



# 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 requests that anyone attending indoor events should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (if eligible). MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

## YEAR END ANNUAL FUND RAISER BEGINS WITH A \$15,000 GOAL!!!

Today we begin our Year End Annual Fundraising Campaign. As a 501(c)(3) we rely on your generous contributions to provide educational programming, like Danish language and cooking classes, beautiful art exhibits, and translation services.

Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will allow us to continue providing an incredible gathering place by maintaining our beautiful building and programming that celebrates Danish heritage. Please help us raise \$15,000. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ogden Brackett at 612-203-3910.

## PRESIDENTS HAPPY HOUR-NEW MEMBERS INVITED

There are so many ways to participate at the Danish American Center, and we know it can be a little tricky to figure out what to do and when. The President's Happy Hour has turned out to be a great gathering place for all members. **We are now dedicating the third Friday of every month to new members.** You'll always find Board members, and Executive Committee members, so ask all the questions you want to ask. Meet interesting people and have great conversations! We want to meet you and learn all about you. You are welcome every Friday from 4-6pm. But we will dedicate November 18 to all new members. Please join us.

## SILENT AUCTION

We are gearing up for our 3rd annual silent auction. The last two have been a huge success and we are hoping this year will be a success as well. We need your help! We are looking for donations for the auction. Do you have something you can donate? Maybe a handcrafted item? Something with Danish history that you would like to donate. We are also looking for gift cards and themed gift baskets. Get creative! We will accept gently used items in good working order as well. Items can be dropped off at the DAC office during Wednesday office hours.

## NOVEMBER 2022

- Julefrokost - Save the Date
- Æbleskive Breakfast & Art Fair
- New Library Hours

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

I'm going to change hats from finance to fundraising in this note. I reported to you at the annual meeting that we had a really good year financially last year and



yet we came up short in our individual contributions and honestly, we are a little bit behind again this year. Our budget calls for two separate line items for dollars to come from you, the members of the DAC. One from Individual Contributions \$15,000 and the other is a Year End Fundraising campaign also for \$15,000. These numbers have been much higher in the past, but we had a major drop in both items during the pandemic.

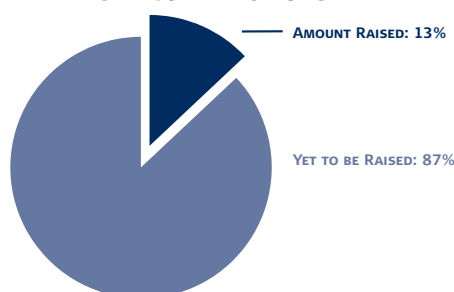
I know that you all know how nonprofits work, so forgive me if this is repetitious. Nonprofits don't pay income tax to the Federal or State government. In exchange for that privilege, we also don't ask either of those bodies for money. The government insists that we show in our annual tax return that we deserve this nonprofit status, because we are supported by the community at large. The government wants us to show that people are willing to pay to support the organization. We are allowed to have income from almost anywhere, but 73 percent of all

income needs to be in direct support of our mission, and 33.3 percent needs to come specifically from *gifts, grants, contributions, and membership*. We are so proud to have over 800 members, but those membership fees bring in less than 8% of our income.

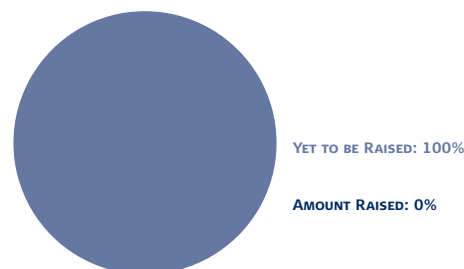
You can see where I am headed. We need to raise some money. Each month here in the newsletter, I will update the charts below, so you can see our progress. We are just starting the annual campaign with this newsletter, so don't worry that we haven't raised any money yet. I know that you'll want your dollars to go to the right category so please be specific, if you want your money in the Year End Annual Campaign. Thanks a million!

Janet Ogden Brackett

#### INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS



#### YEAR END FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### Welcome New Members:

Alice Lay  
 Kathleen Juhl  
 Vote Climate (Affiliate member)  
 Liz Bell & Family  
 Diane Jarvi  
 Carol Mertens & Family  
 Perry Jagger & Family  
 Thyra Moore & Family  
 Grete Hanson & Family  
 Eggert Hansen  
 Mike & Else Sevig  
 Job Ibsen  
 Paul & Janet Kellogg  
 Ashley Damiany

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](mailto: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 AND DONATIONS

A donation in memory of **Betty Jean Avant** from Diane Greve

Honorary: A donation was made by Florida resident **Sevild Nielsen** in honor of DAC member **Beverly Page**, who shares our newsletter with him.

Thank you to all who have made 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](http://www.danishamericancenter.org)

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For submissions, advertising, or any other inquiries, please contact us at [danews@dac.mn](mailto:danews@dac.mn).

**Office Manager:** Tina Paulsen



## MEDISTERPØLSE SAUSAGE MAKING CLASS

Saturday, November 19: 9:30am

For many Danes, the Juleaften's meal is not complete without a serving of medisterpølser. The DAC is holding a class for members and their guests, on Saturday November 19th in the DAC dining room so you can make your own!

We'll meet from 9:30am until we're all stuffed (the casings, not us). Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and a per pound price for the pork (to be determined, usually about \$4 per pound). Spices, casings, onions and broth are provided.

If you'd like to participate, please call Tina Paulsen at the office 612-729-3800 or email [dainfo@dac.mn](mailto:dainfo@dac.mn). Please provide your name, phone number, email and most important, how many pounds of medisterpølse you'd like to take home.

Deadline for ordering is November 5th to give the butcher sufficient time to ground the pork. The recipe is written for 5 pounds of meat, so ordering in increments of 5 pounds makes life simpler.

You'll need to bring bowl(s) big enough to hold all of your raw meat. Make them large enough that you can add spices and broth and get it all mixed together without sloshing over the edge. You will need a knife for mincing onions and bring your own cutting board if you don't want to share. An apron is also a good idea.

Hope you'll join us!

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the December issue is November 10

## ART FAIR

Sunday, November 20: 8:30am-12pm

Before or after the Æbleskive Breakfast, or just drop in to shop. All are welcome to visit the Annual Art Fair in the Atrium to browse and purchase early holiday presents from the many creative vendors. Artists returning this year include Otto Gotsche with wood turning, Susan Loschenkohl with her line of Danish cards, Gitte Mohr's watercolors, and Flemming Petersen's woodwork including intricately carved and inlay cutting boards. Coffee will be served in the Kaffestue for art fair browsers.

## ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 20: 9:00am and 10:45am

The next æbleskive breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 20 at the Danish American Center. We are offering two scheduled seatings for the breakfast, at 9-10am and at 10:45-11:45am. Reservations are required and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. 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. Plus, we will be offering gluten-free æbleskiver as an option this month! Please indicate at time of sign-up if you would like gluten-free æbleskiver, so we have an idea of the amount needed. 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 November 16.

Upcoming breakfast schedule for 2023 – Sundays with reserved seating: January 15 / February 19 / March 19 / April 16 / May 14 (Mother's Day Brunch).

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

## SAVE THE DATE... JULEFROKOST / CHRISTMAS LUNCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

As we celebrate the season, enjoy a traditional Danish Jul Frokost with several courses of delicious food and good company. Registration opens Monday, November 14. Check the website for more details and to register beginning November 14.

## DANEBOD FOLK MEETING AT DAC

### "THE SUMMER OF OUR DISCONTENT: MINNESOTA ON THE EVE OF THE US-DAKOTA WAR" BY TOM SHAW

Wednesday, November 9: 1pm

North Commons Classroom

Since the Minnesota Territory had been formed in 1849, business was booming. After the Dakota were bullied into a treaty to sell their land and be confined to a reserve, immigrants had been pouring into the Minnesota River valley. Farmsteads and towns sprang up almost overnight. The rebellion by southern states increased demand for Minnesota farm produce and the population steadily rose. The Dakota found themselves in near starvation circumstances. Shaw will discuss the state of the new state and the tensions that exploded on August 18, 1862, between European colonists and the Dakota. For twenty years, Thomas Shaw served the Minnesota Historical Society on the management team at Historic Fort Snelling at Bdote. He has a long research interest in early Minnesota agriculture, Indian policy, missionary activity and the US Army. He contributed to the book *Mni Sota Makoce* and was on the editorial board of the Minnesota's *Heritage* magazine.



Join us for this stimulating program followed by discussion. This is the final of five programs in our series of recorded multi-disciplinary lectures presented at DAC following Onsdag Frokost. Programs will begin at 1:00 pm 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.

## HYGGEAFTEN

Friday, Nov. 18: 5:30pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner

Our first Hyggeaften of the season will be held on Friday, November 18. We serve soup and dessert and play games afterwards. Please feel free to bring a favorite game. The cost is \$8 per person. Please call the DAC office at 612-729-3800 by Wednesday, November 16 for reservations. The next Hyggeaften will be January 20, 2023.

## DANEBO READING CIRCLE

Sunday, November 20: 1:30pm

DAC's reading group ends its series of 2022 discussions on Sunday afternoon, November 20, with Danish author Isak Dinesen's famous short story, *Babette's Feast*, published in 1958 as part of the collection *Anecdotes of Destiny*. This was the last work put out during Karen Blixen's lifetime. In 1993 Vintage Books imprint brought out a new edition of the stories with an additional novella under the title *Anecdotes of Destiny and Ehrengard*. The book discussion session will be longer than usual to include screening of the popular movie about Babette.

The meeting will begin at 1:30pm with a viewing of the 1987 film by Gabriel Axel. At approximately 3:30pm a hybrid session will begin for discussing the story with an in-person gathering continuing at the DAC and others joining via ZOOM. This will be a fun-packed day at the DAC – the Reading Circle meeting follows the Æbleskive Breakfast and Art Fair. As always, everyone is welcome to join the readers in the afternoon. Popcorn, anyone?

Dinesen's short story has won praise over the decades and the film has found its place among the most loved movies. It is especially popular among theologians and pastors. This quote from the Hennepin County Library website sums it up: *At once a rousing paean to artistic creation, a delicate evocation of divine grace, and the ultimate film about food, the Oscar-winning "Babette's Feast" is a layered tale of a French housekeeper with a mysterious past who brings quiet revolution in the form of one exquisite meal to a circle of starkly pious villagers in late nineteenth-century Denmark.*

## 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](mailto: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.



## ASI'S 72ND HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE-SECRETS OF THE SEASON

November 12, 2022-January 8, 2023

Danish Room - Light at the Center

During the winter, the Nordic region experiences deep darkness. For many in Denmark, the secrets to making it through this darkness are candlelight and dancing.

Trees are often placed in the middle of the room so that people can dance all the way around them on Christmas Eve. Candles adorn the branches and bathe the room in a warm, soft glow. Gathering together to dance and share food and company brings comfort and cheer to winter's darkness.

The familiar meets the unexpected in this one-of-a-kind holiday experience that brings secrets of the holiday season to life. Explore the Mansion's galleries and immerse yourself in experiences co- created by guest curators representing the Nordic Countries. Each country contributed their own secret to the experience– from that 'must have thing' for winter to that traditional trinket that gets placed on the mantel every year. Visitors will find vibrant seasonal décor and unique surprises around every corner of the Turnblad Mansion and ASI campus.

The Danish room was created by guest community curators Susan Jacobsen and Susan Loschenkohl of the Danish American Center. More information on the American Swedish Institute's website [ASImn.org](http://ASImn.org).



## HELP DECORATE DAC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Friday, November 25: 12pm

Virkelyst members invite all interested volunteers to join them to decorate the DAC for the holidays. We will start at noon on November 25. When our work is complete, we will attend the President's Happy Hour which starts at 4pm.

Please join us whenever it works for you that afternoon. The more hands, the lighter the work!

## JULESANG MED ÆBLESKIVER

Saturday, December 3: 9:30am-12pm

Led by Rita Juhl and Lisa Jensen at the DAC

Come join us for Sangaften in the morning! In past years, Sangaften has been held on the first Sunday evening in December. This has been a time for us to sing many of our favorite Danish and English Christmas songs together with friends and family. We are going to try something new this year by having it in the morning! Aebleskiver will be served from 9:30 - 10:00 followed by singing until about 11:30 a.m. After we finish singing, stay for a bowl of soup before you head home to work on your own Christmas preparations! No reservations are required and the cost is whatever you want to throw in the donation basket. We will focus on kid friendly songs at the beginning. People are also free to come and go as needed during this busy time of year. Hope to see you there!

## SAVE THE DATE... CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

The children's Christmas party is scheduled for December 18 this year. Bring your children for fun at DAC during the holiday season with games, singing and food! More information to follow in the December *DANews*.



## LIBRARY HOURS

The library is now open on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm or by appointment only.

You may make an advance reservation for appointments offered on Wednesdays and Sundays by calling 612-296-5193. We will do our best to accommodate your needs, but please allow a week or so notice so we can find a volunteer to staff the library for your appointment.

Saturday open hours are staffed by a volunteer from the National Danish American Genealogy Society, and they can help with genealogy research as well as the DAC library collection.

On Floor 2, the Steenberg Lounge, there are free Danish books for members to read/retain. The Lounge is open all days.

### November is library book return month at DAC.

Any borrowed books (cookbooks, old books...) can be returned into the box outside the door at any time or, if signed out, returned by appointment or during library office hours so that we can check them back in.



## 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 [todainfo@dac.mn](mailto:todainfo@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.

## VIRKELYST

In celebration of our upcoming 85th birthday, Virkelyst would like to invite DAC members and friends to join us in our latest philanthropic endeavor. You may remember two years ago the DAC collected three van loads of household goods! These items help set up apartments to be ready for Afghan families resettling in Minneapolis; this was sponsored by the Minneapolis Council of Churches.

This year we are collecting feminine products for the same Refugee Resettlement program. We recently learned that very few people donate feminine products so there is always need for them. Culturally, Muslim women do not use tampons so please donate pads only.

Newer DAC members may not know about Virkelyst's history of donating to progressive causes that benefit women and children. For their first service project in 1938 Virkelyst members made and donated layettes for unwed mothers.

You may donate money and feminine pads until our Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2022. If you are writing a check, please make it out to MCC Refugee Services. Shortly after the luncheon we will make the delivery. If you have questions, please e-mail Carla Mortensen at [carla.s.mortensen@gmail.com](mailto:carla.s.mortensen@gmail.com).

## ATTENTION VIRKELYST MEMBERS! JULEFROKOST DECEMBER 10!

Saturday, December 10: 12pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to register soon for our Julefrokost event December 10 starting at noon at the DAC. This Christmas time multi-course luncheon is for Virkelyst members only and we cannot admit



guests. However, if your potential guest would like to join Virkelyst in the meantime, we would love to have them! We are delighted that Svea Ernst has agreed to cook for us again.

Registration is now open for the luncheon and information is listed below. The cost will be \$27 per person.

**Important note: All registrations/payment are due by December 5. We cannot accept payment at the door.**

To register, go to <https://DanishAmericanCenter.org>

Login to your account

Go to Event Calendar

Select Virkelyst Christmas Luncheon on December 10

Click on Register.

Fill out the credit card information and click on Register.

If you prefer, mail a check made out to Virkelyst for \$27.00

to: Cathy Mahowald

6075 Lincoln Dr., #310

Edina, MN. 55436

Registration closes December 5. We hope you can join your Virkelyst friends for this delightful event.

## F.C. LUND PRINTS ON EXHIBIT

*Story and photos by Diane Greve, Danish Pioneer  
Minnesota Local Editor*

What did your Danish forebearers wear in the late 19th Century? What were their national costumes? Danish artist, F.C. Lund was commissioned by the Danish government to create illustrations of the regional dress after the war of 1864. Bill Holmquist, National Danish-American Genealogical Society (NDAGS) member and DAC board member, met Barbara Wilson through common genealogy interests. Barbara Wilson's mother-in-law, who grew up in Solvang, California, had collected info on folk costumes. She offered these to Bill for the NDAGS group. He was amazed to find all 31 prints in mint condition, the entire collection. He then showed them to DAC board members Rikke Dierssen-Morice and Susan Jacobsen. They were astounded as well. The DAC paid for the framing and they became the property of the DAC.

All 31 prints are now on display at the Danish American Center (DAC) in Minneapolis. The exhibit opened on September 25 for the DAC Annual Meeting and will continue into the fall. To see the prints, stop by the DAC on Wednesdays or call ahead: 612-729-3800.

On October 29, NDAGS will be celebrating their 40th anniversary with an open house from 1-4 pm, with refreshments and special guests. That could be a great time to stop by the Danish American Center and see the prints. And, you may will learn more about your cultural heritage.



The print shown here is from the island of Ærø. Barbara Andersen, current president of NDAGS and one of the founding members, has familial roots in Ærø.

## NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

### DANISH GENEALOGY

Monday November 28: 6:30pm CST

Susan Jacobsen and Susan Loschenkohl who have co-curated the Danish Christmas room at the American Swedish Institute for many years will share how they have presented Danish traditions to a wider audience. The Nordic countries are not all alike and the Susans will share traditions and motifs that are particularly Danish. Prepare to be charmed and to be flooded with childhood memories if you grew up in a Danish home.

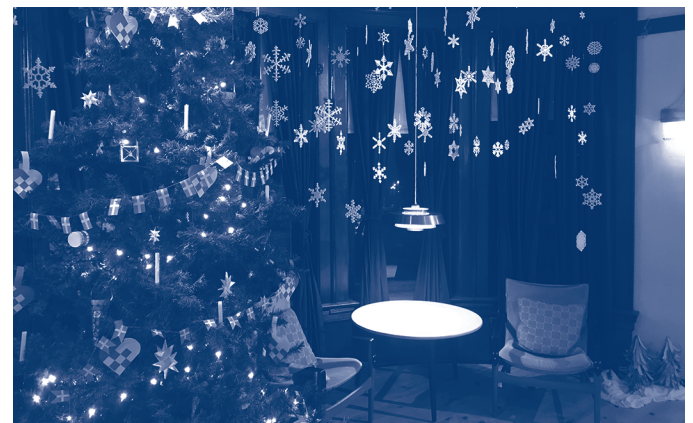
Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398944313>

Webinar ID: 813 9894 4313

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398944313>

Please go to [www.danishgenealogy.com](http://www.danishgenealogy.com) for more information.





NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Wednesday	02	Mah-jongg	10am-3pm
	02	Office Hours	10am-2pm
Friday	04	President's Happy Hour	4pm
	04	Fyraften	6pm
Saturday	05	Beginning Danish 2	9:30-11am
Wednesday	09	Office Hours	10am-2pm
	09	Onsdag Frokost	11:30am
	09	Danebod Folk Meeting	1pm
Friday	11	President's Happy Hour	4pm
Saturday	12	Beginning Danish 2	9:30-11am
Monday	14	Executive Committee Meeting	7pm
Wednesday	16	Mah-jongg	10am-3pm
	16	Office Hours	10am-2pm
Friday	18	President's Happy Hour	4pm
	18	Hyggeaften	6pm
Saturday	19	Beginning Danish 2	9:30-11am
	19	Medisterpølse Sausage Making Class	9:30am
Sunday	20	Æbleskive Breakfast	9am and 10:45am
	20	Art Fair	8:30am
	20	Danebod Reading Circle	1:30pm
Wednesday	23	Mah-jongg	10am-3pm
	23	Office Hours	10am-2pm
Friday	25	Virkelyst Holiday Decorating	12pm
	25	President's Happy Hour	4pm
	25	Fyraften	6pm
Saturday	26	Beginning Danish 2	9:30-11am
Monday	28	Genealogy	6:30pm
Wednesday	30	Mah-jongg	10am-3pm
	30	Office Hours	10am-2pm



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