

NEWSLETTER

SPRING REPORT

Thank you all for Participating in so many good events!

SPRING BBQ AT DANISH CONSUL RAY DAUGBJERG'S RANCH IN BRENHAM

Thanks so much to Consul Ray Daugbjerg and his wife, Cherry, for hosting the Danish Club of Houston and Danish Club of Austin for a Spring picnic on March 27, 2010, at their ranch in Brenham, Texas.

More than 50 Danes and their families enjoyed beautiful weather, lovely wildflowers and a FEAST of delicious food.



As on previous occasions, Ray and Cherry hosted a wonderful event! The BBQ was absolutely amazing. Chicken, beef brisket, pork, and ribs were provided by the Daugbjerg's, and an amazing array of salads, side dishes, and desserts were contributed by members of the two clubs.

It was a really fun experience to have such an event with the two clubs together. We definitely hope to have more events with the two clubs together.

**THANK YOU
RAY & CHERRY!**

Upcoming Events:

April 17th

Scandinavian Family Fun Day & Soccer Match

The Danish, Norwegian and Swedish clubs of Houston get together to have a fun day of games, activities and even a soccer match square off!

At the Norwegian Seaman's Church this Saturday! Players are still needed so RSVP to Michael Jensen ASAP.

April 24th

Student graduation at Vikingskolen
Queen's Birthday celebration in Danevang, TX

April 26th

Danish film, Babette's Feast, will be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

May 1st

Texas Dragonboat Races!

June 5th

Tennis Tournament with Dinner and Dancing sponsored by the Nordic Women's Culture Club of Houston and the Galleria Tennis & Athletic Club of Houston



**DANISH ARTIST
SUSANNE THEA
AT NORDIC WOMEN'S
CULTURE CLUB OF
TEXAS**



On February 16, the Nordic Women's Culture Club of Texas had the honor of hosting a talk by Danish artist, Susanne Thea- a printmaker and painter who has shown her work all over the world, including Rundetårnet (The Round Tower) in Copenhagen - a National Library, Observatory and Museum.

The lecture was hosted in the home of Britt Siem, a Norwegian, and the artist spoke of her most recent work, Paraphrases of the Bayeux Tapestry- a series of prints with Susanne's interpretation of the message the famous French tapestry.

It was fascinating to hear her speak about her art and the history!

A wonderful time was had by all. The Nordic Women's Culture Club is a great organization for Scandinavian women in Houston to network and enjoy, and we hope you all will come to their next event!

**FASTELAVN
AT
VIKINGESKOLEN**

On February 20, Vikingskolen and the Danish Club of Houston hosted a fantastic Fastelavn celebration.

The children had lots of fun with face painting, making masks and a clown who made balloon animals, many detailed costumes, and of course, the main event, "slå katten af tønden."



**DANISH MOVIE NIGHT
AT
RICE UNIVERSITY**

On Saturday, the 27th, we had a great.. no.... a FANTASTIC turnout for the Danish Movie night at Rice University.

About 20 people met up for dinner at Hungry's Cafe & Bistro in Rice Village, and twice as many came for the movie itself.

The movie we saw was Flammen og Citronen- an award winning film about the Danish resistance fighters in WWII.

Thank you everyone for supporting our events, and a special thank you to Hannes Hofer for generously letting the Danish Club use the wonderful facilities at Rice University!

**DANISH ARTIST HENRIK
SAXGREN AT HOUSTON
FOTOFEST**

On March 14, Henrik Saxgren, an internationally acclaimed documentary and landscape photographer from Copenhagen, gave a private lecture to members of the Danish Club at the DeFrog Gallery.

His work, Unintended Sculptures, was recently on exhibit at the National Museum of Photography in Copenhagen in December. The artist was in Houston to participate in the Fotofest 2010 Biennial exhibition of photography shown at different places all over the city.

A special thanks to Anna Holliday for her work in organizing the private event for the Danish Club!



**SCANDINAVIAN FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**THIS SATURDAY
GAMES AND SOCCER
TOURNAMENT WITH THE
NORWEGIAN AND
SWEDISH CLUBS OF
HOUSTON**

Saturday, April 17th:

The Danish Club of Houston, the Swedish Club of Houston and the Norwegian Club of Houston will be have a Family Fun Day at the Norwegian Seaman's Church!

There will be games and horseback riding and an inflated jumping castle for the children.

There will be a raffle, a horseshoe throwing competition, a pillow fight competition and much more!

Food and snacks, and some drinks will be provided. But all members are welcome and invited to bring their favorite dish to share.

There will be soccer games for the children (12 and under) and for the adults (13 & up), each club with their respective team.

We REALLY need players to RSVP because at last word, the Swedish club was having trouble fielding enough players. So, we would like to get more than 11 people for our side.

Where:

Norwegian Seaman's Church
4309 Young Street
Pasadena, Texas, 77504, USA
phone: 281- 998-8366

When:

12PM - Family Sermon outdoors with the Swedish Seaman's pastor Olof Olsson

1PM - Scandinavian soccer tournament for children.

We will gather all children together and divide them into teams.

No pre-register is necessary for the children.

2PM - Scandinavian soccer tournament for the adults.



We REALLY hope you will attend and support this great event!

It will be the first (of many we hope!) that the Danish Club and Swedish Club and Norwegian Club do more together.

It is going to be a great fun day!

Players RSVP to: Michael Jensen @ (832) 607-4892 or mjensen@prospricing.com

**GRADUATION AT
VIKINGESKOLEN**

Saturday, April 24th:

Vikingskolen will celebrate graduation for its 2009/10 student on April 24!

Danish classes are taught Saturday mornings at 9:30AM for adults and children.

If you are interested in teaching or otherwise volunteering, please contact Christina Brinch Clark at 832-660-6496 or via:

www.vikingskolen.com

Graduation is an open invitation to all Danes!

Vikingskolen, at the Stepping Stones School, is great benefit to the Danish community in Houston, so please come join us for a social gathering and celebrate our students who will make a short presentation and receive their diplomas. And of course, we will also enjoy some Danish special treats.

Where: Vikingskolen @

The Stepping Stones School

When: April 24, 2010



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY FEST IN DANEVANG, TX

April 24:

In honor of Queen Margrethe the second's Birthday, a celebration will be taking place in the historic town of Danevang, TX.

The Scandinavian folk dancers will perform and a good time is sure to be had.

Danevang is an historic town that was settled by Danes and works to preserve Denmark's culture and heritage here in the US. This event should be fun and make a good spring trip and go all day!



FILM: BABETTE'S FEAST AT MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS HOUSTON (MFAH)

Monday, April 26th:

The MFAH will show Babette's Feast in its Brown Auditorium!

The film program at the MFAH has been screening films from world and American cinema since 1939 and still has one of the strongest programs in the country, conducting more than 200 screenings a year.

All films are screened in their original format, 35mm, and on the big screen.

When & Where: Monday, April 26th at 7 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium Theater, located on the Law Building of the MFAH at 1001 Bissonnet, between Main & Montrose Blvd. Parking is across the street at the Presbyterian Church.

General admission is \$7, and seniors, students with ID, and MFAH members pay \$6.

Babette's Feast is an Academy award-winning 1987 film based on a story by Isak Dinesen that tells the story of two women, their lives and loves, during the preparation of a lavish feast.

We hope you all will attend!

TEXAS DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 1:

The Texas Dragonboat Festival will be held at Allen's landing in Houston, Texas from 8:30AM until 4:30PM.

Approximately 40 teams will compete in a longboat rowing race down Buffalo Bayou. The boats are modeled after Hong Kong boats, but it may be possible to still register and enter a VIKING ship!

If the entries are already filled for this year, then the Danish Club may go as a group to this event, and anyone who wishes to meet up and see an entertaining, unique activity in Houston and explore whether it would be a fun event for next year is welcome to join us!

RSVP: Michael Jensen 832-607-4892 or mjensen@prospricing.com



**NORDIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT
WITH DINNER AND DANCING
AT GTAC**

Saturday June 5th:

The Galleria Tennis and Athletic Club is sponsoring a tennis round robin event, followed by a buffet dinner and dancing on June 5th!

This event will be largely coordinated by Britt Siem of the Nordic Women's Culture Club. All skill levels are welcome and the day will feature:

- 1-4PM: Tennis Round Robin
- 2-4PM: Athletic Classes
- 7-11PM: Buffet Dinner and Dancing

Where:

GTAC

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