



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

DANISH DAY

Sunday, June 5: 11am - 3pm

Danish Day will be held on June 5, 2022 from 11am-3pm. This year's celebration will be similar to last year. There is no entrance fee, but a good will donation is much appreciated. We'll have hot dogs with all the trimmings, æbleskiver and layer cake. And the popular sandwich auction is back, hosted by Scott Thomsen. There'll be singing and activities for the kids too! Please bring chairs. We hope to see you there.

- 11:00am Danish Day Commences
- 11:30am Smørrebrød Sandwich Live Auction
- 12:00pm National Anthem
- President's Welcome
- Lunch
- 12:15pm Live music
- 1:00pm Children's Activities
- 2:00pm Social Free Time
- 3:00pm Danish Day Ends

Vendors & Exhibitors:

If you'd like to rent a table for Danish Day, please contact the office at 612-729-3800 or dainfo@dac.mn. The price is \$30 for a table and chairs, and the DAC will set up and take down.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 8: 9am or 10:30am

Come join us for our 2022 Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8 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 in advance. Masks are optional, though recommended inside the building, when not dining. This event is open to both members and non-members.

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MAY 2022

- Sankt Hans - Save the Date
- Folk Dancing is Back!

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

I love this time of year at the DAC. Danish Day is just weeks away and so is our fiscal year end on June 30th. That means that we are dreaming up what will happen here next year and creating a budget for those dreams.



The DAC is coming back to life after the pandemic had us close our doors for a long while. We've been gradually adding events and classes, renting overnight rooms, and holding big events!!

The last two years have been nearly impossible to budget. Who could have known how it would all play out, but we made it! Well, we've almost made it. We are very short on our income goals this year because each new variant of the Corona virus held us back from reopening over and over again.

We are \$22,000 behind budget in individual gifts this year and \$40,000 in income overall. Help us make up this difference before June 30th. Please give as generously as you can to keep the DAC in good financial condition and move us into a new year. During the next weeks when you're here for Wednesday lunch, Virkelyst, Reading Circle or the President's Friday afternoon Happy Hour just

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give Tina your donation. You can also mail in a check or go online to the website and donate. I know we can make up this little difference with the help of our 700 members.

Thanks a million, I mean thanks for \$40,000!

Janet Ogden Brackett

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.

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:

Beverly Page & Family • Ralph McQuarter
Keith Hanratty • Jeff Marier • Billy Peterson

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.

Cost for the brunch is \$15 per adult and \$8 for children ages 5-12. Younger children are free. The menu will include æbleskiver, egg bake, sausage, fruit, pastry, rugbrød with meat & cheese (pålæg), juice and coffee.

To sign up, please go to the website- <https://danishamericancenter.org>. To register online, scroll to the "Upcoming DAC Events and Registration" section and select the Mother's Day Brunch seating of your choice. Or, call the DAC office at 612-729-3800 to sign up. Reservations will be accepted through May 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!

SANKT HANS FEST 2022 SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 25

The Sankt Hans Midsummer party will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022. After two years without this celebration, we have a special treat in store. The Danish opera singers are touring North America this summer and specifically requested to join us at this party. If you have a little extra time and would like to help on that day, please contact Patricia Walter-Hansen: drpaw@drpaw.com. Look for more details coming in the June *DANews*.

MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of...

Connie Muller from Barbro Eastling, Betty & Bill Patterson, Svea Ernst, Cathy Mahowald, Dave Talafous & Lois Peters, Almira Ringdahl and Ginny Leppart

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.

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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.

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.

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: Saturday, May 14 and June 4.

Time: 9:30 to 11am

Location: 3rd Floor Classroom at the Danish Center 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.

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.

ROGER NIELSEN ART EXHIBIT

Our very own, Roger Nielsen will have his art on display at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa. The name of the



show is "Celebrating My Heritage". It includes 41 paintings and two sculptures such as landscapes, Vikings and popular landmarks as well as portraits of family members and ancestors. One of the paintings included is of Angel and Marie Iversen, Roger's maternal grandparents who were one of the original founders of Danebo. The show opens on June 25, 2022 and ends on November 2, 2022.

For more information on the show please visit the museum's website at www.danishmuseum.org. You can also visit Roger's website at www.rogerhnielsen.com

SINNE EEG CONCERT

A sellout crowd gathered on the evening of March 31st to hear Danish jazz vocalist Sinne Eeg. Considered one of Scandinavia's top jazz vocalists, she certainly proved it. The evening started with a social



hour with the musicians in attendance. Accompanying Sinne was the young, but very talented pianist, Will Kjeer, and renowned bassist Billy Peterson, both from the Twin Cities. Sinne sang a mixture of her own compositions, Danish tunes, standards, and a samba. The overwhelming reaction was very positive, and the accolades continue to roll in. The audience included several local jazz vocalists who also thought she was great. We hope she will travel back through this part of the country for a future event.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the June issue is May 10

DANEBO READING CIRCLE READS NOVEL WOVEN BY NORWEGIAN AUTHOR

Sunday, May 15: 2pm

May marks the end of the Winter/Spring series of discussions by members of the Danebo Reading Circle. On Sunday, May 15, the group will be discussing Vigdis Hjorth's *A House in Norway* (2014, 169 pages), which was translated from Norwegian to English in 2017 by Charlotte Barslund. The meeting starts at 2pm—either in person, on Zoom, or perhaps in a hybrid format. Members will receive details closer to the date.

Alma buys *A House in Norway* to be 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 the tensions Alma feels concerning her tenants and how they affect her creative and personal space. Told in the third person, the novel spans seven years in the life of Alma, her family, her tenants, and the fixer-up house in the woods. At times it reads more like a stream of consciousness than a tale, but surely captures the artistic spirit of the main character. She even quotes H.C. Andersen: "Just living is not enough. You must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower."

Recently in Norway there has been a sharp debate over "reality literature"—fiction that derives from identifiable persons and happenings. According to a 2019 review in *The New Yorker*, "the argument against reality literature is that it is insufficiently artificial, exposing and misrepresenting people who never consented to be a part of it. The country's most flagrant transgressor of the code of plausible disclaimability is Vigdis Hjorth, whose prickly, persuasive novel *Will and Testament* came out in Norway in 2016".

The New Yorker reviewer, Lauren Collins, continued: "Hjorth seems to have formulated from her experiments with living models a model for living, in which exposure—of the self and of others—serves a larger purpose. In *A House in Norway* (2014), her only other book to be translated into English, the narrator, a textile artist, strives to depict 'those who had the courage to speak against power when they found it necessary, regardless of the cost, who protested though they were regarded as mad, everyone who didn't just want a head start for themselves but progress for the many.' The narrator

reserves her greatest admiration for those who are willing to be both the speaker and the subject, the heroine and the wretch—'those who turned the scrutinizing spotlight on themselves,' and let it burn."

The reading group is taking a summer break from monthly meetings but will be resuming on September 18 to discuss Sigrid Undset's *Olav Audunsson: Vows* (1925, 356 pages, translated in 2020 by Tiina Nunnally), the first book in a trilogy by the much-loved Norwegian author. October 16 features the newest work in English of a contemporary Norwegian author: *The Pastor* by Hanne Ørstavik (2004, 280 pages, translated in 2021 by Martin Aitkin). Saving perhaps the best for last, on November 20 the group will dig into *Babette's Feast* by Danish author Isak Dinesen, published in a short-story collection in 1958 and immortalized by the 1987 Danish film, "Babette's Gæstebud."

All DAC members are invited to join any and all discussions. To receive email notifications, contact suzannej41@me.com.

IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Thanks to all who donated via our recent online auction or attended the Sinne Eeg concert. Because of your generosity, we recently made a \$615.00 donation to the International Rescue Committee to support the people of Ukraine.

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.

FOLK DANCING IS BACK!

The Second Sunday Social Dance is a free event, made possible by a music fellowship for DAC member Renee Vaughan through the American Scandinavian Foundation. Dances will include the Danish sønderhoning, polska, waltz, schottisches, polka, and more. 7-8:30pm in the Atrium on May 8, June 12, September 11 and October 9. For questions, please contact Renee Vaughn at 651-295-4200.

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NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

DANISH GENEALOGY

Monday, May 23: 6:30pm CST

The **Confirmation—Coming of Age in Denmark and the U.S.** discusses how in Denmark and the United States, the event of Confirmation—affirming one's baptismal pledge as a Christian—often marked the boundary between childhood and leaving school and the adult world in the Lutheran church as well as other Protestant denominations. Presenter is Amanda Skellenger, MA, MLIS, Genealogy Center Manager at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa.

For more information, please go to our website at www.danishgenealogy.org



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

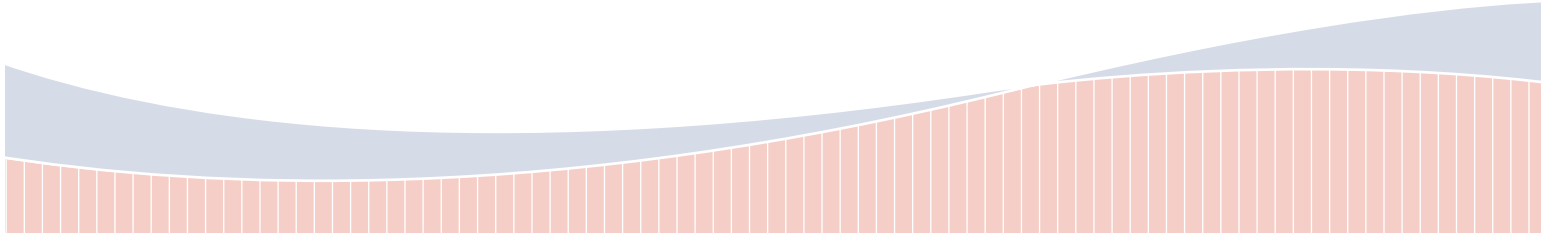
We are also seeking Camp Counselors with Danish language skills, as well Culinary Arts staff:

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: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>.



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	04	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	Saturday	14	Conversational Danish 9:30am
	04	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Sunday	15	Danebo Reading Circle 2-4pm
	04	Office Hours 10am-2pm	Wednesday	18	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Friday	06	President's Happy Hour 4pm		18	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	06	Tøseften 7pm		18	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Saturday	07	Virkelyst 12-5pm	Friday	20	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Sunday	08	Mother's Day Brunch 9am or 10:30am	Monday	23	Danish Genealogy 6:30pm
	08	Folk Dancing 7pm	Wednesday	25	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
Monday	09	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm		25	Library Hours 10am-2pm
Wednesday	11	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		25	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	11	Library Hours 10am-2pm		25	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
	11	Office Hours 10am-2pm	Friday	27	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	11	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am		27	Fyraften 5pm
Friday	13	President's Happy Hour 4pm			



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