



# DANEWS

a publication of the danish american center

*The Danish American Center supports and fosters Danish culture through education and the celebration of traditions, customs and history.*

**The Danish American Center requires that anyone attending indoor events should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (if eligible). MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

## VALENTINE'S BRUNCH

Sunday, February 13: 9am or 10:30am

The 2022 Valentine's Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, February 13 at the Danish American Center. This year, we are doing two scheduled seatings for the brunch, at 9-10am and at 10:30-11:30am. Reservations are required, with a maximum of 40 persons at each seating. This event is for DAC members and their guests. Masks are required inside the building, when not dining.

Cost for the brunch is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5-12.

Younger children are free. The menu will include æbleskiver, egg bake, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee – and perhaps another treat.

To sign-up, please go to the website- <https://danishamericancenter.org/> and log-in to your account. Go to Event Calendar and select the Æbleskive Breakfast seating of your choice. Or, call the DAC office at 612-729-3800 to sign up. Reservations will be accepted through February 6th.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have questions, please contact Carla & Joel Mortensen at email: [morte007@umn.edu](mailto:morte007@umn.edu), or call 612-724-1814. We hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE that the operation of this event will be dependent on the current COVID-19 situation. If cancelled, members will be notified via email blast and refunds will be given on any prepaid reservations (or option to donate amount paid to DAC).

## DAC UDHOLDENHED SILENT AUCTION

We are excited to announce plans for the second annual Virtual Silent Auction! There are three parts to this event: collecting donated items, bidding online for items received, and finally picking up the items. We will explain the details of the March online Auction in the next newsletter as well as on our DAC website. In this issue, we will focus on how and what to donate.

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## FEBRUARY 2022

- Aquavit Event - Date Change
- Mads Tolling Concert
- Silent Auction

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

February brings new events and opportunities to our organization, even as we remain sensitive to ongoing COVID-19 challenges.

Please members, continue coming to events, and invite family and friends. Bring us ideas. Agree to sponsor an event. We are a member-based group, which means us and we, together, can make good things happen.

Rikke

## PRESIDENT'S HAPPY HOUR AT THE DAC

Fridays 4-6pm

Members and their guests are invited to join us Friday afternoons for



some hygge time in the

Tivoli Lounge. Appetizers will be provided and BYOB. No agenda, just time to chat, share ideas and kick off the weekend. Whether two people or twenty, various DAC leadership will be there with bells on.

*Donations accepted but not required.*

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### Welcome New Members:

Frank Kreiser  
Amity Zine  
Jessica Rosenkvist  
Marilyn Parker  
Philip Lund

**Correction:** In the January DANews, new member Chere Bergeron was incorrectly listed as MChere Bergeron.

Apologies for the error.

DAC Directory Information - For further contact information on new and current members, please visit the Members Only portion of the DAC website. Use the email you would have associated with the DAC and create your own password in this new system. If you have trouble, contact the DAC office at [dainfo@dac.mn](mailto:dainfo@dac.mn) or phone 612-729-3800.

Please note that membership information may be used ONLY by members of DAC for personal, non-business networking purposes. **Use of this information for sales or business solicitations or the like, by or for commercial entities or interests is strictly prohibited.** The DAC Board reserves the right to telephone, mail or e-mail solicitations that are deemed necessary for the operation of the DAC.

## MEMORIALS

*Gifts in memory of...*

**Karen Kristiansen** from the Piersons, Diane Arellano, Debra Jensen, David Muller, Grethe & Svend Petersen

**Robert Hoyle** from Karen Hoyle

**Iver "Whitey" Jorgensen** from Inge Russell

**Bent Paulsen** from Inge Russell

**Eleanor Salisbury** from Diane Greve

Thank you to all who have made memorial contributions to DAC. These generous gifts are much appreciated. All donations to DAC are tax deductible. Please contact the DAC Office for more information.

## RESOURCE CENTER

Our library, located on the first floor, is open on Wednesdays and other times when the building is open. Julianne Haahr and Jytte Svarre have been our library committee for several years and are ready to step back and let others take this role. Julianne has been working to get our library in great shape. If you have library skills or related interest, you may want to join the library committee. To volunteer, contact the DAC office. We need people to make sure books are returned and properly shelved. We also may want to promote the books we have from time to time. We have fiction, non-fiction, history, genealogy, travel, children's books, movies and more. Some books are in Danish and others are in English, but all have a Danish theme or author. We have a unique resource for members to engage.

## TRANSLATION SERVICE AT DAC

The DAC frequently receives requests for translators of documents. We are now offering a translation service. To request a translation, you can mail the materials to the DAC, or email to [dainfo@dac.mn](mailto:dainfo@dac.mn). Please send a clear copy. Do not send any original documents. DAC cannot be responsible for original documents. Documents can be sent via a picture file, a scanned document or a word file. The documents will be reviewed, and the translators will determine if it is material that can be translated. Work will be returned by email.

The rate is \$30 per hour for members and \$40 per hour for non-members. Payments can be made by check to the Danish American Center. Translated documents will be returned to you by mail. Postage and handling will be added. If you have any questions, please contact the DAC office at 612-729-3800.

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Website: [danishamericancenter.org](http://danishamericancenter.org)

Office Hours: Wednesdays: 10am-2pm

### Affiliate Organizations

Contact information for all of our affiliate organizations can be found on our website:

[www.danishamericancenter.org](http://www.danishamericancenter.org)

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For submissions, advertising, or any other inquiries, please contact us at [danews@dac.mn](mailto:danews@dac.mn).

## ONSDAG FROKOST

Onsdag Frokost (Wednesday Lunch) is one of our most popular events at the DAC. Originally created to benefit our senior members, it has become a cozy gathering for everyone. If you have a favorite dish you'd like to share, consider signing up to cook for a lunch in 2022. You can choose the number of people you'd like to serve (the average is 40) and the menu is entirely up to you! Every lunch ends with recognition and a thank you song for the cooks. If you're interested in cooking, please email the office at [dainfo@dac.mn](mailto:dainfo@dac.mn).

Members without computer access can call Cathy Mahowald at 612-845-5562 to register manually and pay on the day of the event.

## MADS TOLLING CONCERT

Saturday, February 5:  
5pm Social Hour 6pm  
Concert

Two-time Grammy  
awarding winning Jazz  
Violinist Mads Tolling  
Returns to the DAC on  
Saturday, February 5th.

Danish violinist Mads  
Tolling, who performed  
a concert at the DAC in

October 2019, will be returning for a solo performance on February 5th. Mads is an internationally renowned violinist and composer who has performed live with Chick Corea, Ramsey Lewis and Leo Kottke. Join us on February 5th for a social hour at 5pm and concert at 6pm. The cost is \$20 for members and their guests. Payment accepted at the door or by credit card online.

Due to COVID-19, attendance is limited to 50, so registration is required. Register and pay by logging on to the DAC website and selecting the event on the member calendar or by calling 612-729-3800 or emailing the office at [dainfo@dac.mn](mailto:dainfo@dac.mn)

To learn more about Mads Tolling and his music, check out his website: [www.madstolling.com](http://www.madstolling.com)



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We will be collecting donations throughout the month of February. If you have something that you would like to donate, you can drop off items at the DAC any Wednesday from 10am-2pm. We will have you fill out a form asking for a description of the item, estimated value and, if you choose, state a minimum bid. You can also donate by filling out a donation form on the DAC website at [danishamercancercenter.org](http://danishamercancercenter.org). If you are not able to drop off your items at the DAC during this time you can contact the DAC office to make other arrangements.

Wondering about possible items to donate? Some ideas might be putting together a fun gift basket, artwork, craftwork, gift cards, desirable gently used items (especially if they are Danish!), memberships....just to name a few. Be creative!

**Donation Collecting:** February 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10am-2pm at DAC

**Online Silent Auction:** March 4-March 13 through 32Auctions Website

**Outdoor Pick-Up Event (with Treats):** Sunday, March 20 at the DAC. If unable to pick up that day, we will make other arrangements.

The title of the auction this year is "Udholdenhed" which means to persist and persevere. This is an opportunity for us to come together in a different way and do something good to support our wonderful organization!

*Janet Ogden-Brackett, Lisa Jensen, Tina Paulsen and Laura Forslev (Auction Committee)*

## NOTARY PUBLIC

If you are in need of a Notary Public, the Danish American Center offers this service for members in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Please contact DAC member Ardis Wexler at [judgeardis@aol.com](mailto:judgeardis@aol.com) to make arrangements to meet at a mutually agreed upon time and location. Rates are \$10 per document, and all proceeds go to the Danish American Center. This service is a convenient way to get your documents notarized and support the Danish American Center at the same time.

## **BEGINNING DANISH 3 COURSE STARTS FEBRUARY 5**

Join fellow Danish enthusiasts for Beginning Danish 3. This 6-session course centers around a casual 90-minute weekly session. We follow a textbook and enlist various resources including Google Classroom and other online sites and tools. There are weekly assignments to complete outside of class. Completion of Beginning Danish 2 or permission from the instructor is required. Beginning Danish 3 is appropriate for high school age and up.

**DATES:** 6 classes (February 5 - March 12)

**TIME:** 9:30-11am

**COST (includes materials):** Members \$75 Nonmembers: \$90

Due to COVID-19, we are meeting remotely via Zoom.

Registration and payment for the course is available on the DAC's website. Scroll down to the event section and click on Beginning Danish 3 by February 2 to secure your place.

## **FOOD AND AQUAVIT PAIRING EVENT**

Saturday, April 23: 12:30 pm

### **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**

It is time again for our annual food and aquavit pairing event. This will be our 10th. Like the years before, we will be featuring a variety of selected food dishes and pairing them with aquavits to enhance the experience. Some of the dishes will be new and some will be old favorites.

Each year we try to learn a little more about both locally produced and celebrated Danish aquavits, and discuss cocktail options with them. Last time we had both Gamle Ode (<http://www.gamleode.com/>) and Vikre Distillery (<http://www.vikredistillery.com/>) in attendance. We are working with them again, and also with local representatives from Carver Distillery (<https://www.jcarverdistillery.com/>).

The cost for this event is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-member guests of members. This is a fundraising event for the DAC. There are only 50 spots available on a first-come, first-served basis, and these sold out quickly last time, so don't delay reserving your spot. For questions contact Steen Moeller at [moellersteen@gmail.com](mailto:moellersteen@gmail.com)

For reservations, mail your payment/donation to: DAC, 3030 West River Parkway South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 before Wednesday, April 20th, or pay online at <https://danishamericancenter.org/>

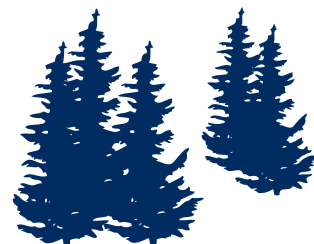
## **DANEBO READING CIRCLE WELCOMES THE FEBRUARY AUTHOR VIA ZOOM**

Sunday, February 20: 2pm

In the Sunday, February 20, Zoom meeting, discussion leader Diane Greve will welcome her Icelandic friend, the Reverend Sighvatur Karlsson, who will introduce Egill Bjarnason, author of *How Iceland Changed the World: The Big History of a Small Island*. This should be a very special session, beginning at 2pm.

Bjarnason wrote his book (2021, 266 pp, Penguin Books) in English. It covers the relatively short history of a country "with the soul of a very small town and yet can sometimes shut down the world," such as during volcanic eruptions in 1783 and 2010. The quote is from a *New York Times* review in May 2021. The reviewer, Michael Pye, described the book as "joyously peculiar" and "full of farce and drive." He also commented that "Being the place in between might be the key to this very idiosyncratic history. After all, Iceland starts with sagas full of hulking homicidal heroes and ends with the world's first woman elected head of state in a direct vote." Surely this is not the end of Iceland's history. Our two guests from Iceland will certainly have opinions about this!

Four weeks later, on Sunday, March 20, the Reading Circle will anticipate the ending of winter and dive into a discussion of Finnish author Tove Jansson's *The Summer Book* (1972, 184 pp, translated from the Swedish by Thomas Teal in 2003). Reviewer Ali Smith described this book as "an astonishing achievement of artistry." A library reader gave this synopsis: "Set on a very small island in the Gulf of Finland, set over a summer, this book tells the story of a precocious six-year-old girl and her rather cranky grandmother through 22 vignettes of their conversations and adventures." Everyone is welcome to join in this discussion.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT DAC

If you have ever walked in to the atrium at the DAC during the holiday season, you have no doubt noticed the additional beauty as it becomes fully decorated.

This decorating is extended into several other rooms at the DAC as well, with more trees, garlands, Danish hearts and flags, paper cutouts and this year, lots of nisser!

Have you ever wondered how this amazing decorating comes together, or how it magically disappears in January?

Over the years many people have contributed their time to make it happen. It has typically been accomplished by a very small group, often recruited by Grethe Petersen. The group meets for one day shortly after Thanksgiving for set up, and another day in early January for take down.

In December 2021, Tina Paulsen was able to obtain many nisser on loan from Svea Ernst and other sources. She brought the atrium to life with their antics.

Virkelyst members, Anette Petersen and other volunteers spent time setting up the trees. Cyndy McKeen put together a beautiful display in the Exhibit room.

For take down, the group was offered a special challenge: remove the factory installed lights from the large atrium tree! This was needed as most of the lights no longer worked and made the tree very heavy to lift and install. With the help of a wire snipper and a lot of patience, the task was accomplished. It will make things much easier doing next December's trees.

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who once again helped to make the DAC so lovely for the Christmas season. It is hoped that the group can be expanded with additional volunteers for Christmas 2022.



## YOU SHOP, AMAZON GIVES (TO THE DAC!)

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## NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

### DANISH GENEALOGY

Monday, February 28: 6:30pm

The February program will cover many of the essential genealogical resources available in the United States Library of Congress. It will focus on resources available online, but also touch on a few other resources that will make you want to take your next vacation in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Bob Johnson is a lawyer and is a Certified Genealogist®. As a professional genealogist he has specialized in Scandinavian, U.S., German, and forensic genealogical research for over forty years. He has studied in Sweden and is active in many genealogical societies throughout the U.S. and Scandinavia.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89735914980>

Webinar ID: 897 3591 4980

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89735914980>

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the March issue is February 10

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	02	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	Friday	18	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	02	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Saturday	19	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am
	02	Office Hours 10am-2pm	Sunday	20	Reading Circle 2pm
Friday	04	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Wednesday	23	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Saturday	05	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am		23	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	05	Mads Tolling Concert 5pm Social Hour 6pm Concert		23	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Wednesday	09	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		23	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
	09	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Friday	25	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	09	Office Hours 10am-2pm		25	Fyraften 5pm
	09	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am	Saturday	26	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am
Friday	11	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Sunday	27	Fastelavn Party 3pm
Saturday	12	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am	Monday	28	Genealogy 6:30pm
Sunday	13	Valentine's Brunch 9am or 10:30am			
Monday	14	DAC Board Meeting			
Wednesday	16	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm			
	16	Library Hours 10am-2pm			
	16	Office Hours 10am-2pm			



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