



President's Report

It is September again....hope that your summer went well and you enjoyed all the warmth and sunshine we had. Wishing all those affected by the wild fires are doing okay. A big thank you goes to all the Danish House volunteers that helped with the Midsummer Festival 2026 to make it another huge success! We can't thank you enough for volunteering from making food, serving food, setting up, taking down, being cashiers, and so much more. It would be impossible for the Centre to put on such a huge event without the support of volunteers. WE THANK YOU! Our Festival was a huge success with the weather being the best and all those in attendance.

At our upcoming September Kro Aften, we will present our Scholarships to very deserving recipients. It is a big task for the Committee to go through all the applications and find the ones who qualify. This year we had 14 applications in total. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee (Ulla Larsen, Pia Christensen, Margit Hansson) for a great job. Also, we want to thank all those who come to the Kro Aften events, donating prizes and buying the tickets. We would not be able to offer these scholarships with all of your support.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Kro Aftens and our Christmas events. 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
President

Membership Committee Report

The 2026 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2025. 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 \$30.00, One Year Family \$50.00,
Corporate/Organization \$150, Lifetime \$360.00 and Family Lifetime (pair) \$600.00**

Respectfully submitted by:
Else Rollke, Membership Committee





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.

Jobs can include recycling, light maintenance items, racking leaves, cutting lawns, changing light bulbs, setup for events, maintaining the parking lot etc... If you have a specific trade or skill you want to share, let us know and jobs could possibly be found.

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



Calendar of Events

September 2026

Kro Aften Club Night

Sept 4th – 6:00pm..... DHS

Seniors Luncheon

Sept 11th - 12noon SCCS

Genealogy Session

Sept 12th – 1:00pm SCS

October 2026

Kro Aften Club Night

Oct 2nd - 6:00pm..... DHS

Seniors Luncheon

Oct 9th - 12noon SCCS

Genealogy Session

Oct 10th - 1:00pm SCS

Scandinavian Centre Fall Clean Up

Oct 24th – 9am SCCS

November 2026

Kro Aften Club Night

Nov 6th – 6:00 pm DHS

Seniors Luncheon

Nov 13th – 12noon SCCS

Genealogy Session

Nov 14th – 1:00pm SCS

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





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FRIENDS OF DHS

Gunner Madsen

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



SENIORS LUNCHEON

Sept 11 – Oct 9 – Nov 13

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

Time: Noon

Cost: \$5 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or cookies to share, OR \$10 if you prefer not to bring food.

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIRS

Welcome to Norway

Sunday, November 8th

Icelandic Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, November 15th

Swedish Craft Market

Saturday, November 21st

Sunday, November 22nd

Scandinavian Craft Fair

Sunday, November 29th

Donations to the Danish House Society

Donations in Kind

Lene Olsen

Donations

In memory of Oluf Folkersen

Pauli Juokso

Carol & Bent Nielsen

Kate Moscato

Thank
you ❤️

Respectfully submitted by: Else Rollke, Treasurer

Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Kro Aften – Friday, December 4th

Christmas by the Fireside – Friday, December 11th

Tickets on sale – October 20th, 2026



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Midsummer Festival 2026



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DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026:

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: _____

Membership: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

- ☐ \$ 30.00 Individual Membership (per year)
- ☐ \$ 50.00 Family Membership (per year)
- ☐ \$ 360.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership (one-time payment)
- ☐ \$ 150.00 Corporate/Organization Membership (per year)
- ☐ \$ 600.00 Family Lifetime (pair) Membership (one-time payment)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

FEDERATION OF DANES

The Board of the Federation of Danish Associations of Canada is currently working on the Heritage Book for 2027 and we would love your help.

We are looking for articles for this next edition, that showcase Danes in Canada.

This could be biographies, stories of Danish Businesses in the region, also tales or history of Danes in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island.

We are looking to have these stories, articles, photos etc. by mid November at the latest.

Email to s.alex@shaw.ca

Calling Volunteers of all Ages!

Fall Work Party

Date: Saturday October 24th

Time: 9am to 2pm

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

8:30am Breakfast

12 Noon 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





DANISH LANGUAGE CLASS – FALL / WINTER 2026



Winter 2026 Semester is starting in September 2026.
We will have 2 classes: one Beginners and one Intermediate
The minimum age for classes is 16+.
Each class will need a minimum of 10 students.

MONDAY - Beginner (In Person):

7pm to 8:30pm (1.5 hr. class), starting **September 28, 2026**
10 classes – Cost \$150 (min 10 students)

NEW DATES!

Class schedule: Sept 28, Oct 5, Break, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14

THURSDAY – Intermediate (In Person):

7pm to 8:30pm (1.5 hr. class), starting **October 1, 2026**
10 classes – Cost \$150 (min 10 students)

NEW DATES!

Class schedule: Oct 1, 8, 15, Break, Oct 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3, 10

Registration open now – **Deadline September 15th**

To sign up: <https://forms.gle/KjD81B1rYBLRXZcR6>

For information: danishhousesociety@gmail.com

The Pig Empire: Inside Denmark's Agricultural Revolution

When you think of Denmark, you probably picture colorful Copenhagen harbors, minimalist design, or a cozy evening of *hygge*. But look beyond the cobblestone streets, and you will find the true backbone of the Danish economy: the humble pig.

Denmark is one of the only countries in the world where pigs vastly outnumber humans. While the nation is home to roughly 6 million people, it manages a staggering population of nearly 13 million pigs at any given time.

Denmark's obsession with pork isn't a modern fluke; it's a masterclass in agricultural engineering. In 1896, Danish farmers officially registered the Danish Landrace. Boasting a long, lean body and droopy ears, this specific breed became the golden standard for the global bacon trade.

The breed was so valuable to Denmark's booming exports—especially to the British breakfast market—that the government tightly restricted purebred exports for decades. Combined with cutting-edge genetics and hyper-efficient farming techniques, Danish sows now routinely produce litters of up to 20 piglets, making Danish farmers some of the most productive on earth.

Today, Danish pork is a multi-billion dollar empire, exporting meat to over 140 countries, including Germany, the UK, and China.



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 (**\$7 each**), dessert (**\$5 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 – Confirmation email: Once your order is received by the Danish House, within 3 days, we will send you a confirmation email saying “Your order has been received!” **Please make sure you receive this confirmation;** if you don’t, please send an email. **NOTE: If you don’t have a reservation that has been confirmed, we will not be able to serve you if you show up.**

Guidelines:

- **Large Groups:** Maximum size for a group is 16 persons. Larger groups will not be accommodated.
- 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.

For any questions, call 778-866-7078

Please note: Non-members will be charged \$5.00 per person surcharge to attend.



NEXT KROAFTEN
September 4
October 2
November 6





2026 Winners of the Ruth and Johannes Pedersen scholarships of \$2400

Søren Andreassen

Søren, son of DHS member Morgan Andreassen, is attending University of the Fraser Valley, working towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He has a black belt in Judo, works as a lifeguard and swim instructor, and has considerable volunteer experience, including at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Liva Hougaard

Liva, daughter of DHS member Erik Hougaard, is a dual citizen of Denmark and Canada. She is completing her final year of a Bachelor of Science degree at UBC, majoring in Geology. She enjoys hiking and skiing, and is working as an exploration geologist, doing helicopter-based fieldwork on the tundra in Nunavut.

2026 Winners of the Danish House scholarships of \$1500

Evangeline Bessai (Evie)

Evie, daughter of DHS member Laura Lightbown, is a student at UVIC working on a double major in Political Science and Environmental Studies. She plans to go to Law School in the future to focus on Environmental Law. She enjoys many outdoor pursuits, and has considerable volunteer experience, including Midsummer and work parties at the Scandinavian Centre.

Mason Fentum

Mason, son of DHS member Anita Nielsen, is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at The New School in New York City, where he studies drama, music, and creative writing. He has also completed a Diploma in Acting for Film and Television.

Cody Hartvigsen

Cody, grandson of DHS member Jette Hartvigsen, is continuing his Business and Finance studies at UVIC. He also has a window cleaning business, and plans to start other business ventures in the future. He enjoys keeping fit and travel, and is committed to helping elderly neighbours with outdoor tasks.

Michael Jensen

Michael, son of DHS member Keith Jensen and grandson of DHS member Arne Jensen, is starting a Diploma in Sports Sciences at Douglas College, with a goal of becoming a physiotherapist. He plans to transfer to UBC or SFU to complete a degree in Kinesiology. He plays a number of sports and volunteers with Little League baseball.



Danish House scholarships cont.

Nicole Jensen

Nicole, daughter of DHS member Keith Jensen and granddaughter of DHS member Arne Jensen, is working on a degree in Psychology and Gender Studies at SFU. She hopes to become a Clinical Psychologist specializing in counselling children. She enjoys several sports and has volunteered as a student note taker for SFU's Centre for Accessible Learning.

Ryan Lynagh-Hansen

Ryan, son of DHS member Paul Erik Hansen, has completed training as an Emergency Medical Responder and will be taking the Primary Care Paramedic program in Langley. He enjoys active outdoor pursuits and has volunteered at the Danish Church and at Midsummer.

Susie Molson

Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She works with the Canada Border Services Agency, and volunteers with Delta Police, either of which could be her long term career. She enjoys fishing, hunting and playing hockey.

Christopher Nicolaisen

Christopher, son of DHS member Bonnie Christensen, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology at SFU, with a goal of continuing on to graduate studies in Sport Psychology. He enjoys hiking, skiing and soccer. He has worked at many Kro Aftens, and volunteered at Midsummer.

Dylan Nielsen

Dylan, grandson of DHS members Knud and Doris Nielsen, is a student at SFU working towards a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. As a Rover Scout he has attended the World Scouting Jamboree in Denmark, with 43,000 Scouting members from around the world.

Aaryan Sharma

Aaryan, grandson of DHS member Dorrit Ilott, is a student at Langara, studying Applied Science in Engineering. His future goals include getting into an Engineering program at UBC, and also becoming a firefighter on the side. He enjoys playing guitar, working out, running and some crafting projects, and has volunteered at the Danish family barbecue, Kro Aften, and Scandinavian Centre cleanup days.





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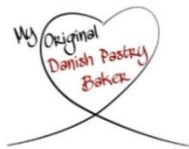
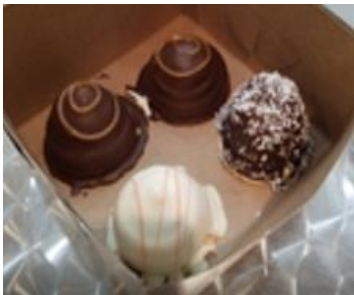


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My Original Danish Pastry Baker

4831 C Delta Street, Ladner



☀ Café Hygge is now open — join us for cozy vibes, great coffee, and delicious treats!

Our new operational hours:
Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
We can't wait to welcome you! ☕🥐



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