

# The Little Mermaid

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*Image: A group of 2019 DACR attendees with the Danish flag—the flag is now 800 years old.*

## DACR 2019: 'Denmark Rules'

*By Line Larsen*

"You can't miss the turn," said Pastor Susanne Rasmussen from the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver as she

peeked through the row of flags in front of her. The turn from the Historic Columbia River Highway to the Menucha Retreat & Conference Center is clearly marked with Danish flags during the third weekend of June each year for the Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR). 48 people followed the flags to DACR this year.

Susanne's entertaining presentation was modeled after "Fun with Flags" from the popular TV show, The Big Bang Theory. She spoke of the meaning and the symbolism behind the Danish flag in various contexts, such as its uses during festivities to mark events – a widespread practice in Denmark. Complete with an important lesson on the rules of the flag, DACR 2019 attendees are now well-versed in how to properly respect the flag

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*Image: Pastor Susanne Rasmussen speaking about Dannebrog and social rules associated with the Danish flag.*

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July marks the start of a new membership year at NWDA. This is the best time to become a member. Receive membership perks year-round including discounts on all NWDA events and programs!

**To become a member or renew your membership visit:**

**[www.northwestdanish.org/membership/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/membership/)**

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*We also have membership options for organizations and businesses.*

## NWDA in Portland: We've Moved!

*By Kaja Voldbæk*

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the day set for moving the furniture from Bethany Lutheran Church to NWDA's new home on 9498 SW Barbur Blvd, finally arrived. After waiting for quite some time, the Oregon-SW Washington members could welcome a new, light-filled and easy-access meeting space, with elevators, clean bathrooms, and adequate parking.

Hanne Wagner and her crew of three able-bodied men from Geotech Foundation Company-West helped with the move, working diligently all day into evening to get the bulky inventory moved, a tremendous task!

Some of the inventory, previously moved from the attic in the church down to the basement, had to be left behind at this time, because the storage room, included in the lease, was not ready for occupancy yet, so there are

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# President's Corner



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## Fantastic Programs and Place for DACR

By Edith E. Christensen, EdD  
NWDA President

Many people again enjoyed a great 3-day weekend in Corbett, Oregon at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center June 21-23. The weather cooperated with the sun peeking out from behind the clouds. Not too hot or too cold in such a beautiful place.

We enjoyed presentations by some terrific people. The conference began with a book talk by William L. Sullivan. The book he shared was "The Ship in the Sand" which was fantastic with great information. He has written 22 books which cover hikes and trips in Oregon as well as fiction books and articles. He is such a prolific writer and great speaker and we were honored by his presence and presentation. People asked if we could have him back again.

Everyone learned more about the Danish round churches on the island of Bornholm and how they were used as fortifications. Very interesting topic and history of such churches was presented by Pastor Jorn Muller.

Wouldn't we all like to be kids again and attend those Outdoor Forest Kindergartens in Denmark? What fun and what great experiences as discussed by Anna DeVille, teacher in Portland.

We learned so much from Mark Schleck's talk about the ScanDesign Foundation and what they do and what they support, both the fostering of Danish American relations and supporting pain research. He also explained his role and job as the Honorary Danish Consul.

Pastor Susanne Rasmussen from Vancouver BC informed us about the Danish flag/Dannebrog and its legendary beginning 800 years ago as well as the wanderlust of Danes. They have explored the world as far back as Viking explorers and now even working and exploring at Microsoft and other companies around the world.

We closed the program on Sunday with Flemming Behrend's talk about his book of his family's immigration and how that affects our understanding of the world and our culture.

Included in the program was a film *Unearthed: Viking City of the Dead* with a discussion led by Sonja Kromann. People suggested we might have more in our programs on the Vikings. If you have names of people who could lead such a program, please let us know.

We also had a wonderful evening in the Kro (Creevey Commons) filled with wonderful music by Flemming Behrend. His folk songs get us tapping our feet and sometimes participating in the music. What a great way to end a busy day of great programs.

You won't want to miss DACR next year! Mark your calendar NOW. Danish American Cultural Retreat is scheduled for **June 19 to June 21, 2020** at Menucha in Corbett, Oregon.

See you there.

# NWDA News



## New Danish Language Program this Summer!

NWDA is launching a Danish Language program for kids and teens.

Shortened Summer Term:  
July 13th to August 24th 2019  
Saturday mornings 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Danish instructor: Claus Windelev  
Classes will be held at the Seattle Danish Center



Register online:

[www.northwestdanish.org/learndanish/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/learndanish/)

Registration deadline: July 9th, 2019

Auditing: There is a registration option for adults who would like to audit this class.

## Danish Community Picnic



**August 11th, 2019**

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: Vasa Park Resort  
3560 West Lake Sammamish Parkway S.E.  
Bellevue, WA 98008

Enjoy a day in the park with the  
Northwest Danish Community!

Vasa Park has a fish pond, a swimming beach with a life guard, and room to launch a boat.

2019 Vasa Park Admission Fee:  
\$5.00 per adult  
\$3:00 for children ages 6-14  
Children 5 and Under are Free!

Bring your friends and family for our annual tradition. We'll have hotdogs, Carlsberg, and lawn games!

Suggested donations:  
\$7.00 for Hotdog and a beer  
\$5.00 for Hotdog and pop/water  
(includes condiments, kringle, and coffee)

A limited number of veggie dogs available.  
Bring any additional food you want for your family.

Visit

[www.northwestdanish.org/danish-picnic/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/danish-picnic/)

## Dannebrog 800



The "Dannebrog 800" exhibit by the Museum of Danish America will be on display at the Seattle Danish Center in July.

2019 marks the 800th anniversary of the Danish flag. Trace the history and legends of the Danish flag up to its contemporary uses.

**Opening reception:**

6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Thursday, July 18th 2019  
Seattle Danish Center

Drop in anytime between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Suggested Donation: \$10

Champagne, beer, wine, and light refreshments  
Free Parking

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Name:		Spouse/Partner:	
Current Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Email(s) (required):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do NOT want to receive e-bulletins with updates on events, programs, and activities			

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For organization/business memberships please see our website or contact us

### Family membership: Dependent children (18 & under) if membership privileges desired

Name/ Age:	Name/ Age:
Name/ Age:	Name/ Age:

### Membership Information:

Membership year is July 1 to June 30.

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

For more information on membership and benefits,  
visit: [www.northwestdanish.org/membership/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/membership/)

## Add a tax-deductible donation (Check boxes that apply)

- ☐ **Royal Dane - \$50**  
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☐ **Other - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
☐ I would like to make a **recurring donation (minimum \$10)** of \_\_\_\_ per month.  
☐ My employer will match my contribution to NWDA.  
 Enclosed is my matching gift form.

Would you like to donate your time?  
Check here:

☐ **Yes, I'm interested in volunteering!**

**NWDA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization,  
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## Totals

Membership Dues	\$
Donation	\$
+\$15 The Little Mermaid (for printed copies please enclose \$15 to cover postage & handling)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Payment Information

☐ **Check enclosed payable to:**  
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# DACR 2019



## DACR 2019: Denmark Rules

By Line Larsen

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according to the highest Danish standards. All the talk about Dannebrog this year was no coincidence - as the oldest flag in the world, it turned 800 in June.

Raising the flag to mark the beginning of the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Danish American Cultural Retreat was particularly significant this year. We were celebrating the flag itself. Throughout the weekend, Dannebrog was honored in true Danish fashion, complete with kranssekage—and even more flags. The 18-ring cake stood tall and proud, having survived the three-hour trip from Byen Bakeri in Seattle to Menucha. Byen Bakeri was kind enough to donate the beautiful cake as a gift to celebrate this significant year for Denmark.

And yet, Dannebrog's anniversary



*Image: Ingrid and her daughter, Eva, singing Midsommervisen with the group for Sankt Hans*

wasn't the only thing to be celebrated. Another fest was in store for Sankt Hans on the first evening of DACR. This celebration was complete with s'mores, snobrød, and singing around the fire. As the sun set, the group retreated for a hyggelig kroaften complete with an impromptu show by our musician for the weekend, Flemming Behrend. Languages heard scattered throughout the room included German, English, Spanish, and Danish. Folks with impromptu jokes and riddles also chimed in from time to time. The first evening was the true definition of hygge - a likely outcome at a Danish cultural retreat.

The weekend carried with it a general theme that took shape with each presentation and each activity: "Denmark is a special country with a lot to be proud of".

Despite its size, Denmark stands out on the global stage, as a distinct and utterly unique place. Denmark has the oldest flag in the world, the oldest monarchy in the world, and the oldest book in English is even set in Denmark (Beowulf). Denmark ruled during the Viking age under Harald Blåtand. Bluetooth, used worldwide and in our everyday lives, was named after this Danish king.

Today, ScanDesign Foundation works to send legislatures to Denmark to learn about Denmark's energy systems and other areas the country excels in. Denmark is even leading the way in early childhood education. All these unique attributes associated with Denmark emerged from the content rich presentations by Pastor Susanne Rasmussen, author William Sullivan, Pastor Jørn Muller, Honorary Danish Consul Mark Schleck, teacher Anna DeVille, and author Flemming Behrend.



*Image: The kranssekage donated by Byen Bakeri*

The theme that highlighted the 'wonders of Denmark' was not only relayed through our minds but also through our stomachs. The weekend's meals boasted frikadeller, rødkål, kartofler, and agurkesalat. Cold cuts and laks took up space on each breakfast spread. To complete the Danish sensory experience, Flemming Behrend put on a performance with Danish songs and stories on Saturday evening. Danish trivia supplied us with random facts about Denmark, again endorsing the weekend's theme.

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*Image: The sunset lighting over the pool at Menucha*

# Denmark: Above the Forest's Canopy



## Above the Forest's Canopy

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



*Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing in Southern Zealand with the new forest tower opened to the public this year.*

One often thinks about Himmelbjerget (147 meters above sea level) on Jutland as the highest or one of the highest natural points in Denmark. In 1843, Danish geologist Jørgen Christian Schythe published a book that had a printing error, so it stated that Himmelbjerget was 5649 meters tall. This would mean that it was higher than Mont Blanc (Switzerland) at 4809 meters. Thus some people in Europe thought that Himmelbjerget was the tallest mountain in Europe. Up until 1847, most people thought it was the highest point in Denmark. But 20 kilometers away, the true highest natural point today is Møllehøj, Jutland at 171 meters.

Most of the man-made highest points in Denmark are radio towers. On the island of Bornholm at the town of Rø is a tower that is the highest point in Denmark at 431 meters above sea level. On Jutland, there is a radio tower near Hadsten at 318 meters. On the island of Fyn, there is a radio tower near Tommerup at 321 meters. On the island of Zealand, the tallest radio tower is near Vordingborg

at 375 meters. There are also some man-made points that are very high that are not on land, such as the two pylons of the Great Belt Bridge connecting Zealand and Fyn at 254 meters.

About 20 kilometers east of where I live (at the southern Zealand town of Næstved) is a climbing park called Camp Adventure (opened in 2013) in Gissselfeld Forest. I have climbed there elevated up in the trees harnessed in with my children. In March of this year they opened a forest tower made of steel that rises 45 meters above the forest floor. It is only five kilometers from Zealand's highest natural point which is Kobanke at 123 meters.

Last month, I climbed up the tower which is real easy if you are not afraid of heights, because it is an enclosed gradual ramp (650 meters long made of 7,750 oak boards) that spirals around the tower 12 times. So it is also wheelchair accessible. The tower is in the shape of an hourglass and weighs about 600 tons. At the top, I was then 135 meters above sea level. This is now the highest publicly accessible point on Zealand. I could see past Copenhagen to the famous Twisted Torso building in Malmö in Sweden.

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By Kaja Voldbæk  
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more working hours ahead of us volunteers.

On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> volunteers arrived at the new NWDA-home to put together furniture, office desk, and cabinets, arrange book shelves, put books back on the shelves, and generally decide where to put what. Not in definite places yet, but at least easier to oversee for the next steps.



*Image: The new NWDA office in Portland.*

There was even a little time for a noon break, so we could enjoy Hanne's sandwiches, and a cup of coffee or a soft drink. We are lucky to have a donated coffee pot and electric kettle for tea-making, so we can treat our volunteers modestly right now.

The round tables, owned by NWDA and stored for a long time at the Bethany Lutheran Church, were in poor condition, but due to Hans Steuch's steady work they are now repaired and should be ready for use. The big screen TV will also be ready soon, again due to Hans taking time to set it up.

Thanks also go to John Martinson, Bodil and Jørn Muller, Hans and Jette Steuch, Aase Besson, Nils and Kathy Jensen, Lars Kasch and Hanne Wagner for taking the time to help.

More work parties will be planned, as we have to move the kitchen inventory from the church and place them in cabinets or in storage.

After the Himmelbjerget Danish Camp is finished, a new work party is scheduled to get their inventory placed at the new storage room.

SO, no need to rest on our glories yet, there is more to come – and then we will be more than ready for new adventures. Join us in all the fun we are going to have!!!! Kaja



# Denmark in the Pacific Northwest



## The Skagit Valley Danes

By Dave Christensen



Danes up in Skagit County, sometimes find it difficult to attend the Fredagscafe at the Dane, especially if they drikke for mange Carlsbergs. So, Linda Christensen decided to gather a few local folks to establish a Skagit County gathering of local Danes.

We gathered at the C-Square cafe of the Skagit Food Co-Op on May 26, for great food, drink and hygge. Left to right in the photo are:

Britt Pfaff Dunton (Danish Exchange

student), David Christensen (Danish parents, Linda's brother), Britta Winslow (From Aarhus), Anne Pedersen (Moved from DK 1.5 yrs ago), Curtis Clement (Danish Father), Linda Christensen (Danish parents), Jim Justice (Danish Exchange student), Vida Clement (scandinavian heritage married to Curtis). We discussed are Danish connections, Dansk language lessons and how to get together again, soon. Everyone also received a copy of memoir book *The Red Umbrella*, by Johna Christensen, about Danish Resistance in WWII and escape to Sweden. Now published in Denmark: Den Rød Paraply, of course!

### Dane Camp for Little Vikings



Ages 5-10

August 5th to August 9th 2019

Seattle Danish Center

2019 Theme: Danish Castles

Register by July 9th 2019 for the lowest price!

[www.northwestdanish.org/danecamp/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/danecamp/)

## Oregon "Sankt Hans" Midsummer Celebration

By Bodil Muller

On Midsummer Eve, June 23, the Oregon NWDA had a wonderful celebration at Helle and Bruce Ruddenklau's beautiful farm in Amity, Oregon. The facilities are perfect for a Sankt Hans festival, a large, 1100 acres farm with plenty of space to set up several tables, grill lots of hot dogs, and serve the many side dishes. And what a hospitable, friendly family to welcome about 40 visitors!!!

It was great to see that so many people showed up between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., old Danes, who remember Sankt Hans celebrations from their childhood, as well as many younger people who had never experienced one before. For a couple of hours we all enjoyed the delicious food and the great company and surroundings, while Bruce, Kim, Nils, and Roger took turns roasting the "pølser" on the grill.

Bruce and Helle had arranged a huge bonfire, and Hanne Wagner's daughter Anne Frontella had made a fantastic witch to send to "Blokstbjerg", so everyone gathered to watch the fire at the pond about sundown. There were bales

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Image: Sankt Hans 2019 celebration in Portland, Oregon



# The Dawn of the Viking Age



## Ragnarok: Viking Series: Part 18



Image: Ragnarok by Louis Moe, *Danmarks Historie i Billeder*, 1898, København, Danmark

Summarized based on Hudson Publications Event Bookazines 2013, "Vikings: Their Myths and Legends." For Part 17 of this article, see Issue #2018-2019 Volume 4 of *The Little Mermaid*

The final battle between good and evil in Viking mythology was "Ragnarok", the fight between the gods and the giants. On the side of "evil" one will find Fenris the wolf, Loke, Jormungand and the Midgard serpent, alongside all the giants who are led by Surt. On the "good" side are The Aesir and Vanir gods and the heroes of Valhalla and the einherjes. In Ragnarok many of the gods are destroyed, however this is followed by a hopeful regeneration.

"The world's last day approaches. All the bonds and fetters that bound the forces of heaven and earth together are severed, and the powers of good and evil are brought together in an interne-

cine feud. Loke advances with the Fenris-wolf and the Midgard-serpent, his own children, with all the hosts of the giants, and with Surt, who flings fire and flame over the world. Odin advances with all the gods and all the blessed einherjes. They meet, contend, and fall... Then smoke wreathes up around the ask Ygdrasil, the high flames play against the heavens, the graves of the gods, of the giants and of men are swallowed up by the sea, and the end has come. This is Ragnarok, the twilight of the gods."

After this impending doom settles, new hope arises as "the radiant dawn follows the night. The earth, completely green, rises again from the sea...[and] the gods awake to a new life." All the good is gathered, and the murderers, adulterers, and perjurers are sent to Nastrand to be removed of their evil. "This is regeneration" -From "The Younger Eddas of Snorre Sturleson"

## DACR 2019: Denmark Rules

By Line Larsen  
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Image: Fieldtrip to Latourell Falls during DACR 2019

The least Danish part of the weekend was a field trip to a viewpoint over the Columbia River Gorge followed by a nature walk to the breathtaking Latourell falls, splashing down from an overhang 250 feet above. Despite not being Danish, there wasn't much to complain about there either.

DACR this year would not have been what it was without the speakers to share with us their expertise on the idiosyncrasies of Denmark as well as each participant who chose to share their weekend with us. A big thank you to Sonja Kromann, who tirelessly coordinates the program each year, and never ceases to impress event attendees. Tusind tak. Vi ses næste år (see you next year), same place, same time of year. Mark your calendars: June 19th to June 21st 2020.



# NW Danish Calendar



## Juli 2019

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	1 New NWDA Membership Year	2	3	4 Office Closed (S)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Hyggeaften (P)	12	13 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
14	15	16	17	18 Dannebrog Exhibit Reception (S)	19	20 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
28	29	30	31			

## August 2019

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
				1 Hyggeaften (P)	2 Fredagscafe (S)	3 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
4	5 Dane Camp (S)	6 Dane Camp (S)	7 Dane Camp (S)	8 Dane Camp (S)	9 Dane Camp (S)	10 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
11 Danish Community Picnic (S)	12	13	14	15	16	17 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Danish Language Program for Kids (S)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## September 2019

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

(P)= Portland (S) = Seattle (E) = Eugene

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### Eldercare

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### *In Memory of Anker Sorensen*

Otto & Minna Brask

### Julestue

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Jette Bunch

Danish Brotherhood #29

Dannevirke

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Kaja Voldbæk

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Edith Christensen

Janet Krall

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Line Larsen

Britt Pfaff-Dunton

Gloria Steberl

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### Pete Christensen Dinner

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### Queen's Birthday Reception

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## Obituary

### Edward Norman Cole

August 30th, 1929—June 19, 2019

"Ed was born August 30, 1929 in Seattle, WA to Eva and Norman Cole, the second of three children. He died June 19, 2019 at the age of 89. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1947 and was drafted into the Army in 1951 where he was stationed in Germany. When he returned, he met Patricia Thornton. They were married for 37 years and had 3 children, Patricia died in 1994. Ed retired from US West (Pacific NW Bell) in 1989 after 34 years. Before entering the Army, Ed met Doris Christensen and they became engaged but were not married at that time. Later they reconnected and have been married for the last 17 years.

Ed is survived by his wife, Doris Cole, his children Cheryl McGee (Joe), Stephen Cole, Glen Cole (Mary). Also survived by 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, nephew Patrick Melvin (Susan) and family and extended family John Richards (Susan) and Peter Richards (Sondra) and their families. He is preceded in death by wife Patricia.

Ed was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed. A life celebration will be held at a later date." Published in The Seattle Times on June 30, 2019

Rest in peace, Edward. Æret være hans minde.

## Oregon "Sankt Hans" Midsummer Celebration

By Bodil Muller

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of hay for people to sit on, and many preferred to stand close to the fire. It was a little chilly, so jackets or blankets came in handy. Helle Ruddenklau bid us welcome and told us a lot about their interesting farm work, and Jørn Müller spoke about the origins of the Sankt Hans celebration and the Danish tradition. Lili Gregerson had a wonderful surprise for us: She announced that she and her husband Alf will match any donations up to \$1,000 for the furnishings of our new meeting place at Kristin Square II in Portland!

The bonfire with the witch were just gorgeous, and while singing the traditional midsummer song, "Vi elsker vort land", and a couple of other Danish summer songs we all enjoyed the lovely evening with old and new Danish friends in this beautiful spot. We were delighted when Helle and Bruce invited us back next year for another great celebration.

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### WASHINGTON

July 1: New Membership Year Begins!  
July 13—August 24: Danish Language Program for Kids  
July 18: Dannebrog Exhibit Opening  
August 2: Fredagscafe  
August 5—9: Dane Camp for Little Vikings  
August 11: Danish Community Picnic  
September 3: Work Party  
September 6: Fredagscafe  
September 19: Torsdagsklubben

### OREGON

July 11: Hyggeaften  
August 1: Hyggeaften

## 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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