



**Danish American Cultural Retreat**

**June 24 – 26, 2016**

**Conference Location and  
General Information**

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center  
38711 East Historic Columbia River Hwy.  
Corbett, Oregon 97019-0008  
503-695-2243

Overlooking the scenic Columbia River Gorge, 22 miles east of Portland, the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center boasts panoramic views, lodge accommodations, nature trails, a swimming pool, and other amenities. Directions: From Interstate 84, take Exit 22 and follow Corbett Road to the top of the hill. Turn left (east) at the Y intersection, drive 1.5 miles to the Menucha Retreat entrance which is on the north side of the road.

**Daily Schedule**

**Friday, June 24**

Conference check-in begins at 11 a.m.  
followed by lunch at Noon,  
Friday programs 1:00 -10:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 25:**

8:00a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 26:**

8:00a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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The Danish Cultural Conference is an annual opportunity to learn about Denmark and its links to the US, today and in the past. Cultural, historic and contemporary topics are presented to illustrate how Denmark has played and continues to have a significant role on the global stage.

## Scheduled Sessions and Program Highlights 2016

### Scheduled Sessions

- Preludes to Denmark's Golden Age
- Skagen Artists
- The Industrial Awakening in Denmark
- Falck - Danish emergency services company and its operations in the Pacific Northwest
- Danish Penal Code
- Georg Pedersen – *My 48 Years at Sea*
- A history of the Royal Danish Air Force
- Update from the Museum of Danish America and its new exhibit, "Sports for Sports Sake"
- Danish film, the 2003 Action Comedy, *Stealing Rembrandt*, directed by Jannik Johansen
- Performance by local Danish jazz pianist, Jim Templeton

### Program Highlights

- Sunset receptions
- Saturday evening show
- Danish film night
- Danish and English singing
- Nature walks
- Leisure time to visit and enjoy the beautiful scenery



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## 2016 Program and Speakers

- **Peter Jorna**, Falck Northwest, will discuss Danish emergency services company, Falck, its history and operations in the United States. Founded in Copenhagen by Sophus Falck in 1906, Falck now has operations in 44 countries on six continents. **Saturday, June 25.**
- **Henry Geijsbeek**, lifelong aviation enthusiast and photographer, will speak on the history and development of the Royal Danish Air Force and its service at home and around the world. **Sunday, June 26.**
- **Astrid Kaalund-Jørgensen**, is from Copenhagen, Denmark and is currently completing a ScanDesign Internship at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa. Astrid will be giving two talks on the program. On Saturday, she will discuss the Danish penal code and how it compares with other systems around the world. On Sunday, she will describe the Museum's latest exhibit entitled, "Sports for Sports Sake." **Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26**
- **Georg Pedersen**, will discuss his career in the maritime industry detailed in his 2015 autobiography, *My 48 Years at Sea: From Deck Boy in Denmark to Captain in America*. Georg grew up in Rødvig, Denmark and with limited options at home went to sea at age 14. He grew to love life as a merchant seaman and over the course of his career, he worked on 62 ships and visited 173 ports in 73 countries. **Saturday, June 25.**

- **Pastor Birgitte Saltorp**, from the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver, Canada, will be giving two presentations looking at the Danish Golden Age, a period of exceptional creative production in Denmark, especially during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This period saw great achievements in Danish art, architecture, music, dance, science, philosophy and literature and had a profound impact on Danish life and Denmark's international influence. Pastor Saltorp's second talk will look at the industrial awakening in Denmark at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when Denmark became a maritime super power and companies like the East Asiatic Company, AP Møller, and Carlsberg were thriving. **Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25**

- **Claus Windelev**, local Danish author and water color artist, will discuss Skagensmalerne, the Skagen painters, a group of Scandinavian artists who gathered in the village of Skagen in the northernmost part of Denmark, during the latter part of the 19th century. The Skagen painters broke from the more formal traditions of Scandinavian art to embrace the latest trends from France, including Impressionism. The art of the Skagen painters features the beautiful light and scenery around Skagen. **Friday, June 24.**

**Kro Aftens, evening gatherings at the Creevey Commons are planned which include wine, beer, food, and evening entertainment.**

**The 2016 DACR program schedule is still being finalized, dates and speakers are subject to change. Check for program updates on the NWDA website: <http://northwestdanish.org/dacr/>**



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