



Danish House Society

Scandinavian
COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Fall 2023

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival 2023



Jacob Bay
Lindkvist

Royal Danish
Embassy





PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Peter Praegel

The summer has been hot and dry this year and we hope that you have enjoyed it.

Our Midsummer Festival was a huge success with the weather being perfect. Our Danish Tent Mayor, Pia Petersen, has written a great report that is within this newsletter. I would like to THANK all the volunteers that helped with the success of our Midsummer.

Our Kro Aftens continue to be a very fun event. Tina Taylor and her helpers, spending the day making wonderful Smorrebrod that we then get to enjoy for dinner that night. We would like to thank all those “anonymous” donors who bring prizes each event and then purchase a chance to win them back. All money raised for the prizes go directly to our Scholarship Fund.

We received 20 applications for scholarships this year. The Committee have worked hard to access the applications and have awarded the 13 scholarships. The list of the successful applicants is within this newsletter. Congratulations to those that were awarded.

The DHS Annual Family BBQ will be held on August 20th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Danish Language Classes will start up again in September. We have a wonderful teacher, Ann-Kathrine Havemose, who will have 2 classes on Tuesdays.

We are starting to plan our Christmas Events. First we will have Christmas Kro Aften on Dec 1st and Christmas by the Fireside on Dec 8th, so mark your calendars.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers and gives their precious time to the Danish House. It is very much appreciated and we could not succeed without you. Thank you!

DHS ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

4:00pm – 9:00pm

Door Prizes & Raffle Prizes
Beef Steak or Salmon Fillet
Green Salad or Potato Salad
Watermelon
Assorted Pies with whipped cream
Hot Dogs and Pop for Kids

CASH BAR – BEER & WINE

By Reservation Only!

\$30.00 per person (Kids under 16 free)

To RESERVE:

Phone: Else Rollke 604-620-1632

Or Email: danishhousesociety@gmail.com

DEADLINE TO ORDER: August 12th, 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nov 5	Welcome to Norway Craft Fair
Nov 18	Swedish Craft Market
Nov 19	Swedish Craft Market
Nov 26	Scandinavian Craft Fair
Dec 1	DHS Christmas Kro Aften
Dec 8	DHS Christmas by the Fireside





Calendar of Event



September 2023

Sep 1st – 6:00 pm	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
Sep 8th – 12 Noon	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
Sep 16th – 1:00 pm	SCCS
Genealogy	

October 2023

Oct 6th – 6:00pm	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
Oct 13th – 12:00 Noon	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
Oct 14th – 1:00 pm	SCCS
Genealogy	
Oct 21st – 11:00 am	SCS
Leif Erickson's Day	
Oct 28th – 9:00 am	SCCS
Scandinavian Centre Clean Up Day	

November 2023

Nov 3rd – 6:00pm	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
Nov 5th – 11:00 am	NHS
Welcome to Norway Craft Fair	
Nov 10th – 12 Noon	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
Nov 18th & 19th – 11:00 am	SCS
Swedish Christmas Market	
Nov 26th – 11:00 am	FHS
Scandinavian Craft Fair	

For more events:

<https://scancentre.org/events-calendar/>

Membership Committee Report

The 2023 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2022. If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please do so. Contact via email to: danishhousesociety@gmail.com or phone Else Rollke at 604-620-1632.

Membership Dues are:

One Year Individual \$25.00, One Year Family \$40.00, Corporate/Organization \$100, and Lifetime \$300.00

New Memberships:

Lisa Holowaty, Frank Jameson,
Dorthe Davison, Ralph & Hjorth Olsen,
Christopher Roberts, Pia Christiansen Tait,
Annette Byrd

Respectfully submitted by:

Else Rollke, Membership Committee

Donations to the Danish House Society

May 1st to July 31st, 2023

Donations:

In Memory of Bjarne Nielsen – Linda Jorgensen

Total donations \$50.00

Thank
you ❤️

Respectfully submitted by: Else Rollke, Treasurer



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Danish Constitution Day

"Grundlovsdag 2023"

Over 50 people came to enjoy a great day at the Scandinavian Centre, celebrating Grundlovsdag. The day started with Church service inside with Pastor Carsten. Everyone then moved outside to enjoy the sunshine and great picnic baskets.



CALLING VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES!



Fall Work Party

Saturday, October 28th 9am to 3pm

Come out & help & keep your Centre beautiful! Bring pails and rags, work inside or outside. Rain or shine.

8:30am, Breakfast

12:30pm, Lunch

Please let the office know if you are coming, and if you are joining us for breakfast and/or lunch

info@scancentre.org

Tuesday Gang Volunteering

Our fantastic, super-competent and dedicated Tuesday gang works wonders maintaining the Scandinavian Centre. We are therefore looking to recruit some additional Tuesday gang members. And we hope you will continue volunteering!

The gang meets **every Tuesday** throughout the year. Coffee breaks are guaranteed along with a variety of lunches.

The gang **starts at 9am on Tuesdays**, and goes until about noon.

Please let the office know if you'd like to attend, info@scancentre.org or just show up!



KRO AFTEN – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

This fun-filled Danish House Event is held the **first Friday of every month, except August and usually December.**



Enjoy a fine selection of open-faced sandwiches (\$6 each), dessert (\$4 each) and coffee or tea (n/c). Wash it down with snaps and Carlsberg beer on tap (no host bar). Meet at about 6pm to get your meal tickets and table number - **smørrebrød is served at 7 p.m. Credit/debit cards now accepted.**

BY RESERVATION ONLY

Step #1 - An email with the menu and order form will be sent out the 2 weeks before the Kro Aften.

Step #2 – Your order must be emailed to danishhousesociety@gmail.com before 6pm Tuesday on the week of Kro Aften.

Step #3 – After you've emailed your order to Danish House, you will received a confirmation email "Your order has been received." Please make sure you received this confirmation; if not, please Tina Taylor at 604-461-3358.

Guidelines:

- No changes/cancellations/seating changes accepted after 3:00pm, Wednesday on the week of Kro Aften.
- No outside alcohol is permitted to any Danish House Society event. No exceptions are allowed as it contravenes the SCCS Liquor License.
- Dietary Requirements: Only GLUTEN FREE will be accommodated. Write GLUTEN FREE beside the specific sandwich and that way your request will be recognized.
- Please redeem your dessert ticket at the Kro Aften it was ordered for. Dessert tickets are colour coded and cannot be used at a future Kro Aftens.
- Please note: NON MEMBERS will be charged \$5.00 per person surcharge to attend.

NEXT KROAFTEN

September 1st

October 6th

November 3rd





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Scholarship Awards 2023

The Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen - \$2,400

Sarah Wasik

Ella Sonderby Madsen

The Danish Sisterhood of America, Lodge 179 - \$2,000

Kyla Dooley

The Danish House Society Scholarships - \$1,500

Lauren Christensen

Samantha Dannhauer

Keanna foster

Kai Hartvigsen

Christine Henderson

Emily Ilott

Nicole Jensen

Chloe Jorgensen

Mark Magelund

Rowan Roodenburg





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Scandinavian Midsummer Festival June 24 & 25, 2023

It was a lovely weekend and the Midsummer Festival was a fabulous success! Over 3,100 people attended and enjoyed the great food and incredible activities. Each Scandinavian member had a country tent filled with a variety of vendors offering a lovely assortment of goods. Language was the theme this year and Danish House participated with a Spinning Wheel Game of "Guess the Danish Word". Each correct answer enabled the participant to enter their name in a draw for Lego Gifts. The Spinning Wheel drew much attention and was manned by our Danish Language teacher Ann-Kathrine Havemose and some of her students. The Danish House Tent also included a Lego Display as well as many returning and new vendors. The Danish Church also had a table in our tent with the new Pastor Carsten Hansen offering "Church In A Bag" and popular balloons for the children.



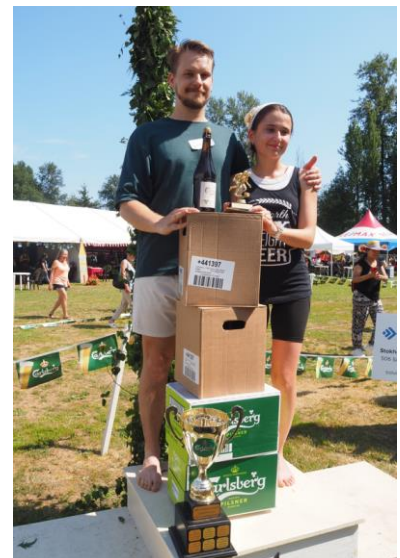
The Opening Ceremonies had Keith Colby's granddaughter, Chloe Skoda proudly carry the Danish Flag while Steen Larsen sang the Danish anthem. A highlight of the weekend was the "Wife Carrying Contest" with 22 couples competing for the "Wife's weight in Beer". The "Wife Carrying Event" received international recognition on the news and social media!

Of course, the Salmon BBQ and Saturday Evening Beer Garden were also a great success and the weekend was filled with incredible musicians and entertainers.

The children enjoyed the "Hobby Horse Races" with many showing off the abilities of their trusty steeds. The event did have a few incidents that were overcome with help from all the wonderful volunteers. Tina Taylor, responsible for the inside food had a terrible accident a couple of weeks before the Festival but being a true Dane and all her experienced volunteers they still managed to make over 1500 Open-faced sandwiches as well as offer Swedish and Finnish Meatballs (thanks to Tina Praegel). Unfortunately, my co-mayor, Don MacKenzie suffered a serious medical incident days before the event and was missed throughout the weekend. Thankfully, other Board members stepped in and helped as the need arose.

This was my first year as the Danish House Mayor and it was a huge learning experience with everyone from the Scandinavian Center assisting me along the way. A very special thank you to all the amazing volunteers, without them the event could not have happened. It was a wonderful weekend and I look forward to next year's Midsummer Festival.

Respectfully submitted by,
Pia Petersen, Danish House Mayor.





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DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Fall 2023 is starting in September! We have 2 classes including Beginner and Intermediate on Tuesdays. *Classes will be in person.*

The schedule is:

Beginner class will meet on Tuesdays, from 5:45pm to 7:15pm, starting on: *Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (last class November 28)*

Intermediate class will meet on Tuesdays, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, starting on: *Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (last class November 28)*

This semester, the classes will run for 12 weeks, and the fee will be \$125.00.

There will be a limit of 16 students per class. Make sure to sign up as soon as possible to make sure you get a spot.

All classes will be held, in the Danish Room, at the Scandinavian Centre.

The cost is \$125 for 12 weeks, payable on the first day of your class or prior. Payment can be made in advance by credit card or a cheque made out to Danish House Society.

To register or inquire indicating your level: danishhousesociety@gmail.com

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Sep 8th – Oct 13th – Nov 10th

All seniors welcome (non-seniors can accompany seniors).

Time: Noon

Cost: \$3 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or cookies to share, OR \$8 if you prefer not to bring food.

Please help us out by bringing a plate of food.

Contact: Tor Olufsen 604-294-0749 or by tmolufsen@gmail.com

Friends of DHS



Bjarne Nielsen

Karl Kristensen

Our sincerest condolences go out to the families and with sadness in our hearts we say goodbye to our friends.





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DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Thank you for your interest in joining and supporting DHS. Please make your cheques payable to: "Danish House Society, 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to receive my newsletter by: Email ☐ Canada Post ☐ New Membership ☐ or Renewal

Membership Dues

- ☐ \$25.00 Individual Membership (per year)
☐ \$40.00 Family Membership (per year)
☐ \$100.00 Corporate/Organization Membership (per year)
☐ \$300.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership (one-time payment)
☐ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



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Any errors or omissions to the newsletter please also send feedback to our new email address.



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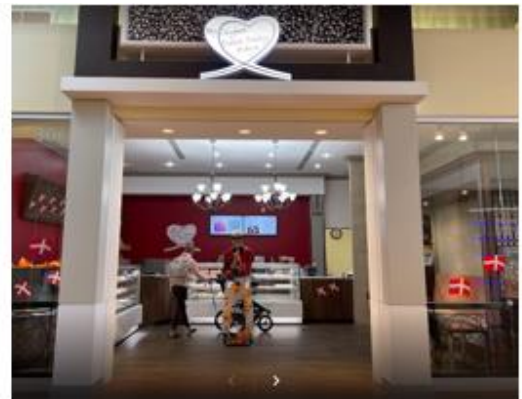
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My Original Danish Pastry Baker

Tsawwassen Mills Mall
5000 Canoe Pass Wy #306, Delta



Getting to Know Smørrebrød: The Ultimate Guide To Danish Open Faced Sandwiches

