Unpacking



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# More Logistics



Hanging the first of the two friezes

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## Logistics Continued



Hanging One of the Calendar Weavings

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# This Is Norway

Two friezes  
(each made up of about  
20 separate weavings).  
The weavings depict  
important events in  
Norwegian history from  
1814 to the present.



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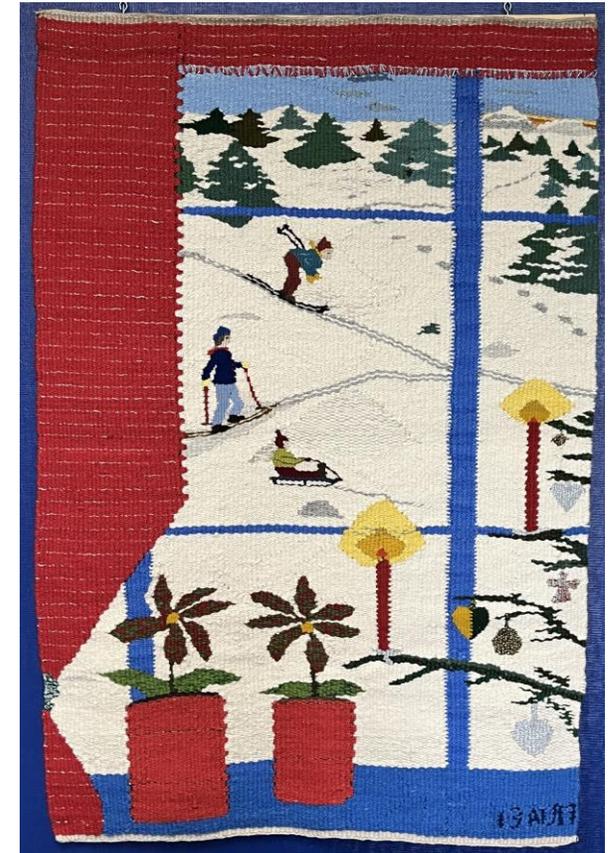
Monthly life in Norway.

September 3 – 13, 2025

The year 2005 celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the union between Norway and Sweden.

The event included financial support from and the collaboration of McIntyre Library, UWEC; Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture; Løven Lodge, Sons of Norway; and Waldemar Ager Association and Museum.

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In a talk on September 10, 2025, **Dr. Josh Brown** illustrated and analyzed the many ways American artists absorbed and modified the arts and culture they brought with them as Norwegian immigrants and the offspring of immigrants.



*from* **NORWAY** *to the*  
**AMERICAN MIDWEST**  
200 YEARS OF IMMIGRANT FOLK ART

**SEP 10 5:30PM**  
*McIntyre Library Breezeway (2nd Floor)*

*Presented by*  
**Dr. Josh Brown**  
Skwirczynski University Fellow in Languages  
*Folk Textile & Paper Artist*

Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture    **SONS OF NORWAY**  
Løven Lodge, 5-029   **Sponsored by McIntyre Library & the Waldemar Ager Association**   

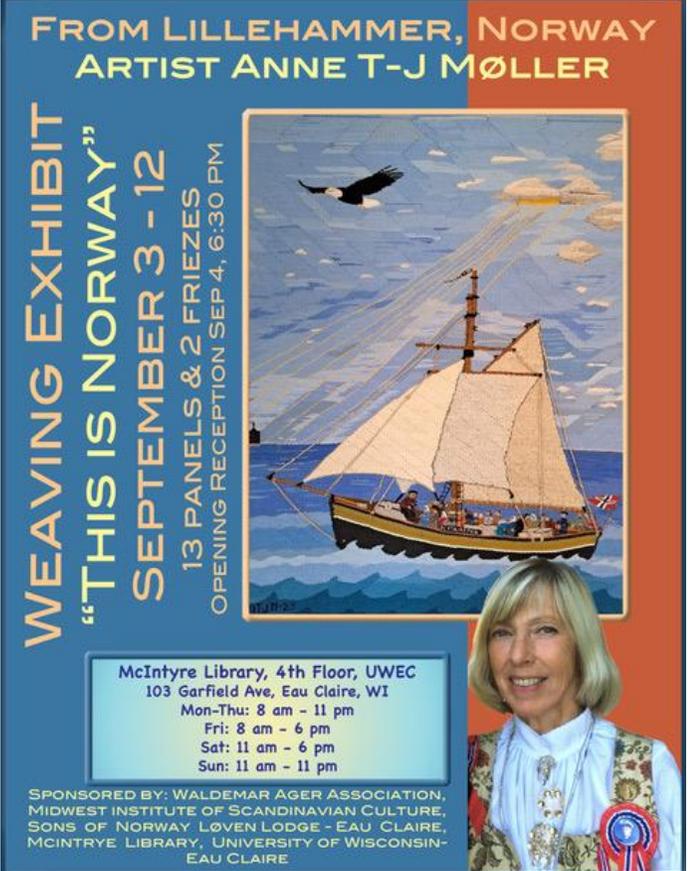
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# Immigration: Three Presentations

September 9, 2025, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

- 2 “Weaving Art and History,” including a discussion of the Norwegian immigrants who boarded *Restaurationen* in 1825, bound for the new country.

A talk by Norwegian artist and Historian Anne T-J Møller



FROM LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY  
ARTIST ANNE T-J MØLLER

WEAVING EXHIBIT  
“THIS IS NORWAY”  
SEPTEMBER 3 - 12  
13 PANELS & 2 FRIEZES  
OPENING RECEPTION SEP 4, 6:30 PM

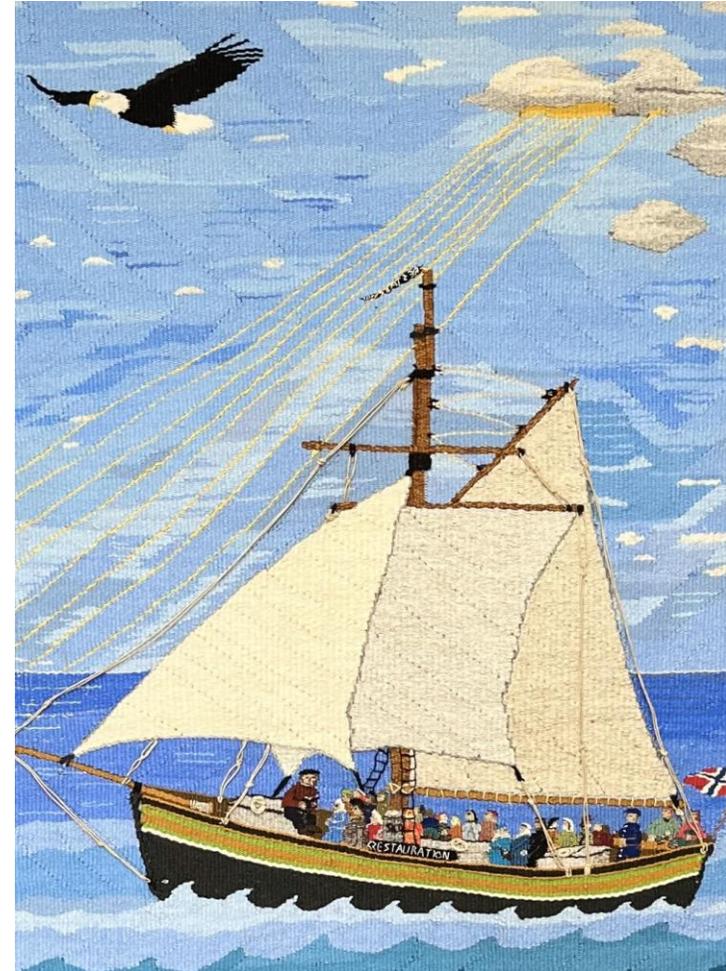
McIntyre Library, 4th Floor, UWEC  
103 Garfield Ave, Eau Claire, WI  
Mon-Thu: 8 am - 11 pm  
Fri: 8 am - 6 pm  
Sat: 11 am - 6 pm  
Sun: 11 am - 11 pm

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EAU CLAIRE

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## *Restaurantionen* and Norwegian Immigrant History

Møller's most recent weaving celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of organized emigration to the United States.



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# Annual Meeting

October 9, 2025, at L.E. Phillips  
Memorial Public Library.

Report from President of the  
Ager Board of Directors,  
Chris Engen.

Election of members of the Board  
For 2026.

Light supper.



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# Immigration: Three Presentations

October 9, 2025

- 3 Interviews with Norwegian immigrants Ivar Lunde and Jan Hansen. Lunde is a former president of the Ager Association. Hansen has served as a member of the Board. Board member Jodi Kiffmeyer moderated the discussion.



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# Traditional Norwegian Baking: A Demonstration

November 15, 2025, at the  
Community Room, City of Altoona.



Lefse flipping



Krumkake rolling

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# Second Annual ART Sale

March 29, 2025

Five artists—Mary Elwothy, Deb Jarvar, Sue Pearson, Andy and Barb Shafer—set up their work on the main floor and in the basement.



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# Annual Advent at the Ager Event

November 30, 2025



Scandinavian smörgåsbord

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# Annual Advent at the Ager Event

November 30, 2025

Program of cello music—Graeme Pearson.  
Followed by caroling with accompaniment on  
the pump organ by Mary Elworthy.

