



DANNEWS

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.

ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 15: 9:30am-12:30pm

Come join us at the Danish American Center for our 2020 Æbleskive Breakfasts! Mark your calendars with the breakfast dates for this spring:

April 19 • May 10 (Mother's Day Brunch)

Cost for regular "all you can eat and drink" breakfast is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Younger children are free. The menu includes æbleskiver, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Brunch has a different cost and menu. No reservations are required.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. This is an important fundraiser for the DAC and we would love to have you help out if you are so inclined. You can work anywhere from one Sunday to serving/baking skivers at every single breakfast! You can also work half shifts if that is all time and/or energy allows. It is flexible and we have a really good, fun crew. Email Joel and Carla Mortensen at morte007@umn.edu or call 612-724-1814 for more information.

THE MAGIC LANDSCAPE

Sunday, March 29: 3pm

Jim Reilly, Tenor and Beatrice Giere, Piano

Songs by five composers from five Nordic countries: Peter Heise (Denmark), August Söderman (Sweden), Erkki Melartin (Finland), Emil Thoroddsen (Iceland), and Edvard Grieg (Norway).

Jim Reilly and Beatrice Giere, have appeared at many musical and cultural organizations in Minnesota and elsewhere, including past performances at the Danish American Center.

These are songs about nature, that eternal Nordic preoccupation, and human nature—beautiful romantic music and poetry. They range from the well-known (Edvard Grieg) to the lesser known, or at least lesser known in the United States. Of special interest to DAC members will be the songs by the great Danish songwriter Peter Heise, and perhaps some of us will also know the songs based on the first Icelandic novel, *Piltur og Stúlka* (*Boy and Girl*) from the musical play of the same name.

All the songs will be sung in the original languages, and translations will be provided in the program, as well as some spoken commentary.

Open to members of the Danish American Center and their guests. There will be a reception following the concert. Free will donation.

MARCH 2020

- Hans Christian Andersen Birthday Party
- Festival of Nations Opportunities

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Being able to connect with other DAC members is so valuable to the creation of belonging within the organization. We have many opportunities for all ages.

The 215th birthday celebration of Hans Christian Andersen on April 5 will allow long-time and new members to enjoy the Danish birthday party. Hyggeaften on March 20 is another time to visit, eat and play games. No need to speak Danish. And Danish dancing is on the calendar. No need for a partner or a costume, and they teach as you go. These are just a few ways to claim your DAC member benefits.

Knowing current contact information about other members is critical on so many levels. MaryJo, our membership wizard, has created a paper copy for those who can't access it online through Wild Apricot. The cost is \$5. However, it will be out of date immediately. If you need a lesson on how to see the up-to-the-minute online version, please email dainfo@dac.mn.

Many of you have asked about the DAC sign that was on the front lawn but missing since this past summer. It has not been located. Ron Grand has worked tirelessly to get the necessary processes in place to get a new sign. He is now hopeful that we will have one in place by the end of March.

Tusind tak to all who volunteer to keep this organization vibrant.

Diane Greve

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members:

Ulrich Nielsen & Lynn Younglove, Alex & Hannah Nielsen
Nancy I Poeschel
Wayne T Tellekson

DAC Directory Information - For further contact information on new and current members, please visit the Members Only portion of the DAC website. The necessary user ID and password can be obtained by emailing dainfo@dac.mn.

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DAC LIBRARY

The DAC Library is no longer accepting book and materials donations. If you have questions about the items you want to donate, please contact Julianne Haahr at jehaahr@uwalumni.com or Jytte Svarre at jytte.svarre@yahoo.com. The DAC Library is truly grateful for all of the donations we have received over the years.

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Deadline for the April issue is March 10

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

ONSDAG FROKOST

Wednesday March 11 & 25: 11:30am

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of most months, the DAC sponsors a tasty lunch prepared by volunteers. We have singing and announcements of upcoming events. Members and their guests begin to gather at 11:30am for a social time and lunch is served from noon-1pm. Reservations need to be made through dainfo@dac.mn by the Friday before the luncheons. See the calendar on the back of this newsletter. Cost is \$10 for members and \$13 for their guests.

HYGGEAFTEN

Friday, March 20: 5:30pm

Hyggeaften is planned for March 20 at the DAC. This time for fellowship begins with a social hour at 5:30pm and continues with soup, table games and dessert. No need to know how to pronounce it, but do make a reservation by the Wednesday before the gathering by calling the DAC office at 612-729-3800. Feel free to bring a favorite game or join the many games in progress. All DAC members are welcome. The cost is \$7:50 per person.

SING-ALONG WITH DAN CHOUINARD

Monday, March 2: 7-8:30pm

The monthly sing-along with Dan Chouinard is a fun time. If you have not been to one yet, you should come and experience the joy of singing along with a fun group of people. It is on the first Monday of every month, unless you see differently in the *DANews*. Free and open to all, with a free will donation.

OUR EXHIBITS

If you have not seen the exhibit in the Gallery: *Petersen and Peterson, Paintings and Photographs*, now is the time. The exhibit features Hans Gyde Petersen's paintings, mostly from Dyrehaven, The Deer Park, north of Copenhagen. They are from the collection by his American cousin, James Peterson (they changed their name over here), whose photos complete the exhibit. The exhibit will be ending in mid March, so you have just a couple of weeks.

MEMBER BENEFITS

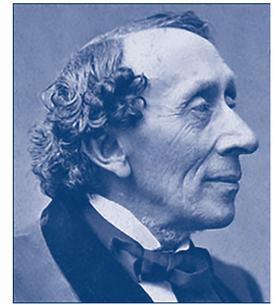
Did you know the DAC rents sleeping rooms and meeting space to members and their guests? Family reunions, out of town guests, and nonprofit retreats are possible. We have about 30 beds available. For prices and availability, contact the DAC office at dainfo@dac.mn or call 612-729-3800

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, April 5: 2-5pm

Birthday parties are fun! How do people in Denmark celebrate?

On April 5 the DAC will be celebrating Hans Christian Andersen's 215th birthday. Many of us know his legacy of stories and paper cutting. This party will be a chance to learn about



the Danish birthday traditions while enjoying songs, reenacted HC Andersen stories, a lecture for the adults, activities for the children, and a taste of the Danish-style birthday cake that will be decorated by the children.

The party begins at 2pm with music and stories. Around 3pm, we will have a presentation with discussion by Paul Houe, professor emeritus of Scandinavian languages and literature at the University of Minnesota, entitled, "What Kind of Dane was Hans Christian Andersen?" During that

time, the children and interested adults will engage in various creative Danish birthday activities in the Dining Room including making Gækkebrev (Snowdrop Letters). Around 4pm we will gather in the Dining Room, eat birthday cake and view the crafts made by the children. The party will end by 5pm. Come for all or come for some.

DAC members and their guests of all ages are invited.

Let us know if you plan to attend the party and if you have kids who would like to be part of a reenacted HC Andersen story by emailing dkgreve@gmail.com. We will limit the number attending but also hope that everyone interested can attend. Cost is \$5 per person and pre-registrations can be done by March 23 through either <https://dacmn.wildapricot.org> or by calling 612-729-3800 and paying at the door (subject to availability). We hope this will be the first such festive event to help us all learn more about famous Danes throughout history.

VIRKELYST

Wednesday, April 1: 7pm

DAC members are welcome to join the Virkelyst meeting on April 1. Cathy Mahowald and Bob Hansen will be sharing stories of their recent adventures in Antarctica. This is sponsored by Virkelyst and is open to all DAC members.



POUL BERTELSEN

On January 26, many members of the DAC enjoyed an afternoon in the atrium which our featured speaker designed. Architect Poul Bertelsen presented on the topic "Living Danish Values in an American Landscape." This provided much food for thought for the audience as indicated by the question and answer period following his hour-long talk.

A lively social hour with coffee and treats furnished by Virkelyst members followed the presentation. Thanks to all who helped with set up, technology, food preparation and serving, and to the 50+ audience members for attending. We are grateful to Poul and his wife Susanna for their willingness to present this timely message.



DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The final Beginning Danish class, Danish 4, kicks off on February 29. This course is for those who have previously completed Danish 3 or have equivalent language experience. (Instructor approval required)

Danish 4: March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4

Time: 10 to 11:30am

Cost: Members: \$75 Nonmembers: \$100

Please register at http://bit.ly/Danish4_2020 or contact instructor Michelle Potter-Bacon at danskmn@gmail.com/612-309-3797. Learn more on the DAC website: <http://bit.ly/DAClanguage>

INTERMEDIATE DANISH AT DAC

Classes for intermediate Danish speakers began in February and continue into May.

When: 11am on Wednesdays

Location: 3rd Floor Classroom

Dates: February 12 through May 20.

Cost: \$10 per session

Registration is not needed—drop in as your schedule allows. Please contact instructor Niels Billund with questions at nielsbillund@gmail.com.

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DANEBO READING CIRCLE

Sunday, March 15: 1:30-3:30pm

The March selection for the Danebo Reading Circle is *This Should Be Written in the Present Tense* by Helle Helle, one of Denmark's most popular and esteemed authors. She is the recipient of many prizes and awards, including the Golden Laurel, the Danish Critics' Prize, the Beatrice Prize, and the Lifetime Award of the Danish Arts Council. Her novels and short stories, from 1993 until the present, have been translated into 15 languages.

This short novel (186 pages) from 2011 was the author's English-language debut in the 2015 translation by Martin Aitken. The publisher (Soft Skull Press/Counterpoint: Berkeley, CA) issued this description: "Dorte is twenty and adrift, pretending to study literature at Copenhagen University. In reality she is riding the trains and clocking up random encounters in her new home by the railway tracks. She remembers her ex, Per—the first boyfriend she tells us about, and the first she leaves—as she enters a new world of transient relationships, random sexual experiences and awkward attempts to write." Kirkus Reviews described the novel as a "sort of realism that is at once technically stringent and mordantly amusing."

Gitte Mohr will be the March 15 discussion leader. Members contribute treats, both sweet and savory, as the spirit moves them. Coffee and water are provided as beverages (thanks to the Æbleskive Breakfast folks!).

The process for selecting titles for the 2020-2021 reading year is in full swing. Anyone may nominate a book by April 1. Selection Guidelines and nomination forms will be available at the March meeting, or in advance from Suzanne Jebe 612-822-0275 or suzannej41@me.com. Selection team members are Mary Beth Lake and Julie Robbins. Voting for the new list will be at the April meeting.

The April 19 book selection is *The Alphabet House* by Danish author Jussi Adler-Olsen (2007, 461 pages). Discussion leader will be Bill Holmquist.

The Reading Circle meets on the South Porch at the Danish American Center, 1:30-3:30pm. New members are always welcome. All that's required is a willingness to discuss the book of the month—enjoying good company and tasty treats is a bonus.

DANISH CULTURE AND COMMUNITY AT THE 2020 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

If you enjoy meeting people and sharing information about our Danish community, consider volunteering at the Danish culture booth at the Festival of Nations this spring. The theme of the 2020 festival is "Real People, Real Stories, Our Minnesota Communities." The festival (festivalofnations.com) has been sponsored annually since 1932 by the International Institute of Minnesota (iimm.org).

The Festival of Nations is a fun event with food, performances, demonstrations and exhibits from nearly 100 ethnic groups. Our Danish community will be represented by a cultural booth in the exhibit area and our always popular food booth.

We would love to have you join us and help staff the cultural booth. On Thursday and Friday (9am - 3pm) we interact with school groups who are seeking to fill their passports with exhibit stamps while they explore the displays for each culture. Starting on Friday afternoon and continuing through Sunday evening, the general public is welcome—and they come!

Place: St Paul RiverCentre, 175 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul

Times: Thursday, April 30: 9am - 3pm (student day)

Friday, May 1: 9am - 9pm (partly student day)

Saturday, May 2: 10am - 9pm

Sunday, May 3: 10am - 6pm

If you would like to volunteer, let us know which days and hours work for you. We would prefer people have at least a 3-hour shift and need at least two people per shift.

We will have a short training opportunity in late April so we are all familiar with the exhibit and expectations. Volunteers receive free admission to the festival and help with parking costs—and free æbleskiver at the Danish Café.

To volunteer for the cultural booth, contact Suzanne Jebe 612-822-0275 or suzannej41@me.com. Feel free to call if you would like more information before committing.

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

GENEALOGY

Monday, March 23: 7pm

Honoring the Stories Behind the Stuff

Do you have a box of old photos and memorabilia? Have you avoided tackling those boxes because



you just don't know what to do with it or you feel guilty if you don't really want it? This program is designed to teach you a process to sort through your photos and memorabilia efficiently, while still honoring the memories they represent; and provide creative and space-saving tips to preserve them for future generations.

Speakers are Holly Corbid, of Capture Your Photos and Amanda Lathrop, of Lead Sheep Productions. To learn more, please come to the DAC on Monday March 23, 2020 at 7pm. DAC is located at 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis. For further information call Bill Holmquist at 651-748-5017.

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

ANNUAL CODFISH AND MEATBALL DINNER

Friday, March 6: 5pm and 6:30pm

St. Peder's Lutheran church will be holding its annual Codfish and Meatball Dinner on Friday, March 6. There will be seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm. The dinner also includes boiled potatoes with our famous mustard gravy, peas and carrots, Havarti cheese on pumpnickel, cupcakes and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. St. Peder's Church is located at 4600 East 42nd Street, Minneapolis. Call St. Peder's Church office at 612-722-8000 or email Jeannie at office@stpeders.org for reservations. Please state how many meatball or cod dinners, seating time preference, and phone number if leaving a message. Hope to see you there!

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES-OPEN POSITION

Concordia Language Villages currently has an opening for a Danish dean, who would lead a month-long intensive immersion program on our site every summer.

Although many of the language community deans are professors or language teachers, we also welcome applications from those outside of the academic realm who can share a love of Danish language and culture.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply for the position through the following link: <https://hr.cord.edu/postings/6294>

74TH ANNUAL FOLK MEETING SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the 74th annual Folk Meeting at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler, Minnesota, August 19-23, 2020.

This event is a four-day residential folk school experience affirming the joy of living through lectures and learning, fellowship, song and dance, faith and spiritual reflections, socializing—and great food!—in the context of the Danish folk school tradition.

The programming this year will include lectures, discussions and stories on a wide variety of topics—Tales of a Danish Translator; Spiritual Teaching of NFS Grundtvig; Peace Education and Service Learning—Grundtvig, Horton and Friere; Reinventions of Airport Amenities; A Look at a Better MN for Pollinators and People; Strategies for Clean Energy; The American Political Environment; 3-D Printing and Robotics Research; Breaking Down Walls of Misunderstanding; and Sustainable Farming. There will also be an afternoon field trip to a local dairy.

We hope you'll plan to join us! Watch for the official registration forms and information which will be coming in May. For more information, see our website <https://sites.google.com/view/danebodfolkmeeting/home?authuser=0>.

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Upcoming Deadlines:

- April 20, 2020 for Fall 2020 Semester
- October 20, 2020 for Winter/Fall 2021 Semester

The application, along with detailed criteria, timing and instructions is available online at **umrsc.org**. Applications are open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents attending any U.S. college or university, registered to study abroad in Denmark for a minimum of one semester/trimester. *Summer programs are not eligible.*

If you have any questions please send an email to info@umrsc.org. If you would like to support the scholarship program for students studying in Denmark please mail your tax-deductible contribution payable to UMRSC to the following address:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 10am-6pm

Sunday	01	Food & Aquavit Pairing Event 12:30-3:30pm
	01	Virkelyst Meeting 1-3pm
Monday	02	DAC Sing-Along 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday	04	Sewing Club 12-2pm
	04	Intermediate Danish 11am
Friday	06	Tøseften for dansk talende 7:30-11pm
Saturday	07	Danish Language Class 10-11:30am
Monday	09	DAC Exec Comm Mtng 7-10pm
Wednesday	11	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12 noon Lunch
	11	Intermediate Danish 11am
Thursday	12	Scandinavian Collectors Club 6-10pm
Friday	13	Viking Age Meeting 7-10pm
	13	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	14	Danish Language Class 10-11:30am
Sunday	15	Æbleskive Breakfast 9:30am-12:30pm
	15	Reading Circle 1:30-3:30pm
Wednesday	18	Intermediate Danish 11am
Friday	20	Hyggeaften 5:30-10pm
Saturday	21	Danish Language Class 10-11:30am
Monday	23	Genealogy 7-9pm
Wednesday	25	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12noon Lunch
	25	Intermediate Danish 11am
Friday	27	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	28	Danish Language Class 10-11:30am
Sunday	29	The Magic Landscape, Concert 3pm
	29	Nordic Roots Dances 2020 6-9pm

April

Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 10am-6pm

Wednesday	01	Virkelyst Meeting 7-9pm
	01	Intermediate Danish 11am
Friday	03	Tøseften for dansk talende 7:30-11pm
Saturday	04	Rødspætte Klubben Dinner 7pm
	04	Danish Language Class 10-11:30am
Sunday	05	HCA Birthday Party 2-5pm
Monday	06	DAC Sing-Along 7-8:30pm
Wednesday	08	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12 noon Lunch
	08	Sewing Club 12-2pm
	08	Intermediate Danish 11am
Thursday	09	Scandinavian Collectors Club 6-10pm
Friday	10	Danish Dancing 7-9pm
Monday	13	DAC Board Meeting 7-9pm
Wednesday	15	Intermediate Danish 11am
Sunday	19	ÆbleskiveBreakfast 9:30am-12:30pm
	19	Reading Circle 1:30-3:30pm
Wednesday	22	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12noon Lunch
	22	Intermediate Danish 11am
Friday	24	Fyr Aften 6pm
	24	Danish Dancing 7-9pm
Sunday	26	Nordic Roots Dances 2020 6-9pm
Monday	27	Genealogy 6-8pm
Wednesday	29	Festival of Nations Prep
	29	Intermediate Danish 11am
Thursday	30	Festival of Nations



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