



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

ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 10: 9am and 10:30am

The next æbleskive breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 10 at the Danish American Center. We are once again 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 April 6.

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!

RYE BREAD CLASS AT THE DAC!

Thursday, April 28th 6:30-8:30 pm

Can you imagine a Danish meal without rye bread?

Learn how to make this beloved smørrebrød must-have with local food enthusiast Jill Holter.

Jill has an impressive marketing background with Twin Cities food shelves and cooperative grocery

stores. Chances are, you've seen her on local news segments, sharing new recipes and promoting home cooking and baking, a passion of hers. This class is Thursday, April 28 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Danish American Center. The price is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests of members. You'll leave class with a fresh baked loaf, ready for all the delicious open faced sandwich toppings! Register on our website's Event Calendar, call 612-729- 3800 or email dainfo@dac.mn. Class is limited to 15.



APRIL 2022

- Danish Day Save the Date!
- *DACATION* is a Hit

NOTES FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! For those of you who don't know me, I have been serving on the board for the last five years. I have been in the role of Secretary and



now as Vice President. I am also editor of the *DANews*.

The silent auction was again a huge success, and many thanks to those who helped make this happen again this year. The President's Happy Hour has also be a fun time for members and guests to gather, eat and have a drink. We have seen many new faces attend this every Friday.

Things at DAC are picking up, with lots of events happening in the upcoming months. Check out the calendar and website for fun things happening and get involved! We are looking forward to seeing you in the upcoming months.

Laura Forslev

PRESIDENT'S HAPPY HOUR

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.

Donations accepted but not required.

DANISH DAY 2022-SAVE THE DATE

Plans for Danish Day 2022 are underway. Danish Day will be held on Sunday, June 5th. If you would like to volunteer to help plan, or help on that day, please contact the DAC office at 612-729-3800. Look for more details in the May *DANews*.

DANE OF THE YEAR 2022

We are looking for nominations for Dane of the Year 2022. If you have a nomination please submit to the office at dainfo@dac.mn or call the office at 612-729-3800.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members:

Lorrie Kummeth • Brigid Goss & Family

Amelia English • Linda Jensen

Bethany Jacobson-Flieger

Luther Snow and Lise Kildegaard

David Martin & Family • Lis Natividad & Family

Anne Fischer • Shannon Sorensen

Ethan Bjelland • Joseph Grødahl

Selma Petterson & Family

Shannon Maker • Chang-Seong Hong

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 May issue is April 10

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.

DACATION IS A HIT!

DAC member Sonja Merrild and her friend John were the first to take advantage of our "DACation" special of 2 nights for \$100 and they both give it a big



thumbs up! They kicked off the weekend by joining fellow DAC members for the President's Happy Hour on Friday night, followed by dinner at a restaurant on Lake St. They also took in a concert the next day and strolled the River Parkway before heading home. "John and I return to the DAC again and again. It's a home away from home for us-warm, welcoming, and most of all a place of authentic Danish hygge in the city. We love it." Our "DACation" special runs through April, so consider the DAC for your next, cozy getaway. Please contact Tina Paulsen for reservations at dainfo@dac.mn or call 612-729-3800.

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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.

DAC UDHOLDENHED SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction was again a huge success, earning the DAC just under \$6,000. We were fortunate to receive many items from the Loberg estate. The auction again proved to be a great fundraiser for DAC. Many thanks to the committee that made this happen again this year: Janet Ogden-Brackett, Lisa Jensen, Tina Paulsen and Laura Forslev.

BEGINNING DANISH-SPRING CONVERSATION GROUP

Interested in working on your Danish language reading and speaking skills? Attend a conversation group 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., as the springboard to improving reading comprehension and conversation skills.

Dates: Saturdays, April 2, 23, May 14, June 4.

Time: 9:30 to 11am

Location: 3rd Floor Classroom at the Danish Center (Covid permitting) or via Zoom

Cost: \$10 per session (register for each individually)

Please register on the DAC website one week prior to the session date(s) to allow for time to review the course material prior to class.

ICELANDIC AUTHOR CAPTIVATED BOOK GROUP IN FEBRUARY

What a terrific experience the Danebo Reading Circle had on Sunday, February 20! Rather than relying only on their own insights into *How Iceland Changed the World*, they were thrilled to have two special guests join the discussion.

Icelandic author Egill Bjarnason graciously spent almost two hours discussing his book, his homeland, and other topics with the 15 members of the book group gathered around the "Zoom hearth." He was joined from southwestern Iceland by the Reverend Sighvatur Karlsson, the man from whom Mr. Bjarnason purchased his home in Húsavík, northern Iceland. Pastor Karlsson is also a longtime friend of Reading Circle member Diane Greve, who arranged the meeting.

The guests from Iceland have given their permission for the Reading Circle to share the Zoom recording of the February event. Anyone who would like to view it may request the link in an email to suzannej41@me.com.

DANEBO READING CIRCLE CELEBRATES H.C. ANDERSEN IN HIS BIRTH MONTH

April 2 would be Hans Christian Andersen's 217th birthday. On Sunday, April 24, the DAC's book group of considerably younger readers will be discussing a new biography of this famous and complex Danish author. The meeting will start at 2pm – either in person, on Zoom, or perhaps in a hybrid format. Members will receive details closer to the date.

Notes from discussion leader Michelle Potter-Bacon: From author and literary scholar Jens Andersen, *Hans Christian Andersen, A New Life* (2003, 630pp; 2005 translation by Tiina Nunnally) is succinctly described by bibliotek.dk as "A broad depiction of H.C. Andersen's (1805-1875) life from cradle to grave and a portrait of him 'as he was' as a person, man, and poet."

As quoted in an encyclopedia.com article about the biography's author, "'In this major work,' explained Mikkel Stiernberg on the Hans Christian Andersen 2005 Web site, 'Jens Andersen grapples not only with Andersen's famous fairy tales but also with his novels, short stories, dramas, poems, prose sketches, tales, travel books and autobiographies as well.'" ... "(Andersen's) biography provides a more comprehensive, and in some ways darker, portrait of a man often seen as simple and gentle and childlike."

This new biography won the *Weekendavisens litteraturpris* in 2003. Jens Andersen also received *Politiken's* literature prize in 2015 for his biography of Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. He is the author of numerous scholarly works as well as more popular fare, with subjects including soccer stars, Queen Margarethe, Crown Prince Frederik, singer Kim Larsen, and, most recently, *The LEGO Story*, which is due to be released in English in late 2022.

The May selection is *A House in Norway* by Vigdis Hjorth (2014, 180pp; translated in 2017 by Charlotte Barslund). Notes from discussion leader Lillian Jensen: In this novel, main character, textile artist Alma, buys a home near her ex-husband so that they can co-parent more easily. She then rents out an annex to a family from Poland. The story revolves around whether Alma can "reconcile the desire to be tolerant and altruistic with the imperative need for creative and personal space." (GoodReads) Join the Reading Circle on Sunday, May 15, at 2 PM – site(s) to be determined.

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.

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 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.

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. 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.

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.

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

COME TO SKOVSOEN SUMMER 2022!

Skovsøen will be back offering a full array of residential Danish Language Immersion Camps this summer for children ages 6-18! Highlights from last summer included a focus on alternative energy in the high school credit program, a Lego competition, our version of the Den Store Bagedyst (a bake off contest), as well as a wonderful, culturally-authentic mock wedding! You can see all of our activities from last summer in our Skovsøen blog - <https://skovsoen.blogspot.com/2021/06/>

Our Summer Camp offerings will include:

Danish High School Credit Program - earn a full year of high school credit in the one-month credit program (9th - 12th grades) from June 20 to July 17

Two-Week Danish Language Immersion Program - we are offering two sessions of our two-week language immersion program: June 20 -July 2 and July 4 - July 16

One-Week Danish Exploration Program - we are offering two sessions of our one-week language exploration program: June 20 - June 25 and July 11 to July 16

Adventure Day Camp - June 20 to June 24

Whichever experience you choose, Skovsøen is a great way to start your adventure in learning Danish or as a way to keep up Danish language, especially for those seeking to maintain their connections to family in Denmark or as a means to maintaining Danish citizenship.

Here is the link for more information about Skovsøen, including Dates & Rates or Summer 2022: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-languages/danish-language-village> or contact the dean, Liz Lis Klages at klages@cord.edu

We are also seeking Camp Counselors with Danish language skills, as well Culinary Arts staff:

If you are interested in applying as a counselor or would like to work in our kitchen preparing authentic Danish foods, please check out the Concordia Language Villages Employment website: [Work at the Villages | Concordia Language Villages](#)

DANISH GENEALOGY

DANISH COOKING: AEBLESKIVER AND MEDISTERPOLSE

Monday, April 25: 6pm CST

Instead of our traditional Spring Potluck, we will be treated to a virtual cooking lesson!

Cathy Mahowald will demonstrate the "art" of making æbleskive. Cathy will use the traditional recipe that the Danish American Center uses at their monthly æbleskive breakfasts during the fall, winter, and spring. Cathy claims no Danish blood but has been accepted as an honorary Dane. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Danish American Center because she is so impressed with the organization and its dedication to promoting Danish culture through activities and programming.

Joel Mortensen will discuss making medisterpolse, a Danish sausage that is a staple of many Danish meals. Each fall he hosts a class where DAC members come and prepare the sausage themselves. Joel traced his heritage back to 1613 on the island of Mors. The recipes he uses to make the medisterpolse come from Tyler, MN, Askov, MN and Luck, WI. All of them originated in Denmark.

If you have any questions about the National Danish American Genealogical Society, you can send an email to ndagsmembers@gmail.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 now start at \$600. and then are to increase in \$50. increments. Simply email if you want to increase your bid already submitted. Send no money, winner will donate the auction price directly to The Danish Pioneer.

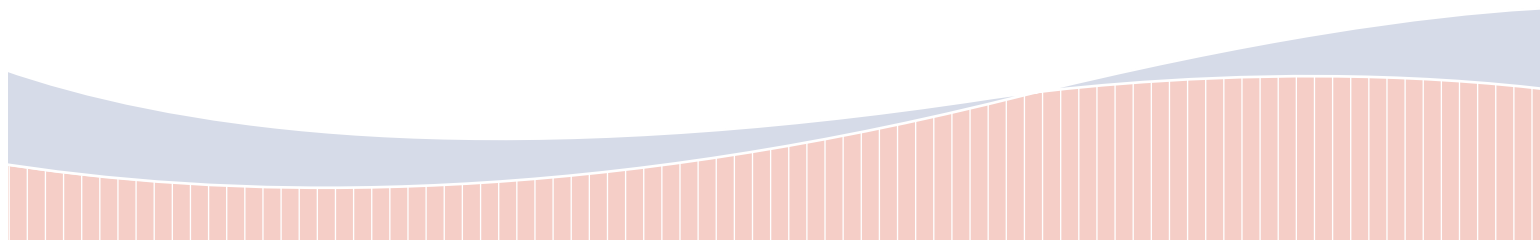
Mary Jo Thorsheim, DAC member and owner of Norway Art®

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.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	01	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Wednesday	20	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Saturday	02	Conversational Danish 9:30am		20	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	02	Rødspætte Dinner		20	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Wednesday	06	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	Friday	22	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	06	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Saturday	23	Conversational Danish 9:30am
	06	Office Hours 10am-2pm		23	Aquavit Pairing Lunch 12:30pm
Friday	08	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Sunday	24	Reading Circle 2pm
Sunday	10	Æbleskive Breakfast 9am or 10:30am	Monday	25	Danish Genealogy 6pm
Monday	11	Board Meeting 7pm	Wednesday	27	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Wednesday	13	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		27	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	13	Library Hours 10am-2pm		27	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	13	Office Hours 10am-2pm		27	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
	13	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am	Thursday	28	Rye Bread Class 6:30pm
Friday	15	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Friday	29	President's Happy Hour 4pm



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