



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 OPTIONAL

DAC UDHOLDENHED SILENT AUCTION

March 4-March 13

We have received many wonderful items for our auction and are excited for it to happen! The Online Silent Auction will be open on March 4 and will close the evening of March 13. To participate, go to the 32Auctions Website: <https://www.32auctions.com/danishamericancenter> (Directions for using the auction site are at the end of this article).

You can look at all items and make bids. If you bid on something, make sure to go back and check to see if somebody else has outbid you! You can always raise your bid through March 13! We will contact the highest bidders with the amount due at the end of the auction. You can then pay for your items through the auction site or you can pay at the DAC with cash or check on pick-up day. And if you prefer not to purchase anything, there will be a place where you can simply donate to the DAC as well!

On Saturday, March 19th from 10am-2pm we will hold an Outdoor Pick-Up Event at the DAC. We will have coffee and treats for you to enjoy as well.

Directions for Using 32Auctions

- 1) Go to <https://www.32auctions.com/danishamericancenter>
- 2) Choose at the right top of the screen LOGIN
- 3) At the right of the LOGIN button, click create an account account
- 4) At the next screen add your name, email address and create a password. Click all the boxes, that you are legal age, understand the terms of use, understand the private policy and that you are not a robot.
- 5) The site will send you an email to complete your registration. When you get the email click ok and you are registered.
- 6) You can explore all the items on the 32auctions site. Only add your credit card information when you're ready to pay. Remember, you may pay in cash when you pick up your item on March 20th.

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

MARCH 2022

- DACATION Opportunity
- Æbleskive Breakfast

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

With 2022's open doors and desire for collaboration and joyfulness around us, Hans Christian Andersen's words two centuries ago still inspire:

"When the bird of the heart begins to sing, too often will reason stop up her ears."

"Where words fail, music speaks."

"The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to them we call them ordinary things."

"At leve er ikke nok. Solskin, frihed og en lille blomst må man ha."

-Hans Christian Andersen

Keep bringing your good spirits and supportive natures – "little flowers" – to the Danish American Center. It means a lot to many.

Best,
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.

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members:

Jeff and Allison Jensen
Judy Olsen
Jane Hudson
Chuck Birkholm

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 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the April issue is March 10

MADS TOLLING CONCERT

Jazz violinist Mads Tolling returned for a concert in the atrium on February 5th. Several new members were in attendance and everyone had a chance to mingle during the social hour. Mads played a variety of tunes from "Over the Rainbow" to three Danish songs which elicited a sing-a-long from some in the audience. A fun addition to the concert was a surprise visit by Kip Jones, a violinist friend of Mads' from their days at the Berklee School of Music. They had not seen each other for 20 years, but Kip heard about the concert at the last minute and lives close by. Mads had him on stage for a couple of impromptu, improvised songs, in true jazz fashion.



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

www.danishamericancenter.org

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For submissions, advertising, or any other inquiries, please contact us at danews@dac.mn.



ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 20: 9am or 10:30am

The next æbleskive breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 20 at the Danish American Center. As we did for the Valentine's Day Brunch, we are doing two scheduled seatings for the breakfast, at 9-10am and at 10:30-11:30am. Reservations are required, and are on a first-come first-served basis, with a maximum of 40 persons at each seating. Masks are optional inside the building, when not dining.

Cost for the breakfast is \$12 per adult and \$7 for children ages 5-12. Younger children are free. The menu will include æbleskiver, egg bake, sausage, juice and coffee.

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 March 15th.

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

Here are photos from the successful Valentine's Brunch in February.



BEGINNING DANISH-SPRING CONVERSATION GROUP

Interested in working on your Danish language reading and speaking skills? Attend a monthly gathering this spring.

This class is geared at those who completed the Beginning Danish series and want to practice a bit more...without too much homework! We will use magazine and newspaper articles, music lyrics, comic books, children's books, etc., to work on conversation skills.

If you are interested in participating in an informal monthly reading and conversation group, please contact instructor Michelle Potter-Bacon at danskmn@gmail.com.

WINTER BLUES-2 NIGHTS \$100 *DACATION* SPECIAL

Members, are you and your friends craving a weekend or mid-week getaway but don't want to deal with long lines and flight delays? Consider a "DACation" at the Danish American Center. Through April 2022, we are offering a special rental rate of 2-nights for \$100 for our cozy guestrooms, each with its own separate toilet/sink. There is a common kitchen area for overnight guests' use, the Kaffestue, to hold your foods and drinks fresh, and lots of other shared space in which to relax and unwind, such as the newly renovated Tivoli Lounge. The DAC is ideal for excursions, such as family retreats, girls' weekends, writers' retreats, romantic getaways, you name it!

Take advantage of beautiful Mississippi River trails right outside our front door, and a variety of restaurants, walking distance on Lake Street. Explore all that Minneapolis/St. Paul has to offer. See a play at the Guthrie or a show at the Ordway. Park your car in our lot for the weekend and take a short Uber ride into the cities. Please contact Tina Paulsen for reservations at dainfo@dac.mn or call 612-729-3800. Your *DACation* awaits.

FOOD & AQUAVIT PAIRING EVENT - SOLD OUT

Saturday, April 23: 12:30 pm

It is time again for our annual food and aquavit pairing event. This will be our tenth. 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.

The event is sold out, but if you would like to get your name on a waiting list, please contact the DAC office at 612-729-3800.

DANEBO READING CIRCLE ANTICIPATES SUMMER IN MARCH

Sunday, March 20: 2pm

On Sunday, March 20, the Reading Circle will meet 2-4pm (probably via Zoom) to discuss Tove Jansson's *The Summer Book*. Jansson is perhaps best known for her children books featuring the Moomins, a family of trolls who vaguely resemble hippopotamuses. A talented author and painter, she also wrote ten books for adults. One of Finland's Swedish-speaking minority, Jansson wrote *Sommarboken* in 1972, shortly after the death of her mother. The short novel was translated from Swedish by Thomas Teal and published as a New York Review Books Classic in 2008 as *The Summer Book* (176 pp). Katy Lindblad is the discussion leader.

"Tove Jansson's *The Summer Book* magically evokes the world of childhood in all its wonder and fragility. Sophia, her father, and her grandmother have come to their small island, as they do every summer, and while Papa works, Sophia and Grandmother explore the beaches and by-paths, work in the garden, go swimming, build a model of Venice in the marshes, get a new pet cat, see occasional visitors, and look after each other. This summer is the same as all the rest, and yet different: the old woman is often tired, dizzy, and afraid of losing her walking stick, false teeth, or balance; the young girl is plucky and curious, and trying, in her unspoken, child's way, to come to terms with the fact that her mother has just died." – nyrb classics reading book guide

Jansson spent every summer on such an island in the Finnish archipelago and in her writing evokes a sense of timelessness and intimate contact with nature. A drought threatens newly-introduced plants and must be dealt with. A storm brews on the horizon, then envelops the family's tiny world. So much happens while nothing happens. In April, the month of Hans Christian Andersen's birth in 1805, the Reading Circle will tackle the mammoth biography, *Hans Christian Andersen: A New Life*, by Jens Andersen (2003, 624pp), translated into English by Circle favorite Tiina Nunnally in 2005. In ten chapters of roughly five- or ten-year spans, the author examines Andersen's life from his Arrival in Copenhagen in 1819 to his death as The Man in the Moon in 1875. There are 36 pages of Notes, an extended Bibliography (10 pages), a 22-page Index, and 30 pages of color and black/white

Illustrations. Michelle Potter-Bacon will guide the group through this "startling, immensely readable, and definitive new biography" that "sheds brilliant new light" (from the publisher, Overlook Duckworth). Bookmarks with the 2022 reading schedule are now available in the DAC Library or from suzannej41@me.com. New members are always welcome – contact Suzanne to be added to the email contact list.

VIRKELYST

(From the Danish) VIRKE = WORK + LYST = WILLINGNESS

Virkelyst is a continuously evolving social organization whose aim is to further the goals first set out in 1938 in new, contemporary, and fun ways.



Our intergenerational women's club of willing workers supports the DAC and charities that primarily support women and children.

Monthly Programs include a wide variety of topics featured, such as guest or members speaking on anything from travels to Antarctica, service dogs, various charity organizations, or wine tasting! We meet every month other than July and August, with our December Christmas gathering well known to be a highlight for members and their guests. Meetings have often included Virkelyst members offering their ideas and eagerly putting together items for charity. Our meetings also include social time, concluding with coffee and dessert being served. New members are always welcome!

We expect all members to be active members of the Danish American Center and pay annual dues of \$25.00 for membership into Virkelyst. You can do this on the DAC website through the DONATE tab. Select Virkelyst dues from the dropdown. Otherwise send your membership in to the DAC and let Cathy Mahowald know at cmahowal@hutchtel.net or call her at 612-845-5562.

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS



GENEALOGY ESSAY: DENMARK'S 19TH CENTURY CONCERN FOR AND CARE OF THE POOR AND NEEDY

March 2022

Many of our Danish ancestors left Denmark for the New World to improve their economic lot in life, but many stayed in Denmark and may have lived on very little. NDAGS Treasurer Myra Madsen will explore questions such as: How did key events of the 19th century affect care of the poor? What acts or actions of previous centuries lead to the way in which the less fortunate were treated in the 1800s? How might genealogists today see evidence of poor assistance in their research? How can they interpret this evidence? What is the translation of these terms: *almisse*, *almisselm*, *plejebarn*, *fattiglem*, *fattighuus*, *fattighjælp*? How did attitudes and actions of the 19th century lead to modern treatment of the poor and needy?

Essay will be distributed to NDAGS Members in March in lieu of a live Zoom lecture.

MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

There are two Minnesota Orchestra spring concerts with Danish influence: On Wednesday, April 13, at 7pm, Danish conductor, Thomas Søndergaard, returns to the podium for "Symphony in 60" (i.e. one-hour concert) to conduct among other things Debussy's "La Mer." On Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, both at 8pm, the program includes Danish composer Carl Nielsen's Flute Concerto. Both concerts at Orchestra Hall. Tickets at (612) 371-5656 and minnesotaorchestra.org.

RØDSPÆTTE CLUB

Saturday, April 2: 6pm Social Hour 7pm Dinner
The Rødspætte Club will be at the DAC on April 2. A sit down dinner will be served, followed by dancing to a live band. Cost is \$39 per person. Beverage donations. Please RSVP if you want Rødspætte or Snitzel by March 27 by calling Annette Jagger (651) 269-4903 or emailing jaggerted@msn.com.

EXCITING DANISH ART NEWS

The 150th Anniversary of *The Danish Pioneer* newspaper is this year. One of the ways the publication's long history is being honored is the silent auction of a beautiful oil painting imported from Denmark. It is donated by Norway Art® Minneapolis. Since 1979, Norway Art has imported art from Scandinavia to the US and Canada.

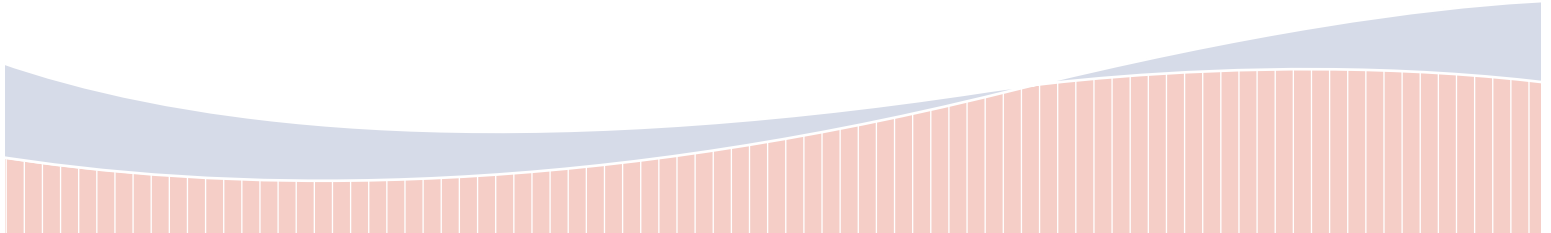
In 1957, Danish artist Anker Ruff completed "Danish Forest in Mid-Summer." He featured an historic half-timbered building at the edge of a lush forest. With its realistic wildflowers and other vegetation on the forest floor and beech trees, the work of art conveys a restful, summer mood. The oil on canvas painting (22" x 25", signed and dated and framed) is in excellent condition and is valued at \$1,500. Bidding on this work of art will boost funding for *The Danish Pioneer* which will receive all proceeds. The winner will gain a treasure that is a souvenir of an important landmark date in Danish America. A new owner will gain personal enjoyment from having this peaceful painting of summer in Denmark years ago.

To bid, email or send a USPS mail note to Mary Jo Thorsheim in Minneapolis by the April 25 deadline. Include your name, email address, full mailing address, phone number, and your bid. Bids start at \$150 and should be in \$50 increments. Early bids are encouraged. New bids will be accepted by email if you want to increase your bid.



MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	02	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	16	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	02	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Friday	18 President's Happy Hour 4pm
	02	Office Hours 10am-2pm	Sunday	20 Silent Auction Pick Up 10am-2pm
Friday	04	President's Happy Hour 4pm		20 Æbleskive Breakfast 9am or 10:30am
	04	Tøseften 7pm		20 Reading Circle 2pm
Saturday	05	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am	Wednesday	23 Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Wednesday	09	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		23 Library Hours 10am-2pm
	09	Library Hours 10am-2pm		23 Office Hours 10am-2pm
	09	Office Hours 10am-2pm		23 Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
	09	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am	Friday	25 President's Happy Hour 4pm
Friday	11	President's Happy Hour 4pm		25 Fyraften 5pm
Saturday	12	Beginning Danish 3 9:30-11am		
Monday	14	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm		
Wednesday	16	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		
	16	Library Hours 10am-2pm		



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