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A Web site with its finger on the pulse of Scandinavian events in the Puget Sound area

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Tasha King maintains a Web site— norskseattle.com— dedicated to Nordic happenings in the greater Seattle area. She decided to create the Web site because it seemed she and her friends “always heard about things just afterwards.” It was clear to her that there was a need for a “one-stop shop” that can provide timely information on the ongoing activities of the various Scandihoovian organizations around Puget Sound. Tasha does a great job of gathering information, and the calendar at norskseattle.com lists several events every week— virtually one a day since she started the site.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to send information to Tasha that she can use to update the calendar. The email address admin@norskseattle.com is for this purpose. Those promoting the activities can send an email with date, location, and details to be posted on the calendar (a mouse click on a calendar posting opens the submitted information).

Many of the calendar entries are of the “lutefisk and leikarring” variety hosted by Sons of Norway, but just as many are Scandinavian film or musical entertainment at commercial venues or book signings.

In addition to the calendar page, norskseattle.com features several pages highlighting ongoing Nordicness. There is a page for Gift Shops, Norwegian Crafts, Films, Folk-dance, Food, Language Instruction, Music and Organizations.

Tasha is a University of Washington graduate with a degree in Scandinavian Studies. She speaks Norwegian fluently, participates in a Norwegian language book club and the Scandinavian Language Meetup Group that meets in the Seattle area.

[Norskseattle.com](http://norskseattle.com) is a labor of love. Tasha’s mother Solveig came from Sauda

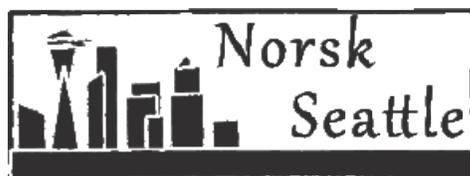


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Tasha King, Solveig Swanson, and Anna King at Anna’s baptism in 2006 at First Lutheran Church in Poulsbo, Wash. in 2006. The bunads are Rogaland bunads, made by Tasha’s mormor from Sauda (in Rogaland). The “dåpskjole” was likewise sewn by Mormor Marta Odland and was also worn by Tasha and her siblings at their baptisms.

(near Stavanger on the southwest coast of Norway). Solveig came to Poulsbo to practice her English and met her husband-to-be Larry Swanson when he was sent to pick her up at the airport. Solveig passed away just over one year ago, and her loss is one of the reasons Tasha decided to become more proactive in maintaining her own connections to her Norwegian heritage.

For more information, visit the Web site www.norskseattle.com.



from Norway. The cost to attend Norway Days is \$10.

Kathryn Anderson, of the Norway Day Festival, was the guest speaker for the Bunad Fashion Show. She introduced each woman wearing a bunad and described which district of Norway it came from and some of the history behind that particular bunad. Over the course of the afternoon, the audience learned much about each individual’s personal history to the bunad they were wearing. Legendary skier Otto Tschudi proudly wore the Bunad from his home of Krødsherad (Norefjell).

The money raised at this inaugural Bunad Fashion Show will be put to great use at the Norway Days Festival.

Norwegian enterprises within the same activity areas made up 45 percent of Norwegian direct investment abroad. Holiday houses are included in direct investment and the value is estimated to be NOK 162 billion for outward investment and NOK 55 billion for inward investment. Income from direct investment is defined to include dividends paid, reinvested earnings and interest. The return in 2008 on Norwegian investment abroad amounted to NOK 42 billion, while the corresponding figure for foreign investment in Norway was NOK 94 billion.

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wegian Bunad Fashion Show. The event featured a formal parade of Bunads, speeches, and, of course, tea and treats.

The fundraiser was conducted to help produce the cultural education and children’s activities for Norway Days. The Norway Days Festival takes place May 1-2 on the waterfront in San Francisco and is the largest event of its kind in the United States. Thousands of folks gather each year for the Festival which features everything from heritage, culture, education, food, music and new this year, innovative technology coming

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tries. The corresponding share of the inward investment was nearly 75 percent.

Among the European countries, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, France and United Kingdom were the most important countries either for direct investment abroad or for direct investment in Norway.

Almost half of all foreign investment in Norway took place within the activity areas manufacturing industries and oil business.



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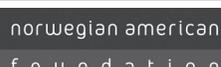
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