# The Little Mermaid

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#### Our 95th Year

By Line L Larsen

2018 is a year to be celebrated for Northwest Danish Association (NWDA). The Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR) turned 40, programs across the board are thriving, and the organization itself just turned 95.

95 years is cause for a celebration. On August 18th, NWDA's anniversary, we opened the doors to the Seattle Danish Center for a traditional open house with "kaffe og kage" (coffee and cake).



Photo: NWDA Board Members, Gary Korsgaard and Karla Craig, with the delectable kransekage donated by Larsen's Bakery



Photo: NWDA member. Otto Brask. kindly repainted our sign

In Denmark this is a common way to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. For an additional touch we served champagne to properly toast to the 95 years. It became a "kaffe og kage ... og champagne" celebration.

As with 'extra special' occasions in Denmark, the featured cake was kransekage. The masterpiece, which was donated by Larsen's Bakery, was proudly on display in the middle of the Seattle Danish Center. It was complete with a marzipan sign that said "Celebrating 95 Years."

Guests trickled in and mingled. Many

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Northwest Danish\_ Association

#### **Important Reminder:**

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Northwest Danish Association is on October 20th at 3:00 pm at the Seattle Danish Center (1833 N 105th Street, Suite 205, Seattle, WA 98133).

All members are encouraged to attend. See page 3 for more details and to get a peek at the Danish dinner menu by Jørn Mathiasen!

#### Risalamande, the Danish Christmas Dessert

By Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi

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A nisse and a homemade card by Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi



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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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

Remember, you can now follow NWDA on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter!









#### We are Growing in Memberships

By Dr. Edith E. Christensen

This year has been an exciting time. There are more and more people interested and attending programs and the memberships are growing.

There has been much talk about "hygge" since our Danish word was added to the Oxford Dictionary. More people are aware of the little country of Denmark.

Just for a little more trivia. It is exciting to tell people that Bluetooth technology is named after a Danish King. It was named for King Harold Bluetooth, a Viking king of Denmark in the late 900's when he ruled Denmark and southern England.

Did you also know that the largest shipping company in the world is Danish? It is the Maersk Shipping Company.

We have many events in Portland and Seattle for NWDA members. Be sure to read our Wednesday e-bulletins to find out about current events in Oregon and Washington. It is a busy time of year so be sure to read this Little Mermaid for the many events coming up this fall and beyond.

Mark your calendars for next summer's Himmelbjerget Camp for tween and teenagers. Don't forget about the Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR) for interesting programs about Denmark and other interesting topics revolving around history and modern times. We reserve the amount of space we need well in advance so be sure to watch for registration dates. Both Himmelbjerget and DACR are held near Corbett, Oregon at the beautiful Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.

The Danish Community Picnics in both Portland and Seattle were well attended with good food, friendships, conversation, and fun activities.

The next thing coming up this month is the Annual meeting of the members and the dinner following. Members come from near and far for a great Danish style dinner. It is prepared by our Danish chef Jorn Mathiasen.

The menu begins with a Danish soup with flour dumplings and meat balls, beef brisket, potatoes with pickled beets, vegetables, and topped off with Danish Applecake for dessert. With this you also get to have drinks of beer, wine, coffee and tea. A delight for all. It brings back memories of meals I had on the farm at home as a child.

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### NWDA News



#### **2018 Annual Membership Meeting**

3:00 pm - Saturday, October 20th, 2018

#### Seattle Danish Center

1833 N 105th Street, Suite 205 Seattle, WA 98133

All members are encouraged to attend!

The Northwest Danish Association membership meeting is an annual opportunity for members to come together and receive updates on the status of their organization. Come hear about what we have been doing for our community and have a say in what is to come!

#### Social Hour & Annual Dinner to follow!

<u>Reservations are required</u> by October 12th for the social hour and annual dinner following the membership meeting.

5:00 pm—Saturday October 20th, 2018

Danish Menu by Jørn Mathiasen



Suppe med grøntsager, kød- og mel- boller (Soup with vegetables, meatballs, and dumplings)

Oksebryst med peberrodssauce, syltede rødbeder, og kartofler (Beef brisket with creamed horseradish sauce, pickled red beets, and potatoes)

Dessert: Æblekage med flødeskum (Danish apple cake with whipped cream)

Gluten free and vegetarian options available upon request.

Beer and wine are included.

Make your dinner reservations online, go to: www.northwestdanish.org/annual-membership-meeting/

#### 2019 Summer Programs: Save the Date

Danish American Cultural Retreat: June 21 to 23, 2019 Himmelbjerget Danish Camp: June 23 to 29, 2019

Both programs to be held at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett Oregon.



#### New PenPal Program!

Northwest Danish Association is partnering with KonTiki Skole in Hillerød, Denmark to help kids learn English!

Establish a fun friendship via snail mail with a child in Denmark.
Participants will write and receive 2 letters per semester.

Sign up online or give us a call to be matched with a child! Visit:

www.northwestdanish.org/penpals/ Or call (206) 523-3263



# The New Northwest Danish Networking Platform

Are you looking for a job, a new hire, housing, or some other connection? The new Northwest Danish Networking Platform allows you to find the connections you need in our community.

The Little Mermaid (page 11) will include a section with featured opportunities.

To see all network posts, visit our website: www.northwestdanish.org/network/

## NWDA Membership Form



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Current Address:						
City:	State:	Zip:		Phone:		
Email(s) (required):						
☐ Check here if you do NOT want to receive e-bulletins with updates on events, programs, and activities						
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## Denmark



#### 10 things I love about Denmark

By Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi



Danish flag by My Stamped World.

About Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi: Maria is currently based in Kirkland, WA and she has chosen printmaking as the expression of her art. She designs and carves her own rubber stamps to create original compositions, such as the Dannebrog or Danish flag (pictured). You can follow her Art Studio called My Stamped World on Instagram (@mystampedworld) or Facebook, or contact her directly for a custom design: mystampedworld@gmail.com

Originally from Argentina, I lived for 5 years in Denmark before moving to Seattle one year ago. While still settling down in America, let me share with you some reasons why I fell in love with this Scandinavian country.

#### People

- 1. Making friends was not easy and people didn't seem very friendly, at first. However, with time, my family and I were able to build strong bonds of friendship. When Danish friends open their home's door, they also open their heart to you.
- 2. Elderly people being strong, active

and supportive. I was impressed to see how healthy the Danish senior generation is. My neighbor, age 86, would take care of her garden all year round, with immense pride. She would invite me over to enjoy her roses while having a glass of wine.

3. Children are welcome everywhere. It is so smart and convenient to find toys or child-friendly spots literally everywhere, from a fancy restaurant to the bank office.

#### Food

- 4. Danish bread and sweet pastry are world famous but coming from a country with delicious food as well, I had to try them in person and now... I totally agree! *Rugbrød* and *kanelsnegle* are my favorites.
- 5. Grilling culture during summer: literally everything can be taken to the grill, even any fruit or vegetable. It's very nice to enjoy a barbecue by the lake in summer, thanks to portable grilling devices that I had never seen before.
- 6. Lovely traditions during Christmas time, include baking æbleskiver and pebernødder. And beware of the little dwarfs called *nisser*, playing tricks on you by this time of the year as well.

#### Culture

7. Ride a bike, rain or shine, day and night. Not only do all streets have bike lanes, so that all places are connected and available for you and your two-wheeled vehicle, but also, it's so much fun to go past lakes and green areas on your daily commute. I would ride a Christiania bike

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#### The Musical, Muddy, and Magnificent Roskilde Festival

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Photo: Jan Bruun-Petersen in front of Roskilde Festival participants with their camping gear on the steps of the train station

Thirty miles west of Copenhagen is the city of Roskilde that has been around since the age of the Vikings. The gothic cathedral from 1275 houses the 39 tombs of the Danish monarchs. Up until the church reformation, Roskilde was also the capital of Denmark and where the coins were minted.

The three main attractions for tourists coming to Roskilde are the cathedral, the Viking Ship Museum and the Roskilde Festival. The ship museum mainly focuses on the five ships that had been pulled out of the nearby Roskilde Fjord in 1962. In 1070, the five ships had been purposely sunk to block the waterway travelling to Roskilde, so an enemy could not approach by sea.

The Roskilde Festival is a music festival created for hippies in 1971. Today it has 175 bands playing with 130,000 festival participants. It runs for four days (starting from the first Thursday in July, or the last Thursday in

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## Dansk Jul in the Pacific Northwest



## **Portland**

#### ScanFair

December 1 & 2

Enjoy the sights, tastes, sounds, and traditions of a glorious Nordic Christmas at the Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Listen to music and enjoy other festivities such as the pickled herring and meatball eating contests. NWDA will be selling æbleskiver to raise funds for Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. Stop by our booth for delicious treats!

Go to www.scanheritage.org/scanfair/ for more information













#### **Julefest**

December 8 (Note: Date subject to change)

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Christmas celebration at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Ave. The event is sponsored by the Danish Sisterhood and NWDA. Julefest includes Danish crafts, singing and dancing around the tree, a visit from Julemanden, and more.

Adults \$5/adult, children under 18 free

#### Lillejuleaften Service

December 21

Join in for a Danish Christmas service in Portland on December 21st at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. Susanne Rasmussen, from the Danish Church of Vancouver has kindly agreed to do the service this year!

Following the service in both English and Danish, join us for coffee and singing Christmas carols. Please bring your favorite pastry to share.

## Seattle

#### **Danish Xmas Bazaar**

November 4

The annual Danish Holiday Bazaar offers unique gifts, Christmas items from Denmark, cookies, cake, and much more. Come by and enjoy delicious smørrebrød (authentic Danish open-faced sandwiches) and do your holiday shopping! The Bazaar is open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.













#### **Danish Xmas Beer Fest**

November 30

The start of Christmas beer season is celebrated in high spirits in Denmark. NWDA is bringing the Danish festivities to Seattle for the third year in a row.

Come taste various Danish Christmas beer and other Danish treats. The fest starts at 7:00 pm at the Seattle Danish Center.

## Julefrokost TBA.

Plans for a small Danish julefrokost in Seattle are in the making together with community partners.

Stay tuned as the event unfolds. Seats will be limited.

NWDA members will have priority for reservations.

#### Julestue

December 9

Julestue is Sunday, December 9 from 2 to 5 pm at the Seattle Danish Center (Harmony Hall). Come make traditional Danish decorations, learn about nisser and sing and dance around the Christmas tree.

Refreshments will be served. Tickets will be available to purchase online or by phone starting in November. Ticket prices increase after December 3.

#### Torsdagsklubben

December 13

Make plans now to attend the Christ-mas-themed Torsdagsklubben on December 13 at noon. The menu will feature ham with kale, Danish style glazed potatoes, and risalamande for dessert!

Please **RSVP** by Friday, December 7th by calling us at 206-523-3263 or email seattle@nwdanish.org

#### Lillejuleaften

December 23

The Danish Christmas Service for Lillejuleaften in Seattle is at St. John United Lutheran Church on December 23 at 7:00 pm.

Come and enjoy a truly Danish tradition. The service this year is by Pastor Susanne Rasmussen from the Danish Church of Vancouver!

Watch our weekly e-bulletins for updates on this event.

## Jul and More



#### Risalamande, the Danish Christmas Dessert

By Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi



Image by pulze.dk

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Risalamande—This is the name of the most famous and traditional Danish dessert for Christmas. It literally means "rice with almonds" and those are the basic ingredients. I've taken the recipe from *arla.dk*, where you can find many other easy and delicious recipes to try and taste.

You will need:

3 dl (or 10 fl oz or 1.25 cups) water

180 g (or 6.4 oz or 1 cup) short grain white rice

1 l (or 34 fl oz or 4 cups) milk

 $100 \ \mathrm{g}$  (or  $3.5 \ \mathrm{oz}$  or  $1 \ \mathrm{cup}$ ) peeled almonds

2 vanilla beans

2 tablespoons sugar

0,5 l (or 17 fl oz or 2 cups) whipping cream

Cherry sauce in the desired amount

#### How it's done:

Boil the water with the rice in a deep pan (the pan should have a lid, that will be used later). On an even fire, stir regularly for about 2 minutes. Add the milk and continue to stir, under stronger fire.

Set the fire to a lower level, stir for about 1 more minute and cover with the lid.

Cook for about 40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until done. It's better if the rice is cooked on the previous day. Set to cool down and then refrigerate.

Set one almond aside, and then chop the rest roughly.

Mix the rice with the vanilla, the sugar and the chopped almonds (risengrød).

Whip the cream and add about 1/3 of it to the *risengrød*. Slowly add the rest of the whipped cream, the whole almond \* and mix.

Place it in the fridge until it will be served. Add warm cherry sauce to each serving.

\*A fun fact about this dessert is that it is traditionally used as a game. The person who finds the whole almond in their dessert portion, becomes the winner of a special prize. Tradition is that the prize is a little pig made of marzipan! But of course, it can also be something else.

I hope you try this recipe this Christmas and share it with your family and friends.

God Jul.

#### Danish Song Evening in Oregon

By Bodil Muller

On September 26, a happy group of Danes enjoyed a great time singing many beautiful Danish songs, this time accompanied by three talented musicians. The 23 participants had a



Image: Danish song group in Oregon

very good time talking with old and new friends, and were in no hurry at all to leave the coffee and pastry!

## Oregon: Danish Movie Event

By Bodil Muller



More than 30 happy Danes gathered on September 8 to enjoy a delicious lunch consisting of "snitter", small Danish open faced sandwiches, beautifully made by three of our members. We enjoyed Danish beer or other drinks, followed by coffee and dessert.

The Danish movie with English subtitles, "Hvidsten Gruppen", was just excellent, exciting and very touching. Because the topic was the resistance movement in Denmark during World War II, a few of our members, who remembered the events of that time, shared their memories with the group.

It seems that everyone is interested in more Danish movie events, so we will plan for that. We need to raise funds for a larger TV so that everyone can see!

## The Dawn of the Viking Age



#### **Fenris**

Viking Series: Part 15

Summarized based on Hudson Publications Event Bookazines 2013, "Vikings: Their Myths and Legends." For Part 14 of this article, see Issue #2018-2019 Volume 1 of The Little Mermaid

Fenris the wolf was Loke's son who had become so dangerous that the Gods tied him with 'Gleipner', a very strong chain. Gleipner consisted of 6 things:

- -the footfall of cats
- -the beard of a woman
- -the roots of the mountain
- -the sinews of the bear
- -the breath of the fish
- -the spittle of the birds

They were certain this fetter would hold down the wolf, due to the impossible ingredients. For example, one cannot hear the footfall of cats. In a deal the gods made with Fenris, one of the gods had to put his hand in the wolf's mouth, as the wolf was tied down. Tyr stepped up to the plate, and stuck his right hand in the wolf's mouth. As Fenris tried to escape from the hold of the strong fetter, the band grew tighter the more he pulled against it. All the gods laughed, except for Tyr, who lost his hand.

"When the gods saw that the wolf was sufficiently well bound, they took the chain which was fixed to the fetter, and which was called Gelgja, and drew it through a large rock which is called Gjol, and fastened this rock deep down in the earth. Then they took a large stone, which is called Tvite, and drove it still deeper into the ground, and used this stone for a fastening-pin. The wolf opened his mouth terribly wide, raged and twisted himself with all his



Image: Fenris and Tyr

might, and wanted to bite them; but they put a sword in his mouth, in such a manner that the hilt stood in his lower jaw and the point in the upper, that is his gag. He howls terribly, and the saliva which runs from his mouth forms a river called Von. There he will lie until Ragnarok."

The question that remained was, since these children of Loke were so bad, and difficult to deal with, why didn't the gods just kill them? The children were after all expected to be evil. The answer was that the gods had so much respect for holy forces and the peace-stead, that they would never let blood from the wolf tarnish them, despite the huge nuisance they created for Odin.

## 10 things I love about Denmark

By Maria del Mar Beaumont Fantozzi

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(famous Danish cargo bike) to drop my two kids off at school and then go to work. I really miss it!

- 8. Home decoration experts. In Denmark I learned more about furniture and matching styles as ever before. Every Danish citizen seems to have a natural born good taste for quality objects and design. Every Danish home's decoration is planned to the detail, very functional and lovely to the eyes as well.
- 9. Work-life balance. Free time is sacred in this country, and everyone has a hobby (or two), and belongs to an association, sports club or volunteers. And this is so healthy!
- 10. Hygge. Basically, follow these steps: light some candles, find a cozy spot full of pillows in your sofa, pour some wine in your glass and engage in a relaxed conversation with someone you care about. Repeat every time you can.

#### The Annual Pete Christensen Frikadelle Dinner Fundraiser

Eat frikadeller and support Himmelbjerget Danish Camp!

11:00 am—October 13th, 2018 Bethany Lutheran Church

Cost: \$30.00 per person.

Please RSVP—by October 7th to Hanne Wagner at: hanwag@aol.com or at 971.258.5110



Hosted by: Danish Brotherhood, Danish Sisterhood, NWDA

## NW Danish Calendar



#### Oktober 2018

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	1	2 Work Party (S)	3 DBIA/DSS (S)	4	5 Fredagscafe (S)	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Pete Christensen Frikadelle Fundraiser (P)
14	15	16	17 Dansk Bogklub (P)	18 Torsdagsklubben (S)	19	20 Annual Meeting and Dinner (S)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

#### November 2018

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
				1	2 Fredagscafe (S)	3
4 Jule Bazaar (S)	5	6 Work Party (S)	7 DBIA/DSS (S)	8	9	10 Carl Remming Memorial (S)
11	12	13	14	15 Torsdagsklubben (S)	16	17 Seattle Danes Soccer Party (S) Gløgg Party (P)
18	19	20	21 Dansk Bogklub (P) (Seattle office closed at noon)	22 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office closed)	23 (Office closed)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Danish Xmas Beer Fest (S)	

#### December 2018

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
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2	3	4 Work Party (S)	5 DBIA/DSS (S)	6	7 Fredagscafe (S)	8 Julefest (P) (date subject to change)
9 Julestue (S)	10	11	12	13 Torsdagsklubben (S)	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Lillejuleaften (P)	22
23 Lillejuleaften (S)	24 Glædelig Jul! (Office closed)	25 (Office closed)	26	27	28	29
30	31 (Office closed)	1 Godt Nytår! (Office closed)				

#### (P)= Portland, (S) = Seattle

For more information on these events, programs, and activities, please visit our website: www.northwestdanish.org Events are subject to change. Join our e-bulletin via our website for notification of any changes.









## Donations: Thank you!



### **Donations: July to September 2018**

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#### Great Dane (\$500-\$999) Vagn Noeddelund

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#### In Honor of Linda and Ernst Jensen's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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#### 95th Anniversary Celebration

Edith Christensen
Janet Krall
Justin Blair & Annelise Kromann
Line Larsen
Britt Pfaff-Dunton
Gloria Steberl

#### Scholarship Fund

**Britt Pfaff-Dunton** 

#### The Musical, Muddy, and Magnificent Roskilde Festival

By Jan Bruun-Petersen

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June). Originally in 1971, it ran for two days emulating festivals like the American Woodstock. Twenty years ago, the festival has begun to have more of an international following especially with visits by Germans, Australians and the British. Previously it was mostly known just by Scandinavians.

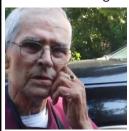
In 1978, one of the stages became the Canopy Scene which was acquired from England, which was earlier used by the Rolling Stones and Queen. It is noteworthy for its large orange tent fabric. The shape and color of the Canopy Scene are used to represent the festival in logo form today. There is also a Green Stage which can have 17,000 people (the largest in Europe).

Some of the music acts that participated this year that I recognize are: Nick Cave, Eminem, Gorillaz, Cardi B, Nine Inch Nails, Bruno Mars, David Byrne, CV Jørgensen, and Charlotte Gainsbourg. There was also whistle-blower Chelsea Manning giving an interview on one of the stages as part of the arts and debate section of the festival.

This year was the first year, where the toilets were connected to water and electricity plus no cash accepted any longer at the festival. Starting next year Roskilde will also be the first Danish city where all 20 of its bus lines will be electric only.

#### In Loving Memory of Carl Remming

Carl Remming, passed away on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018. Carl was a proud member of NWDA and DBIA. Because of his love for Denmark he stayed active in the Danish community here in Seattle. He was a volunteer in the Work Party crew for many years and frequented the monthly Onsdagsklubben luncheons. He will be greatly missed.



A memorial for Carl will be held on November 10th at the Seattle Danish Center.

## More



#### Our 95th Year

By Line L Larsen



Photo: NWDA member, Jeff, enjoying champagne and the photo albums at NWDA's 95th anniversary celebration.

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floated around the photo albums we had set up on long tables. We had to pull up extra tables to fit all the photo collections—the history of the organization has after all become quite a long one.

The albums tell an interesting and multifaceted history. The older albums contain newspaper articles, pictures, letters, and drawings, some of which date back to 1923. The letters and articles include the names of the founders of the organization. The founders were a group of loyal Danes in Seattle who were committed to reaching out and building community, with a special focus on assisting elders. Other photo albums showed images from Dane Camp, Himmelbjerget Danish Camp, Julestue, and other events. Most of the events and programs pictured are still active today.

The old pictures and articles became a

visual supplement to the full story of NWDA; a story that pieced together throughout the afternoon. NWDA president, Edith Christensen, took the stage to tell the in-depth history of the organization, starting from its inception 95 years ago. The microphone was passed around the room to those who wished to share their memories.

Joe Matsen recalled the late-night meetings between members in cigar-smoke filled rooms when he was a child. Joe is a longtime member of NWDA who undoubtedly knows more of the organization's history than most, due to his and his family's dedicated involvement and their role in the earlier years.

NWDA Vice President and longtime member, Gary Korsgaard, remembered the Julefrokost events each year at Washington Hall as well as his favorite memories from the well-attended annual picnics each summer.

This afternoon celebration in the middle of August at the Seattle Danish Center celebrated and revived the story of NWDA. The history of the organization was retold through the pictures and chronicles; and the story came full circle as guests mingled and memories circulated.

The afternoon gave a true sense of the depth and the meaning of NWDA, thanks to the faces of the organization. NWDA's mission has expanded throughout its history, but continues to have Danish culture, connections, and community services at its core. The heartfelt dedication of NWDA's members and their commitment to the mission, is the reason for the organization's long history. A dedication to the community that began with a group of loyal Danes 95 years ago.



#### NORTHWEST DANISH NETWORK

Featured opportunities in our network

#### Interested in teaching Danish?

NWDA is looking for someone to teach Danish for an important youth language program for our Danish community in Seattle. This is a paid position teaching Danish language (and culture) to children and adolescents from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>grade on Saturdays for 1.5 to 2 hours.

#### Scan | Design is hiring!

Scan design Contemporary Furniture has openings for sales associates and designers. Previous sales, design, or decor experience preferred. Flexible hours.

Weekend availability preferred.



# For more posts visit www.northwestdanish.org/ network/

Interested in these opportunities or interested in adding an opportunity to the network? Contact us!
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#### **Monthly Events**

- •Work Party First Tuesday, Seattle (except July & August)
- •DBIA & DSS First Wednesday, Seattle (except July & August)
- •Fredagscafe First Friday, Seattle (except January & July)
- •Torsdagsklubben Third Thursday, Seattle (except July & August)

Watch our e-bulletins each week for specific times and dates of programs. Note: Monthly events are subject to change.

Some programs do not run in the summer.

#### Save the Date

#### WASHINGTON

October 2: Work Party October 5: Fredagscafe

October 18: Torsdagsklubben

October 20: Annual Meeting and Dinner

November 2: Fredagscafe November 4: Jule Bazaar November 6: Work Party

November 15: Torsdagsklubben

November 30: Danish Xmas Beer Fest

December 4: Work Party December 7: Fredagscafe December 9: Julestue

December 13: Torsdagsklubben December 23: Lillejuleaften

#### **OREGON**

October 13: Pete Christensen Frikadelle

Dinner

October 17: Dansk Bogklub November 17: Gløgg Party November 21: Dansk Bogklub December 21: Lillejuleaften

Check website or e-bulletin for changes.

# Little Mermaid

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