



# 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.*

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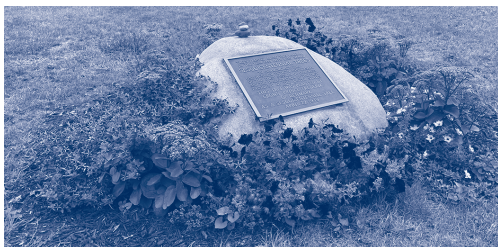
## DAC 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 25: 3pm Social Hour 4pm Meeting

The annual meeting of Danebo, Inc. dba, Danish American Center, is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, with social hour from 3-4pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 4pm. All adult members are encouraged to attend. Financial reports and committee updates will be provided. We will also elect new board members. See bios in this newsletter. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

## NEW GARDEN

The plaque on the boulder commemorating a tree planting in 1939 by Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark has a new garden surrounding it. Tangletown



Gardens and Bachman's donated plants and Tangletown was especially helpful with the design. Thank you to both nurseries.

## SEPTEMBER ÆBLESKIVE EVENT

Sunday, September 18: 9-11am

Join us for an abbreviated outdoor æbleskive breakfast on Sunday, September 18, from 9-11am. This free event will be held outside, serving æbleskiver and beverage (coffee or juice). There will be a gluten free option available too! Donations are appreciated. The event will be moved inside if there is inclement weather. Hope to see you there!

Breakfast schedule for the 2022-23 season – Sundays with reserved seating: October 17 / November 20 / January 15 / February 19 / March 19 / April 16 / May 14 (Mother's Day Brunch)

If you are interested in volunteering at one of our fun breakfast events or have questions, please contact Carla & Joel Mortensen at email: [morte007@umn.edu](mailto:morte007@umn.edu), or call 612-724-1814.

## SEPTEMBER 2022

- Danes of the Year
- DAC Board Nominations

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings members and supporters of the Danish American Center.

After a year of having the privilege of serving as your President and following two years as Vice President, before our September 25, 2022, Annual Meeting (3-4 pm social time; 4-5 pm meeting outside on the lawn), this message briefly takes stock of where we have been since March 2020, when all shut down due to Covid-19, and where we are today.

As I mentioned in my greeting at Danish Day, a consistent theme for us is the shoring up of existing bridges and the building of new bridges—amongst our Danish American Center members, amongst Danes, Danish-Americans, Nordics, and amongst the communities and people with whom we live and work.

Today, the Danish American Center is in very good shape. During the shutdown, we reduced expenses and reworked how we do things, including adding Tina Paulsen as our part-time office manager and caretaker with caretaker René Paulsen, both of whom keep things going for less in costs than the prior contract workers that we were using. We came through the Covid-19 shutdown with nearly equal revenue/expenses (so less than a \$5,000 loss), which is incredible and also is a testament to the hard work and good will of so many volunteers and friends.

And, as we more fully reopened since mid-2021, the office is running well and the building is clean and user-friendly. The gardens are beautiful, also thanks to René, Bill Holmquist, Janet Kinneberg and the “En lille blomst” committee. We have added accounting software to help our volunteers and 2021 Danes of the Year, Janet Ogden-Brackett (Treasurer) and Cathy Mahowald (Board member), track revenue and expenses. The new website, which was developed and maintained under Pete Gantriis’ guidance, is delightful and allows members to easily sign up for and pay for events online. Make no mistake, we are fortunate to be an organization that brings in more in revenue on our activities and rentals than we pay out in expenses. Our donations from individuals have also always been solid and will continue to play a part of our success going forward. And, while the investment market is having its ups and downs, we are holding the portfolio steady and are keeping operations on a solid footing. We added 80 new members so far in 2022 and renewal rates are strong.

The past two years, we made money on Danish Day (over \$8,000 in two years), a positive change.

The newly created online auction has also generated over \$14,000 in two years.

The Tivoli Lounge construction project came in very under budget (\$30,000), and has added new, appreciated rental options, as well as allowing for two new events: President’s Happy Hour (BYOB and appetizers provided), which started on December

14, 2021 with three attendees (Dan Revsbeck, my husband Pierre and me) is now attended by about 40 members/guests each Friday, from 4-6 pm; and musical concerts with social time in the Tivoli Lounge since 2022, including Mads Tolling, Sinne Eeg, the Upsala Quartet hosted by the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota in collaboration with Norway House and the Danish American Center, Larry Long and Friends, and Kristin Korb. The DAC series Music on the Mississippi, led by Paul Juhl and 2022 Dane of the Year Scott Thomsen, will be bringing more events through the rest of this year and into 2023.

Æbleskive breakfasts, with leadership from board member Lisa Jensen, Carla and Joel Mortensen, and Betina Kohler, and an amazing committee of volunteers, are back on and are well attended.

Wednesday lunches, organized by Cathy Mahowald, are going strong, with volunteer cooks, servers, and 30-40 attendees every two weeks.

We have received a Minnesota Digital Library Grant thanks to Susan Jacobsen’s efforts for digitizing photos to help us track and share our history and art.

In summary, tak, tusind tak, to all for working even more together to keep us going, and going so well. If you cannot make it to the Annual Meeting, please come by as you are able for hygge and good times in this happy place.

Rikke

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## Affiliate Organizations

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

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

## Executive Board:

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## MUSIC ON THE MISSISSIPPI CONCERT SERIES LARRY LONG AND FRIENDS

Larry Long and friends performed on August 17 at the DAC, the first in a series of concerts entitled, "Music on the Mississippi" organized by DAC members Scott Thomsen and Paul Juhl. Ninety-six tickets were sold for the concert, which was preceded by social hour in the Tivoli Lounge. With Larry on guitar and vocals, musicians included Scott Fultz-saxophone; Jacqueline Ultan-cello; Will Kjeer-piano; and Billy Peterson-bass. Another wonderful evening of amazing music at DAC in 2022.



### Kristin Korb, Pamela York & Ryan Korb September 1

The next concert in this series, set for September 1, brings Kristin Korb with pianist Pamela York and drummer Ryan Korb. Korb is an American expat, jazz bassist, vocalist, composer and fun facilitator, who will showcase her trademark arrangements, swinging bass lines and carefree vocals on a program of jazz classics, pop tunes and original compositions. This event is for members and their guests. Tickets can be purchased by logging in to the DAC website and clicking on the event, or by calling 612-729-3800.

## DANEBO READING CIRCLE RESUMES FOR 2022 AND PLANS FOR 2023

Sunday, September 18: 2pm

The final three sessions of the 2022 Reading Circle will kick off on Sunday, September 18, with a 2pm discussion of Olav Audunssøn: *Vows*. Published initially in 1925, this is the first in a four-book series by Nobel Prize-winning Norwegian author Sigrid Undset, who was born in Denmark. This translation (2020) by group favorite Tiina Nunnally and published by the University of Minnesota Press is the first new English version in almost a century. The meeting will be a hybrid of Zoom and on-site in the DAC third floor conference room. As always, past, present, and new members are welcome.

September's discussion leader Mary Beth Lake found this description of *Vows* on the Hennepin County Library site: "In the turbulent thirteenth-century Norway of Sigrid Undset's epic masterpiece, bloodlines and loyalties often supersede law, and the crown and the church vie for power and wealth. *Vows*, the first book in the powerful Olav Audunssøn tetralogy, presents a richly imagined world split between pagan codes of retribution and the constraints of Christian piety—all of which threaten to destroy the lives of two young people torn between desires of the heart and the dictates of family and fortune." The 336-page novel is available in libraries, bookstores, and online.

In October, the book group will discuss the work of a contemporary Norwegian writer: *The Pastor* by Hanne Ørstavik, author of the much-acclaimed *Love* (2009). Her second book in English involves Liv, a young theology student and first-time pastor, trying to connect with her new parishioners at times of tragedy. She has moved to a desolate Arctic location that is near the site of a historical event that she has been researching, a Sámi revolt. Her study ties in with her focus on language and its power to connect or do harm. First published in 2004, the 280-page English translation by Martin Aitken appeared in 2021. Put this October 16th discussion, led by Carol Sime, on your calendar!

September is also the month the group devotes to selecting books for the next year. Nominations are due to Mary Beth by Labor Day. She will prepare a first ballot for discussion at the meeting on the 18th. If necessary, a final ballot will be conducted in October, with the new schedule – and bookmarks! – available in November. Everyone is encouraged to submit book titles and to vote (it is an election year!).

## 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.

Students may attend in person or remotely via zoom. We use Google Classroom and other online sites and tools.

### 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

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.

## DANES OF THE YEAR FOR 2021 AND 2022

During Danish Day 2022, the Danes of the year for both 2021 and 2022 were announced. Included below are excerpts from the presentation.

This Dane of the Year grew up in a Danish American family and was recommended to our board by her co-workers who recognized how proud she was of her Danish American heritage. She answered our call when we were looking for a new treasurer six years ago. She had years of professional experience working with nonprofits and is chairman of the board of the Twin Cities Film Fest where she has served on the board for nine years. In one of her first contributions after joining DAC, her experience and even temper helped as she negotiated Virkelyst's transition from an affiliated group to DAC activity group and the budgetary implications were a win-win for both DAC and Virkelyst.

Since she became Treasurer, she upgraded our accounting software making reports easier for board members to read and easier for our bookkeeper so they could work from home. When the pandemic hit hard, she led

DAC through the uncertainty of the economy and best guessed our budget planning so that DAC has survived and flourished better than almost any other local nonprofit. In this new and changing world when our former fundraising activities were no longer possible, she introduced a new way of keeping our cash flowing – an on-line auction. No matter what question is lobbed her way, she has the answer or helps us get to the answer. She has set up the budget and accounting processes to support our activities. And support is the operating word.... We run the organization; the organization does not run us, under her leadership as Treasurer.

**Please congratulate our 2021 Dane of the Year Janet Ogden-Brackett.**

This Dane of the Year is Danish by association and acclamation. She has been embraced by the Hansen family (Sonja, Erik, Bob, and Carla) since Bob introduced her. She is from a big family growing up in Farmington, back when it was a small town. She spent years working for Cargill as an accountant. She tracked grain shipments, and her love and facility for numbers means she can calculate the value of anything and does so with regularity. She is also an incredibly enthusiastic Gopher sports fan and philanthropist supporting student athletes at the University of Minnesota. She and her late husband Terry created a scholarship fund for the U's female basketball student athletes.

Among her other passions is travel and that is why she is not with us today. She has been trying for three years now to take a cruise, and they kept being cancelled. By pure serendipity she is today into the 4th day of a Baltic cruise and docked in the port of København. How fitting. When she was introduced to the Danish community she jumped in with both feet. She began working with Virkelyst. That wasn't enough, so she volunteered to help on the æbleskive committee, and she quickly graduated to baker. She then took on the bookkeeping functions for DAC in assistance to Janet on all things financial and was elected to the DAC board. Most recently she has taken responsibility for coordinating cooks for the Wednesday lunches. If there is something going well at DAC, she is likely behind the scenes making it happen.

**Congratulations, Cathy Mahowald also 2021's Dane of the Year.**



This Dane of the Year has been a long-time member of the Danish American Fellowship, Danebo and the Danish American Center. He can be thanked in many ways for his contributions. First, the thousands of us who have enjoyed æbleskiver at the æbleskive breakfasts as he was instrumental in having the idea and getting these going about 30 years ago at the DAF building on 42nd and Cedar. These have been a good fundraiser for the DAC and he has continued to volunteer to help at them, often behind the scenes in the kitchen hovering over the sausage frying pans.

In a role more noticeable to all of you he has been the MC at many of the Danish Days over many, many, many years, including today's gathering. We are also where we are today in this beautiful Danebo building and setting on the parkway with his help, as he was on the Danebo board during the time when Danebo ceased to be a senior facility. He stepped up to be one of the two clients with Glen Olsen who went to court to fight to allow Danebo to survive and subsequently merge with the Danish American Fellowship to create the DAC.

These were some difficult times for the Danish community with opposing views on the road ahead. But he felt strongly about the lawsuit, the merger, and also participated in meetings with counsel and members to change the organization's purpose with the state Attorney General's office. Since those times, we can be proud of how the DAC has developed with the building and organization ever evolving and improving. In current times, he has been excited about the two jazz events this year and will be helping to plan future music events.

**Congratulations, Scott Thomsen, 2022 Dane of the Year**

## **DAC BOARD NOMINATIONS**

### **Bill Holmquist**

My sincere belief is that the mission and purpose of the DAC is needed—in today's world—more than ever.

And, thanks to the very loyal and hardworking volunteers who've contributed so much through the years, we will be able to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this true Danish immigrant monument (the DAC building) in 2024. To all the great volunteers who've given countless hours of their time to Danebo and the DAC, I salute you!

I was honored to be asked to run for a position on the DAC board. My previous experience in this area is the following: served on the board of directors (secretary for two years) of the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, IA, served on the DAC board back when it was located on Cedar Avenue, have been president and vice president of the National Danish-American Genealogical Society, am chairman of the garden club (Den Lille Blomste Klubben), and have served on the library, heritage, building and grounds and newsletter committees and belong to the Nordic book club.

My Danish ancestors began arriving in Meeker County, Minnesota, in 1869 and continued arriving for the next 30 years. Classic chain migration. In Denmark, my ancestry goes back to a group of villages located about 15-20 minutes northwest of the city of Roskilde and in the city of Roskilde, itself. I just recently learned that I also have ancestors from the island of Falster. This is exciting to me. (If you are interested in genealogy, please come up and talk to me, anytime). Danish writer Tove Ditlevsen and I are third cousins. If lucky enough to be elected to the DAC board, I will do my best to further strengthen and enhance this wonderful organization.

### **Bruce Simpson**

My wife Lisa and I became members in 2008. Our Danish background: Lisa's father, James M Peterson, was board member of the Danish American Heritage Society and my mother's parents, Theadore & Hanna Jensen, emigrated from Aarhus, Denmark. When our daughter Birgitte was in high school, in July we attended a few years of the Danish Family Camp in Tyler, Mn. We have been members of St Peder's Church for over 30 years. Professionally I've been a self-employed remodeling carpenter as well as a building facilities repairman throughout my career. In 2014 Glen Olsen and Jack Porter asked me if I would be willing to be hired for on call repairs and because I have a boiler license to keep an eye on the boiler. Several projects followed; I've worked on parts of the Kaffestue, Laundry room, North and South porches, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floor remodels and the last project with help from our members, Tivoli Lounge. Lisa & I thoroughly enjoy the Aquavit dinners, the holiday meals and Danish Day. My interests are to keep the building repaired and operating as efficiently as possible.

### **Ginny Kirkegaard Leppart**

My Danish background has allowed me to spend lots of time throughout my life becoming involved in activities at Danebo and St. Peder's Church. My grandparents, Peter & Ingeborg Kirkegaard, were very active in the Danish community here in Minneapolis. My grandfather Peter has been featured in the exhibits here as the conductor of the Danish men's chorus. My grandmother was their accompanist. She was also a charter member of Virkelyst, and was a resident here at Danebo for a time.

My parents, Rolf & Soli, were also very active with all things Danish throughout their lives. My mother was raised in Tyler, MN and my dad grew up in south Minneapolis. They very much enjoyed all the Danish -related activities offered, and were board members themselves. My mother was very involved in Virkelyst, and they both took part in Danish Day, and enjoyed all the fun dinners and parties with their fellow Danish friends. My dad was a wonderful singer and often volunteered to lead the group in song, and also sang (often in Danish) for weddings and funerals.

When I retired from elementary school teaching in 2012, it was the perfect time to become more involved here. I joined Virkelyst and started volunteering to work on the æbleskive breakfast crew. Since that time, I have joined and later chaired the Heritage Committee here, served on the DAC board from 2015-2021, and would enjoy being part of the board again. I was born in Minneapolis, raised in Richfield and now live in Eden Prairie. My husband Jerry and I have two grown children. Son Jeff is married to Gina, who hails from South Africa. They have two little children. Cutest kids ever! Daughter Elizabeth is engaged to Giang, who hails from Vietnam. They have a new puppy. Cutest dog ever!

We like to spend time in Florida off and on throughout the winter and have a cabin in Wisconsin, which is currently being remodeled. It is taking forever, but will be worth it. I love reading, music of all kinds, travel and socializing! Thank you for the invitation to join the board.

### **Lisa Jensen**

I have been a member of the Danish American Center my whole life. My involvement throughout the years has included chairing Danish Day, overseeing numerous smørrebrød events, hygge aftens and other activities. I

also served on the board for six years during the 1990s. Since my kids were born, my main focus at the DAC has been as one of four leaders of our æbleskive breakfasts. I am a math teacher at Armstrong High School where I have taught for over twenty years.

### **Mari Larsen**

Mari Larsen currently works as the Lead Multimedia Designer and Marketing Manager for a small tech company, where her favorite projects involve engaging their community in new and creative ways. She has been a member of the DAC since she was born in 1997, with Danish heritage on her father's side of the family (her grandparents are 1993 Danes of the Year, Hans & Inger Larsen). After her father's passing in 2006, Mari stayed connected to Danish culture through friendships, trips to Denmark to visit family, and a couple of years at Skovsøen. As a DAC board member she'd be excited to bring new ideas to celebrate our community, unite generations, and maybe lend her design chops, too.

### **Michael Fredrick**

I am currently Vice President of Finance for Francis Medical, a medical device start-up developing a water vapor ablation technology for the treatment of prostate cancer. I have enjoyed being involved in several other medical device start-up companies over the last 25 plus years. My wife Sandra and I live in Brooklyn Park and have two sons, ages 29 and 25. I am on the Board of the "Domestic Animal Wellness Center and Rescue" located in Siren, WI as Vice President. Previously, I served as a Director and Treasurer on the Board of the "Twin Cities Youth Chorale". For several years I was a youth coach for both the hockey and baseball programs in the Champlin and Brooklyn Park associations. I am the family historian; I enjoy doing genealogical research and for several years have attended the Danish Genealogical group meetings. My great grandfather Christen Juul was born on the island of Hjørnø in 1878 and immigrated to America with his brother Jens in 1903, settling in Hutchinson, MN. Their uncle, Jørgen Peter Jørgensen Juul ("The Peddler"), immigrated to America in 1880 and for the next 49 years traveled from Danish community to Danish community west of the Mississippi River, spreading Danish news and selling novelties from Marshall Fields out of Chicago. My great grandmother Anna Raun/Ravn was born in Farre in 1879 and immigrated with

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
Deadline for the October issue is September 10

## DANISH NATIONAL COSTUMES

"Danish National Costumes" opens Sunday, September 25 in the DAC art gallery, first floor at DAC. This exhibit showcases a recent gift to DAC from the National Danish-American Genealogical Society and its local chapter featuring a portfolio of 31 turn-of-the-20th-century Danish costume prints by Frederick Christian Lund. "While taking part in the First Schlesvig War, Lund began to sketch local country people in their best Sunday attire, especially costumes from the first half of the 19th century. As a result of the success of his work and increased interest in the national heritage in 1864 after Denmark had lost Schlesvig and Holstein to the Prussians, the State commissioned him to complete drawings of traditional costumes from the other regions of Denmark." (Wikipedia) The project, "Danske National Dragter" led to a publication of colored lithographs in 1864. By 1915 three editions were in publication. This is a rare opportunity to see all the prints in this portfolio on view at once. They highlight traditional costumes from many regions in Denmark. If you know where your family is from in Denmark, you may find clothing your ancestors may have worn. National costumes are not as prevalent in Denmark today as they are in other Nordic countries. Originally all hand sewn, they became more rare once the sewing machine was introduced. You will still find folk dancers wearing traditional dress today.

## LEIF 2022 CELEBRATES NORDIC CONNECTIONS IN OCTOBER

For 16 days in October, a variety of events will explore, discover, and celebrate the cultures of six Nordic peoples on both sides of the Atlantic. The Leif Eriksson International Festival (LEIF) is sponsored by Mindekirken, the Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church (924 East 21st Street, Minneapolis) and organized by a committee designed to represent the Minnesota Danish, Icelandic, Finnish, Norwegian, Sámi, and Swedish communities. Suzanne Jebe and Leo Lake have been our envoys to this group.

This year, the 35th year, most of the events will be in-person, although there will be several virtual or hybrid offerings. The full, updated schedule is on the LEIF website ([leifmn.org](http://leifmn.org)). Here are the highlights:

**Saturday, October 8, 2pm: Poetry Café at Norway House** (913 Franklin Avenue East, Minneapolis) This opening event features four poets and a musician. Free admission with refreshments available for purchase.

**Sunday, October 9, 11am: Festival *Folketonemessen* Worship at Mindekirken** led by Pastor Kristiansen and Liturgist John De Haan and featuring other special music. The procession of Nordic flags, and greetings from Honorary Consuls.

**Sunday, October 9, 4pm: Concert at Mindekirken** The Gregorian Singers, a Minnesota choral ensemble, present Homage to Leif Eriksson on National Leif Eriksson Day. \$20

**Tuesday, October 11, Tuesday Open House at Mindekirken** with Virtual Program from Norway: An Interview with Composer Trond Kverno. The in-person program features lunch at 11 AM with Noon Program of Kverno's music performed by Vocal Art, a sextet from Norway. \$10 for lunch.

**Wednesday, October 12, 7pm: Vocal Art Concert at Hoversten Chapel, Augsburg U** (22nd & Riverside Avenues, Minneapolis) This is a Thank-You to Trinity Lutheran Congregation, which meets in Hoversten Chapel, for their gift of a Marcus Grønvold painting to Mindekirken. \$20 suggested donation or Pay What You Can.

**Thursday, October 13: Virtual Conversation about Sámi Duodji** featuring Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen and Margaret Ranberg in Norway discussing the hard and soft versions of this traditional indigenous handicraft. Link available on [leifmn.org](http://leifmn.org).

**Friday, October 14: Virtual Tour of Sámi Artifacts** in the Gallery Bodøgård in Bodø, Norway. Link available on [leifmn.org](http://leifmn.org).

**Sunday, October 16, 11am: Festival Worship at Mindekirken** led by Pastor Kristiansen and featuring a sermon by Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit of Oslo and music by Vocal Art and the Mindekirken Choir. Greetings from Consul Eivind Heiberg (NO).

**Sunday, October 16, 3pm: Vocal Art Concert at Mindekirken** with Tore Johansen on the trumpet. Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, and Norwegian music. \$20 donation requested.

**Tuesday, October 18: Tuesday Open House at Mindekirken** with 11 AM lunch (\$10) and Noon virtual



program from Iceland: Interview with the Reverend Auður Eir Vilhjalmsdóttir, the first female pastor ordained in Iceland (1974) and founder of the Women's Lutheran Church (Kvennakirkjan), Conducted on video by Pastor Kristiansen.

**Friday, October 21, 4-6pm: President's Happy Hour at the DAC** is open to all Leif 2022 participants. Come welcome our guests from the other Nordic communities!

**Sunday, October 23, 11am: Festival Worship at Mindekirken** led by Pastor Kristiansen and guest preacher, Swedish-speaking, Ethiopia-born Pastor Alemseged Asmelash of Trinity Congregation; choir and extra music of Finnish composer Toivo Kuula sung by David Fillman (bass-baritone); and the annual flag recessional.

**Sunday, October 23, 2pm: RIT, a Concert at Norway House** with Reidun Horvei, Inger-Kristine Riber, and Katherine Hanson, featuring music to texts by Norwegian poet Olav H. Hauge. Held in the Galleri and co-sponsored by the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota, a program of Norway House (913 Franklin Avenue East, Minneapolis). Check leifmn.org for ticket information.

Thank you for making time for some or all of these LEIF 2022 events!

We are looking for one or two volunteer flag bearers to carry the Dannebrog at the 11am services at Mindekirken on Sundays, October 9 (processional) and 16 (recessional). Youth are particularly invited as is the wearing of Danish costumes. Flag bearers are encouraged but not required to stay for the entire service. For details and to sign up, please contact the DAC Office or [suzannej41@me.com](mailto:suzannej41@me.com).

The DAC is looking for new representation on the LEIF Committee. Planning for LEIF 2023 will probably begin in January. If interested, contact President Rikke Dierssen-Morice, Suzanne Jebe, or Leo Lake.

## NEW MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Minnesota Orchestra has chosen a new music director and he's a Dane! Thomas Søndergård will be the new music director with the Minnesota Orchestra beginning in the 2023 season. We are hoping to give him and his partner a true Danish-American/Minnesotan welcome. More to come....

## DANEOD FOLK MEETINGS AT DAC

Wednesday, September 14 & 28: 1pm

The Danebod Folk Meeting experience is a four-day residential event held at the Danebod campus in Tyler, MN. This year marks the 76th anniversary of the meeting and to mark the occasion, four recorded multi-disciplinary lectures and a story hour will be presented at DAC following Onsdag Frokost beginning Wednesday, September 14 and continuing through November 9. Programs will begin at 1pm or following the luncheon. You do not need to attend the luncheon to attend Danebod Folk Meeting at DAC. This is a free program for DAC Members and guests supported by your free-will donation. Register for each program you are interested in so we can make sure we can accommodate everyone. Don't let registration hold you back, drop in on the day of and register at the event if you wish. Information on the October meetings will be included in the October DANews.

Wednesday, September 14

**Story by Elinor Margrethe Strandkov.** Storytelling plays an important role in Danish culture and is enjoying a resurgence in programs like "The Moth." We welcome Elinor, the next generation of storytellers in our community. She lives in Minneapolis with her sister, 9 year old niece, two cats and a dog. She is inspired by her father's Danish heritage and her mother's East Coast storytelling style. Combining these with her own passion for the vocal arts, she hopes to make the world a more empathetic place.

Wednesday, September 28

**Michael Hofstetter, PhD, will focus on "Russia and Ukraine: A Century of Conflict."** His talk will include history between Russia and Ukraine leading up to and including the current war. A discussion will include Ukraine's attempts to leave the Russian orbit in the 1920's, Stalin's genocidal famine of the 1930's, Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union and the current conflict. Dr. Hofstetter received his undergraduate education at Grinnell college in Iowa and earned a PhD in European history from Northwestern University. He has taught at SMSU, Marshall, MN for more than twenty years and before that he taught at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### Welcome New Members:

Anne Brataas & Charles Hathaway  
Anthony Thoe & Lynn Dobson  
Ardelle Hansen  
Barbara Wierschem  
Becky Kruse & Family  
Bruce Bednarchuk  
Christy Jensen  
Darrick Jensen & Family  
Deborah Biorn • Debra English  
Donald Holzschuh & Family  
Eileen Kilpatrick  
Elijah Green  
Emily Krumberger  
H Andrew Andersen  
Helen Grant  
Jacqueline Snowden  
Jill & Matti Pylkkanen  
Jim Amundsen  
Joe Schmidt  
John DeHarport  
Jonathan Peterson & Family  
Karl & Jill Holter  
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## NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

### DANISH GENEALOGY

Monday, September 26: 6:30pm

Join others interested in Danish genealogy for an evening of sharing successes, questions, roadblocks and more.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89454536605>

Webinar ID: 894 5453 6605

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2022 marks the 40th anniversary of the National Genealogical Society which is an affiliate group of the DAC. An anniversary party is scheduled at the DAC on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Everyone is invited to attend. Watch for more details in the October DANews.

For more information, please go to our website at [www.danishgenealogy.org](http://www.danishgenealogy.org)

### DANISH WILLOW BASKET EXPLORATION AT ASI

The American Swedish Institute is offering a workshop on Danish willow basket exploration. The class runs Friday-Sunday, September 30-October 2, 9 am-4:30 pm each day. For additional information and to register, go to the ASI website at the following link:

<https://asimn.org/event/workshop-danish-willow-basket-exploration/>

## VIEWS FROM DANISH DAY 2022



## NEWS FROM DENMARK

### HANS ISLAND

Canada and Denmark have ended a 49-year spat over Hans Island. The countries will divide the tiny scrap of land between Ellesmere Island and Greenland—its land surface is just 1.3 square kilometres—by creating a one kilometer border. The new land link between North America and Europe was hailed at a ceremony in Ottawa, following the signing of a long-awaited treaty. For decades, Danish and Canadian officials removed each other's flags when passing by—and hoisted their own instead. One such move by Canada in 2005 prompted Danish officials to accuse Canada of staging an "occupation." A regular exchange of alcohol helped gradually ease tensions. Canadian military would leave behind a bottle of whisky upon decampment. The Danes reciprocated with schnapps.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday	01	Kristin Korb Concert 6pm	Saturday	17	Beginning Danish 1 9:30-11am
Friday	02	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Sunday	18	Æbleskive Event 9-11am
Wednesday	07	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm		18	Reading Circle 2pm
	07	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Wednesday	21	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	07	Office Hours 10am-2pm		21	Library Hours 10am-2pm
Friday	09	President's Happy Hour 4pm		21	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Saturday	10	Beginning Danish 1 9:30-11am	Friday	23	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Sunday	11	Folk Dancing 7-8:30pm	Saturday	24	Beginning Danish 1 9:30-11am
Monday	12	Executive Board Meeting 7pm	Sunday	25	Annual Meeting 3pm
Wednesday	14	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	Monday	26	Genealogy 6:30pm
	14	Library Hours 10am-2pm	Wednesday	28	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm
	14	Office Hours 10am-2pm		28	Library Hours 10am-2pm
	14	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am		28	Office Hours 10am-2pm
	14	Elinor Strandskov, Story 1pm (Danebod Folk Meeting)		28	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am
Friday	16	President's Happy Hour 4pm		28	Michael Hofstetter, PhD, Talk 1pm (Danebod Folk Meeting)
	16	Fyraften-Off site	Friday	30	President's Happy Hour 4pm



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