

## Welcome to Tuesday Open House in February

11—11:30 a.m. Fellowship and Lunch      11:45 a.m. Devotions and Announcements      12 noon—1 p.m. Cultural Program  
A suggested donation of \$7.00 is received at the door (elevator access from north parking lot entrance)

### Feb. 6 Mary Lahammer — An Insider’s Look at the Capitol and Minnesota Politics

Mary Lahammer has been a program host and political reporter for TPT- Twin Cities PBS since 1998. Lahammer was named one of the "Best Capitol Reporters in America" by the Washington Post, "Best TV Reporter" by Minnesota Monthly and "Best Newscaster" by City Pages Magazine. Mary's trademark has been getting politicians to open up and trust her. She has produced a variety of documentaries and programs on topics such as global trade missions, Minnesota history, and farm to table cooking.

Prior to returning to TPT, where she interned during college, she was an anchor/reporter for an ABC station in Wisconsin and NBC in North Dakota. Mary is a native Minnesotan who began attending the University of Minnesota's Honors College at age 15, where she went on to graduate with Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude honors. She holds degrees in Journalism and Mass Communications and Constitutional Law History from the U of M. Her State Capitol office is just around the corner from her father's former stomping grounds.



*Mary Lahammer*

### Feb. 13 Siri Undlin “The Music in Our Stories”



*Siri Undlin*

Siri Undlin, a creative writing major and anthropology minor at Colorado College was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for her project, “The Music in Our Stories.” This fellowship allowed her to travel to Ireland, Iceland, Norway, the United Kingdom, and Faroe Islands, a region where soaring melodies and fantastical tales capture the intensity of the human experience and simultaneously transcend it. She explored the way in which

people have, and continue to use music to share their stories in the midst of geographical isolation, harsh weather, political strife, and ever-growing global interconnection.

Always thrilled by the intensity of connections created between people through narrative and music, Siri has been writing lyrics, songs and fairytales since the age of 7, with her three younger siblings as her original audience.

### Feb. 20 Doug Ohman, Photographer “Minnesota from the Road”



Travel with photographer/storyteller Doug Ohman as he photographs many of Minnesota's most interesting landmarks and Icons.

Doug will share the stories of how these landmarks became so famous. His pictures and stories are sure to entertain and help relive memories and bring new interest in future road trips around our great

state. (All of Doug's photographic tours begin and end in the Twin Cities).

Arrowhead & Iron Range Tour: Explore sites along the Northshore of Lake Superior from Duluth to the Canadian border. On the return trip we will stop at many locations throughout the historic Iron Range, including the largest Iron ore mine in the world.

## Feb. 27 Jim Pederson — Politics then and now

Jim Pederson attended a country school near the ancestral farm in Polk County, Wisconsin. He graduated from Osceola High School (1952) then attended Augsburg College, (grad. 1956). He attended Augsburg Seminary 1956-57.

After a very short teaching career, he chose to become involved in public policy and politics. He joined the staff of the Minn. Democratic Farmer Labor Party including the position of Executive Secretary. In 1968 he joined the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society as assistant to the Director. In 1970 he became Administrative Assistant to Gov. Wendell Anderson where he served during Anderson's first term, concentrating on preparation of the state's biennial budget, liaison with the legislature and the state constitutional officers, and some state departments.

In Anderson's second term, Pederson was deputy commissioner of administration, and assistant commissioner of public safety. In 1982 he was appointed Chief Administrator of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Later he returned to the Minnesota Historical Society as assistant to the Director. He continued at MHS in various capacities well into retirement. He also served as the chairman of the Fire Fighters Hall and Museum in Minneapolis, as a member and then as chairman of the Board of Social Ministry, later named Ecumen, and for many years on the corporate board of St. Paul District Energy.

Jim and his wife Elaine live in Stillwater, Minn. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater. Both are now retired. They have two children and three granddaughters.



*Jim Pederson*

## Upcoming TOH Programs

**March 2018 — all programs at 12:00 p.m.**

- 6 Brian and Joyce Kringen--Chapel in the Hills
- 13 Gunnar Kristiansen--Petter Dass and Elias Blix,  
Hymnwriters from Northern Norway
- 20 Sara Aimée Smiseth--Norwegian Pianist
- 27 to be arranged

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