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With the Aroma of Elderflowers

By Mery Beaumont



Hello there! I'm an Argentinean gal who once lived for 5 years in the suburbs of Copenhagen. I have since moved to the Pacific Northwest. I treasure countless memories and fun culture shock experiences from my days in Denmark. It was an amazing journey and I'd like to share a tiny bit with you today.

Back then, it was February 2014 – and a very cold winter, when we arrived in Denmark, straight from the middle of the summer in our home town, Buenos Aires. Two months later, by mid-April, there was still snow all over and freezing temperatures. Even though everything looked just the same to me, no difference from the winter time, still wearing the same heavy warm jacket, people

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'The Dane' Turns 2

By Line Larsen

March's Fredagscafe was one for the books. The Dane, where NWDA hosts the monthly event, turned 2. Although it was The Dane's 2 års Jubilæum, The Dane made it feel like a celebration for NWDA.

As the only Danish-speakers in the room, the group from NWDA happily sang the Danish birthday song to The Dane. The Dane and NWDA have been growing a strong partnership in the past 2 years. NWDA brings in lots of enthused customers—often putting a dent in their Carlsberg- and smørrebrød- supply. The Dane in turn gives members of NWDA a discount during Fredagscafe.



For The Dane's 2 års jubilæumsfest that took place on Friday March 1st, the staff bought NWDA's Fredagscafe group a

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Denmark: A World Leader in Green Solutions

By Line Larsen

It is no secret that Denmark has been a global leader in the fight against climate change. Known for its bicycling culture, wind power technology, sustainable infrastructure, and other green solutions, the country has been a trailblazer in environmental sustainability.



In October 2018, the UN released a climate report that declared a state of global emergency. The UN report last year painted a bleak picture of a planet headed for catastrophic changes unless global actors take immediate action. Such changes include rising sea levels, heat waves, flooding, and further population displacement. UN chief, António Guterres, said the report should be received as an "ear-splitting wake-up call". Not all countries have reacted swiftly to the alarming research. Many actors in Denmark were already planning further green transitions and the UN report seemed to kick them into high gear.

The Danish government, municipalities, businesses, and the public, are facing the issue head on and coming up with new ways to put the brakes on climate change. This is also in an effort to progress and develop as a nation. Green solutions are pushed in context with the country's growth and development. Several plans were already in the pipeline and began to manifest in Denmark after the UN report. Here are a few ex-

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Support Summer events

By Edith E. Christensen, EdD
President

There are exciting programs this summer for you to enjoy and develop yourselves in Danish traditions and culture. You won't want to miss an opportunity to participate with others in these adventures.

The Danish American Cultural Retreat is held from June 21 to 23 this year at the beautiful Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon. Speakers present interesting information on various aspects of current topics as well as Danish culture and history. Speakers include Mark Schleck, Danish Consul in Seattle and Susanne Rasmussen from Canada. Sonja Kromann does a great job getting fantastic presenters for this three-day conference. A special feature this year is a presentation about Dannebrog as this is the 800th Anniversary. We will also have a display from the Museum of Danish America in Iowa, regarding this historic event. Come and learn more about the Danish flag and hear other speakers.

We also have Danish classes offered during some of the breaks, Danish pastry with coffee, and singing time in Wright Hall. Special events/entertainment at the Kro in the evening at Creevey Hall ends each day. Walks in the forest and grounds at Menucha offer a pleasant break from great presentations.

For children from ten to eighteen there is the all time favorite camp – Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. It is also held at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett Oregon along the south side of the Columbia river and just about 20 miles east of Portland. This year the theme is Danish castles. The students will learn and participate in Danish inspired activities for a week from June 23 to 29. Reservations are currently taking place. For information and registrations go to the Himmelbjerget website, nwdanishcamp.com.

Then for children from 5 to 10 years old there is the annual Dane Camp for Little Vikings held at the Seattle Danish Center from August 5 to 9th. Registrations are now taking place for this camp as well. You can find the forms on our northwestdanish.org website or call the office for information.

Scholarships for campers are offered through the various Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood organizations. Fund raisers are held to keep the Camp costs low compared to other camps. We recently sent out a letter requesting donations to the camps in order to keep the costs lower for everyone. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NWDA News



Nordic Ventures 2019: Denmark's Occupation and Liberation during WWII

The year was 1940. Denmark was under attack. Follow Nordic Ventures this year for insight into how WWII unfolded in Denmark from German occupation to Denmark's liberation more than five years later.

April 9th: The Battle Begins

APRIL 9th—6:30 pm

Film: *9. April* (Eng. *April 9th*)
Danish with English Subtitles

Denmark was occupied on April 9th 1940. Come watch the film "April 9th" about this day in history. Dig into the history with commentary by Professor Marianne Stecher from the University of Washington Department of Scandinavian Studies.

Hvidsten Gruppen

MAY 5th—6:30 pm

Film: *Hvidsten Gruppen*
(Eng. *This Life*)

Danish with English Subtitles
Denmark was liberated from German forces on May 5th 1945. In commemoration of this day, the film "Hvidsten Gruppen" will be shown. The film is about a Danish resistance group during WWII.

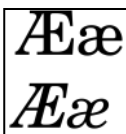
78 RPM

May 23rd—6:30 pm

Book Talk - Flemming Behrend

78 RPM is a book written by Flemming Behrend about his family. He retells stories from the lives of various members of his family. Through the stories, snippets of European history emerge, including a joyous depiction of the end of World War II from a family member's perspective.

All sessions are held at the Seattle Danish Center. Visit www.northwestdanish.org/nordicventures to find out more.



Seeking Danish Speaker in Seattle for New Language Program!

Can you help us out? We have a wonderful opportunity for a Danish speaker in Seattle. Interest in our youth language program keeps growing. The program looks promising, but we are still on the look out for someone to teach Danish!

This is a paid position and salary is negotiable. Give us a call or send us an e-mail if you have any interest in teaching this program!

The classes will be once a week on the weekends. We are flexible with time and can figure out the best schedule that works for the teacher and program participants.

Take on this important role in our community and help us ensure access to Danish language and culture for younger generations in this region.



The 41st Annual Danish American Cultural Retreat

The Danish flag, said to be the oldest flag in the world, is turning 800 in June! Come celebrate with us at this year's Danish American Cultural Retreat from June 21st to 23rd at the Menucha Retreat & Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon.

Pastor Susanne Rasmussen will be driving down from the Danish Church of Vancouver to tell us about the beloved Danish flag. Other speakers in the 2019 program include Honorary Danish Consul of WA, Mark Schleck. More program details are being announced.

Registrations are now open! Visit our website to register:
www.northwestdansih.org/dacr/

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City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Email(s) (required):			
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For organization/business memberships please see our website or contact us

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Membership Information:

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Dues renewal date is **JULY 1** each year.

For more information on membership and benefits,
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Add a tax-deductible donation (Check boxes that apply)

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Oregon Events and More



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Portland Film Event on February 16

By Bodil Muller

Before the event, Bo Schulz-Andersen, Phil Baker, Hanne Wagner, and Kaja Voldbaek had some busy week-ends setting up the big, new TV-screen, and cleaning up the Danish Room in the Bethany Lutheran Church for the second of NWDA's new programs. That was particularly important, since so many of the members had participated in the November Gløgg Party to raise funds for this big-screen TV - it was definitely an improvement from the much smaller screen that we used for the first film event. Thank you so much to all the donors for making it possible.

Due to ice and snow, the Portland NWDA had to postpone the film evening from February 9th to February 16th. The program was scheduled at the Danish Room in Bethany Lutheran Church.

Even on the 16th it was a close call with forecast of more snow to follow, but 22 people made it and enjoyed "Fuglene over Sundet" - a film describing the efforts made during WW II to transport Danish Jews to safety across Øresund to Sweden. It was a sad beginning to many otherwise successful attempts that brought most of the Danish people of Jewish faith to the Swedish shores.

The film described the events that led to the killing of 83 Danes in a small town, Gilleleje, in the Northern part of Sjælland, and the reason for the tragedy. After the event everyone enjoyed discussing the film, or just visiting with friends, with some desserts and coffee to brighten the afternoon.

Another film event is planned for May 11th, 2:00 pm. Further notice will be sent via e-mail and newsletters.

April 11: Danish Happenings in Eugene



*Invitation from NWDA Board Member,
Lois Toftemark:*

The video **Hvidsten Gruppen** will be shown at the Danish Brotherhood meeting on April 11, 2019, in Eugene. There will be a potluck at 6:30 PM followed by a short business meeting and then the video.

Our meetings are held at the SON Lodge, 710 McKinley St., Eugene, OR. The same evening we also begin opportunities to learn and practice the Danish Language. Beginners Class and Conversation Class both begin at 5:15 PM on April 11th. Everyone welcome and there is no charge.

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By Mery Beaumont

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kept saying "foråret er på vej" (Spring is around the corner). Truth is every day I was more skeptical about it and had even started wondering if there could just exist a frozen season like Winter that the Vikings would call Spring?

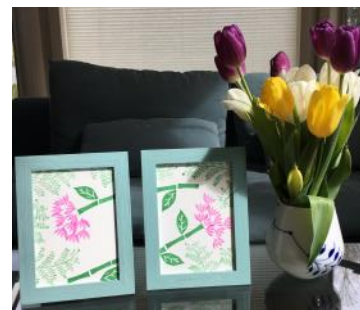
However, nature proved me wrong, and, eventually, from one day to another, little

white, yellow and purple flowers suddenly appeared in all houses' gardens and parks. Green leaves colored the landscapes, it was such an amazing Spring revelation. I was completely astonished. I took pictures of it everywhere I went.

We were renting a house in Bagsværd, and the landlord was one of the many Danes proud of their gardens. And, by the way, he would take care of the garden himself. It was a beautiful front and backyard, with even a pond with fish in it, with a colorful vegetation composition.

What surprised me the most, was the good amount of edible plant species that were so easy to find, and so yummy to try. We were so lucky, as we happen to have an elder tree in our yard. Our landlord helped us identify it before the Spring had arrived, and afterwards it was extremely easy to point, once the elderflowers bloomed. The perfume in the air was indescribable. We had a friend come over one day, and she was the one to unveil the hidden secret to us: we could use the elderflower to make delicious lemonade!

I not only made a huge batch of elderflower lemonade for that afternoon, but also turned it to ice cubes, so that we could add it to drinks and cocktails for the whole summer! This was one of the many life-changing discoveries during our stay in Denmark. Never take anything for granted, and just let yourself be amazed by the change of the seasons and by nature itself. Enjoy and Skål!



From Denmark



The Sounding of the Byhorn

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Image Jan Bruun-Petersen looking at the Hammer Church, with the old præstegård with the white chimney and thatched roof to the right of the church.

I live in the town of Næstved, which is also part of Næstved Kommune on the southern part of Zealand. A kommune is a municipality that includes many towns and/or villages, but the entire kommune has only one mayor. Hammer is one of the small villages in the kommune. It has some typical characteristics that are common for Danish villages.

Hammer has one of the oldest churches in the kommune. It was built around the year 1100. The yellow church stands rather high and visible from everywhere in Hammer. It is a good landmark to help people find the center of the village. Next to the church's graveyard is the old white præstegård where the priest would normally reside. Today a private family lives there, but the præstegård is protected by law as a historic piece of property from 1680.

Right next to the præstegård, there is the village gadekær. A gadekær is a natural or artificial pond. Normally they existed in the middle of the old part of a village. Nowadays they just look nice,

but in the old days they served two functions: they were the watering hole for the village's animals and a reservoir of water in case of a fire.

Also in the same area are some large rocks assembled in a ring for people to sit on. This was the bystævne or the meeting of the local farmers where they would meet after the blowing of the byhorn. Many of the decisions they made were legally binding. Blowing once on the byhorn, would mean there would be a meeting, while blowing twice meant that the village would need help putting out a fire.

Some of the other important buildings in Hammer are the old riding school from 1724, the old Husflidsskole (still used to make arts and crafts), and the missionshus (typically used by the Danish Christian movement Indre Mission for bible study and fellowship). On Sundays, the villagers would use the church. There is also a forsamlingshus for non-religious functions that helps tie the little commu-

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amples of these actors making some recent green moves in Denmark:

The Danish Government

Within a few days of the UN climate report release, Danish prime minister, Lars Løkke Rasmussen, announced a climate proposal called "Sammen om en grønnere fremtid" ('Together for a Greener Future'). The 38-point strategy includes plans for cleaner shipping, cheaper electric cars, and more support for climate research. The overarching goal for the initiative is to make Denmark carbon-neutral by the year 2050.

The City of Copenhagen

Copenhagen has a green plan of its own. The city aims to be the world's first carbon-neutral city by 2025. The city is focusing on clean energy to transport its citizens, heat homes, remove trash, and generate electricity. All apartment buildings in Copenhagen now have 8 bins to sort various kinds of trash and recycling. Wind power generates electricity for the city and heat is generated by high-tech incinerators. One incinerator even has a year-round ski slope on top of it. Since 2005 Copenhagen has already reduced its emissions by 42%.

Danish Businesses

Businesses in Denmark have also been stepping up to the plate. Carlsberg is now set to abolish plastic rings on their beer cans in favor of a more sustainable glue. It has been projected the move will reduce plastic waste by 75%. Simon Hoffmeyer, Carlsberg's head of sustainability, said these 'snap packs' will decrease plastic use by 1,200 tons a year – which is the same as 60 million plastic bags – once production goes worldwide.

The Danish Society

In January of this year it took less than

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Seattle Events and More



Cook & Eat with Jørn

By Line Larsen



By the looks, smells, and sounds of it, the first Cook & Eat with Jørn was a huge success. Jørn spent a whole week preparing for the ambitious class that promised 3 kinds of pork tenderloin and all the fixings. He spent the week preparing the menu and subsequent recipes, while chopping and measuring ingredients.

Jørn set up his display table with everything he needed from burners to cutting boards and knives. Guests showed up and filled in the dining tables with a good view of Jørn and his set up.

The room quickly filled with warmth and laughter. As Jørn took participants through the steps of each recipe, he was sure to include intermittent 'skål' breaks and time for questions. Guests were encouraged to participate in the cooking as well as the sharing of cooking jokes. We all learned chefs on ships don't use leeks.

As the food neared completion, stomachs starting rumbling from the fragrant smells of the three kinds of pork loin and all the extra sides Jørn masterfully crafted together. The meal was intricate, but guests found the steps easy to

follow along with the printed recipes in front of them.

The event ended with the group dining together, finally sinking their teeth into the dishes they watched Jørn make. The comments guests shared after the event were nothing short of positive, some claiming it was their favorite NWDA event.

The next Cook & Eat with Jørn won't be one to miss. Be sure to sign up early—Space is very limited for this event. Join us on Friday, May 31st 2019 at 7pm at the Seattle Danish Center for an evening with Jørn.

The class includes a full meal, beer & wine, and a printed recipe. If you have requests on Danish dishes you would like to learn from Jørn, send us an e-mail at seattle@nwdanish.org or give us a call at (206) 523-3263.

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By Line Larsen

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round on the house. Little did they know, this follows tradition in Denmark—Danes buy their friends and coworkers drinks on their birthdays. The 'Hygge Haze' beer—a beer made specially for the occasion—was the drink of choice for many that evening.

The next Fredagscafe is Friday, April 5th at 7:30 pm. Don't miss out on our hygge!

The Dane is located at 8000 15th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117.



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By Jan Bruun-Petersen

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nity together. It was constructed in 1894.

The forsamlingshus is very active. There is rotating art on the walls from local artists. There are shared meals with neighbours. Once a year, the group, Hammer Dilettanterne prepares a play, which is shown four times at the forsamlingshus.

Lastly in 1960, a parish school was built in Hammer to take in students from local schools in Hammer, Fårup and Lov. Then those villages' schools were shut down. The parish school itself shut down in 2012, but was reopened as the Hammer Frie Privatskole with about 100 students today. About five kilometers away, there is a public school in the town of Mogenstrup with about 600 students. My two daughters are going to school in Mogenstrup.

The Dawn of the Viking Age



Valhalla

Viking Series: Part 17

Summarized based on Hudson Publications Event Bookazines 2013, "Vikings: Their Myths and Legends." For Part 16 of this article, see Issue #2018-2019 Volume 3 of The Little Mermaid

Valhalla, also known as Valhal, is a great hall where "einherjes", heroes of man killed in battle, are brought to fight. During the day they are in battle and by night they enjoy a feast together in fellowship.

The feast

It is said:

"Andhrimner cooks

In Eldhrimner

Sahrimner.

'Tis the best of flesh.

There are few who know

What the einhejres eat..."

The cook's name in Valhalla is Andhrimner and the kettle is Eldhrimner. Sahrimner is the boar whose flesh is boiled to eat every day. By night the Sahrimner is whole again. In Valhalla there is also plentiful to drink. There is a female goat in the great hall named Heidrun, who munches on Lerad, a famous tree. She bites the leaves off the branches. Everyday she fills a giant vessel in Valhalla with mead flowing from

her teats. There is so much mead that the einhejres fill their horns with the drink as many times as they please.

Valhalla and the Einhejres

As the story goes, Valhalla had

"five hundred doors

And forty more...

Eight hundred einherjes

Go at a time through one door

When they fare to fight with the wolf."

Each morning the einhejre get dressed and grab their weapons. They then enter the court to fight and slay each other. This is their kind of play. Around breakfast-time they ride back home Valhalla. They take a seat and begin to drink. Here the legend goes:

"All the einherjes

In Odin's court

Hew daily each other.

They choose the slain

And ride from the battle-field,

Then sit they in peace together."

-The Younger Edda of Snorri Sturluson

Valkyries

Slain heroes of war are carried into Valhalla by maidens called Valkyries. The heroes are served mead at the evening dinner by the maidens. Well-known Valkyries include ALvit, Brunhild, Gudrun, Olrun, Svanhvit and Swanhild. The maidens are the ones who choose which warriors will fight with the gods at Ragnarok.

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two weeks for a citizens' climate petition to gain enough signatures to reach Parliament. The petition was an effort to push Danish government to take more assertive action against climate change. Although there was not enough overall support once it reached parliament, government actors expressed future climate negotiations would draw inspiration from the petition. The petition is called 'Dansk klimalov nu' (Danish climate law now).

Denmark has already made a name for itself in the fight against climate change. And since the harrowing UN climate report, various actors in Denmark seem to have been fighting even harder. Despite the challenges in aligning numerous voices within a nation, Denmark keeps pushing forward in green technology and green policy. The 'green minded' roots of the nation continue to hold fast.

Alas a study this year has shown that Denmark is experiencing one of the fastest changes in temperatures in the world. Temperatures have increased twice as much as the global average. According to the Climatic Research Unit and the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research, the average temperature in Denmark has shot up by 1.02 degrees in the last three decades. The global average was a .43-degree increase.

With these new figures on the disproportionate speed of rising temperatures in Denmark, it seems the country has been given even more reason to fight. As we near 2025 and creep toward 2050, the country has its goals in sight. It doesn't look like little Denmark will be slowing down any time soon.

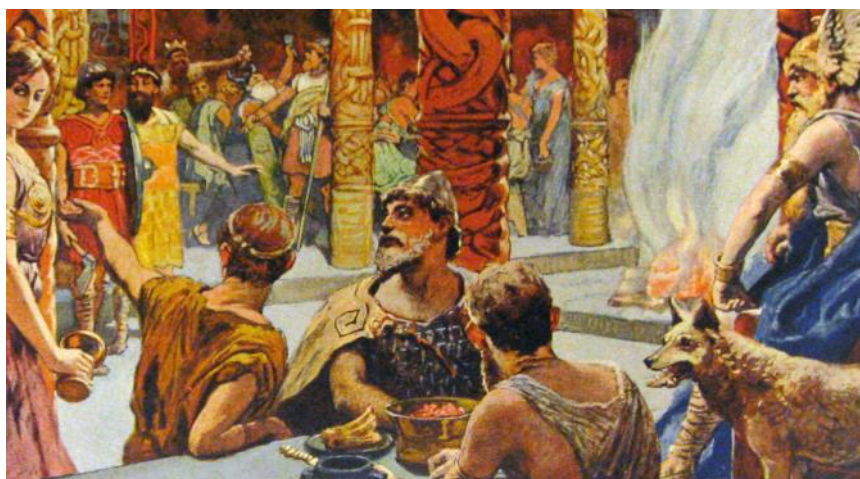


Image: Valhalla by Emil Doepler (1905)

NW Danish Calendar



April 2019

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	1	2 Work Party (S)	3 DBIA/DSS (S) Sangften (P)	4	5 Fredagscafe (S)	6 International Children's Friendship Festival (S)
7 International Children's Friendship Festival (S)	8	9 Nordic Ventures Movie Night: 9. April (S)	10	11 Danish Movie Night and More (E)	12	13
14	15	16 B'day Reception 6:30 pm for Queen Margrethe (S)	17	18 Torsdagsklubben (S)	19	20
21 God Påske!	22	23	24 Bogklub (P)	25	26 DBIA/DSS PNWD Convention	27 DBIA/DSS PNWD Convention
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May 2019

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
			1 DBIA/DSS (S)	2 Danes' Get-together (P)	3 Fredagscafe (S)	4
5 Nordic Ventures Movie Night: Hvidsten Gruppen (S)	6	7 Work Party (S)	8	9	10	11 Danish film night: Badehotellet (P)
12	13	14	15	16 Torsdagsklubben (S)	17	18
19 EHC Dinner at WA Hall (S)	20	21	22	23 Nordic Ventures Book Talk: 78 RPM (S)	24	25
26	27 Office Closed: Memorial Day (S)	28	29	30	31 Cook & Eat with Jørn (S)	

June 2019

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
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East Side Circle
Ernst and Linda Jensen
ScanFair
Susie Staats

In Memory Of Anker Sorensen

Edith & Frank Christensen
Sonja Kromann

Dane Camp

East Side Circle

Eldercare

Benevity Community Impact Cathe-
rine Askilsrud
Dannevirke
Ernst & Linda Jensen

In Memory of Anker Sorensen

Otto & Minna Brask

Julestue

Danish Brotherhood #29

Kitchen Appliances

Jette Bunch
Danish Brotherhood #29
Dannevirke
Danes Soccer Club
East Side Circle
Annemarie Lorenzen
Georg & Nina Pedersen
Wayne Small and Ane Ipsen

95th Anniversary Celebration

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

Scholarship Fund

Britt Pfaff-Dunton
Dannevirke
Georg & Nina Pedersen
Sandra & Melvin Nelson
NWDA Fredagscafe Fundraiser

Other



Obituary

Anker Sorensen

August 12th 1919—March 8th 2019

Longtime member of Northwest Danish Association, Anker Sorensen, passed away at home on March 8th 2019. He passed just six months before what would have been his 100th birthday.

Anker was born in Østbirk, Vejle in Denmark on August 12th 1919. He had one brother and two sisters.

From 1946-1947 Anker served in the Danish army, where he was trained by the Scottish regiment of the British army. He was sent to Karachi, India for the partition of India and Pakistan.

In 1952 he sailed from Gothenburg, Sweden to New York City on the MS Gripsholm.

Anker took on various jobs throughout his life. One summer he worked on a fishing boat in Alaska. For more than 25 years he worked at the American Can Company. At one point he worked for the Pay n' Save Corporation as a shipping and receiving clerk. One of Anker's passions was gardening, so much so that it led him to start his own gardening business. Delivering flowers was yet another job he took on in this life.

Anker met his future wife, Ruth Sorensen, at a dance at Washington Hall. He lived at the Hall from around 1953 to 1959. This was when the Hall was owned by the Danish Brotherhood. Anker and Ruth married in 1960 in St. John's Lutheran



Image: Anker Sorensen celebrating his 99th birthday at the 2018 annual Danish Community Picnic.

Church. And in 1967 their daughter, Lena Sorensen, was born.

Ruth and Anker were married for 58 years and lived in the same house in Bellevue for 52 of those years.

Anker Sorensen was a longtime member of the Danish Brotherhood,

Northwest Danish Association, and the Danelag folk dancers. Anker will be dearly missed by the Danish community here in Seattle.

Rest in peace, Anker. Æret være hans minde.

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April 2: Work Party
April 5: Fredagscafe
April 6-7: Int'l Children's Friendship Festival
April 9: NV Movie Night—"9. April"
April 16: Reception for HM Dronning Margrethe
April 18: Torsdagsklubben
May 3: Fredagscafe
May 5: NV Movie Night—"Hvidsten Gruppen"
May 7: Work Party
May 16: Torsdagsklubben
May 23: NV Book Talk—78 RPM
May 31: Cook & Eat with Jørn
June 4: Work Party
June 7: Fredagscafe
June 20: Torsdagsklubben
June 21-23: DACR Conference

OREGON

April 3: Sangaften
April 24: Bogklub
May 2: Dane's Get-together
May 11: Danish film night—"Badehotellet"
June 23-29: Himmelbjerget Danish Camp

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.



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