

The Little Mermaid



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Celebrating Edith

By Emily Olsen

Many of you know Edith Christensen, either having met her or heard of her during the 17 years of volunteer service she gave running NWDA as board President. What many of you may not know is that with Edith's retirement in October 2023, this was likely at least her third retirement. She was a pharmacist before becoming the headmaster and founder of Evergreen School in Shoreline before taking over the day-to-day operations of NWDA. She has had at least three careers that individually would have made one person's life, as well as many other passions and being mom, grandma, and great grandma.

On March 5, we gathered family, friends, long-time NWDA members, and Meridian Office Building current and past tenants to celebrate Edith. Both her retirement and her 95th birthday, which was the next day. We could not pass up the opportunity to celebrate Edith with so many of the people whose lives she has touched over her own lifetime and, in particular, the last 17 years.

About 50 people came to our cake reception to celebrate and visit with Edith. It was already our monthly building work party day, so Edith, her daughter Lynn, and son-in-law John joined the work party volunteers for a lovely lunch of smørrebrød before party attendees started arriving. There was mingling and stories shared between people who had known each other for years and others who were meeting for the first



Image: Edith Christensen with her marzipan birthday cake

time. Edith was our guest of honor, of course, and everyone had to stand in line to talk to her.

We had some greetings and people from all parts of Edith's life told stories to the group and acknowledged what impact she has had on their lives. After that we had a sparkling cider toast to Edith and sang her happy birthday, in Danish and English! We finished off our time with a fabulous marzipan cake from Larsen's Bakery decorated in Edith's signature blue.

Tillykke, Edith on your retirement and 95th birthday. NWDA wouldn't be what it is today without you. I wouldn't be who I am today without you.

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Executive Director's Corner



Six Months In & What is Upcoming

By Preben B. Pedersen, NWDA Executive Director



Image: NWDA visiting David Knudsen and his team at the Viking Ship

By the end of March 2024, it is 6 months ago I started as full time Executive Director of NW Danish Association. Time has been busy, so time has passed by like snapping your fingers. It has been great being here in the office every day working with Emily and Reina and all the volunteers.

In all the new positions I have started in my career there have always been challenges that I had not anticipated in advance. However, having been involved in the NWDA operation for quite some time this has not been the case this time. The day-to-day tasks are a mix of NW Danish Association events & activities and the operation of the 35 commercial leases in the building and all issues related to operating a 43-year-old, 4-story, 15,670 sf building.

There are ongoing issues to address planning and scheduling events & activities. This can be legacy events & activities or new events & activities. What is often underestimated is the effort and time it takes to plan such events & activities.

We have tenants ranging from mailbox tenants, 1-person offices and multi-staff office leases of up to about 2,500 sf. Currently we have 5 offices available for new tenants. It is the rental income from commercial leases that provides the main source of funding for the operation of NW Danish Association.

For a future Viking ship event, in mid-March a volunteer group paid a visit to David Knudsen in Anacortes who, with his team, has been building a true size Viking ship over the last many years. Meeting David Knudsen in person and seeing his Viking ship made a great impression on all participants. David plans to bring the Viking ship to Lake Union around July this year, and we are considering how we can make a Viking ship event for our membership and friends. In the meantime, please have a look at the following:

https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/arts_and_community/viking-ship-launched-in-anacortes/article_5a9a2546-eaec-11ee-90f5-af0c8902b0c9.html

I hope to see many of you to the events in April including the Celebration of the Queen Margrethe's Birthday on Thu, April 18, 2024, and the Generations Luncheon on Sun, April 28, 2024.

The Queen's Birthday celebration is as in prior years arranged by Kenneth Olsen. The event is generously sponsored by the Kingdom of Denmark by provid-

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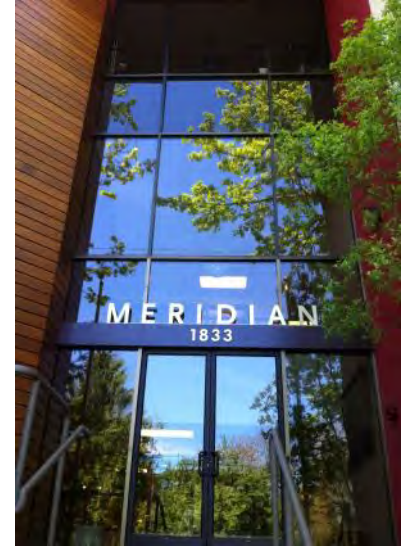


Image: The NWDA Building in Seattle



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NWDA News and Programs



Fastelavn Er Mit Navn

By Emily Olsen



Image: The Murphy-Jensen Family enjoying Fastelavn and decorating a fastelavnriis

I have some many precious memories of Fastelavn past at NWDA. I attended my first one over 30 years ago. It is a day to celebrate the waning winter and time of rebirth. But really kids just want to dress up, hit a barrel as hard as they can, and eat boller and candy.

The holiday is associated with the start of the Lenten season and is often compared to a Carnival or Mardi Gras for kids. This year we had 45 people of all ages gather for crafts, costumes, songs, and treats. We started with our traditional Fastelavn crafts of fastelavnriis (branches with decora-

tions), rasler (rattling cans for collecting coins), and coloring pages with stories about Fastelavn.

Then all the kids gathered on the dance floor to hear the story of Fastelavn before lining up just outside for the costume parade. They all had their fun costumes and carried their rasler they had decorated earlier and collected coins from the grown-ups around the room while singing "Fastelavn er mit navn". Since their rasler were made of recycled coffee cans, it got quite loud in



Image: Children enjoying their rasler at Fastelavn

the room!

After our march around the room, we started the attempt to break the black cat out of the barrel. We had so many strong kids in attendance this year! Even the youngest of the attendees had big swings to make at the barrel. Eventually with all the group effort, the cat was freed along with all the candy bags. We had ourselves a new Kattedronning (Cat Queen) who was a first time Fastelavn participant.



Image: Our Kattedronning, Elisa, being paraded around the room after winning

To close out our celebrations, everyone had cardamom boller rolls from Larsen's and enjoyed some of their hard-won candy. I like to think that maybe this was the first Fastelavn for one of our youngest celebrators, but maybe they too will be here in 30 years' time at another Fastelavn remembering and smiling like I was that day.

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NWDA News and Programs



Once in Generation Change – Queen Margrethe II’s Abdication

By Emily Olsen



Image: Kransekage from Larsen’s Bakery donated by ScanDesign Foundation

The whole world sat up and listened during the Queen’s traditional New Year’s Eve speech. This year her speech

didn’t just reflect on the past year and her hopes for the new one. She announced her abdication of the throne in just two weeks-time, exactly 52 years after becoming Queen. While not unheard of throughout the royalty of Europe, no Danish monarch had voluntarily abdicated since the 12th century.

On January 14th, NWDA members and friends gathered to watch recordings from the historic change of power which occurred just hours previously. Danmarks Radio had recordings from the day’s events, as well as interviews with Denmark’s past and current Prime Ministers reflecting on their time working with Queen Margrethe. Watching Queen Margrethe II arrive at Christiansborg Palace as the reigning monarch and leaving with that title being held by her son, King Frederik X.

Many stayed through all the event showings and enjoyed a lovely kransekage from Larsen’s Bakery donated by

ScanDesign Foundation for the celebration. Thank you to

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The Nordic Secret – Lene Rachel Andersen’s Exploration of Bildung

By Emily Olsen

Image: Lene Rachel Andersen presenting her talk about her book and research



If you have ever experienced or wanted to learn more about the Danish Folk School tradition, Lene Rachel An-

dersen is a person to talk to. Years of research has gone into her book *The Nordic Secret: A European Story of Beauty and Freedom*, exploring why the Nordic people are some of the happiest in the world. Her conclusion: Folk Schools and life-long learning. There is much more nuance to it than I can accurately convey.

Lene came to Harmony Hall in early February to discuss her research and her book with NWDA members, friends, and community members on her book tour around America. She explored the educational concept of Bildung, which originated in Germany, and how that has affected the Danish education system at all levels. In particular, adult and young adult education at Folk Schools, where citizens from all backgrounds gather to continue learning about themselves and the world.

NWDA’s own Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR) is based on the Folk School model of life-long learning and collaboration between teachers and learners. You can learn more about Lene’s *Nordic Secret* through her book and the recording of her talk at NWDA.

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The Lollanders Came From the South

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen is dwarfed by the towering presence of Dodekalitten.

On the island of Lolland near the harbor town of Kragenæs is a design of 12 sculptures standing in a 40 meter diameter circle that combined with music, history and geography create a new landmark to experience. The project started in 2010 and should be completed in 2025. The sculptures are outside between the sea, the forest and farmland. So no cost of admission to enjoy them. From the sculptures, one can see the islands of Fejø and Femø. Lolland is one of Denmark's largest islands but unusually flat, due to sinking at the end of the last ice age. I did some work with a local band with Lolland roots that called themselves Lowland.

The combined sculptures are called Dodekalitten which comes from Greek, meaning 12 stones. Each stone weighs 25 to 45 tons and are tipped on end to be 7 to 9 meters

high. That top 2 meters of each one are sculpted into human heads that look towards the center of the circle. Under each statue are much smaller stones that look like places to sit, but contain loudspeakers that form a ring of sound during the day.

The two Danish creative souls behind this project are sculptor Thomas Kadziola and composer Gunner Møller Pedersen. In 2006 Pedersen had seen some of Kadziola's work and had suggested to Kadziola that he build a sort of Lollandish Stonehenge like in England. Kadziola agreed to the idea if Pedersen agreed to compose music for the project.

The large granite stones could not be found in Denmark, but in Larvik, Norway and Bohuslän, Sweden. Pedersen came up with a legend about the people that first came to Lolland 7500

years ago from the south. Some of the twelve people/stones (black, gray or red): L'dis, Lolnir (chieftain similar to Odin, Zeus, or Apollo), Idun (one of Baldur's daughters), Lodir (black, Lolnir's brother), Baldur (unnaturally beautiful man similar to Adonis or Balder, who enjoyed nature rather than fighting), Røst and Vindel. The choice of faces and names have not been announced until the work on a particular granite head has been completed. They are raising funds to get the last statue finished. The entire project will cost about 3.5 million dollars.

In 2015, Pedersen removed himself from the project, so American Wayne Siegel took over the composing of the music. Siegel moved to Denmark as a young adult and has lived here for the past fifty years.

Write for The Little Mermaid!

Write about your experience at Danish events in the PNW or other topics related to Denmark or Danish culture.

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From Denmark



The Little Things

By Sandra Pedersen



Image: Sophie surprising me with birthday decorations and treats

It's 18:47 and the sky is a big slice of blue over Lille Frendensgade street. I just finished a shift at Soho house and biked home accompanied by a faint spring breeze.

The sun is setting a spark through the city. Sidewalks are swarming

with people soaking up the warmer days and cafes are lively, rekindled by customers enjoying bright evenings. Slowly but surely, days are less muted by low eraser smudged clouds.

I can't help but smile as I share a cup of coffee with my roommate, Sophie. All the windows are open and the world feels fresh.

Sophie is my coworker at Soho House, and recently moved in on my birthday. It was honestly the best gift I could've gotten. My old roommate from Poland had left, and Sophie had just started looking for apartments in Copenhagen.

And now we're here. Coming home after work to share stories of our shift together. It's been a new experience to live with someone I knew beforehand. In højskole, or when I first moved into my apartment, there was always the landing period. The excitement and challenge of getting to know someone while living with them. While I enjoyed it, I'm also finding the charm in already knowing my housemate.

I buy flowers for the dining room table because I know they make Sophie happy. I vacuum after cooking because I know she enjoys a clean kitchen. Many mornings I journey over to her room and lay in her bed, because I know she appreciates the company.

Sophie is like the sun. Her warm words and easy demeanor or have a brightness that shines on everyone around her, and I feel lucky to get to live with that kind of light.

The days not spent with Sophie are usually filled with seeing friends from højskole or work. I've recently felt so proud of the community I've been able to build in Denmark.

When I first moved here, a new type of friendship awaited me. I had grown up with all my friends, I witnessed who they used to be and how they became who they are. But coming to Denmark at 18, I wouldn't have that same perspective with the people I met.

Now I find myself here at 20, and over the past year and a half I've been able to really make a place for myself. The many friendships I've discovered make me feel at home. Any of my friends here could turn a bad day into a good one, and being able to say that is an accomplishment I'm proud of.

On a more personal scale, I've taken up winter bathing again. During højskole, my Danish teacher took those willing on weekly trips to the fjord. We would swim with the jellyfish and chunks

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Images: Left—Exploring museums on a day off work with Sophie

Right—Adventuring to the zoo with my boyfriend Thor



NWDA News and Programs—Oregon



Hygge, Chaka, Hygge, Chaka (Ooga Chaka)

I Can't Stop That Feeling...

By Kimbra Kasch



We're all looking for a cozy way to warm up to the new season and spring has finally sprung in the Pacific Northwest. What better way to celebrate than with a bit of comforting coffee at one of the Nordic Coffee Hours at Nordic Northwest? Here in Portland, Oregon, you can experience the contentment of a cherished cup of coffee (or even tea) every 2nd or 4th Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. And, you'll find friendly volunteers, like Lars, Lisa, Aase, Nils, or Kathy Jensen ready to greet you and share a cookie or pastry over a cup of coffee or even kvæde tea. While you're getting to know some of

the welcoming faces around the Northwest Danish Association, you can practice your Danish conversation. This will help you get ready for one of the Danish Conversation Group meetings that are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Nordia House. This is just one way to experience that familiar Danish feeling-- called "hygge" (and for all you non-Danish speaking people) also known as a contentment brought on by small cherished events and/or things.

It was a busy end to 2023 and the Northwest Danish Association started the first quarter of 2024 in that peaceful Hygge way so well known to the Danes involved with the Northwest Danish Association but now we are gearing up for another hectic season beginning on April 7th with The Danish Solution: The Rescue of the Jews in Den-

mark Film Screening at Nordia House. This event is free and doors open at 5:00 p.m. The screening will go from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Nils Jensen will introduce the film.

But that is just the beginning. Next, we'll be moving into preparations for Himmelbjerget Camp (June 23-29, 2024), Midsommer Festival (June 23-24), and the Danish American Cultural Retreat scheduled for September 20, 21, 22nd, 2024. So, mark your calendars for all the wonderful events that are just around the corner and come for one of the free events like coffee hour, the conversation group, or even the educational and entertaining movie we'll be viewing on April 7th.

We're hoping you'll join us for a cup of coffee and a little conversation or bring your lap blanket and come enjoy a movie with us one evening.

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



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Danish Jazz – Mads Tolling and Colin Hogan with Nordic Chamber Music Series

By Emily Olsen



Image: Musicians Mads Tolling (right) and Colin Hogan (left) perform at St. Stephen's Church

On February 18th, Danes and friends gathered at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Seattle to hear this season's Danish entry to the Nordic Chamber Music Series. Mads Tolling is a Danish violinist who now calls California home. Accompanied by Colin Hogan on piano and accordion, Mads presented a varied program of jazz classics, reimagined theme songs, Danish folk, and original pieces.

Image: Reception spread sponsored by NWDA

It was a lovely concert that showcased Mads versatility and had something everyone would be familiar with. We were even gifted a bit of juggling from Colin and dueling piano players.



While it was a quick trip up to Seattle for both musicians for this concert, they spent time with the attendees at the reception afterward hosted by NWDA. We had to have Larsen's kringle and cookies, as they can't be missed when you are in town.

Thank you to the Northwest Edvard Greig Society, who organizes the Nordic Chamber Music Series, for having us as the reception sponsor for the Danish concert of the season.

The Little Things

By Sandra Pedersen

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Image: Baking a humble birthday cake with my friend August

of frozen sea. Afterwards we'd drink hot tea together. Sharing big chattering smiles while holding the warm mugs like a lifeline.

I haven't done it much since finishing my semester at Askov, but I missed it. The challenge of battling every instinct and plunging into the icy ocean. It's helped me have a sense of faith in myself. Going in the water because I know I can do it, despite my body telling me to walk away.

So whether the canal is glittering as the morning rises or the ocean sits still as the city is falling asleep, I wade into the water up to my belly button— my oldest human scar, a remembrance of my first home— and I breathe.

For this update, I want to spotlight enjoying the little things of settling into Denmark. The subtle parts of my day that form my week. I'm so happy for them. For my friends, my work, the sun and water. For the story I'm building here.



Image: Work shenanigans with Sarah

NW Danish Calendar



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April 2024

| Søndag | Mandag | Tirsdag | Onsdag | Torsdag | Fredag | Lørdag |
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| | 1 | 2 Work Party (S) | 3 DBIA Meeting (S) | 4 DBIA Meeting (E) | 5 Fredagscafe (S) | 6 |
| 7 The Danish Solution Film Screening (P) | 8 Conversation Group (P) | 9 Danish 3 (Online) | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 DBIA & DSS Meeting (P) Short Stories in Danish Class (Online) |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Tillykke med fødselsdagen, Queen Margrethe! Danish 3 (Online) | 17 Danish 2 (Online) | 18 Queen's Birthday Celebration with Royal Guards (S) Danish 1 (Online) | 19 | 20 Beginning Book Club Class (Online) Short Stories in Danish Class (Online) |
| 21 | 22 Conversation Group (P) | 23 Danish 3 (Online) | 24 Danish 2 (Online) | 25 Danish 1 (Online) | 26 | 27 Beginning Book Club Class (Online) Short Stories in Danish Class (Online) |
| 28 Generations Luncheon (S) | 29 | 30 Danish 3 (Online) | | | | |

May 2024

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| 5 | 6 | 7 Work Party (S) Danish 3 (Online) | 8 Danish 2 (Online) | 9 Marie Drewes Art Exhibit Opening (S) Danish 1 (Online) | 10 | 11 DBIA & DSS Meeting (P) Beginning Book Club Class (Online) Short Stories in Danish Class (Online) |
| 12 Efterskole Inforamational Event (S) | 13 Conversation Group (P) | 14 Danish 3 (Online) | 15 Danish Book Club (P) | 16 | 17 Syttende Mai Parade (S) | 18 Short Stories in Danish Class (Online) |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Tillykke med fødselsdagen, King Frederik! Celebration (S) | 27 MEMORIAL DAY Conversation Group (P) | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

June 2024

| Søndag | Mandag | Tirsdag | Onsdag | Torsdag | Fredag | Lørdag |
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| 9 | 10 Conversation Group (P) | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Danish Book Club (P) | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Himmelbjerget Camp Sankt Hans 30 | 24 Himmelbjerget Camp Conversation Group (P) | 25 Himmelbjerget Camp | 26 Himmelbjerget Camp | 27 Himmelbjerget Camp | 28 Himmelbjerget Camp | 29 Himmelbjerget Camp |

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Once in Generation Change – Queen Margrethe II's Abdication

By Emily Olsen

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Image: Watching Danmarks Radio about the abdication

those who joined us, despite some icy weather, to celebrate a momentous occasion in the history of Denmark and the world.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to NWDA.

We would not be here without your support!

Mange tak!

NWDA News and Programs



The Nordic Secret – Lene Rachel Andersen’s Exploration of Bildung

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The book is available on Amazon and other outlets. The talk recording is available at the Northwest Danish Association YouTube channel. Thank you, Lene, for visiting and sharing your insights.



Image: Attendees to Lene’s talk

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By Preben B. Pedersen, NWDA Executive Director

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ing two Royal Guards musicians to provide music for the event. The travel expenses for the Royal Guards are generously covered by sponsorship from NW GF (Garder Forening). Without these two major sponsors and all the logistical planning and scheduling by Kenneth Olsen, this event would not be possible. So big thanks to Kenneth.

This will be the last birthday celebration held at NWDA for Queen Margre-

the, as she abdicated January 14, 2024. When the news broke on December 31, 2023, of Queen Margrethe’s abdication I immediately texted Kenneth Olsen and asked, “Any changes with the scheduled celebration of the Queen’s birthday?”. I almost immediately received a text back stating “No. Her Majesty certainly deserves a grand celebration this year”. Taking into consideration that all the planning with the two visiting Royal Guards has already been put in motion I am happy that Kenneth decided to proceed with the event. Being the last birthday celebration for Queen Margrethe, I hope many members and friends will use the opportunity to participate in the celebration.

On the April agenda is also a Generations Luncheon on Sun, April 28, 2024. The lunch will be delicious Danish food prepared by Danish Chef Jørn Mathiasen, who again has volun-

teered to be the Master Chef for an event in Harmony Hall. Big thanks to Jørn for taking on this task. I hope to see many of you and your family and friends at this event, where there will be plenty of time to socialize.

To support our Oregon members NWDA has signed on with a Freya Membership of NORDIC Northwest in Oregon. NNW has a home in Nordia House which is a very beautiful building and location shared by the Scandinavian Community in OR. May I recommend everyone who passes by to take the time to pay a visit to Nordia House, which also houses the Broder Soder Café.

Drop us an email with your suggestions for events & activities and we will see what we can do. Also let us know if you want to take the lead on an event or activity and run it from A to Z with assistance from the NWDA office.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY, Seattle —May 26th
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- Work Party — First Tuesday, Seattle
- Fredagscafe — First Friday, Seattle
(all events listed above are not held in 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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