

IMPACT STORY

Building Skills Through Play

In February 2026, Nordic Northwest partnered with fellow local nonprofit Play-Well TEKnologies to bring hands-on LEGO STEM programming to kids at Nordia House. Their mission is to provide an environment and a medium for children to build problem-solving skills, provide an opportunity for creative expression, and foster a greater appreciation of how things work, while encouraging the qualities of inquisitiveness, self-reliance, and self-confidence.

STEM programming for children has been an area of interest for Nordic Northwest for some time, and the opportunity to collaborate with Play-Well TEKnologies provided a natural way to bring that interest to life. The February workshop was met with enthusiasm from participants and demonstrated a strong demand for creative, hands-on educational programming at Nordic Northwest. Building on the success of that first workshop, Nordic Northwest and Play-Well TEKnologies have continued the partnership, booking additional LEGO STEM programs throughout 2026. The expanded offerings include more workshops designed to encourage creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, and engineering skills, as well as a dedicated winter break camp for kids this December.



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Sharing Steiner’s Legacy



In January 2026, Nordic Northwest had the unique opportunity to display our *Swedish Cabins: The Legacy of Henry Steiner and Fogelbo* exhibit at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, introducing this important piece of Oregon’s Nordic and architectural history to an entirely new audience. The exhibit highlighted the iconic cabins built by Henry Steiner, whose distinctive designs have become an important part of Oregon’s cultural landscape and Nordic heritage.

The Capitol exhibit was accompanied by a special reception for Nordic Northwest members, giving supporters an opportunity to gather at the Capitol and celebrate the exhibit and the history it represents. The partnership also extended beyond the Capitol walls with a special program at Nordic Northwest that brought together the Steiner Society and the Mount Hood Museum. *Crafting the Northwest: The Legacy of Henry Steiner*, explored Henry Steiner’s life and work, the distinctive cabins he created throughout the region, and his connection to Oregon’s Nordic history.

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2026 Annual Report

A YEAR OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION



Your Home for Nordic Culture

By the Numbers

VOLUNTEERS

477

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

14,929

HOURS DONATED

\$519,379.91

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

139

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16,112

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

Our Mission

Nordic Northwest is the home for discovering and sharing Nordic culture for the enjoyment and enrichment of the Pacific Northwest community.

LETTER FROM THE Board President



Hello Friends of Nordic Northwest,

Behind the refreshed Mission and Vision for Nordic Northwest, introduced last year, lie two questions: What makes Nordic Northwest unique? What does Nordic Northwest do best?

Our facilities – the grounds with diverse natural environments, our primary buildings, Nordia House and Fogelbo, and our globally-admired troll, Ole Bolle – are exceptional. Few cultural centers have this blend of the natural and the built environments. And these facilities are the platform for what we do best: create experiences for our members and guests to discover and share the culture of the five Nordic nations.

The Nordic Northwest campus is the center of how we deliver our message. In the words of our Mission, it is the home for our community. The Annual Report highlights the generosity of our members, donors, and volunteers who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support Nordic Northwest. You are what make Nordic Northwest exceptional. You participate in our festivals, programs, events, and exhibits. You share Nordic culture so that the broader Pacific Northwest community can discover Nordic ways of living, inspiring us all to create a better future. Thank you for your support of Nordic Northwest.

Brady Jensen, Board President

LETTER FROM THE Executive Director



Dear Friends,

In my first months, I've had the privilege to work alongside a remarkably talented staff, dedicated board, and learn from our incredible volunteers and membership. Through spending time with these communities, what has struck me most is the enthusiasm and passion for Nordic Northwest's history, mission, and vision.

At Fogelbo, I have seen the care and expertise going into ongoing and continued stewardship of an extraordinary collection of Nordic cultural heritage. This work is not simply about preserving objects. It is about preserving stories and knowledge so that future generations may engage with Nordic history and heritage.

Around our campus, our volunteers, staff, and partners have made great strides to care for the land, which is a reminder that our physical surroundings are part of our cultural story. The Norwegian concept of friluftsliv, finding joy and renewal in nature, provides a wonderful opportunity to connect people with nature, community, and Nordic ways of living.

Inside Nordia House, the past year has been marked by exhibits celebrating historic and modern Nordic culture, vibrant programs, and cultural events that filled our halls with food, music, dance, song, and so much more. While each individual project, program, and event is worthy of celebration, I am most excited about the collective momentum we are building as a community.

I see this momentum in our staff and volunteers' joyful approach to their work. I see it in the creativity of our programming. I see it in the enthusiasm of our members and partners. And I see it in the many ways people are imagining what Nordic Northwest can become as we build on the great foundation laid over the past decades.

Andrew Haight, Executive Director

Statement of Activities

	Year Ended 3/31/2026	Year Ended 3/31/2025
Contributions & Memberships	\$437,664	\$454,560
Programs Fees & Other	820,691	975,267
Events	117,475	105,850
Total Revenue	1,375,830	1,535,677
Program Services	\$1,330,659	\$1,292,322
Administration	233,822	199,846
Fundraising	190,049	185,826
Total Expenses	1,754,530	1,677,994
Change in Net Assets	(\$378,700)	(\$142,317)

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2026	2025
Cash	\$129,303	\$38,969
Receivables	30,639	89,090
Investments	3,051,489	3,271,008
Property & Equipment	4,754,376	4,887,814
Total Assets	\$7,965,807	\$8,286,881
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2026	2025
Total Liabilities	\$234,511	\$226,606
Net Assets - Undesignated	878,626	1,130,230
Net Assets - Board Designated	1,634,521	1,498,587
Net Assets - Net PPE	4,614,734	4,748,172
Net Assets - With Donor Restrictions Expiring	89,494	169,365
Net Assets - With Donor Restrictions Perpetuity	513,921	513,921
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$7,965,807	\$8,286,881