

The Little Mermaid

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ScanFair 2017: Æbleskiver Hit the Spot

By Cassy Johnson



Image: NWDA volunteers cooking æbleskiver at ScanFair 2017

Over the course of ScanFair 2017, fifteen Himmelbjerget Danish Camp enthusiasts volunteered to help make the annual Northwest Danish Association (NWDA) æbleskiver booth another successful fundraiser for the summer camp. This year was a huge fundraising success for Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. The fundraiser exceeded last year's profit by almost \$1000.

ScanFair is a two day Nordic Northwest annual event held the first week-

end of December at Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Oregon.

The volunteers at the NWDA booth were mostly Himmelbjerget camp counselors as well as a few senior campers. They volunteered to mix 52 triple batches of batter to cook around 3000 æbleskiver, which served at least 1000 happy customers. The customers willingly waited through a lengthy line, but also got the opportunity to watch the

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Julestue: Seattle Fuels up on Julehygge

By Line Larsen

Seattle seemed to be craving a little Danish Christmas hygge this year. Over 100 people made their way to the Seattle Danish Center on Sunday, December 10th to get a taste of Danish Christmas. The event attracted all ages. Guests included young adults, grandparents, parents, teens, and young children. Julestue is an annual event that centers on Danish Christmas traditions. The afternoon is a collaborative effort by the Danish Brotherhood (DBIA), the Danish Sisterhood (DSS), and the Northwest Danish Association (NWDA).



Image: Children enjoyed making jingle bells and other crafts at Julestue 2017

As guests arrived they were invited to get their creativity flowing with crafting as the first activity on the program this year. Six craft tables were set up with supplies to make a variety of Christmas crafts. Most of the crafts were traditional Danish Christmas crafts. Everyone delved into creating handmade décor popular in Denmark including decorating oranges with

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Northwest Danish Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing with others our Danish culture, traditions, and values

President's Corner



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Image: Edith, Gurli, and Kelley enjoying a Danish lunch at Onsdagsklubben (October 2017)

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Inspirations

By Dr. Edith E. Christensen, NWDA President

The Northwest Danish Association continues to promote the culture and traditions of Denmark. Even though many are now the third or fourth generation Americans with Danish heritage, we still promote programs and events which have a Danish theme.

Did you know that children who are brought up speaking more than one language improve their brain development? We have the Himmelbjerget Danish Camp for ten to eighteen year olds which takes place every year at Menucha retreat center in Corbett, Oregon. In Seattle we have a Dane Camp (a day camp) for five to ten year olds. We also have parents of preschoolers come to the Danish Center and speak Danish to each other and to the children. Provide these wonderful experiences for your children, or grandchildren.

We have had a good year with many programs. Come and participate in some of the more recent additions. The Nordic Ventures series begins again in February for four months. Interesting topics are presented which are related to the Nordic countries. We are planning to have new programs which include a wine tasting event, æbleskiver party, smørrebrød meal, and a special påske brunch. The dates have not been set yet so watch our e-bulletins for details. If you have suggestions for other events, please let us know.

Your donations to the Annual Fund at the end of each year and supporting donations all year long helps us continue to plan these programs for you, and provide scholarships for young adults to further their education. Thank you for supporting the Northwest Danish Association.

A really good way to make sure the organization continues into the future is to leave a legacy. By naming the Northwest Danish Association as a beneficiary in your will, you can help the NWDA continue

into the future. We want to continue to have the Himmelbjerget Camp, the Dane Camp, the Danish American Cultural Retreat, and support and encourage the education of the students into the future. This also will help to continue the various programs and activities which are indicative of our heritage. The current generations are becoming farther from their backgrounds. Help them to continue to appreciate their Danish background.

You will feel good about your legacy to continue to support the Association into the future. It is easy to include the Northwest Danish Association in your will. For more information about how to include the NWDA in your estate plan, or to let us know that you have already done so, please contact the NWDA office.

To make your bequest you could use the following language: "I give ___ % of my estate to the Northwest Danish Association", or you can name a fixed dollar amount, or contact your attorney to help with it. We recently received a donation as specified in the will of a member in which she stated a fixed amount of dollars, and provided that it should not be greater than a certain percent of her estate. This made it possible for her to leave a donation from her estate and also help her family.

It has been important for each one of us to be a part of the Northwest Danish Association, from the days when it was a retirement center to today, when we help people in many ways to stay in their homes in old age, to continue the camaraderie and the assistance to elders and children. When you chose to become a part of the organization you believed in what it does and what it stands for.

Thank you for caring.

Visit our website for more information about events and programs!
Via our website you can also sign up for our e-bulletin to receive updates on all these activities.

www.northwestdanish.org

NWDA News and More



40th Annual Danish American Cultural Retreat

For the 40th year the Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR) will be held at the beautiful Menucha Retreat in Corbett, Oregon (less than a 4 hour drive from Seattle).

June 22nd to June 24th, 2018

Join us for a weekend getaway with everything included!

The retreat includes a **cultural conference** with speakers specializing in fascinating topics from Denmark.

Accommodation and meals provided

Breathtaking views and nature

Beer and wine in the 'Kro'

Evening entertainment



Visit www.northwestdanish.org/dacr/ for more information

Stay tuned for program updates! *Proudly organized by Northwest Danish Association*

NORDIC VENTURES

Nordic Ventures is back with another series of educational lectures!

Join us on the 4th Thursday (February to May) for an evening lecture by a speaker on a topic from the Northern hemisphere.



2018 Nordic Ventures:

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

7:00 pm Seattle Danish Center

2018 confirmed speakers and topics (details to be announced soon):

- ♦ Author Inga Wiehl on *Heartstrings: A Tale of Danish Loyalty, Resistance, and Homecoming*
- ♦ Henry Geijsbeek on Jacob Ellehammer Danish Aviation Pioneer

www.northwestdanish.org/nordicventures/

NWDA Scholarships

The 2018/2019 scholarship application forms will be available on our website soon.

Students in any field can apply for a scholarship from NWDA. Applicants must demonstrate involvement in the Danish community in the Pacific Northwest. Students who have supported NWDA (through volunteering in social programs, events, or by other means) will be preferred.

Application Deadline: May 1st 2018

Go to www.northwestdanish.org/scholarships/

The application period opens February 1st 2018



Jul in the Pacific Northwest



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Traditions Live On: Lillejuleaften across the Pacific Northwest

By Edith Christensen

As usual we had a wonderful experience at Lillejuleaften at St. John United Lutheran Church in the Greenwood area of Seattle and at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, as well as Eugene, Oregon. The services were well attended. Attendance in Seattle was up from last year, with over 120 people at this year's service. The services in Eugene, Portland, and in Seattle were all in Danish with Christmas carols also sung in Danish.

In Seattle the sermon was given by Pastor Susanne Rasmussen who traveled from Vancouver, British Columbia just for this event. Other participants in the service included Inge Miller, Thomas Buus, and Marianne Stecher. It takes many volunteers to have this program be a success. The choir was led by Heather McLaughlin Garbes from the University of Washington.

The musical interlude was performed by Nathan Jesnen on the piano and Leland Huff on the flute. After the service the more than 120 people who attended enjoyed coffee, tea and goodies in the social hall. Larsen's Bakery in Seattle provided Danish pastries and many people brought cookies to share.

In Portland the service was led by Jorn Muller of Portland who also gave the sermon in Eugene, Oregon. Both congregations of people of mostly Danish backgrounds enjoyed Danish style pastries and cookies after the service.

Lillejuleaften is a special evening for many in Denmark and continues to be a special tradition in Danish communities around the Pacific Northwest.

Julestue: Seattle Fuels up on Julehygge

By Line Larsen



Image: Nikolaj and Jeanette take on the challenge of making Danish julestjerner

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cloves and ribbon, weaving flettede julehjerter (woven Christmas hearts) out of paper, making nisse-sprællemænd (elf jumping jack cut outs), and folding strips of paper into flettede julestjerner (woven Christmas stars). The crafts proved to be enjoyable for all ages and a true bonding experience. Guests helped each other get a hang of the more difficult crafts. Folding strips of paper into the Danish julestjerner again seemed to be a craft for the brave.



Image: The audience wrapped around the 'stage' to watch the Nisseplay

The Nisseplay was next on the agenda. Birgitte McIntosh narrated while a few kids took stage to act out the story. The audience sat on the floor and the chairs around the tree to watch the play and hear the story about naughty nisser who play tricks on a family around Christmas time.

The program then promised another Danish tradition: Dancing around the



*Image: Desi and Ada enjoy the nisseplay
Photo by Dave Johnson*

Christmas tree. As Danish tradition has it, everyone joined hands and sang Christmas songs while circling around and admiring the tree. Because of the crowd at this year's event, three separate circles had to be made to fit everyone in the room around the Christmas tree. Songs included 'Højt for træets grønne top', 'Silent Night', 'Nu har vi jul igen', and 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'. NWDA member, Ingrid Salmon, played the music to the songs beautifully on the cello. Following the way of the Danes, 'Nu har vi jul igen' left everyone out of breath as they were sent running around the room in a line.

As anticipation peaked, it became time for the evening's special guest. The kids began to hear jingle bells nearing from down the hall until finally Santa came prancing into the room. He handed out goodie bags while parents took pictures of their kids on Santa's lap.

All the dancing drummed up everyone's appetite for hotdogs and other treats. The kitchen workers had to move swiftly to keep up with the crowd of hungry guests. The day wrapped up with everyone sitting around the tables again to enjoy the food and drinks. The kids were treated to ice-cream and adults were treated to gløgg and heaps of kringle. Everyone left in high spirits with all their handmade decorations, bringing a little Danish Christmas back home with them.

Jul in the Pacific Northwest



Julefest in Portland

By Charlene Jensen



Julefest is a celebration sponsored by the Danish Sisterhood and it occurs yearly. It is a way for the Sisters to share their love and hospitality to families while passing on Danish Christmas fun. Every year the Sisters from Danish Sisterhood Mt. Hood Lodge #81 plan a fabulous Julefest involving a variety of crafts to do with the children. There is dancing around the Christmas tree while singing Christmas carols in Danish and English. On December 9, 2017 Sisterhood members and new and old friends alike mingled together at Bethany Lutheran Church for the Julefest. There was food, crafts, gifts, singing and dancing, and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus! Julefest 2017 was full of smiles, treats, and crafts to be made. Special thanks to Hanne Wagner for her adorable and tasty cupcakes that everyone enjoyed.

A party like this requires the help of so many people: A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Sisters who helped make the 2017 Julefest a joyful party for the families who attended! The Sisterhood extends many thanks to the Danish Book Club and NWDA for their contribution of goodie bags for all the children who attended the Sisterhood Julefest. This year, as they do yearly, the Danish Book Club outdid themselves with beautiful

goodie bags stuffed with delicious candies. Each child who attended Julefest received a goodie bag. The children were genuinely thrilled upon receiving their bags of yummys. The Sisterhood values the Danish Book Club and NWDA for supporting Julefest: Their yearly contribution to the Julefest party make many children very happy!

Bethany Lutheran Church's own church mouse was in attendance of this year's Julefest: See below for a recount of the festivities.

This new month is December on the calendar, and things are looking a little different as I peer out from my cozy corner. For one thing, my Sister-ladies have already been busy in between the regular second Saturday meeting days. A small group were in the kitchen baking tasty cookies one day, and later a few ladies came in and squirted the cookies with white lines. Then, another day, more ladies came in and put all the cookies in fancy wrappings which they carried away to be sold at their ScanFair. But before leaving, they made a great fuss over putting lots of pretty decorations around the big room. They stood a lovely tree in the corner with colorful decorations hanging all over it.

No one could tell what a great perch it made for me to peek out from. It certainly came in handy when on the second Saturday the room filled with children of all ages. I was safely tucked among the branches, and could see youngsters making pretty candles in cups and pungent smelling little black things in oranges.

There was so much going on all over the room, from the kitchen where lovely pastries and coffee and a red drink they called "gløgg" were being dished up, to pretty tables where some of the grown-ups sat and visited. Another table was occupied with budding artists enjoying coloring and decorating notes they were writing to a Julemand, and at still another table there were bigger children piling wooden sticks until they fell, then stacked them up and started over.



All of a sudden, my tree began to shake, and I had to hang on for dear life as my refuge moved out to the center of the floor. I began to think I had been discovered when all the guests surrounded my tree-observatory, but instead everyone joined hands and began to sing and walk around me. Then this "Julemand" came in all dressed in red, and everyone paraded around the tables singing a happy Danish song about Jul.

Now it seemed it was time to enjoy the yummy snacks, while the Julemand sat in his fancy chair with children lining up for a little visit with him. After filling his ear with their list of Christmas wishes each child was given a gift-bag of candy, then went on to a long table called "Pete's table". The story goes that Pete was a Brotherhood member who devoted much love to Danish culture for children, and every Christmas gave a teddy-bear to all the youngsters at the Christmas party. His tradition lives on to this day and is still making glad the hearts of this year's guests as they chose a stuffed toy to love.

With this, dear readers, I can only say in the proper Danish way, "Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår !" ~Your Reporter, A. Nony Mouse



Fundraising Success



Great Success— Congratulations to the Danish Brotherhood on its Wonderful Fundraiser

By Kaja Voldbaek



What a delightful event that took place on November 11, 2017! It was the 7th Annual Pete Christensen Frikadelle Dinner sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood, Lodge #167. All of the net proceeds were donated to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. This yearly event is a worthy cause that is near and dear to the hearts of the Danish Brotherhood.

This year the Brotherhood honored **Larry West**, who all too early left us, after his valiant fight against cancer; a well deserved honor for a kind and gentle person. **Larry** served as the President of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge for a long time, and was a long-time active board member of the Northwest Danish Association. No wonder that so many people came to share with the Brotherhood in their efforts to honor **Larry** and to support the Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. Himmelbjerget Danish Camp is one of the most important programs offered to children interested in learning about Danish culture, past and present.

Close to 60 people enjoyed the 7th Annual Pete Christensen Frikadelle Dinner. **Pete Christensen** was another great Dane who was a Danish Brotherhood member and who also embraced the Himmelbjerget Danish Camp program.

How lucky we are to have known such visionary and generous people. **Nils Jensen** gave a very moving speech in

Larry's honor, veteran to veteran, looking back to **Larry's** accomplishments for the Danish community both here in this area and in Seattle, headquarter of the NWDA.

The dinner went really well, with a little worry of having enough frikadeller for all since more people attended than had originally registered. But, there were a few frikadeller left over which is a good sign. The net profits raised were over \$2,600.00.

Kris Roley, past President of the Brotherhood Lodge, outdid herself. The tables were beautifully decorated with candles, and the silent auction was impressive. It was also impressive to see the monetary donations left on the tables by the attendees. All in all, the gestures were generous and will be very much appreciated by the NWDA who is sponsoring the Danish camp program.

Representatives for the Himmelbjerget Camp counselors again helped in the kitchen and served the dinner family-style. They embraced the opportunity to serve as a way to show their thanks to the Brotherhood for fundraising, and to show their support for the camp program. The help from the counselors was much appreciated.

It was a joy to have so many people come together to celebrate Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. The Brotherhood sends its heartfelt thanks to those who donated their time and effort to this fundraiser. It was especially nice to be able to honor the people who believed so strongly in the mission of Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. The Brotherhood Lodge is honored to continue to carry on with this important mission of contributing to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp.

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ScanFair 2017: Æbleskiver Hit the Spot

By Cassy Johnson



*Image: Volunteers cooking æbleskiver at
ScanFair 2017*

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ongoing cooking demonstration and pick up on the cooking technique (hint: it's all in the quarter turn).

Kaja Voldbaek's family recipe was used and, as always, many customers stopped by after eating to say that they were the best æbleskiver they've ever had! The lemon & cardamom in the batter makes them especially delicious and special. They were served with jam and powdered sugar.

Portland Roasting Coffee generously donated coffee to sell at our booth, which customers also enjoyed. As camper fees have never covered the full cost of camp, all profits from this fundraising booth go toward contributing to keep the cost of attending Himmelbjerget Danish Camp more affordable for campers.

Himmelbjerget Danish Camp 2018 is June 24th to June 30th and the theme is Copenhagen. Save the date!

From Denmark



A Semester Abroad in Seattle

By Kamilla Hansen



Image: CBS student, Kamilla Hansen, in Seattle

As a student at Copenhagen Business School I got the opportunity to study a semester abroad in the second half of 2017. With 49 different countries and many more cities to choose from, I chose the United States, and more specifically, Seattle. Coming from a small town with less than 2,000 citizens on Fyn in Denmark, to get to live in Seattle for seven months has been a significantly different experience.

So why Seattle? From my very first day of university I knew I wanted to do an exchange program in the U.S. Ever since I can remember I have always been very curious about the education system in America and how it is different from the one we have in Denmark. Being abroad as a student, getting into a good school is usually one of the biggest priorities, but I also knew I wanted the best of both worlds, and I had heard many good things about Seattle back in Denmark. After a while I was lucky to get accepted into the Foster School of Business at University of Washington on an exchange program for two American quarters.

From the very first day of classes it was overwhelming knowing that participation, peer evaluations, day-to-day assignments, mid-terms and presentations were all planned ahead of the

quarter and would all have an effect on the final grades given. This is in strong opposition to how I know university from Copenhagen, where it is mostly the students' own responsibility to plan and take ownership of one's own learning experience and outcomes as well as only one final exam to cover up for your total grade.

After finishing the quarters, I know that I would never have been without this experience. I am thankful for all the new perspectives I have been able to take with me out of classes at Foster School of Business week after week. The impressive high quality of teaching combined with different techniques in the process of learning has given me real life insights that I find very valuable. Gaining this cultural and intellectual knowledge is one of the best things I can take with me back to Denmark and on my future journey studying. With that said, studying abroad in Seattle has been much more than just school.

I quickly found that Seattle besides a top university has almost everything in one place; amazing nature, four different weather seasons, a city big and vibrant enough to get a big city vibe, and lastly the most open and friendliest locals I could imagine. Seattle as a whole is surprisingly, as we say in Danish, *hyggelig* (cozy) and very down to earth. Coming from Scandinavia I think Seattle has a Nordic vibe that is difficult to describe with words. Visiting fancy coffee shops, Scandinavian bakeries, taking long walks while doing people watching in parks around the city, and have a chat with a local about everything and nothing are some of the things I have enjoyed to do the most on days where I have missed Denmark. It gave me a feeling of *hygge* and home.

Even though the Danish countryside is beautiful in its own ways, it is not a secret that Denmark cannot compete with

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Harvesting Trees and Making Chocolate

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Photo: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing in front of the Bogø Mill.

Nestled between the larger islands of Zealand, Møn, and Falster, is the small island of Bogø. It has only an area of 13 square kilometers. Some of the other small islands nearby are Barholm, Lilleø, Farø, and Tærø. Bogø had been owned by the royal family, but the islanders cut down most of the island's trees to raise money to buy it for themselves (18,456 rigsdalere in 1769). In 1875, there was a new money law that stated that 1 rigsdaler could now be exchanged for 2 kroner and that 1 kroner would be worth 100 øre.

The only town on the island is Bogø By. There is a causeway that connects Bogø to Farø to the west and to Barholm to the east. From Barholm, one can continue by car to Møn. Plus from Farø one can continue north to Zealand or south to Falster by European Route 47. During the summer, there is also a little ferry named Ida that sails south from Bogø Harbor to Stubbekøbing on the island of Falster. It is only a 12 minute ferry ride. On the northern side of Bogø is another harbor called Skånningebro. I have gone swimming there

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The Dawn of the Viking Age



THE GODS OF ASGARD

Viking Series: Part 12

Summarized based on Hudson Publications Event Bookazines 2013, "Vikings: Their Myths and Legends."

For Part 11 of this article, see Issue #2017/2018 Volume 2 of The Little Mermaid

Asgard is the home of the gods that hovers a great distance from Earth, out of the field of vision of any mortal on the plain called Idawald. Odin and the other gods and goddesses built Asgard. A bridge called Bifrost is the only safe way to cross the river that separates Idawald from the rest of the world.

Hlidskjalf is the place where Odin sits in Asgard; it is the place from where he could see over the whole world and all man's actions. Odin is called Allfather because he is the father of all the gods and men and everything is made by him and his power. Jord (earth), also known as Fjorgyn or Edra, was his daughter and his wife, and Asa-Thor was his first son.

The most important goddess of Asgard was Frigga, who is Odin's second wife as Viking legend has it. (Friday actually means the 'day of Frigg'). She is also known as Bertha, Frigg, Holda, Nerthus, or Wode. Frigga is the mother of Baldr and Hodr. Frigga is known to be the principal goddess of fertility.

Odin's third wife was Rind or Rinda, the goddess of frozen soil and the mother of Vali.

Odin's son, Thor, is connected to thunder, the sky, fertility, crops, and the law. When the Vikings heard thunder, they were not afraid, because to them it only meant that Thor was at work killing frost giants. Thor's weapon was a powerful hammer called Mjolner.



Image: Frigga spinning the clouds by J.C. Dollman 1909

Mjolner was created by two dwarves, Brock and Sindri. This hammer was one of his most valuable possessions. He used the hammer to split open the skulls of frost-giants and mountain giants.

In addition to Mjolner, Thor is known for having two goats, named Tangnjos and Tangrisner, that draw his chariot. According to Viking mythology he also cooks the goats, using their flesh as sustenance, after which he uses his hammer to bring them back to life the day after. Thor also has a belt of strength called Megingjard, which doubles his strength when he wears it. The last treasure he possesses is iron gloves, which he needs when he holds Mjolner.

Thor wasn't the most intelligent of all the gods, and was often taken advantage of by the other Gods.

In Viking mythology, Sif is Thor's beautiful wife. She is the fertility goddess, known for her golden hair that reached the ground. Thor and Sif were both extremely proud of her hair until it was cut off by Loke while Sif slept. Thor approached Loke and threatened him, telling him to bring Sif new hair that grows, not merely a wig. Loke saved himself by summoning Dvalin the dwarf, who used his magic and talent to create new hair for Sif.

Find out more about the Vikings in the next edition of The Little Mermaid.

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Writing/Editing— Assist with The Little Mermaid, including condensing articles, and writing articles of interest to the Danish community.

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Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	1 New Years Day Office Closed (S)	2 Work Party (S)	3 DBIA/DSS (S)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Onsdagsklubben (S)	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Bogklub (P)	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Februar 2018

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
				1 Book Sale (S)	2 Fredagscafe (S) Book Sale (S)	3 Book Sale (S)
4	5	6 Work Party (S)	7 DBIA/DSS (S)	8	9	10 Fastelavn (P)
11 Fastelavn (S)	12	13	14 Onsdagsklubben (S)	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Nordic Ventures (S) Hyggeaften (P)	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
				1	2 Fredagscafe (S)	3
4	5	6 Work Party (S)	7 DBIA/DSS (S)	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Onsdagsklubben (S) Bogklub (P)	22 Nordic Ventures (S)	23	24
25 Påskefrokost (S)	26	27	28	29	30	31

(P)= Portland, (S) = Seattle

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A Semester Abroad in Seattle

By Kamilla Hansen

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the nature in the Pacific Northwest. It is amazing how on a clear day the view of Mt. Rainier, Seattle skyline in the night or not to mention the Seattle sunsets can take my breath away every time I see them. Those views and moments is one thing I will miss for sure.

Seattle, this is not a goodbye, but a see you soon.

Harvesting Trees and Making Chocolate

By Jan Bruun-Petersen

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with friends and family. It was a joy to swim in the salt water. Danish coastal waters can be between 1 and 3 percent salt (where we swam was about 1 percent, while near Skagen it is about 3 percent). The Great Salt Lake in the US is from 5 to 27 percent, whereas the Dead Sea (surrounded by Israel, Palestine and Jordan) has about 32 percent salt.

For many Danes, when they hear the name Bogø, they think of chocolate, not the island. There is a story that goes with that famous chocolate. Just after the Russian revolution, the family Kogut immigrated to Denmark. Their son became a waffle baker and then later, he opened a chocolate store on Valby Langgade in Copenhagen. The third generation granddaughter, Anne-Lise Kogut Andersen became a

medical secretary at Hvidovre Hospital. She and her husband, Frank, started making chocolates in 1977 in their own kitchen at home on Nybygade on Bogø while she also worked in Hvidovre. Later on the same street, she opened a small factory for 150 workers to increase production. Eventually the business, was making 50 million kroner a year and selling internationally.

Anne-Lise opened a chocolate museum on Farø. In 1993, the candy-making owners of BonBon-Land purchased Bogø Chocolate and in 2001 the Toms group bought BonBon, but they still market the Bogø brand. She also got in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest marzipan bar. The current record is still held by Danes. The children of Schuberts Minde Treatment Center in Ringkøbing. The center was originally built as an orphanage in 1951 and today is a place where children live, that have difficulties living at home with their families). The children made the bar 73 feet 11 inches long.

On the island of Bogø, there has been a boarding school since 1887 with about 300 students. There is also a windmill originally built in 1852 to grind grain. When the islanders, had to also pay the king to finally buy the mill, it cost 61 rigsdalere from harvesting more trees. Today the mill is used as a tourist bureau.

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January 10: Onsdagsklubben
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Monthly Events

- Work Party — First Tuesday, Seattle
- DBIA & DSS — First Wednesday, Seattle
- Fredagscafe — First Friday, Seattle
- Onsdagsklubben — Third Wednesday, Seattle

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The Little Mermaid



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