

# The Little Mermaid



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## “At-Home” Julestue

By Emily Olsen



Image: Flettede Julehjerter (woven Christmas hearts) by Emily Olsen

The New Year has come and we hope to have events in person again at NWDA as soon as it is safe to do so. One of our last virtual events of 2020 was “At-Home” Julestue. In the last few years we have had eighty or more people come to Julestue each December in Seattle. It is always a fun family day of crafts, songs, and Christmas cheer. We wanted

a way to send a little of that Christmas cheer to members and friends in the way of Danish paper crafts.

We had 50 Julestue craft kits ordered that were then mailed to people around the country. These kits included paper and templates to make flettede julehjerter (woven heart baskets), flettede stjerner (folded stars), and kræmmerhuse (cone baskets). There were also festive coloring pages and song sheets, as well as a list of links to videos to help with everything. Sorry everyone, we didn’t think sending oranges and cloves in the mail for pomanders was the best idea – hopefully we can make them in person in December 2021.

There were a few people who

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## Corona Report From Denmark

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



*December 2020 -*

Now masks are required in all businesses in Denmark. Testing is recommended with mild symptoms. Things are getting worse in the Copenhagen Metropolitan Area so testing is now strongly encouraged for people from 15-25 years of age in those municipalities (around 200,000 tests). This group seem to be the most socially active. In some cases, children and young people at school and at after-school activities need to wear masks while in the halls but can take them off when they get to their activity room.

There are currently 44 Danes dying per week. It is not allowed to have a gathering over 10 people in your home. Also it is good to not socialise with more than ten different people. Danes are told to keep social networks small.

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# President's Corner



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## Another 100 Years

By Edith E. Christensen, EdD, NWDA President

Here we are in a new year, with promise for a better year to come. Even though the COVID-19 Virus is still running rampant there is hope for the future with a vaccine now created and being distributed. At NWDA we have kept open as allowed and changed programs so people could still participate. We have learned how to use various digital tools to help put on programs, to have events, and even had a successful auction on-line. New things to try, new things to learn. The world keeps changing whether or not we want it to.

This brings me to a new topic. It is called a legacy gift. So what is this? None of us will be here forever, so we want to help in the future for our kids, our grand kids. A great way to do this is to provide something in our will. Let's remember not only our families but others as well.

The Danish Association was created nearly 100 years ago to take care of the later years of retirees. As people lived longer the home became more of a nursing home for anyone. So the group of NWDA people decided to sell the old home in south Seattle and have a gathering place in Seattle for a similar purpose.

A kind member left a legacy gift

for an Endowment for Elders in the Seattle area. Because of this gift we have programs like Torsdagsklubben, a once-a-month lunch at noon followed by a program. We also furnish wheel chairs, walkers, and canes, as well as other help needs like a call button to wear, special hearing phones, personal contacts, etc. for elders.

We also have another endowment in which the income helps people with scholarships for their education or retraining. This was created by the donations in legacies by two different members. They made a gift which helps many with their education and retraining for a better life.

These wonderful gifts have made it possible to help our elders and our young. When you are planning and deciding what you want to leave as a legacy, think of the Northwest Danish Association (NWDA) and how you can help it for a long time into the future. It is so easy to do with a few words in your will. Just talk to your attorney as they are well versed in these types of legacy plans. Perhaps together we can create a Hundred Year Endowment for the future of NWDA to continue another hundred years. What a wonderful legacy to leave.



## Danish Language Groups



Interested in leading a virtual Danish group for beginners or an advanced Danish conversation group? We would love to hear from you!

Contact us at [seattle@nwdanish.org](mailto:seattle@nwdanish.org) or give us a call at (206) 523-3263

## 2021 Events

We are remaining hopeful that the pandemic will subside this year and NWDA can again host in-person events in Washington and Oregon. The following events are tentative and will depend fully on the pandemic. Thank you for understanding!

Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR):  
June 25th to 27th, 2021

Himmelbjerget Danish Camp: June 27th to July 3rd, 2021

The Menucha Retreat and Conference Center has been reserved for both these events.



## Looking for Affordable Office Space?

NWDA has offices available!



Image: Suite 101 in the NWDA Building

Offices are available in the Northwest Danish Association building by Northgate. Located between I-5 and Hwy 99, our building is easily accessible.

We have one of the most affordable rates in North Seattle. Come visit us and we can give you a tour of the available spaces. There is also a virtual tenancy option available for use of a mailbox, conference rooms, and/or other services.

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## NWDA Events



### The Danish-American Jule-Auktion

By Line L Larsen



The Danish-American Jule-Auktion raised \$12,000 for NWDA programs, thanks to generous participants and donors. The online auction ran from November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This was the first time NWDA undertook creating a virtual auction. Despite the challenges that arise with any new platform, the auction ran smoothly for participants and administrators. The \$10,000 fundraising goal for the Danish-American Jule-Auktion was set to generate financial support for all community programs by NWDA for students, elders, and children during the pandemic.

Participants joined the auction quickly and the participant list continued to grow throughout

the 10-day virtual event. By December 1<sup>st</sup>, there were over 100 participants signed up to bid. When the auction opened on November 20<sup>th</sup>, bidders swept in to place their first bids early in the game. Bidding wars ensued and many items soared above their asking prices.

There were several hot items on the auction list. The “Snaps Basket” (donated by Dannevirke) that included a full set up for a traditional Danish lunch exceeded the asking price by over 400%. Other popular items included Danish design items by Royal Copenhagen and Georg Jensen. The drawings of landscapes in Denmark by Claus Windelev were also favorites on the auction list. All the traditional Danish items, including kalendarlys, the kranselage by Byen Bakeri, and the Danish ornaments underwent kindhearted bidding wars as well. The auction was a win-win deal for those involved. Participants went home with unique items while generating funds to support NWDA’s community programs. Tusind tak to all who donated and participated!

NWDA is already taking auction donations for 2021. Items related to Denmark or the other Nordic countries are preferred. If you have any items you would like to donate, send an e-mail to NWDA at [seattle@nwdanish.org](mailto:seattle@nwdanish.org)

Mange tak!

### “At-Home” Julestue

By Emily Olsen



Image: “At-Home” Julestue hearts on a beautiful Christmas tree by Rita

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used the #AtHomeJulestueNWDA2020 to share pictures of their Christmas hygge with our community. If you have pictures you would like to share of your Christmas tree, crafts, or meals, please add them on social media and tag @northwestdanish or use #AtHomeJulestueNWDA2020.

We love to see pictures from our members and friends, especially since we have not been able to see you in person for so long.

Godt Nytår!

# Himmelbjerget Summer Camp Update



## Himmelbjerget Committee Introduces New Camp Director for 2021

By Annelise Kromann, Himmelbjerget Danish Camp Committee Chair



Image: Committee Chair, Annelise Kromann with Kayti Hilzinger – preparing for camp at Menucha in 2019

The Himmelbjerget Committee is excited to announce a new camp director for 2021! Kayti Hilzinger, of Spokane, Washington, is a long-time participant of Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. She blazed in as an extremely successful first-time counselor in 2019, exceling in the coordination of camp activities and assisting in nearly every aspect of the week's programs.

In 2020, she was integral in the scheduling, advertising, and content creation for the virtual camp events that took place over a week last June. She has proved to be a very respected and invaluable member of the Himmelbjerget Danish Camp counselor team. "I am thrilled to take on this new role in camp. 13 years ago, as a first-year camper, I never would have imagined to form the community I have here at Himmelbjerget, and I am honored to now be in a leadership position to keep this tradition going,"

says Ms. Hilzinger.

Ms. Hilzinger takes over the director position from Maren Williams, who led the camp over the last 3 years. Before that, she was an active volunteer, helped with camp coordination, and fund raising, all while taking time to raise her two young boys. While she may not be director, Maren will continue to actively participate with camp. Maren states that "Kayti has grown up in the camp program and comes from a big family of Himmelbjerget participants, so she is well versed in what people love about camp. We are all very confident that she'll do a fantastic job."

Ms. Hilzinger currently attends Eastern Washington University. She is working on her Bachelors degree in Gender Studies and plans to continue into nursing after she graduates this year.

## LIVE FROM DENMARK

Live from Denmark with tour guide, Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, is a free series hosted by *The National Foundation for Danish America* and *The Danish Pioneer Newspaper*.

Register for the series online at [www.danishamerica.org](http://www.danishamerica.org)

The 2021 photo tours are going to:

**January 5** - Læsø, Samsø, Bornholm and Christiansø

**January 12** - Møn, Lolland, Falster, Fejø, Ærø, Fyn

**January 19** - København, Rungsted, Helsingør, Fredensborg

**January 26** - Ribe, Christiansfeldt, Sønderborg, Dybbøl, Gottorp, Lyksborg, Hvedholm

**February 2** - Rømø, Mandø, Fanø, Møgeltønder, Sild, Eiderstedt, Frederiksstad

**February 9** - Nr. Vosborg, Hjerl Hede, Livø, Næsby Glenholm Vingård

**February 16** - Jammerbugt, Tannisbugt, Skagen, Sæby

**February 23** - Rebild, St. Restrup, Aalborg, Ebeltoft, Aarhus

**March 2** - Skanderborg, Ry, Himmelbjerget, Viborg, Hjarbæk, Skive, Kokkedal

**March 9** - Jellinge, Vejle, Kolding, Lillebælt, Bogense

**March 16** - Odense, Tåsinge, Egeskov, Korsør, Roskilde

# NWDA Volunteer Spotlight



## 2020 Volunteers

By Line L Larsen

The Work Party that is normally scheduled once a month to help with maintenance and repairs in the NWDA building was cancelled for much of 2020. However, the need for helping hands for tasks around the building didn't disappear. Faithful volunteers continued their commitment on their own as the leaves fell in the Fall and critical projects surfaced.

Two volunteers deserve a notable mention for the time they devoted to help us in 2020: Peder Jensen and Jan Syberg. Peder Jensen spent his free time raking leaves outside the NWDA building throughout the months of fall. The trees outside our building are unforgiving with the extraordinary amount of leaves they shed each year. Peder came to clean up the outside of the NWDA building on numerous occasions, keeping the area around the building clear of debris. We cannot



Image: Peder Jensen cleaning up leaves outside the NWDA building

thank Peder enough for his help!

Jan Syberg helped NWDA replace ceiling tiles after a large leak in the NWDA building that resulted in water damage on all three floors. Jan came periodically to help with other projects as needed. We owe Jan a big thank you for his reliability.

Other volunteers that were kind enough to lend a helping hand were Otto Brask, Henning Buus, Erik Muller, Helsa Petersen, and Kim Kreidler. Otto hung a big, beautiful wreath in the entry hall for the holidays. The carport and the garage were cleaned by Henning and Otto. Our volunteer electrical experts, Helsa, Kim, and Erik came to help with some electrical work as light fixtures went out

Thank you all for your deep commitment to NWDA and keeping the building looking sharp, even during the pandemic.

### From the NWDA Elder Care Committee in Seattle

*This article was featured in a past Little Mermaid Newsletter*

An important cornerstone of NWDA's mission is the tradition established by the early Danish immigrants of providing assistance to the elderly and people with special needs. The aim is to provide opportunity for an active, engaged and inclusive life for seniors with Danish connections by helping with services ranging from transportation to important Danish-oriented events to assistance in the

home. As an example, some elderly have been supplied with 'lifelines'. These devices, which can be worn day and night, enable the elder/disabled to call for help in case of emergency without having to reach a telephone. For some, it has meant life-saving help. For all it gives a greater sense of security.

Further information regarding various services available in the metropolitan Seattle area is available at NWDA. Those who may be in need of any of the services offered or know of someone who needs assistance are encouraged to call 206-523 DANE (3263). An "Application for Assistance" form is kept on file. Also, volunteers are needed to make telephone calls, visit those in need, provide rides to events, and/or other assistance. Please call the office for further details.

### Donate your time- Volunteer with us!

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

**Building Maintenance**—Help us with repairs and other building maintenance.

**Library Cataloging**—Help us catalog books, DVDs, and CDs for our library.

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## Hamlet and Amleth, Princes of Denmark

*By Jan Bruun-Petersen*



*Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen looking at the cannons of Kronborg Castle*

William Shakespeare's longest play (with the most words) and most popular character is Hamlet. The play was published in 1603. Danish historian Saxo Grammaticus wrote around 1200, the *Gesta Danorum*, a partially mythical collection of tales about Danes. In the *Gesta Danorum*, Saxo had written about a character called Amleth. The Scandinavian legend of Amleth was the inspiration for Hamlet.

There are many similarities between Amleth and Hamlet. The brother of the king kills the king, takes over the throne, and marries the queen. The murdered king's son pretends to be crazy to keep a distance from the uncle. The villainous king uses three methods to try to reveal the prince's secrets: a young woman, a spy who infiltrated the queen's bedroom and the two escorts for the prince's trip to

England. The final similarity between the two princes are that both tales are about a prince returning home for a funeral and getting revenge through swordplay.

Shakespeare set the Hamlet play in Denmark. In the play, almost all of the action takes place in Elsinore Castle. That is the name that Shakespeare uses for the castle. However, its real name is Kronborg Castle and Elsinore is actually the anglicized name for the city, Helsingør, where the castle is. The city's name comes from "beboerne ved halsen" meaning the inhabitants at the neck. The city is located at the most northeastern point of the island of Zealand (Sjælland). This is also where the sound (Øresund) is the narrowest be-

tween Denmark and Sweden. It is only 2 miles from Helsingborg (also named after the neck) in Sweden to Helsingør.

When Denmark controlled both sides of the sound, with the stronghold of Kronborg on one side and the fortress of Kärnan at Helsingborg (also named after the neck), the Danes controlled this bottleneck and strongly affect global maritime shipping. During that time which lasted about 400 years, the captain of each ship wanting to sail through the sound would have to pay a toll to use the sound or else they could be sunk by cannons from Helsingør or Helsingborg. The toll was 1 to 2 percent of the value of the cargo. To make sure that a captain did not give an unrealistically low value, the king had the legal right to purchase the cargo based on the price mentioned by the captain. This discouraged captains from saying that their cargo was of very low value to hope to lower the toll costs.



*Image by Martin L (EuroMagic) Copenhagen, Denmark*

## Obituaries



### Obituary: Mary Lou Jensen



#### *Obituary from Dignity Memorial:*

Mary Louise Jensen passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 19th, 2020, at Pendo Senior Care home. She was born in Seattle on February 6th, 1930, to Richard and Elsa (Tjulander) Rottman. She grew up in the Green Lake area of Seattle with her beloved brother Willis, in the home her father built. She attended Seattle University, graduating with a degree in Medical Technology. She was employed by Group Health Cooperative in their Laboratory, retiring with 35 years of service.

Mary Lou was a shy girl, but when she met Paul Max Bjerre Jensen of Denmark, she blossomed. Not long after they met, Paul was drafted into the US Army and was soon off to Germany for 18 months. Mary Lou went to live with her girlfriends in San Diego but returned to Seattle after a year. She waited patiently for the love of her life, and when Paul returned from overseas, they were married in 1958.

They moved back to the Green Lake area and lived in the house next to her childhood home for eight years, to

help her mother next door. When Elsa passed, Mary Lou and Paul moved back into her beloved home, where they both lived for the remainder of their married life. Mary Lou loved their deck and enjoyed entertaining family and friends there. In her last years, she frequently sat on the deck, taking in the sunshine!

In July, 2020, because they required more care, they moved to Pendo Senior Care Center. Mary Lou and Paul had 63 years of marriage and enjoyed their life together. They cherished times with their families, both in the US and Europe. They had a large group of friends and often attended dancing events in both Seattle and Europe. One of Paul's favorite memories of Mary Lou is the time she was encouraged by an insistent innkeeper to dance on the tables in a rathskeller in Germany, and when she did so, he had a hard time getting her to stop!

Mary Lou was always ready with a good, and frequently, bawdy, joke. But she was also known for her infectious laugh, her kindness, and her thoughtfulness to others. She had an amazing memory, and we will all be lost without our history keeper.

Mary Lou was pre-deceased by her parents Richard and Elsa, and her brother Willis in 2001. She is survived by her loving husband, Paul - Max, her nephews and niece, Rick (Karen Mulcahy) Rottman, Dan Rottman, Holly (Louis) Petersen, and many relatives in Denmark and Sweden, as well as their extended family and friends in the neighborhood and around the northwest. Due to the current COVID pandemic, a celebration of Mary Lou's life may be carried out sometime in the future. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Kaiser-Permanente Hospice Program.

### Obituary: Ruth Jensen



Ruth "Ruthi" Jensen Larsen was born June 7th, 1930 and passed away on the morning of October 23rd, 2020. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this past June. Ruthi was a long-time member of the Northwest Danish Association and Danish Sisterhood. She was a Sisterhood member for 64 years, having joined in May 1956.

She was born to Henny (Madsen) & Ingemann Pedersen on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1930 and spent her youth growing up in the Beacon Hill area above Lake Washington. Both her parents had immigrated from Denmark. She attended John Muir & Seattle's Franklin High School graduating in 1948. She spent a few years at what was then known as Central Washington Normal School in Ellensburg and South Seattle CC as well.

She married Gerald Berg Jensen (Jerry) in April of 1955 and their wedding was the first wedding held at remodeled St John's Lutheran Church near the Woodland Park Zoo. They made their home in West Seattle and raised three boys, Robert (Bob), Paul and Gordon (Gordy). After Jerry passed away in 1994, she reconnected with an old friend from her days at

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# NW Danish Calendar



**Due to the coronavirus outbreak, we have cancelled a number of events for precautionary measures. Sign up for our e-bulletin to receive the most recent updates: [www.northwestdanish.org/e-bulletin/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/e-bulletin/)**

## January 2021

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
24 Duolingo group online	25	26	27	28	29	30 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class

## February 2021

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
31	1	1	3	4	5	6 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
14 Fastelavn 2021	15	16	17	18	19	20 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
28 Duolingo group online						

## March 2021

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Online Danish Culture & Conversation Class
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Duolingo group online	29	30	31			

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

For more information on these events, programs, and activities, please visit our website:  
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 & Bakery

## Obituary: Ruth Jensen

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Central, Charles (Chuck) Larsen and they spent almost 20 years together until he passed away in 2014. Chuck had 4 sons, many grandkids, and a couple great grandkids that also treated Ruthi as their Farmor (father's mother in Danish).

After her time at Central she spent a few months on a bike tour of Europe and worked for Bell Telephone and the FBI. From the early 70's until 2003, Ruthi was the wedding coordinator at Fauntleroy Church UCC, sometimes referred to as the Fauntleroy General where she did over 3200 weddings in those 32 years.

Ruthi and Jerry were very involved in the Danish Brotherhood & Sisterhood organizations in the Seattle area and attended many of the associations' conventions as well as serving on the boards. She served as the Presidents of those groups at times as well. They were avid dancers and frequently danced at places around West Seattle and Seattle area dance halls. Ruthi was also very involved with the Garden & Arboretum Clubs in the area and was quite an avid gardener.

Ruthi is survived by her 3 boys, 5 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren who will all miss her greatly. She is also survived by her sister Esther Waite. Ruthi will be greatly missed for her sense of humor and big heart. Her ashes will be scattered at a later date at the Fauntleroy Church. In lieu of flowers make donations to the Fauntleroy Community Church UCC in her name.

## Obituary: Nora Martinez



Nora Martinez passed away on September 5th, 2020. Many of you knew her as the one who played the piano to accompany various Danish singing groups. Nora was born in Tyler, Minnesota as Nora Jørgensen. Her father was born in Denmark and she visited Denmark several times with him. While growing up in a Danish community she went to Danish school up until her confirmation. She spoke Danish quite well.

While she lived near Seattle, she was an accompanist for various singing groups. She played the piano for the Danish singing group at Pacific Lutheran University. She loved doing that even going all the way to Tacoma in order to participate. Nora also played the piano for the "Danish Sang Aften" in Seattle and of course also accompanied the singing group for the Danish American Cultural Retreat at Menucha in Oregon.

Nora was an accomplished musician who love playing the piano for various groups here in the local area. We will miss her greatly.



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- 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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