



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Peter Praegel

Finally we are having our regular Fall weather, with the rain and wind.

At the September Kro Aften, we presented our Scholarships to very deserving recipients. It takes a great effort for our Committee to go through all the applications and find the ones that qualify. We thank the Committee for a wonderful job (Ulla Larsen, Pia Christensen and Margit Hansson). Also, we would like to thank all those that come to the Kro Aften donating prizes that are then used for our monthly raffle. Our scholarship fundraiser continues to be a success and we give a huge thank you to all who participate.

As you will see within this newsletter, plans are already in the works for the Christmas Kro Aften on Dec 1st and the Christmas by the Fireside on Dec 8. We have limited tickets to each event so I encourage you to get your tickets sooner rather than later.

We look forward to seeing you at our December events, and make sure you check out the Scandinavian Centre website (www.scancentre.org) because there are lots of other events going on. Updates will also be available on the website.

Peter Praegel, DHS President



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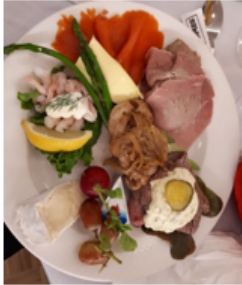


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Danish House Society presents

Christmas Kroaften



Date: Friday, December 1st, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$35.00 per person
Tickets: Else Rollke 604-620-1632
or email danishhousesociety@gmail.com

Reservations and pre-payment required.

Menu:

Kro Platte includes warm chicken and asparagus tartlets, fisk filet, herring (curry sauce), shrimp, frikadeller, roast beef and cheese, served with Danish rye bread and French bread
Dessert: Ris almond with cherry sauce

Meet 6'ish to get your table number and enjoy a drink. Kro Platte is served at 7pm.

You must book early! **Only 120 tickets sold!**

Enjoy a traditional Christmas Kro Platte, dessert, coffee and tea. Wash it down with Snaps and Carlsberg!



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



Scandinavian Centre - 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!



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Danish House Society presents

Christmas by the Fireside



Date: Friday, December 8, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: Admit one Adult \$20.00.
Children under 12 are free.

Tickets: Else Rollke 604-620-1632
or email danishhousesociety@gmail.com

Reservations and pre-payment required.

(Tickets picked up at the door)

Join us for some traditional
Danish Christmas "hygge!"

Entertainment by St Lucia Girls,
Procession of Lights, Lighting of the Advent Wreath,
Visit from Danish "Nisse-Folk", Arrival of
Julemanden, Family sing-a-long.
Glogg, Æbleskiver and pastry will be served.



WE'RE HIRING

The DHS is looking for paid – positions to work at Kro Aften and other events.

If you know of someone who would like to work at Kro Aften and other events helping with clearing tables, serving food, cleaning dishes, etc..... Please contact the Danish House.

danishhousesociety@gmail.com



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 at info@scancentre.org





Calendar of Event



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	

December 2023

Dec 1st – 6:00 pm	DHS
Christmas Kro Aften	
Dec 3rd – 11:00 am	SCCS
Icelandic Bake and Craft Fair	
Dec 8th – 12 Noon	SCCS
Christmas Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
Dec 8th – 6:00 pm	DHS
Christmas by the Fireside	

January 2024

Jan 5th – 6:00pm	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
Jan 12th – 12:00 Noon	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
Oct 14th – 1:00 pm	SCCS
Genealogy	
Jan 28th – 12 noon	SCS
SCCS Volunteer Luncheon	

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:

Jenna Lavalley, Zach Butler, Kurt Nielsen,
Rod & Christine Roodenburg

Respectfully submitted by:
Else Rollke, Membership Committee

Donations to the Danish House Society

August 1st to Oct 15th, 2023

Donations:

In Memory of Karl Kristensen –
Rod & Christine Roodenburg

New Denmark Museum –
Peter Praegel, Don MacKenzie

Total donations \$300.00

Thank
you ❤️



KRO AFTEN – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

This fun-filled Danish House Event is held the **first Friday of every month, except July, 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 receive a confirmation email "Your order has been received." You will receive a confirmation email within 3 days. Please make sure you received this confirmation; if not, email danishhousesociety@gmail.com.

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 Aften.
- Please note: NON MEMBERS will be charged \$5.00 per person surcharge to attend.

NEXT KROAFTEN

November 3rd

December 1st

January 5th





*The Scandinavian and Swedish Cultural Societies
Present*

Leif Erikson Day Festival "Interpreting Recent Norse Archaeology"

Saturday October 21st, 2023, 1- 9 pm

Scandinavian Community Centre
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC

Program Opening 1:00 pm

A Giant's Grave: Shetland Island Dig (video)
Janet Gabites: *Geochemistry Analysis*
Judith Anderson: *DNA Evidence*
Carolyn Thauberger: *New Interpretations*



Salme Ship Burial

2:30 — Coffee with a Swedish flavour
Norse Archeology Book Display and Sale

Neil Price: *Interpreting Archaeology (video)*
Price and colleagues: *Salme, Estonia, Mass Ship Burials (videos)*



Norse Facial Reconstructions

4:30 — Coffee, Music, Book display

5:30 — Viking Buffet Supper (by donation)

7:00 Bill Arnott's "Gone Viking,"
A Special Presentation for the
Scandinavian Cultural Societies



Birka Female Warrior

Info: 306 740-7997
cthauer12@gmail.com
judithanderson@shaw.ca

Nordic Baking Classes

Oct 23 – Cinnamon & Honey Cookies

Oct 25 – Almond Giffel

Oct 30 – Budapest Cake

Nov 6 – Princess Cake

Nov 20 – Ginger Cookies

Nov 27 – Almond Logs

Nov 29 – Saffron Buns (Lussekatter)

Course includes 2-hour class, recipe and baked goods to take home.

Email for more information: scanbake@gmail.com

DANISH BROTHERHOOD ANDESPIL (BINGO) & DANCE

Date:

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time:

Door opens at 5pm – Bar opens at 5:30pm -

Bingo starts at 6pm SHARP!

Open-faced sandwiches at 8pm

Cost:

Admission \$20.00

(includes 3 Bingo cards)

Extra Bingo cards only \$1.00 each

Final Grand Prize cards \$1.00 each

Win great prizes including Ducks, Pork Roasts,
side of Pork and 50/50 cash!

Dance:

with "John Parsons" from 9pm to 11pm!

Food:

Open-faced sandwiches (\$6.00 each) made by
Tina Praegel and sold after the Bingo

Reservations:

Call Erik Bladt at 778-549-5958 or
email ebldt@hotmail.com

Donations for Door Prizes are very much
appreciated.

Bring your family and friends for an evening of





DHS 2023 Scholarship Winners

The Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen Scholarships

Sarah Wasik, Vancouver - Sarah, daughter of Pia Petersen, and Tina Taylor's niece, is going into the second year of the UBC Masters of Occupational Therapy. She received her Kinesiology degree from UBC, and has worked at summer camps for people with disabilities, as well as for Inclusion Works North Shore helping young adults with developmental disabilities. Sarah was a professional modern dancer with the Toronto Dance Theatre for four years, and performed a solo ballet for the DHS Hans Christian Andersen 200th anniversary. As well, she has participated as a volunteer for many activities for the DHS, and at the Danish Church, and was a member of the Danish sisterhood of Canada.

Ella Sonderby Madsen, Port Coquitlam - Ella, granddaughter of Bjarne Madsen, is starting the first year of an Engineering program at McMaster University. Her outstanding high school results were achieved while also actively engaged in a wide variety of sports, as well as doing some volunteer coaching. Ella participated in Santa Lucia for many years.

Danish Sisterhood Scholarship

Kyla Ostergaard Dooley, Delta - Kyla, granddaughter of Bent Ostergaard, is going into third year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts program at Emily Carr University of Art + Design, majoring in Visual Arts. Kyla has been active in gymnastics and running.

Danish House Scholarships of \$1,500

Lauren Christensen, Port Moody - Lauren, daughter of Rob Christensen and granddaughter of Paul Christensen, is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Douglas College in Criminology, with a focus on social justice and criminal justice reform. A future goal is to become a lawyer. Lauren has volunteered as a coach for youth sailing programs, and is a student ambassador within Douglas College, helping new students and others who may be struggling.

Samantha Dannhauer, Delta - Samantha, granddaughter of Wayne Dannhauer, is starting the first year of a Bachelor of Arts program at UBC, majoring in English. Her goal is to become a high school teacher. She enjoys making crafts.

Keanna Foster, Delta - Keanna, niece of Judith Robitaille, is completing her Bachelor of Science at the University of Saskatchewan, honors in Psychology, as well as a minor in toxicology. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school to qualify as a psychiatrist, specializing in addiction and mental health. Keanna is athletic, and also volunteers at her university.

Kai Hartvigsen, North Vancouver - Kai, grandson of Jette Hartvigsen, is in the second year of studying Computer Science at the University of Victoria. He is very active in sports and outdoor activities.



Christine Henderson, Vancouver - Christine, Poul Sorensen's granddaughter, is pursuing an Environmental Engineering Bachelor of Technology at BCIT. She already has a Bachelor of Science in Population Health from Simon Fraser University. She is dedicated to human and planetary health, and climate action. She has attended many DHS events, and has volunteered at Midsummer.

Emily Ilott, Langley - Emily, daughter of Dorrit Ilott, is going into second year at the University of Alberta, in a combined degree program for a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. She has volunteered as a student ambassador, mentor to new students, in theatre settings, and as a dance instructor. She had extensive dance training.

Nicole Jensen, Coquitlam - Nicole, daughter of Keith Jensen and granddaughter of Arne Jensen, is in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts program at Simon Fraser University, with a goal of becoming a clinical psychologist. She has been active in soccer, swimming and archery, and has considerable volunteer credits.

Chloe Jorgensen, Maple Ridge - Chloe, granddaughter of Dexada Jorgensen, is pursuing a joint Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dramatic Arts) Bachelor of Education at the University of Lethbridge. She is a keen musician, and has considerable volunteer experience.

Mark Magelund, North Vancouver - Mark, Borge and Magdalene Magelund's grandson, is a fourth-year student at Simon Fraser University, studying Business Administration, with a concentration in finance. He is active in sports, and has volunteered at Midsummer.

Rowan Roodenburg, Vancouver - Rowan, Berthe and Karl Kristensen's granddaughter, is in her second year of an Industrial Design degree at Emily Carr University of Art + Design. She hopes to study abroad for a year in the future to learn more about European design and culture.





DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Spring 2023 is starting in late January 2024! We have 2 to 3 classes including Beginner and Intermediate on Mondays. *Classes will be in person.*

The schedule is:

Beginner class will meet on Mondays, from 5:45pm to 7:15pm, starting on: *Monday, January 22, 2024 (last class April 22, 2024)*

Intermediate class will meet on Mondays, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, starting on: *Monday, January 22, 2024 (last class April 22, 2024)*

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

WE NEED A 2ND DANISH TEACHER

The Danish House Society is looking for an additional **Danish Teacher**.

The Danish House Society is... A great way of connecting to the Danish/Scandinavian community in the greater Vancouver area.

As a Danish teacher with the Danish House Society, you control the classroom and decide how you want to run the class. You'll be joining our current Danish teacher who will be there to assist you with advice, materials and professional *sparring*, should you need it.

A job with great flexibility, you get to decide your own hours and when your classes take place.

Classes usually span from 10-15 students of all ages, and takes place once a week for 1.5 – 2 hours for 10 or 12 weeks.

Skills required: Native or C2 proficiency in Danish - Be familiar with Danish culture, traditions and customs and no prior teaching experience required, but is appreciated.

Hours: 1.5-2 hours a week minimum on a night of your choosing.

Compensation: \$100 pr/hour

If interested, please contact the Danish House Society on danishhousesociety@gmail.com



SENIORS LUNCHEON

Nov 10th - Dec 8 – Jan 12

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

DANISH CHRISTMAS COOKIES



Pebernødder - Originally made with much cheaper ingredients such as rye flour, pebernødder were one of the few cookies Danes could make at home before the advent of the woodstove. Historically, these cookies were hard as rocks, or nuts as the name indicates.



Klejner - These cookies are not baked but fried in lard or oil which makes for a wonderfully textured cookie. Because this cookie wasn't baked, it's one of the oldest cookies to be made at home in Denmark. With a tool known as a klejnespore you make a slit in the middle. It takes a bit of practice to be able to vride en klejne (twist a klejne) through the small hole in the center.

Friends of DHS



Torben Christensen

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





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On October 7th the Scandinavian Centre hosted the **Danish Open Face Sandwich Class**. Instructor Tina Taylor, along with 12 eager students, created some awesome sandwiches. The class started with preparing Herring, Shrimp and Egg sandwiches, then moved on to Roast Beef, Ham and Italian Salad, then Vet's Dinner (liver pate and salt meat) and finished off with Brie and cranberry sauce. Many stories were shared about family traditions, celebrations and "Smorrebrod". One highlight of the day was the coincidence that one of the students, who happens to be Veterinarian, learned how to prepare his own Vet's Dinner! The best part is learning that open faced sandwiches can be your own creation - so have fun with it!



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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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If you have not received an email from us the last month please send us your new email address, so we can update our records. Send to our email address danishhousesociety@gmail.com

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



The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre needs our help!

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre of Vancouver (<https://www.vhec.org/>) is developing an exhibit and education program that will be launched in early 2024. The exhibit's theme will be "Rescuers," emphasizing the rescue of Denmark's Jewish population in 1943. The role that Danes played in this historic event presents us with the concepts of moral choices and decisions. Whereas there were individual rescuers of Jews in other parts of Second World War-occupied Europe, the Danish episode is unique as it involved thousands of "ordinary" Danes who saved their fellow countrymen.

The Danish people helped many Jewish civilians escape from Nazi's during World War II (1940-1945). Do you happen to know of someone that helped the Jewish people escape from the Nazi's? How did they help them escape? Do you have a story or pictures, letters or artifacts to share?

Next September (in 2024) the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre would like to share these stories, letters, pictures, artifacts with high school students. They would appreciate any information that you can share with them and honor the Danish contributions to the war effort.

If you can help, please contact:

Lise Kirchner
Program Consultant
604-786-5985
l.kirchner@vhec.org



My Original Danish Pastry Baker

Tsawwassen Mills Mall
5000 Canoe Pass Wy #306, Delta





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DHS Summer BBQ 2023

The DHS hosted the summer BBQ in August. We had 100 tickets reserved but only 80 attended. This could have been due to the air quality from the forest fires but it was disappointing as supplies had been purchased.

Those that attended had a wonderful meal served by the fantastic team led by Gord Iversen.

It was a wonderful time to see so many friends after a long, hot dry summer.



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