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Next Events

MARCH

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Thursday

"FotoFest:
International
Discoveries IV"
Featuring artist
Susanne Wellm

7.00 - 9.00 PM
1113 Vine St.
Houston, TX
77002

MARCH

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Friday

Danish Movie
Night

"Hvidstengrup-
pen"

7.30 PM
Rice University
Faculties and
Engineering
Training Room

6.00 PM
Rendezvous &
dinner at
Hungry's (at your
own expense)

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CRYSTAL BITES OF DUST WITH DANISH ARTIST MIE OLISE

Members of the Danish Club and Danish American Chamber of Commerce Southwest (DACCSW) spent the evening of January 8th with Danish artist Mie Olise at the Barbara Davis Gallery in Montrose. The exhibit, entitled "Crystal Bites of Dust", included a number of works of varying scales that reflected Mie's unique perspective of industrial locations. The attendees listened intently as Mie explained how she began her career, what influences her style, and what comprises her artistic motivations. Chef Søren Pedersen provided a great selection of food that added a special ambience to the event.



Anna Thomsen Holliday and Danish artist Mie Olise



Sheryl Jorgensen, Marty Adams and Lynn Jorgensen Benefiel



Ray J. Daugbjerg, Jakob Andersen, Jan Christiansen and Kay Christiansen



Mette Husted-Christensen and Mads Buchwald Møller

SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN SHOWCASED AT MFAH

Vice Consul Anna Thomsen Holiday led a group through the Scandinavian Design exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on January 17th. The group walked through the exhibit which included objects from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden, all derived from the museum's collection of furniture, glass, jewelry, ceramics, metalwork, and lighting from the 1920's to the 1970's. The group enjoyed dinner at the Café Express restaurant downstairs, and afterwards some members returned to the museum to view additional exhibits.



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Saturday

Barbecue &
Bluebonnets in
Brenham

12 noon

Ray & Cherry
Daughbjerg
Brenham, TX

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20

Saturday

7:30 AM

1st Annual
'Danish Capital
of Texas 5K Fun
Run'

Danevang, TX

DANISH IMMIGRANT MUSEUM BOARD VISIT THE HOUSTON AREA

Members of Houston's Danish community were happy to welcome the Board of the Danish Immigrant Museum as they returned to Houston on February 7th - 10th for their annual winter meeting. The Board's visit included a day trip to Danevang where they conducted some official business, toured the Danevang Heritage Museum, and offered some training to the local museum curators. Board members and guests toured the Holocaust Museum Houston and got the chance to see the HMMH's World War II-era Danish fishing boat, the "Hanne Frank", that was brought over from Gilleleje in 2007, as well as all the other exhibits. The evening culminated with a delicious dinner at Sorrel Urban Bistro, where chef Søren Pedersen provided a special Danish meal for the group. Finally, the various facets of Houston's Danish community were well represented among the 50+ people who joined the Danish Immigrant Museum Board for the closing banquet on February 10th, which included a dynamic presentation on the history and preservation efforts of the "Hanne Frank" by project manager Walter Hansen.



Danish Immigrant Museum Board Members visiting the Hanne Frank fishing boat at the Holocaust Museum



Danish Immigrant Museum Board Members Dinner at Sorrel Urban Bistro



Christina Brinch Clark and Lene Ovesen Kiersted, founders of the Vikingeskolen



The Gift Shop at Danevang Heritage Museum

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APRIL
20 & 21
Saturday &
Sunday

BP MS 150

1st DAY
6:45 AM

Tully Stadium in
West Houston

Rhodes
Stadium in Katy

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Waller Stadium
in Waller

2nd DAY
6:45 AM

Fayette County
Fairgrounds



Danevang Heritage Museum



Bedstemor's Hus

FASTELAVN AT THE VIKINGESKOLEN



The Danish Club helped sponsor the Fastelavn celebration at Vikingeskolen on February 16th. It was very well attended with some 70-80 guests. The festivities began following classes, and included all of the usual traditions – the children had genuine Danish Fastelavn barrels to “slå



katten af tønden”, Kattekonge and Kattedronning were crowned, and a clown was there to paint faces and entertain the guests. Refreshments included wienerbrød, homemade fastelavnsboller, coffee, and juice, and lots of candy!

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MUSEUM OF PRINTING HISTORY



The Danish Club of Houston and the Danish American Chamber of Commerce Southwest (DACCSSW) sponsored a reception for the opening of the exhibit *"Where The Border of Water Meets the Air, Dragonflies Gather"* at the Museum of Printing History on February 28th. Danish artist Susanne Thea and American artist Diana Eicher conceived the theme and asked artists to respond with works describing the dragonfly as an explorer. The result is a collection of 13 - 8" x 10" prints from contemporary artists from Denmark, USA, Nigeria, France, Japan, China, and Ireland. Susanne Thea kicked off the evening with a description of the project and the artists represented in the collection, and then she and her husband, musician Bent Malinovsky, performed a number of original compositions while guests walked through the various exhibits at the museum.

Danish Artist Susanne Thea, together with Anna Thomsen Holliday, Honorary Danish Vice-Consul & DACCSSW founder and Ann Stool Kasman, Executive Director of the Museum of Printing History

BP MS 150 FROM HOUSTON TO AUSTIN

The Danish Club of Houston is proud to announce that the following members of our community are fundraising and training for the MS 150. The BP MS 150 is a two-day fundraising cycling ride organized by the Lone Star Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, covering 180-miles from Houston to Austin. This ride is the largest event of its kind in North America and approximately 13,000 cyclists are expected to participate.

If you wish to help our members raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, please go to this link <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR> and look up their name to make a gift.

The proud Danes that will be riding:

Christian Bech Jensen • Team Sun & Ski
Thomas Domino • BBC Chartering
Rene Frederiksen • Hess Corporation
Martin Bak Hansen • Statoil
Alexandra Hernández-Nørgaard • Team Sun & Ski
Lars Kristiansson • BBC Chartering
Johnny Larsen • Bike Barn
Flemming Mengel • Team Southwestern Energy
Uffe Bo Pedersen • BBC Chartering
Per Petersen • BBC Chartering
Ghislaine & Henrik Thomsen • Team Thomsen

BBC Chartering is celebrating their 10th anniversary participating in the MS 150. The total team consists of about 40 riders, of which they have 4 proud Danes. Lars Kristiansson will be riding for the 13th time and says he will continue till they have a cure or he can't muster the 185 miles any longer!

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Previous Danish Club of Houston Board Member, Flemming Mengel will be riding for the 8th time this year. Henrik Thomsen will be riding for the 5th time, and his wife Ghislaine, also a previous DCH Board Member, will be riding the MS 150 for the 4th time.

Danish Club of Houston's Activity Coordinator, Alexandra Hernández-Nørgaard will be riding the MS 150 for the very first time this year. Christian Bech Jensen & Martin Bak Hansen will be doing it for the second time this year.

We hope that the challenge they are embarking on, will be matched with the generosity of friends and family. Please help these riders raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. On their behalf: ***Mange tak!***



Rene Frederiksen



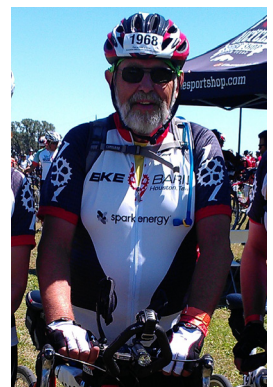
Martin Bak Hansen



Christian Bech Jensen



BBC Chartering Team



Johnny Larsen



Alexandra Hernández-Nørgaard



Lars Kristiansson



Flemming Mengel



Ghislaine & Henrik Thomsen

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DENMARK'S "D-A-D" RETURNED TO HOUSTON AFTER OVER A DECADE

Story courtesy of Rikke Lund Tafelmeyer

D-A-D, known for their hits "Sleeping My Day Away" and "Rim Of Hell" played at BFE Rock Club in support of their new album, DIC.NII.LAN.DAFT.ERD.ARK.

Saturday evening March 16th was spent in the awesome company of 50+ Danes. We went to BFE Rock Club to experience the Danish Cow Punk Rock band D-A-D playing live. We had the pleasure of two guest bands before D-A-D's concert and therefore some hours where the Danes mingled among people of all ages & backgrounds in one big fun party. And much to our good fortune the place had some good beer too! When D-A-D appeared a little before midnight, BFE exploded with dancing Danes, dancing with all their American fellow fans. Hours later we cheered for our heroes and wished them Happy Hours on the rest of their US-tour. The Danes had designated drivers to transport them from the pre-concert parties to the concert and back, and some even left like real royals in a limousine! It was a great night, and I am sure there were many who slept their day away on Sunday, March 17th!



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PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A little over 3 months ago the Danish Club of Houston held it's Annual Christmas Party and we are already working on this year's party.

Please help us plan the best possible party by answering a few questions by following this link.

<http://kwiksveys.com/s.asp?sid=dc4nlj38dry6cwr107978>

Mange tak!

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PASSPORT RENEWAL

Visits with a 'biometric kit' by staff from the Danish Embassy or Consulate-General

To assist Danish nationals living in Houston to renew their passports without having to travel to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles, staff from the Danish Embassy in Washington, DC will visit Houston with a 'mobile biometric kit'.

Where and when will the 'mobile biometric kit' be available?

4 & 5 April, 2013 - At the Danish Consulate. The Consulate offices will be open each day from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. (the hours of processing may be adjusted depending on availability and demand)

320 Westcott, Suite 106
Houston, Texas 77007
Ph. (713) 622-9018
E-mail: rdconsul@aol.com

The 'mobile biometric kit' will also be available at the Danish American Chamber of Commerce (DACC SW) Annual Meeting the evening of April 4th between 7:00 and 9:00 PM • www.daccsw.org

One Park Place
1400 McKinney St.
Houston, TX 77010

6 April, 2013 - The unit will again be available on Saturday, April 6, 2013, in Brenham, Texas during the Royal Danish Consulate Barbecue. (Invitation & directions sent separately)

Please e-mail the Consulate with the names and ages of each applicant and the Personal Identification number.

Who needs to apply for a new passport?

Your current passport is valid until it expires. If it expires within the next twelve (12) months or has already expired, you should apply for a new passport. If you do not apply for a new passport at this time, you will have to travel to Denmark, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles to make an application at your own expense. The equipment will only be available once a year in Houston. Please pass this information on to all the Danes you know.

How to apply for your new passport?

Please download and complete the passport application form at <http://usa.um.dk/en/~media/USA/Documents/Other/Nyepasansoegningsskemaer1008283.pdf> and bring two (2) copies with you.

You must also bring your "old" passport with you, together your US Visa stamped within or accompanied by your 'Green Card'.

Fees

Please note that the representations do NOT accept payment by credit/debit card or personal checks. Only cash or Money Order made out to the representation at which the application is directed, in this case the Consulate of Denmark in Houston.

Description

Price (USD)

Issue of passports (to persons aged between 18 and 65)	164
Passports for persons under 18	164
Passports for persons over 65	164
Provisional passports, EU emergency passports, laissez-passer, alterations to passports etc.	164

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DENMARK INTRODUCES NEW BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS 1 JANUARY 2012

From 1 January 2012 the number of Danish missions abroad where you can apply for a new passport will be reduced.

From 1 October 2011 new Danish passports must contain digital photos, fingerprints and signatures. In this way the security against forgery and misuse of passports is strengthened considerably. Passports issued until 1 October already hold a digital photo of the holder. Your present passport is still valid until the date of expiry.

The decision to introduce fingerprints in passports has been made at central level in the EU as part of the combat against terrorism, human trade, human trafficking, illegal immigration and other transnational crime. With the new biometric passport Danish citizens are secured the possibility to travel to countries which in the future will demand this type of passport for entry.

With the new passport you are in a better way protected against someone stealing your identity and pretending to be you and against forgery of your passport.

In order to issue the new passport installation of special equipment for taking photos and recording fingerprints and signature is necessary. The applications must be handed to and handled by specially authorized staff, who will have access to certain data in the central citizens registry, the CPR.

As a consequence, from 1 January 2012 the number of passport issuing Danish missions abroad will be reduced. A list of embassies and consulates which will issue biometric passports can be found below this article. Beginning on 1 January 2012, the Danish Honorary Consulates will no longer receive applications for biometric passports.

What can be handled by the consulates from 1 January 2012?

After 1 January 2012 the Honorary Consulates can still extend the validity of passports and issue emergency passports.

A condition for extension of an expired passport is that it expired no longer than three months ago. (Until 1 January 2012 a passport may be extended, if not expired more than two years ago). A passport can only be extended once and for a maximum of 12 months. We recommend that you make sure that the authorities of the country or countries you plan to travel to recognizes extended passports. For instance it is not possible to travel without a visa to the USA on an extended passport.

An emergency passport is issued with validity limited to the period required for the duration of the journey and rules of the countries to be travelled through, and for a maximum of 12 months. An emergency passport must be rendered to the Police or to a Danish mission abroad after use. Travelling with an emergency passport may cause problems with other countries' border controls. Therefore we recommend that you make sure that the authorities of the country or countries you plan to travel to recognize emergency passports.

Can I get a new passport during my holiday in Denmark?

Yes. Already today it is possible – and cheaper – to get a passport with a municipality (*kommune*) in Denmark. All Danish citizens can apply for a passport at the Civil Service Centre (*Borgerservicecenter*) in any municipality. It is not necessary for you to reside in or in other way be attached to the municipality. You can find addresses of Civil Service Centers at www.kommune.dk. You may wish to call beforehand for information on opening hours, booking of appointment etc. and inform them that you reside abroad. Processing time for an ordinary passport is approximately 10-14 days. The Civil Service Centre can issue an express passport faster than 10-14 days and an extra fee will be charged.

We recommend that you apply for a passport during your stay in Denmark well ahead of your departure, in order to receive the new passport before you leave Denmark. Another option would be to try and make an agreement with the Civil Service Centre so that they will send your new passport via courier service to your address abroad.

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Picking up your new passport • Must I present myself at the Danish Mission which issued my passport to have it handed over to me?

When you have received notification from the General Consulates or the Consulate in Houston that your new passport has arrived, please contact the representation to schedule a time to pick it up. You may inquire at the mission that issued your passport whether it is possible to have the passport sent to you, but you must be aware that the old passport must be handed in for cancellation, before the new passport can be delivered to you.

Must I bring photos for the passport?

No. With the new biometrics equipment the mission can take photos for the passport. So, if you apply for an ordinary passport you no longer need to bring photos after 1 January 2012. If you apply for an emergency passport you must bring two (2) photos.

Children: We recommend to bring a new photo of the child which meets the requirements for passport photos. That photo can then be scanned by the mission if it is not possible for us to take a photo of the child that meets the requirements.

Can I apply for a biometric passport if my finger is injured?

That depends on the extent of the injury. According to the law biometric data must always be contained in a biometric passport. This means that if for example your whole hand is covered by plaster or bandages, only an emergency passport can be issued to you. However, if only the index finger is injured a biometric passport can be issued. In that case fingerprint will be taken of an alternative finger.

Must children also give their fingerprints?

No. Fingerprints are not collected from children below 12 years of age, but they still have to appear in person in order to apply for a passport. From 1 January 2012 application for passports for children can only be handed in at the missions that issue biometric passports.

Can my child be included in my passport?

No. Since 1 October 2004 children, also newly born and children without names, must have their own passport.

Missions which can issue biometric passports after 1 January 2012

City - COUNTRY

Accra GHANA
Addis Ababa ETHIOPIA
Ankara TURKEY
Athens GREECE
Baghdad IRAQ
Bamako MALI
Bangkok THAILAND
Beijing CHINA
Beirut LIBANON
Belgrade SERBIA
Berlin GERMANY
Berne SWITZERLAND
Brasilia BRAZIL
Bruxelles BELGIEN
Bucarest ROMANIA
Buenos Aires ARGENTINA
Cairo EGYPT
Canberra AUSTRALIA
Chicago USA
Cotonou BENIN

Damascus SYRIA
Dar-es-Salaam TANZANIA
Dhaka BANGLADESH
Dubai UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Dublin IRELAND
Flensburg GERMANY
Gaza (from 2012) PALESTINE
Guangzhou CHINA
Hamburg GERMANY
Hanoi VIETNAM
Helsingborg FINLAND
Ho Chi Minh City VIETNAM
Haag (Den) NETHERLANDS (THE)
Islamabad PAKISTAN
Istanbul TURKEY 2
Jakarta INDONESIA
Kabul AFGHANISTAN
Kampala UGANDA
Kathmandu NEPAL
Kiev UKRAINE
Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA

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Münich GERMANY
Nairobi KENYA
New Delhi INDIA
New York USA
Oslo NORWAY
Ottawa CANADA
Ouagadougou BURKINA FASO
Paris FRANCE
Pretoria SOUTH AFRICA
Rabat MOROCCO
Reykjavik ICELAND
Riga LATVIA

Riyadh SAUDI ARABIA
Rome ITALY
Santiago CHILE
São Paulo BRAZIL
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Sianghai CHINA
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Sydney AUSTRALIA
Taipei CHINA
Tehran IRAN
Tel Aviv ISRAEL
Tirana ALBANIA
Tokyo JAPAN
Toronto CANADA
Vienna AUSTRIA
Vilnius LITHUANIA
Warsaw POLAND

Documents required for the issuing of a passport for a child under 12 or an emergency passport

The Danish Consulate in Houston can accept applications for passports for children under 12, and can issue emergency passports.

In the case of an application for an emergency passport, the Consulate needs to obtain approval from the Danish Chief of Police to issue the passport. You therefore need to provide your name and CPR number to the Consulate in advance of your appointment, so that approval can be obtained. This will usually take 24 hours; in absolute emergencies it may be possible to obtain approval more or less immediately.

To have a passport for a child under 12, or an emergency passport issued, please make an appointment with the nearest Danish Consulate and bring the following documents:

- 2 completed passport application forms. Please note that passports for children can only be issued if both parents have signed the consent form. If only one person has custody of the child, proof of custody must be provided.
- Two passport photos.
- The old passport, or a copy of it, or a driver's licence. If the old passport is not available, a birth certificate must be provided. If the old passport has been stolen or lost, the local Police must be informed and two (2) copies of the Police Report supplied.

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