

DANISH CULTURAL CONFERENCE



PROGRAM

June 20 - 22, 2014
Menucha Retreat and Conference
Center, Corbett, OR



Northwest Danish Association



Der er et yndigt land

Der er et yndigt land,
det står med brede bøge
nær salten østerstrand :|
Det bugter sig i bakke, dal,
det hedder gamle Danmark
og det er Frejas sal :|

Der sad i fordums tid
de harniskklædte kæmper,
udhvilede fra strid :|
Så drog de frem til fjenders
mén,
nu hvile deres bene
bag højens bautasten :|

Det land endnu er skønt,
thi blå sig søen bælder,
og løvet står så grønt :|
Og ædle kvinder, skønne mø'r
og mænd og raske svende
bebo de danskes øer :|

Hil drot og fædreland!
Hil hver en danneborger,
som virker, hvad han kan! :|
Vort gamle Danmark skal
bestå,
så længe bøgen spejler
sin top i bølgen blå :|

There Is a Lovely Land

There is a lovely land
with spreading, shady *beeches*
Near salty eastern shore :|
Its hills and valleys gently fall,
its ancient name is Denmark,
And it is *Freja's* hall :|

There in the ancient days
sat armoured Vikings rested
Between their bloody frays :|
Then they went forth the foe to
face,
now found in stone-set
barrows,
Their final resting place :|

This land is still as fair,
the sea is blue around it,
And peace is cherished there :|
Strong men and noble women still
uphold their country's honour
With faithfulness and skill :|

Hail king and fatherland!
Hail every Danish person,
who does what work he can! :|
Our olden Denmark shall
endure,
as long as the beech reflects
its top in the blue wave :|



2014 Danish Cultural Conference Daily Schedule

All events held in Wright Hall unless otherwise noted

Friday, June 20, 2014

11:00 a.m. - DCC registration opens

11:40 a.m. – Menucha orientation

Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Flag Raising

1:30 p.m. – Welcome and Opening Comments

1:45 p.m. – Dane Jensen, Dane F. Jensen Design, Seattle, Washington. – *Danish Furniture Design: A Historic Perspective*

2:45 p.m. - Coffee Break

3:00 p.m. - Singing

**3:30 p.m. – Sofie Nielsen, Museum of Danish America
ScanDesign Intern, Elk Horn, Iowa and Aarhus, Denmark
– *Life in 19th Century Denmark, circa 1864***

4:30 p.m. - Nature Walk

5:45 p.m. – Video – *Jens Jensen*

7:00 p.m. - Dinner

8:00 p.m. - Evening Entertainment – Danish Film: *Love is All You Need* – Creevey Commons

9:00 p.m. - Party in the "Kro" – Creevey Commons

Saturday, June 21, 2014

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Helle Christensen, Museum of Danish America
ScanDesign Intern, Elk Horn, Iowa and Copenhagen,
Denmark – *An Update on the Museum of Danish America*

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break / Singing

10:30 a.m.- Kaj Pedersen and Dave Nelson, Nimbus
Motorcycle Club of the U.S.A., Seal Beach, California -
Nimbus: Denmark's Motorcycle

Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Jørn Muller, Reverend, Hillsboro, Oregon –
Murals (Kalkmalerier) in Danish Village Churches

2:00 p.m. – Coffee Break

2:15 p.m. - Singing

2:45p.m. – Elizabeth Tuck, Royal Rye, Portland, Oregon –
Marketing a Danish Staple: Danish Rye Bread

4:00 p.m. – Field Trip to Multnomah Falls with members of the
Nimbus Club of the U.S.A.

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Evening Entertainment – Concert by Danish
folk singer Flemming Behrend

9:00 p.m. - Party in the "Kro" – Creevey Commons

Sunday, June 22, 2014

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Singing / Sunday Fellowship

9:30 a.m.- Charlene Jensen, Danish Sisterhood, – *Iolite: the
Viking Gem Stone*

10:30 a.m. – Coffee Break

10:45a.m. – Dave Hoerlein, Europe Through the Back Door
Speakers Bureau, Seattle, Washington – *The Colors of
Denmark*

11:45 a.m. - Sonja Kromann and Edith Christensen – *The
Danish Cultural Conference: Discussion and Evaluation*

Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Flag Lowering

2014 Danish Cultural Conference Presentation Abstracts

FRIDAY – Session 1 – 1:45–2:45 p.m. – *Danish Furniture Design: A Historical Perspective*, Dane F. Jensen, Dane F. Jensen Design, Seattle, Washington.

Dane Jensen will provide a historical overview of Danish furniture design and discuss the enduring influence and impact that Danish Modern design has had on furniture, décor, and architecture.

FRIDAY – Session 2 - 3:30–4:30 p.m. – *Daily Life in Denmark, circa 1864*, Sofie Nielsen, Museum of Danish America ScanDesign Intern, Elk Horn, Iowa and Aarhus, Denmark.

Sofie Nielsen will discuss what daily life was like in 19th century Denmark. Sofie worked as a history interpreter at Den Gamle By in Aarhus, Denmark and is currently completing a ScanDesign internship at the Museum of Danish America, working on exhibits design and preparation. Sofie is a student at the University of Aarhus.

SATURDAY – Session 1 – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – *An Update on the Museum of Danish America*, Helle Christensen, Museum of Danish America ScanDesign Intern, Elk Horn, Iowa and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Helle Christensen will discuss recent and upcoming exhibits and activities at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa. Helle is a student at the University of Copenhagen and is currently completing a ScanDesign internship at the Museum, working on exhibits design and preparation.

SATURDAY – Session 2 – 10:30 a.m. to Noon - *Nimbus: Denmark's Motorcycle*, Kaj Pedersen and Dave Nelson, Nimbus Motorcycle Club of the U.S.A., Seal Beach, California.

Kaj Pedersen and Dave Nelson of the Nimbus Motorcycle Club of the U.S.A. will speak about Nimbus, the iconic Danish motorcycle produced between 1919 and 1959 by Fisker and Nielsen of Copenhagen, Denmark. Both models of the Nimbus, known as the “Stovepipe” and the “Bumblebee”, were inherently reliable. Nimbus motorcycles were used by the Danish Army, the Postal Service, and police departments as late as 1972, many fitted with sidecars. It is estimated that more than half of the 12,000 produced are still in existence.

SATURDAY – Session 3 – 1:00–2:00 p.m – *Murals (Kalkmalerier) in Danish Village Churches*, Reverend Jørn Muller, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Reverend Muller will speak on the kalkmalerier (chalk paintings), medieval fresco murals to be found in Danish churches. Denmark has one of the highest concentrations of extant medieval frescos in Europe, with frescos in over 600 Danish churches. Typically painted in either Gothic or Romanesque styles, many of these murals were whitewashed after the Reformation. This served to preserve them before being rediscovered in the 19th and 20th centuries.

SATURDAY – Session 4 – 2:45-3:45 p.m. – *Marketing a Danish Staple: Danish Rye Bread*, Elizabeth Tuck, Royal Rye, Portland, Oregon.

SUNDAY – Session 1 – 9:30–10:30 a.m. – *Iolite: The Viking Gemstone*, Charlene Jensen, President, Mt. Hood Chapter #81, Danish Sisterhood of America, Portland, Oregon.

The theory of stones used by the Vikings to locate the hidden sun by their optical properties was first put forth by the

Danish archeologist, Thorkild Ramskou, who described it in his books *Solstenen, Primitiv Navigation i Norden før Kompasset.*, 1969 and *Solkompasset*, 1982. He coined the expression "Viking Compass" (Vikingernes Kompas) as it is now connected to the mineral cordierite (iolite). The "Sunstone" (Solstenen) is the historical wording referring to such a mineral which he found in the Sagas as well as other texts. The gemstone iolite typically occurs in shades of violet blue, and shows different colors when viewed from different angles. Charlene will discuss this beautiful gemstone and the theory of its use by the Vikings as a navigational aid.

SUNDAY – Session 2 – 10:45-11:45 a.m. – *The Colors of Denmark*, Dave Hoerlein, Rick Steves Europe, Seattle, Washington.

Denmark has a distinct color pallet with its rolling green countryside, blue skies, warm and cozy homes, and of course the ever present Dannebrog. Dave Hoerlein from Rick Steves' Europe and studied urban design at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen will talk about the colors of Denmark as represented in design, artwork, and architecture.



About the 2014 DCC Speakers

Flemming Behrend is a Danish folk musician and author. He performs in the traditional Danish style with vocals and acoustic guitar. His goal is to support Danish culture and tradition in America, often playing gratis for Scandinavian organizations, libraries, and museums. In the past, Flemming has played Balkan, Eastern European and American folk songs. Since the fall of 2009, Flemming has embraced his Danish roots and performs primarily in his native language. You can listen to many of his songs on YouTube, mainly traditional Danish folk tunes. These have been listened to by over eighty-five thousand people, mostly in Denmark. Flemming will perform a concert Saturday evening with a selection of his Danish folk music repertoire. Flemming is also the author of a book about his life and the lives of the people in his family, *78 RMP: The Record of a Family* (2005, AuthorHouse ISBN: 978-1420872408). Flemming lives in Olympia, Washington.

Kyle Dittmer is a professional scientist and has taught university science courses for over 20 years. Kyle has been active in the Danish community in the Portland area for a number of years since connecting with his Danish roots. Kyle has volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies and note-taker for the Danish Cultural Conference, and also helps lead the nature walks and local excursions. Kyle lives in Portland, Oregon.

Dave Hoerlein is a lifelong Seattle resident who studied architecture at Washington State University and urban design in Copenhagen. Dave has worked for Rick Steves for 30 years as a tour guide, travel consultant, and map maker. His passion for Denmark led him to studying Danish at the Scandinavian Language Institute and marrying his teacher, Jane -- though he still can't come close to saying rød grød med fløde! He lives in Ballard with Jane and their son Nils.

Charlene Jensen currently lives in Oregon City, Oregon and is President of Mt. Hood Lodge #81 of the Danish Sisterhood of America which has served the Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington area since 1904. Charlene has taken an active role in the Danish community of greater Portland for a number of years. She has worked as an educator of hospital and health care at several colleges and currently works for Providence Health and Services in Portland. Charlene completed her education at Marylhurst University and Portland State University.

Dane F. Jensen was born and raised in Seattle, Washington and currently lives there with his wife Mary. Dane's company, Dane F. Jensen Design, offers interior design and build services throughout the Seattle area. Dane attended the University of California, completing a B.S. in Architectural

Design at Davis, and an M.A. in Industrial Design at Los Angeles. Dane completed post-graduate studies in furniture and interior architecture at Arkitektsskole Århus and the Royal Academy in Copenhagen and completed a Certificate in Nonprofit Management at the University of Washington. He has worked as a carpenter, general contractor, design/build specialist, architectural designer, furniture designer, builder, and a nonprofit board member/manager, and currently designs and builds furniture while undertaking a variety of projects for clients. In addition to his design work, Dane is an advocate for students with language learning difficulties, particularly dyslexia and is an active member of the Danish community in the Pacific Northwest, and is the current President of the Danish Club in Seattle.

Reverend Jørn Muller lives in Hillsboro, Oregon, and serves at the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist church in Portland, Oregon. Jørn and his wife Bodil, Reverend Muller is very active in the Danish community in the greater Portland area, hosting song evenings and other events and volunteering their time for the Northwest Danish Association, Scandinavian Heritage Foundation, and Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

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Elizabeth Tuck was born in Denmark and currently lives in Portland, Oregon. Having trained as a registered nurse and worked for many years in the pharmaceutical industry specializing in cardiovascular diseases, she is very aware of the importance of a healthy diet in preventing many lifestyle related health issues such as diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease. Elizabeth founded KrusaVita / Royal Rye because she missed the wholesome and hearty goodness of the dark rye bread she grew up with. She also longed to replace the empty-calorie snacks she ate mid-morning with something more filling healthy, and delicious. So she started baking, bringing together the healthy goodness of whole grain rye with the tanginess of sourdough and the result was KrustaVita, Latin for "bread of life." Word spread quickly about this healthy and flavor-rich sourdough, rye bread. Soon family, friends, healthcare providers, sport enthusiasts and other people started requesting loaves of KrustaVita as a delicious way to support their health, and Royal Rye and KrustaVita were born. Now you can buy KrustaVita in select grocery stores including New Seasons and

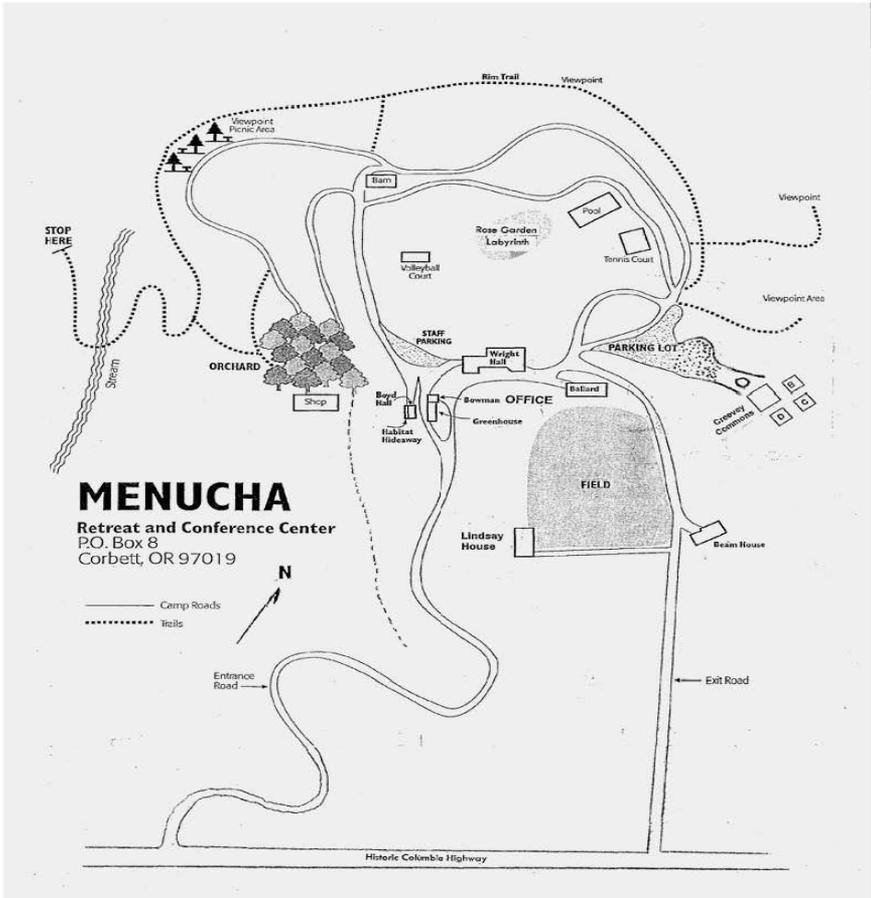
several other Portland area stores or online at:
<http://www.royalrye.com/buy-bread/index.php>

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