



~ ~ **from the PRESIDENT**

Hello—

Spring has arrived—it says so on my calendar—and the daffodils are blooming—however, I am still covered from head to toe in polartech waiting for a little bit of warmth. But, like all good things it will come.

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We had a nice meeting in January. **Betty Edwards** did a fine job of getting us all squeezed into fewer rooms this time. In addition to our program, **Darlene Weatherly**, a friend of WRA, came to our meeting to tell us of her interesting trip to Norway last year. Among others, she visited **Gunnar Bo**, and, unbeknownst to her at the time, discovered there was a family connection. He reminisced about the time he came here to teach and told her he had fond memories of WRA, so he sent us, via **Darlene**, a gift of a pair of painted wooden shoes. For those who remember **Gunnar**, **Darlene** mentioned that at the time of her visit he was not in good health. **Betty Edwards** has catalogued the wooden shoes and they are now on display with the rest of the WRA collection at Nordic Heritage Museum. Our thanks go out to **Gunnar Bo** for his kind and thoughtful gift. And thanks to **Betty** who has for many years kept charge of our collection, which is on loan to the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Dede May and **Pat Bergford** have spent a lot of time planning our two major workshops for this year. They both promise to be very good with teachers we haven't seen in awhile. Many thanks to them for all their hard work—much time is spent in behind-the-scene planning to make these workshops a success. Registration forms are elsewhere in the *Vine*, and if you have not signed up to participate in the spring workshop, it is not too late. Give **Dede** a call. I am getting my piece prepped for the PLU session—and I hope to see many of you there.

It is with regret that I tell you that our long-time member (since 1983), **Anita Boren**, passed away in March. She will be missed.

I look forward to our spring meeting. Don't forget to mark your calendars as the date this year is **April 27** due to a conflict with PLU.

Kay

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