

# The Little Mermaid



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## Christmas Week in Copenhagen

By Ingrid Salmon

I had the pleasure of visiting Copenhagen one week before Christmas.

What a great time to see Denmark's big city!

My focused attention had me visiting Eva, 17 years old, during the last week of her five-month stay at Suhrs Hojskole (folk high school). Situated at Pustervig 8 next to Kultorget around the corner from Rundetorn, the school lay in a primo location. As I arrived with Eva at the door, up three stairs, we went into a narrow hallway, up three flights, beyond the student's room, past two large kitchens and up to the top floor, complete with sloping roofs, a grand view of Copenhagen, and a piano. A cozy place for a hojskole!

I visited Suhrs and Eva several times during their last week of school: Eva prepared for me elegant cups of homemade espresso and I ate along with the students at the long rectangular tables in that top floor spisestue (eating room).

Because Eva had purchased the most recent Hojskole Sangbog (highschool songbook), we were prepared for singing. After at least two meals we sang from the Sangbog, accompanied by a teacher who explained the songs. They spoke about what we should focus on in the song: friendship, peace, sorrow, and feeling. Being in a folkehojskole is like being in a communal bubble.

Sitting together and relaxing with fellow students is part of the school experience. The pressures of the street and world melt away inside the school's walls.

The city had its enchantments. Each of the churches in inner Copenhagen were open. At Esajas Kirke i Ostervold Sogns (parish), I arrived at 18:00 hours to hear a presentation of Ni Lasninger (9 Readings) from the bible followed by Faellesalme (all singing psalms) and the church choir. We sang the classics of 'Dejlige er Jorden' and 'O Come all ye Faithful' while the church choir managed more challenging songs.

After the service, we were treated to aebleskiver and glog



Image: Eva Odderson and Ingrid Salmon

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Northwest Danish Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing with others our Danish culture, traditions, and values.

# Executive Director's Corner



## Spring Greetings

By Preben B. Pedersen, NWDA Executive Director

I wish all of you a Happy Spring where the days are getting longer, and we are heading toward warmer temperatures, a vibrant display of greenery, spring-time flowers and more outdoor activities.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Camp Himmelbjerget 2025 has received a \$10,000 donation from the Gregerson Family Fund with \$4,000 allotted for Campership Scholarships and \$6,000 for counselor expenses. We all greatly appreciate this donation and all other donations to Camp Himmelbjerget 2025, to keep this camp running year after year. It started in 1989, and we have already booked Menucha Retreat and Conference Center for 2026.

Business-wise we have had some Ins & Outs in the office rentals in the MOB (Meridian Office Building) and unfortunately a few more Outs than Ins, so my goal of achieving 100% occupancy rate in Q1-2025 was not achieved. That goal remains for future quarters. However, from April we only expect to have 3 smaller 1-person offices unoccupied, so we still have a satisfactory occupancy

rate. The NWDA building is almost 45 years old, so we are also investigating cost for future renovation/upgrade of HVAC equipment etc.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 2025 spring events.

**Don't forget! Early Bird Pricing for Himmelbjerget closes on March 31st.**



Visit: [www.northwestdanish.org/himmelbjerget](http://www.northwestdanish.org/himmelbjerget)  
or [www.nwdanishcamp.com](http://www.nwdanishcamp.com)  
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Image: The NWDA Building in Seattle



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Call the NWDA at [206-523-3263](tel:206-523-3263) for more information.

# NWDA News and Programs



## New (Repeat) Kattekonge Crowned

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff



Image: Cat King Oliver Madsen on his victory lap with Rasmus Madsen & Tom Buus

Fastelavn was Sunday, March 2nd this year. Much later than the typical mid-February celebration. In Seattle we had 12 families attend with a total of 11 kids and 25 adults. Most had come to a Fastelavn celebration before, but we also had a few first-timers. Everyone enjoyed the crafts of fastelavn[sris [fastelavn branches], raslebøsser [decorated cans to rattle] and coloring. Our lovely costume parade followed that was serenaded by “Fastelavn Er Mit Navn” and coins clanking in the raslebøsser echoed through the hall.

This group of kiddos were awesome par-

ticipants and worked hard to break the barrel open! I think our builder may have been too good at his job this year. We all went round for round, with all the kids using great techniques to get that barrel to release its candy and the cat! Eventually the bottom fell out and our new (repeat) Kattekonge [Cat King] was crowned, Oliver Madsen. (He also broke the barrel in 2023.) Congratulations King Oliver and to all our costumed kids!

Mark your calendars now! Fastelavn 2026 is on Sunday, February 15th.

Image: Lars, Ellie, Liam, and Debbie Lindhardt make Fastelavn crafts



Images: Elise Madsen, Seraphine Merola, and Oliver Madsen hitting the barrel. (Top to bottom) (photos by Patti Olsen)



## Nordic Mixer at the Swedish Club

Friday, April 4th | 5:00pm—10:00pm

1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

Seattle's first ever Nordic Mixer! Bringing together all of the Scandinavian groups in our community.

RSVP to NWDA—the first 20 current NWDA members receive a complimentary drink courtesy of an NWDA donor. Complete the form for the Mixer or please call the office: <https://northwestdanish.org/fredagscafe/>

RSVP to the Swedish Club to purchase dinner. Visit their program calendar: <https://www.swedishclubnw.org/program-calendar>

# NWDA News and Programs



## Generations of Love

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff



Image: Maija Hammond, Annelise, Annie, Ken, Rob, Kirsten, and Carley Kromann, and Gretchen Trollinger enjoy lunch (starting top right and clockwise)

We have now officially completed a full year cycle of Generations Luncheons! Thank you to everyone who has attended one or all of them. You are the reason we gather. The family and friendship strengthened by gathering for a good meal and good company. And a little healthy bingo competition.

This past quarter's lunch was attended by over 50 people, who enjoyed Chef Jørn Mathiasen's poached salmon starter, ham & potatoes, and a yummy kranskekage from Larsen's Bakery. No one left hungry. Many people also left with a bingo prize – some of which were purchased at Scandinavian Specialties in Ballard.

Reservations are now open for the next Generations Luncheon. It will be on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Register online (on the new dedicated Generations Luncheons page of our website under Eldercare) or by calling the Seattle office at 206-523-3263 or by emailing me at emily@nwdanish.org.



Image Left: Patti and Emily Olsen cut kranskekage (by Jette Bunch)

Image Right: Chef Jørn Mathiasen enjoying his time in the kitchen



## Light From the North – Art Exhibit

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff

NWDA is honored to host the traveling art exhibit by Danish artist

Hanne Støvring

entitled Light from the North. This colorful collection is a great way to greet spring. Our opening event is planned for Thursday, March 27th at 6:30pm in Harmony Hall. The exhibit will be available at Seattle Danish Center events and by appointment through late May.

Hanne, originally from Bornholm, has spent some years living and working in New York City. Her time in NYC inspired her additions of reds to her pieces that had not been prominent before. During our opening event, we will be sharing a video conversation with Hanne about her art.

*“With intimacy and intense senses, I translate your impressions and moods and stories into vibrating lines and poetic brushstrokes – reflecting your life as it's lived and has been lived...”* Hanne Støvring, Artist

The Traveling Art Exhibits are a program of the National Foundation for Danish America and supported by Scan Design Foundation. This is the fourth exhibit NWDA has hosted. Learn more about this exhibit and past ones at <https://northwestdanish.org/traveling-art-exhibits/>.



# From Denmark



## From Comic Strip to Millions of Movie Tickets Sold

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing in front of the Far til Fire home at Blomstervænget 103

Kaj Engholm was born in 1906 and grew up on Willemoesgade in Østerbro in Copenhagen. A hundred years later, in 2006, I also lived on Willemoesgade, having just moved to Denmark, but I had already learned a great deal about the Danish phenomenon in family entertainment created by Engholm, which was Father of Four (Far til fire) by watching many films with his characters. But Engholm was not a producer of films, but rather of comic strips. He started his career as an advertising illustrator. With his wife, Astrid, they had two sons, Ole and Per. In 1942 he created the comic strip, Frede

Fedthas, about an old miser. In 1948, he started drawing the comic strip Far til Fire, being published in the newspaper, Politiken. During the 40-year life of the strip, Olav Hast, was the main copywriter and idea man. During the later half of the series Hast quit, so new ideas came from Engholm, freelancers and Engholm's son Ole.

has a sign on it that just says Far. After a few years, film director Alice O'Fredericks started noticing the popularity of the comic strip, so in 1953, the first of 20 Far til Fire films come out. Ib Schønberg played Far and Birgitte Bruun played Søs. Birgitte Bruun later married theatre director John Price. When she was pregnant with their first son, James Price, this prevented her from finishing the seventh Far til Fire film. So she only made the first six. But many years later, Birgitte Price came with her second son, Adam to Portland, Oregon to give a speech about the author Karen Blixen, so my mother and I got to eat dinner with them afterwards. Her two sons, like their parents, continued in the performing arts. The sons have also been involved with making a cooking show for television and a restaurant chain.

The Far til Fire comic strip was about a father to four children. Their mother is no where to be seen. Engholm and Hast told curious readers that they would get back to them about what happened to the mother, but they never did. The Engholm Family at the time of the creation of the strip also had a dog named Tjek. So taking inspiration from the real family including the dog, the six members of the comic strip family are: Tjek, Lille (little) Per (five years old), the twins Mie and Ole (ten years old), Søs (late teens) and Far (who is never given a real name, other than Father). The gate to their home

The first film was partially filmed at Blomstervænget 103 in Kongens Lyngby. This address was used as the outside of the home for Far's family. Across the street at the time was the film studio ASA that was making the film. That is why it was convenient to film on that street. The studio today is called Det Danske Filmstudie.

I had the privilege of meeting Ole

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## Ruminations on Turning 21

By Sandra Pedersen



*Image: Previous campaign volunteers handing us the a gammel dansk bottle as a tradition of passing over the responsibility of the Operationdægsvarv campaign*

On March 1st, I turned 21, officially crossing the abstract line into "adulthood." Now, I find myself dancing with a bittersweet alchemy of celebration and reflection.

Karoline (my Højskole roomie) and I hosted a Fælles Fastelavn-themed birthday party. Our friends arrived fully committed to the theme—some sporting sheriff mustaches or astronaut helmets, others going full Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, shell and sword in hand. Seeing all my friends dressed in silly costumes and gathered for a shared moment warmed my heart. The evening was a quiet testament to the community I've fostered in Denmark, built on warm laughter and cherished friendships.

Looking in the rearview mirror, my 20th year demanded growth from me. From navigating complex relationships to facing emotional obsta-

cles, I had the choice to either resist or engage with the discomfort of change.

But believe me, I felt the pull to stay comfortable. In my teenage years, my attitude toward change was more of a fight than a conversation. I gripped iron-tight onto the expectations and parts of my life I wanted to keep certain and stable. I was so attached to the predictable because I was afraid of what uncertainty would require of me—accountability for shaping my own life. And the 'what ifs' haunted me: What if I fail? What if I make the wrong choice? What if... what if... what if?

But stepping into adulthood, I've learned to have compassion for fear without letting it dictate my story. Through lived-in insights and lessons, I've found comfort in my agency—to build my life, to fail, and to build again.

Taking responsibility for myself has led me to some of my biggest joys this spring. I've become a campaign volunteer at Operation Dagsværk, where I'll be traveling to Jordan to create films, posters, and class materials for Danish high schools. I'm a ungeambassador for Social Space, contributing to a platform focused on mental health dialogues and education. I also volunteer with Sex og Samfund, planning events cen-

tered around down-to-earth sex education and awareness with a wonderful group of young volunteers.

At 21, I am both excited for who I am becoming and sentimental about who I have been. In the early March breeze, hints of a ripening spring are everywhere—the sun is more hesitant to go to sleep, branches begin to burst with color, and the sky shakes off its grey residue. As the earth begins to grow and take shape, so do I.



*Image: Snapshot from a Lego building competition during our fastelavns party*

### Write for The Little Mermaid!

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

Contact us at [seattle@nwdanish.org](mailto:seattle@nwdanish.org) if interested in our publication.

# NWDA News and Programs—Oregon



## Spring Has Nearly Sprung

By Kimbra Kasch, Board Member



Image: Coffee Hour at Nordia House on Feb. 25th

With spring just around the corner, today was a sunny day in more ways than one. As the rays of bright light cut through the windows at Nordia House, the Northwest Danish Association celebrated the coming season with a festive coffee hour.

Dozens of people showed up to share stories and chat about their Scandinavian heritage while enjoying a warm cup of coffee with a tasty slice of Kringle (as long as it lasted). Luckily, we had plenty of ginger snap cookies and a pleasing selection of other varieties to share with our newfound friends.

So, while you read about upcoming events on websites, Facebook, or in newsletters, remember that just because it might not sound like much, “Coffee Hour” can be a great way to meet and greet like-

minded members, and hopefully encourage others to join us in our journey by becoming members to help us all build our shared community.

So, until next time, I hope you’ll be able to get outside and enjoy a little bit of that bright

light in the sky before we have another round of our famous Portland liquid sunshine sprinkling down on us. But, even if it is sprinkling the next time Coffee Hour rolls around, consider coming to Nordia House to join us in some great conversation while we share a cup of coffee and a delicious Danish dessert.

NWDA hosted the February Noridic Coffee Hour at Nordia House. Each month, on the fourth Tuesday, a different Nordic partner organization to Nordic Northwest Hosts.



Image: Beginning of Coffee Hour

## Ruth Dally is 100!

By Joyce Maier



Ruth Dally is turning 100 years old on April 14th! Her family would love to invite you to send her a card to help her celebrate. Ruth has been involved with the Danish Brotherhood in Portland for many years and her Danish heritage is very important to her. Many of her grandchildren have been to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp and her first great-granddaughter will attend this year!

Here is her mailing address:

Ruth Dally  
585 N 9th Street  
Philomath, OR 97370

Questions? Feel free to contact Joyce (her daughter) at [joycemaier@yahoo.com](mailto:joycemaier@yahoo.com)

Tillykke, Ruth!

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

## From Denmark



### Christmas Week in Copenhagen

By Ingrid Salmon

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Image: Museum Amager folkedragter

in the church basement. Just like in US churches except here everyone spoke Danish.

At Esajas I met a friendly Dane named Claus who said he had extra tickets to Tivoli.

What a treat! A few days later, Claus met me, Eva, my cousin Bodil and her husband Helge at the gates of Tivoli for a grand tour. We

wandered around the grounds and enjoyed a pleasant spot next to water for gazing at all the twinkling lights.

After the selvskab (togetherness) at Esajas, I scurried across Rosenborg grounds to Aftensang (evening song) I Trinitatis Kirke. Tinitatiskirke.dk.

Trinitatis is around the corner from Suhrs and one block from Rundetorn. To enter, one walks past a sign that reads 'no tourists'. At Trinitatis, I was in the 'in' crowd. The lights were on, the candles lit up each pew, the Christmas tree twinkled with many lights at the altar. The scene was a feast for the eyes. The singing was in Danish and Latin, sung by soloists.

My cousin Bodil always helps me find special treats, and this time was no different. Bodil, Helge and I took a bus from Raadhuspladsen (town square) to Amager and took a little walk to the Museum Amager.

Museum Amager has a very special permanent collection of folk costumes (folkedragt) from that region.

There's a big story to tell about the folk costumes on

Amager (Amager is an island where the airport Kastrup lies). Shortly put, in the 1600s, the King's wife was from Holland – and she missed vegetables from back home. So, farmers from Holland were brought to Denmark, and put on Amager to grow the special vegetables that the Queen loved. The local farmers were removed from the land. These Hollanders built a culture that was very rich for they had exclusive sales of the vegetables. They also created special costumes that were intricate in their design. Looking at the costumes was a feast too!

The rest of the Museum was decorated for Christmas with sets of trees and lights and children's games.

Amager Museum is definitely worth a visit next Christmas or when they reopen in May for the summer season.

My week in Denmark was over too fast so now I am sharing it with you to relive the lovely memories.

#### Membership

The NWDA membership year is from July 1st to June 30th each year. If you haven't gotten your membership renewed, you still can!

Benefits include:

- Discounts on all NWDA events and programs
- 15% OFF any order at Scandinavian Design Studio
- Free access to our Danish library in Seattle with over 2,000 books and films available
- Occasional discounts and/or free tickets from community partners

#### Seattle Danish Brotherhood Lodge #29

Meetings first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7pm. Join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/dbseattlelodge29/>





# NW Danish Calendar



Sign up for our e-bulletin to receive the most recent updates: [www.northwestdanish.org/e-bulletin/](http://www.northwestdanish.org/e-bulletin/)

## April 2025

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
	March 31- Early Bird Himmelbjerget Pricing Ends	1 Work Party (S)	2 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S)	3	4 Nordic Mixer @ Swedish Club (S)	5
6	7	8	9	10 DBIA Meeting (E)	11	12 DSS Meeting (P)
13	14 Conversation Group (P)	15 NWDA Scholarship Application Deadline Danish 4 (Online)	16 Tillykke Queen Margrethe! Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	17	18	19 Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)
20	21	22 Danish 4 (Online)	23 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	24	25	26 Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)
27 Generations Luncheon (S)	28 Conversation Group (P)	29 Danish 4 (Online)	30 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)			

## May 2025

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
Hanne Støvring Art Exhibit	– Light from the North–	On display through late May.		1 2025-26 Membership Application Opens!	2 Fredagscafe (S)	3 Danish 1B(Online) Danish 3C (Online)
4	5	6 Work Party (S) Danish 4 (Online)	7 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S) Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	8 DBIA Meeting (E)	9	10 Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)
11	12 Conversation Group (P)	13 Danish 4 (Online)	14 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	15	16	17 DBIA & DSS Meeting (P) Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)
18	19	20 Danish 4 (Online)	21 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	22	23	24 Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)
25	26 Tillykke King Frederik! Himmelbjerget Registration Ends Conversation Group (P)	27 Danish 4 (Online)	28 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	29 King's Birthday Celebration (S)	30	31 Danish 1B (Online) Danish 3C (Online)

## June 2025

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
1	2	3 Work Party (S) Danish 4 (Online)	4 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S) Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	5	6 Fredagscafe (S)	7 Danish 3C (Online)
8	9 Conversation Group (P)	10 Danish 4 (Online)	11 Danish 1C (Online) Danish 2A (Online)	12 DBIA Meeting (E)	13	14 DSS Meeting (P) Danish 3C (Online)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Himmelbjerget Camp	23 Himmelbjerget Camp Conversation Group (P)	24 Himmelbjerget Camp	25 Himmelbjerget Camp	26 Himmelbjerget Camp	27 Himmelbjerget Camp	28 Himmelbjerget Camp
29	30	July 1—First Day of New Membership Year!				

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**Donations and gifts are cumulative from July 2024 to present.**



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**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



## Emerald Ensemble Performs Danish Classics

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff



Image: Lisbeth Mogensen serving treats she made (photo by Henry Geijsbeek)

The 2024-2025 season of the Nordic Chamber Music Series is in full swing. The Denmark concert was on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ballard First

Lutheran Church. NWDA sponsored the after-concert reception and we had a great group of volunteers to make that happen.

The concert featured the Emerald Ensemble, conducted by Gary Cannon, a local Seattle professional chamber choir, performing Danish choral music through the centuries. There were about 100 people in attendance and many of them stayed to partake in the Danish treats and comradery at the reception.

Mange tak to the volunteers who made this possible! If you are interested in more concerts in this series, please visit <https://nwegrieksociety.org/nordic-chamber-music-2024-2025/>.

Image: Concert attendees at the reception (photo by Henry Geijsbeek)



## Spring Danish Language Classes

In partnership with SLI (Scandinavian Language Institute)



Classes Start between April 15th and 19th 2025. Information and registration open now online.

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

[www.scanlang.org](http://www.scanlang.org)

Current NWDA Members get a 15% discount!

## From Comic Strip to Millions of Movie Tickets Sold

By Jan Bruun-Petersen

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Engholm and his wife, since they were retired on my family's street in Hørsholm. He was nice to show me some of the original large artwork of his father's comic strip, which was reduced 75 percent to fit in the newspaper. Ole was also paid for a day's work in some of the early films as an extra, 21 Danish crowns. For example, in the 1954 "Father of Four in the Snow" filmed in Norway, Ole got a role as a hotel guest.

There were also written 19 Far til Fire novels. In 1997, there was a live theatre Christmas performance of Far til Fire in Charlottenlund. There have been many popular songs from the film series.

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HANNE STØVRING ART OPENING, Seattle—Mar. 27th  
NORDIC MIXER, Seattle @ Swedish Club—Apr. 4th  
FREDAGSCAFE, Seattle—May 2nd, & Jun. 6th  
GENERATIONS LUNCHEON, Seattle—Apr. 27th  
KING FREDERIK'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, Seattle—May 29th  
HANNE STØVRING ART EXHIBIT, Seattle—Till late May  
HIMMELBJERGET CAMP, Corbett—Jun. 22nd-28th

## Monthly Events (subject to change)

- 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.

# The Little Mermaid

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