



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

Please note that if we experience inclement weather, Danish Day will be canceled. If bad weather occurs, please call the office or check our Facebook page before heading over.

Vendors & Exhibitors: There's still time for vendors and exhibitors to purchase a table for \$30. Please contact the office at 612-729-3800 if interested.

JUNE 2022

- Celebrate Sankt Hans
- Folk Dancing is Back!

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Many of you know me as I have been an active board member and past president, and I am happy to continue my service at this time as Secretary of the Board. What does the Secretary do? The main duties of this office are to document, archive and communicate. The Secretary takes minutes of the board meetings and records key information such as the board's actions and the rationale behind decisions as revealed in discussion. The minutes must be accurate but also discreet as sometimes confidential information may be disclosed in meetings, but it would not be appropriate to disclose more widely. The minutes of the board and executive committee as well as committee reports are part of our organization's public record. We archive these written minutes in the office, and these permanently maintained records are one of the ways we provide transparency, an important value for non-profit operations and are required for our non-profit status. The minutes are distributed to board members, and this is an important part of the communication function of the office so all board members are aware of the actions of the board, whether or not they are present at every meeting. Knowledgeable board members are essential to a well-run organization. The second important function of the office is to track the terms of board

members as well as contact information so we can recruit new people when board members' terms are up. We strive to find board members who represent the diversity of our membership, both Danish Americans and Danish citizens living in Minnesota and members who bring the wide range of skills we need to operate as a working board. Our fiscal year ends June 30 and our election cycle is timed with the annual meeting in the fall. Members who wish to participate in a deeper way should reach out to board members and make their interest known prior to the Annual Meeting where we select a new slate of board members whose terms are staggered. The Secretary, along with the other officers, is charged with keeping an overview of the mission and how we are fulfilling it. These records help us keep on track and provide continuity.

Susan Jacobsen

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.

DANEWS Takes a Summer Break in July & August

Deadline for the SEPTEMBER issue is August 10

DAC ANNUAL MEETING-SAVE THE DATE

The annual meeting of Danebo, Inc. dba, Danish American Center, is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, September 25**. All adult members are encouraged to come for financial reports, committee updates and the election of new board members. Additional information will be provided in the September *DANews*.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members:

Greta Sorensen

Annette Rottbøl Hansen

David Preus & Family

Gina Dedrick & Family

Daina Rosen & Family

Andrej Bendtsen & Family

James Schlemmer & Family

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.

MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of...

Connie Muller from Curtis & Lydia Larson, Kristine Roeglin, and Margaret Sorensen

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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Affiliate Organizations

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

www.danishamericancenter.org

Executive Board:

Rikke Dierssen-Morice, President

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Catherine Mahowald, at Large

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

CELEBRATE SANKT HANS AFTEN

Saturday, June 25: 5 -10pm

The Walter-Hansen farm in Rosemount will be hopping with Danes and friends from around the world when we gather to celebrate mid-summer. There's something for every age to enjoy; eating, playing, chatting, dancing, and singing together! New-mown hay bales provide soft seating and an intoxicating herbal fragrance in a cozy red barn where the floor boards have withstood weddings, waltzes, pop/rock bands, and dining events. Children can learn to twist & toast campfire bread (snobrød) over open charcoals. Hayrides transport the brave and curious down winding roads, through forests and thickets, past ponds and lakes, and return them safely to boast tall tales of adventure. If you seek tranquility, sit back with a cool beverage, enjoy catching-up with friends you've missed seeing, gaze out to the pond, and breathe in sweet country air. Meet the Danish opera singers and enjoy their jubilant voices and delightful personalities. As the sun sets we'll gather around a grand bonfire. Come rain or shine!

Remember to bring:

- Meat to grill and a dish to share (appetizer, salad, dessert)
- Your choice of beverages, comfy lawn chairs or blankets, bug spray
- Donations are appreciated but not expected!

We will provide:

- Gas grills and utensils, tables & chairs,
- Plates, napkins, cups & utensils
- Condiments & Seasonings
- Lemonade, water & coffee

Farm Address:

12101 Dodd Boulevard Rosemount, MN 55068

For assistance/questions call Kurt or Patricia Walter-Hansen 612-483-3569, 612-483-3101

JUNE 8TH ONSDAG FROKOST (WEDNESDAY LUNCH)

Our June 8th lunch will be held on the patio and grounds and no registration or fee is required as this lunch will be a "bring your own" event. We'll provide dessert and coffee. We're hoping for a beautiful day, so we can all gather outside.

JULY ÆBLESKIVE EVENT

Saturday, July 9: 9-11:00am

We are planning an abbreviated outdoor summer æbleskive breakfast on Saturday, July 9 from 9-11am. This free event will be held outside, serving æbleskiver and beverages. A gluten-free version will be offered. Donations are appreciated. Watch for further details by email or DAC Facebook page.

SCHEDULE FOR BEGINNING DANISH COURSES

Join fellow Danish enthusiasts for Beginning Danish in the fall. Danish 1 is an 8-session course which centers around a casual 90-minute weekly session. We follow a textbook and enlist various online resources. There are weekly assignments to complete outside of class. No previous language experience is necessary, and all Beginning Danish courses are appropriate for high school age and up.

Depending on COVID-19, we may meet in person at the Danish Center or remotely via Zoom, using Google Classroom and other online sites and tools.

Tentative Calendar for Beginning Danish:

Danish 1: 8 classes (September 10 – October 29)

Members: \$120, Nonmembers: \$160

Danish 2: 6 classes (November 5 - December 17)

Members \$90 & Nonmembers: \$120

Danish 3: 6 classes (January 7 - February 11, 2023)

Members \$90 & Nonmembers: \$120

Class time: Saturdays, 9:30 to 11am

Try out the Summer Language Seminar, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 6, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This includes very basic language instruction, including numbers, personal pronouns, and a theme, such as food or holidays. It's a great way to try out a class to get a feel for my teaching style and to determine if it is the right fit for you. / Class fee: \$10

Registration and payment for these Danish Language classes takes place through the DAC website. Scroll down to the Event section and click on the title. Summer Language Seminar and Beginning Danish 1 registration will be available later this summer.

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 sønderhøning, polska, waltz, schottisches, polka, and more. 7-8:30pm in the Atrium on June 12, September 11 and October 9. For questions, please contact Renee Vaughn at 651-295-4200.

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 two 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

DANEBO READING CIRCLE

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.

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.

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.

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.

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NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

DANISH GENEALOGY-KEEPING ORGANIZED AND EFFICIENT IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Monday, June 27: 6:30pm CST

Every day, more and more records are scanned and digitized for researchers. Our stacks of and folders of paper records and notes is becoming increasingly smaller than the amount of data and records we now collect digitally. But how do we keep it organized? What tools are out there for us to use to make order out of chaos? In this session, Bert Jones will share an overview of options and some tips for keeping your data organized and easily accessible. Bert is an event planner, graphic designer, and photographer and is the current Marketing & Communications Chair of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. Bert has been passionate about collecting family stories and charting his family history since he was very young. Bert enjoys finding new tools to keep his research efficient and easily accessible. Bert is also the co-host and producer for the NicEnough Show, Steve & Nicole Show, Cooking with Bert and the Super Chunky Podcast. For more information, please go to our website at www.danishgenealogy.org

DANEBO FOLK MEETING

It's June and time to celebrate Skt Hans (the summer solstice). Maybe we'll light a bonfire to keep us alight all night long. That fire's symbolic significance is to burn away our errors and omissions of the previous year. Ready to face the new year, it's time to register for

the annual Danebod Folk Meeting in Tyler, MN. Check out our web site (danebodfolkmeeting.org) to see our amazing line-up of speakers and topics. This year we are hosting both an in-person meeting at Danebod in Tyler and offering a livestream option you can enjoy from your home. Please join us for what we believe will be an educational and fun-filled three and a half days of learning, singing, and fellowship, either in-person or online. See you in August!

OTHER NEWS



SURT LØG [Sour onion] A grumpy, critical person	GÅ AGURK [Go cucumber] Go bananas
IKKE EN BØNNE [Not a bean] Absolutely nothing	TRÆDE I SPINATEN [Step in the spinach] To say or do sth stupid
HELDIG KARTOFFEL [Lucky potato] Lucky person	SALATFAD [Salad bowl] Prisoner transport vehicle
GØRE KÅL PÅ NOGET/NOGEN [Do cabbage on something/someone] Deal with someone/something quickly	EN VARM KARTOFFEL [A hot potato] A hot potato/ A difficult situation
KLARE ÆRTERNE [Handle the peas] Solve the problems	PISK ELLER GULEROD [Whip or carrot] Motivated by punishment or reward
HYPPE SINE EGNE KARTOFLER [Earth ones own potatoes] Follow one's own interest	SPILLE KONG GULEROD [Play king carrot] Act superior or be stuck-up



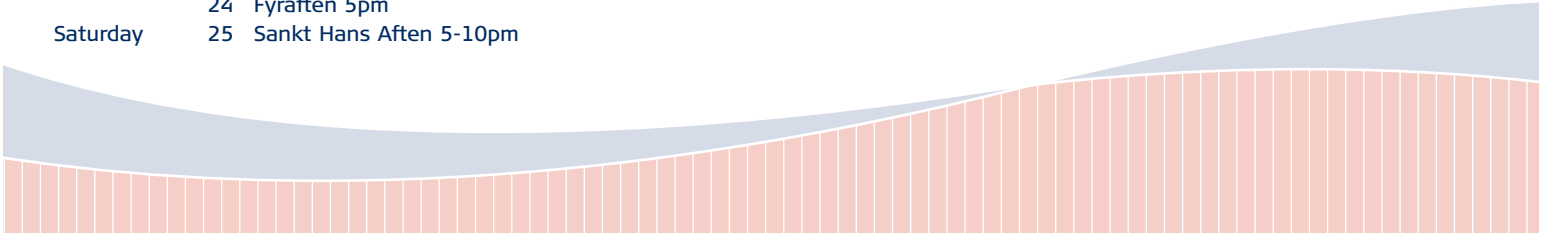
SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Wednesday	01	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	01	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	01	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Friday	03	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	03	Tøs 7pm
Saturday	04	Beginning Conversational Danish 9:30am
Sunday	05	Danish Day 11am-3pm
Wednesday	08	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	08	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	08	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	08	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am (<i>bring your own lunch</i>)
Friday	10	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Sunday	12	Folk Dancing 7-8:30pm
Monday	13	Board Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	15	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	15	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	15	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Friday	17	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Wednesday	22	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	22	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	22	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	22	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
Friday	24	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	24	Fyraften 5pm
Saturday	25	Sankt Hans Aften 5-10pm

JULY

Friday	01	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Wednesday	06	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	06	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	06	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Friday	08	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Saturday	09	Æbleskive Event 9-11am (tentative)
Monday	11	Finance Committee Meeting 6pm
	11	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	13	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	13	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	13	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	13	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
Friday	15	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Wednesday	20	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	20	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	20	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Friday	22	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	22	Fyraften 5pm
Wednesday	27	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	27	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	27	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	27	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
Friday	29	Fyraften 5pm



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