

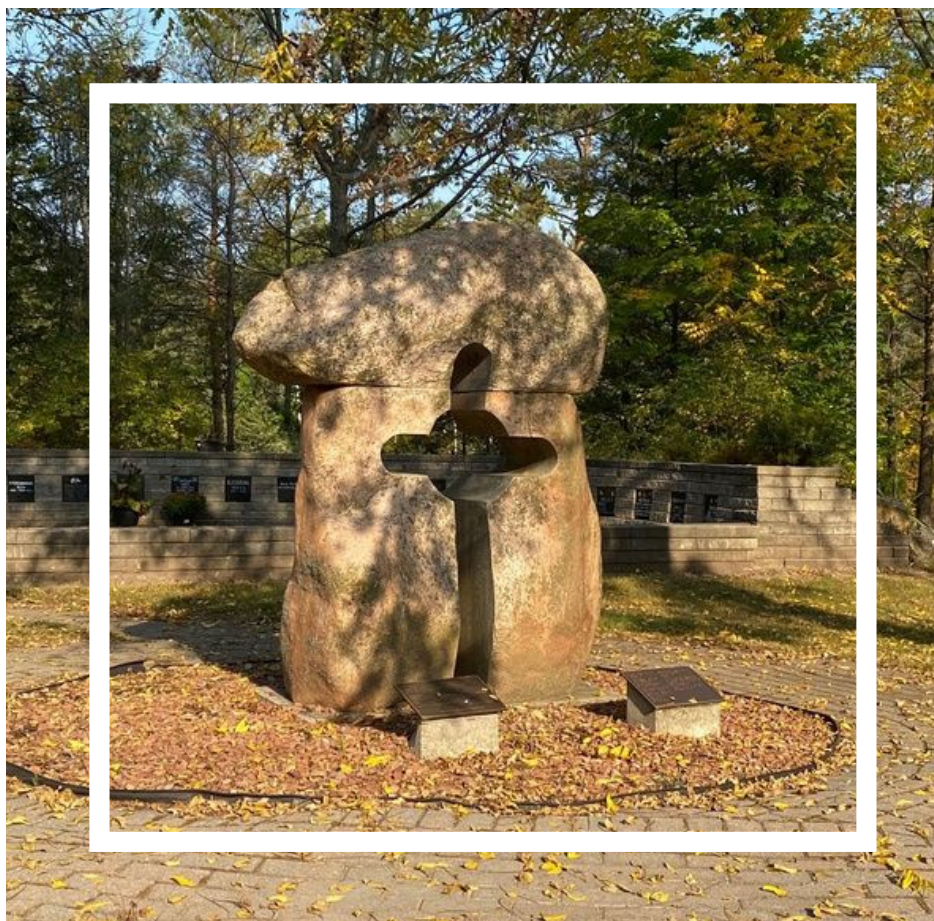
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SEPT - DEC | 2020



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RENEWALS**

**BRAMMING'S
NISSER**

**BUTIK CHRISTMAS
ITEMS**



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SUN DEC 6 | BAKER DAY: 10 AM TO 1 PM

Hansen's Bakery and Sunset Villa Butik will be open. Take out from Sunset Villa volunteers at The Danish Place. There will be no Santa, vendors, firepits or buggy-rides. Just a regular baker day!

Stay tuned on Facebook/website for more!

SUNSETVILLA.ORG/EVENTS

*For more information on events, please contact
communications.sunsetvilla@outlook.com*

COVER PHOTO - HISTORY OF MINDEPARK SCULPTURE

In 1993 The Sunset Mindepark Board received an offer of a sculpture from Denmark - a large granite stone from the ice age was found in a quarry in South Denmark. Several designs were considered and the chosen one was laser-carved by Stone Carver Balzlaff in Graasten Denmark. The completed sculpture was freighted to Sunset Mindepark courtesy of Fisker Cargo in Toronto and placed by the Geritol Gang. Pastor Poul Sundgaard who was the pastor at Grimsby at the time was very much involved in the design and procurement and wrote the prose on the bronze plaques at the sculpture.

DID YOU KNOW?

All members have passworded access to
Board meeting minutes at:

<http://www.sunsetvilla.org/members-page.html>



BOARD MESSAGE

MONICA JENSEN
ACTING PRESIDENT, VP

Hello everyone!

As most know, we regret to announce **The Danish Place is now closed until we find a new operator.** We thank Kristine, Jacob and Joanne very much for the great things they did for the club during their time here! Their departure means we are looking for new operators. If you know of anyone with an entrepreneurial spirit, it is a good opportunity to get into the restaurant business with very little money down because we can offer it for rent "turn key". The restaurant is independently operated, pays it's own utilities and pays rent to Sunset Villa. It must serve Danish food. Come forward to learn more!

AGM: The Board has decided to hold the AGM in April of 2021.

Regretfully, **Laura Qusen** has resigned from the Board. We will really miss Laura, as she was a great asset to the Board. She is a great decision maker, updated the Bulletin and applied her marketing skills to help Sunset Villa grow on social media. She was also really great to brainstorm with and to be around.

We still need more people to come forward for the next Board. **Being on the Board** is the best way to make a difference - because you have a vote! Put your ideas into action, instead of speculating on the sidelines! **Sunset Villa needs you.** Please give this consideration and let us know!

Be safe!
Monica

VACANCY

WE NEED A PRESIDENT! NO PRESIDENT = NO SUNSET VILLA

We have an important vacancy on the Board - the President. The Corporation cannot operate without one.

Don't just comment on what the board should be doing - be on the board and make it happen!



WHAT'S INVOLVED:

- Oversee Operations, lead meetings, assist where needed, attend events (optional). Time needed: 15-20 hrs per week

OTHER ROLES WE REALLY NEED:

Treasurer: 4 hrs/wk. Pay bills, deposits, spreadsheets. All accounting entries are done by our paid accountant..

Secretary: 3 hrs/week. Take Minutes or hire it done. Answer emails. Keep track of motions. Document prep for AGM.

Vice President: 5 hrs/week. Assist the President

Entertainment: 10-15 hrs/wk in May/Jun and Oct/Nov. Other mths 3 hrs/wk. Recruit volunteers and lead events.

Maintenance: Assess and arrange to get maintenance done. 3-4 hours a week.

Restaurant Liaison: 5 hrs/week; recruit/lease to new operators

Financial Reviewer: 4 hrs in Feb each year

AGM 2021: SUN APR 24
IN PERSON AND/OR ONLINE, SAVE THE DATE!

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Thank you for supporting Sunset Villa!!



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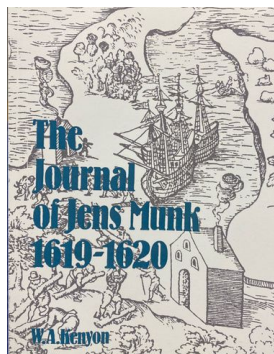
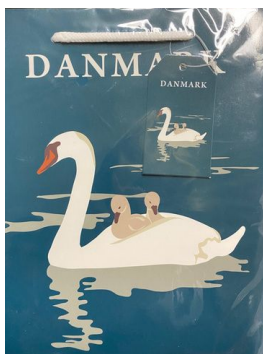
Vimpe Flags \$45



DK Gift bags

Large \$5 (12.5" x 10" x 4")

Small \$3 (9.5" x 7.5" x 3")



Jens Munk Journal \$10

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2020 HERITAGE BOOK



The Fifth Thule Expedition

FEDERATION OF DANISH ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA

2020 Danish Federation Book

Support the preservation of Danish heritage in Canada!

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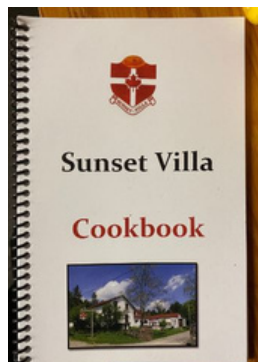
Sunset Villa 70th Anniversary Umbrellas \$20



Sunset Villa mug \$9

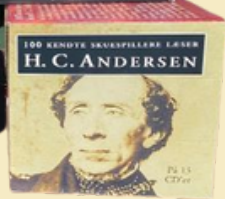


Danish Christmas or Mor's Dag Plates, \$10



Classic Danish Recipes \$5

PROCEEDS GO TO SUNSET VILLA



Seeking Donations!



Danish plates, snaps glasses, figurines, tea cups, cookbooks, embroidery, needlepoint, mid-century modern items, memorabilia, flags, Nisse, or anything Danish!!

and thank you to all that donated in 2020!

To donate, please contact Lisa Olsen at 416-278-4817 or lisaolsen@gmail.com (not gmail).

GOODBYE TO KRISTINE, JACOB, & JOANNE

Sunset Villa wishes to thank Kristine, Jacob and Joanne for what they have done for Sunset Villa. Three years ago they took this mission on and elevated the dining experience which attracted many new customers. Along the way, Sunset Villa benefited by experiencing a renaissance. Our Membership grew as we piggy-backed on their incredible marketing skills and social media presence. We also benefited from their tireless promotion of Sunset Villa to their customers and helping with gift shop sales. The presence of next generation Danes is stronger than it has been in years. It has attracted some younger members to volunteer, including on the board. Working with the restaurant as partners on events was not only interesting, but a joy. The last three years have been very special because of them. We thank each of you, Kristine, Jacob and Joanne for all you did! And of course Anna and Benny as well who always helped their kids at the restaurant! We wish you the very best in your future endeavours!



Photo by Kristine Mathers



**Thank you to the
many volunteers
that chipped wood
and laid a new
path on the pond
trail!**

STATUS OF THE GOFUNDME (GFM)

After fees, the June GoFundMe Campaign raised \$139k. We had \$29k remaining after payments to The Danish Place. The initial goal of GoFundMe was to save 'A' Danish restaurant at Sunset Villa. Unfortunately, even with decades of experience by Kristine, Jacob & Joanne, attempts to keep the doors open failed as the volume of business simply was not there to survive.

Yes, money was spent on this effort but the agreement negotiated with The Danish Place provided that all chattels (tables/chairs/dishes/kitchen items etc), website, branding and social media will now become the property of Sunset Villa.

Additionally we bought the leased kitchen equipment. This allows the Board to rent the restaurant as a "turn-key" operation for the next operator. There is 15k remaining in the GFM. While

the closure is upsetting, it is not new. Over the past five decades we have had many different restaurant operators, and

Sunset Villa has stood tall and remained constant. We are proud of our heritage and providing a true Danish experience for visitors and members, and we will again.



DANISH CHURCH TORONTO

"Hygge" as a way to spread hope

On a Saturday morning in October, the Danish Ambassador to Canada Hanne Fugl Eskjer's voice was heard on the radio. A journalist from CBC Radio talked with her about the Danish way of coziness, called "hygge", as a way through the pandemic and the winter season.

All of us coming from Sunset Villa know what "hygge" is all about. When we gather in the Danish Church in Toronto, we also know, and in general, when Danes gather in our homes and to parties, we are world champions in hygge.

"In general, hygge is a cozy moment where you relax either on your own or often in good company with people you appreciate," Hanne Fugl Eskjer says in the interview. And she is right!

And in that sense, for me, hygge is a way to share that hope and light we need in times of the pandemic and also in the time of fall and winter.

Lighting candles, pouring coffee, tea or cocoa into the cup and spending time together - best of all in-person, but it could, in fact, also work online via our video-calls on our phones, tablets or computers. Now, entering a time of year where it's more comfortable to be indoors instead of outdoors, we may use all the options we have to connect.

Therefore, we at the Danish church have started to live stream our worships (including the Christmas worships). And we are also inviting you to online coffee meetings, and we have made an online fall bazaar with candy and Christmas sweets, where you can have all your ingredients for Danish Hygge (read more on our website www.danishchurchtoronto.ca).

Let us spread hope with "hygge" and share a nice fall and blessed Christmas time. **Pastor Simon Kangas Larsen.**



SEEKING NEW OPERATOR!

Are you an entrepreneur that sees potential operating a turn-key Danish restaurant during Covid-19?!

Be your own boss!

Accommodations onsite if needed, or rent for extra income.

The Board is open minded and want you to succeed!

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Come see Frederik Bramming's *Kravlenisser on the new Nisse Trail!*

Last year we created large wooden copies of famous Danish cartoonist Frederik Bramming's Nisse for the new Nisse Trail. This retro "throw back" to childhood in the 1950's-1980's was meant to spark joy with kids and all of us that grew up with these fun Nisse in our homes.

We contacted Bramming's family, as Frederik (1911-1991) had long ago passed away, as has his wife Kirsten (1911-1993). His children, Bo (76), Michael (87) and Anne (79) are now the owners of his copyright. From Bo we learned that Frederik was a very gifted cartoonist, who made drawings of politicians, famous athletes, football players, actors, etc. for the newspaper Politiken for many years. He was also one of the first to make short commercial cartoons in Denmark. Then he created his famous Kravlenisser! (directly translated as "crawling Nisse").

Nisse folklore: For hundreds of years it was a tradition that Nisse lived on farms and were responsible for the mysterious or bad things that happened if they were not treated well with porridge (called Risengrød - if you haven't tried it, you MUST!). Traditional Nisse were dwarf-like, with long beards, teasing personalities and evil things on their minds.



Nisse trail.... Kids love it!

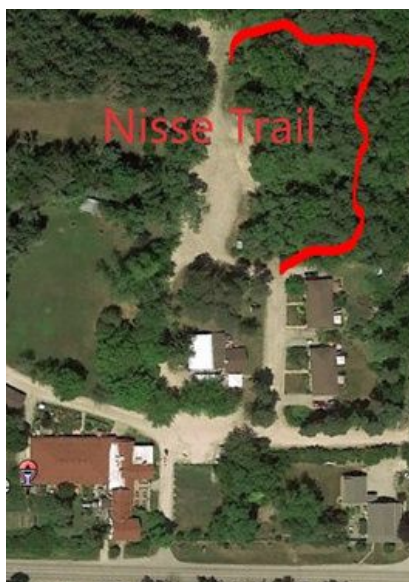
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Brammings Nisse are born: Frederik hated that concept, and in 1947, just after the second world war, he created his own version of Kravlenisser. He really loved the time around Christmas and he wanted to create some figures who looked energetic, full of life, and always doing something amusing, and innocent, with a positive approach - just like children. As so his Nisse were born and were a huge success right from the start, which took him totally by surprise!

His warm and caring Kravlenisser gave everyone the Christmas-like feeling of being together, which really struck a cord with Danes who seemed to want a fresh start after the war. For the next 40 years he created Christmas Calendars and Kravlenisse cut-out sheets with new themes - musicians, painters, bricklayers, in the kitchen etc.. He really loved to create these Nisse, and sometimes his children would help colour them.

Bramming's Nisse are still available for sale through **Pobra.com** or select Christmas retailers in Denmark. We hope you enjoy seeing the Nisse at Sunset Villa. And thank you to the Bramming family for their permission to display the Nisse in honour of their father.

By Lisa Olsen



Map of Nisse Trail,
10 min walk



Frederik Bramming. Pic from
Wikipedia



GERITOL GANG REPORT

Even with COVID-19 as a deterrent, the small group of volunteers have still been working around Sunset Mindepark and Sunset Villa on Friday mornings maintaining all social distancing. The grounds look well manicured due to their diligent work.

They have not had the breakfasts or lunches this year but did enjoy a summer BBQ in August.

We thank these volunteers for their continued work and look forward to next year getting back to normal.

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REMEMBERING OLE MAGNUSSEN



Ole passed away peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at the age of 99. His family was with him and supported him in his last days at the Welland Hospital.

Ole was a lifetime member of Sunset Villa Association. As an early member and dedicated, skilled worker he helped to set up the organization, campground and Mindepark. He was an active member of the Geritol Gang. Going to his trailer every summer was something the whole family looked forward to each year. Many of the Danish traditions learned there continue in our family. Ole was strong and independent and had a quick wit. He was proud of his family. He loved his motorcycle, ham radio and camping.

He was born in Denmark where he acquired the trade of a wheelmaker, graduating with honours. When he met Dorothy from England, he bribed the border guard with a bottle of booze so he could bring her to Denmark. He married Dorothy, had twin daughters, and emigrated to Canada in 1957. He created his own business in Burlington, ON as a cabinet maker, furniture finisher and carpenter.

Ole's loving family are: Daughters Linda Magnussen Olsson (Christer), Jennifer Qusen (late Mike); Grandchildren Jamie McCallum (David), Matthew Brignell (Morgan), Laura Qusen, Mark Qusen (Jessica), Maria Sjöholm (Markus), Johan Pettersson; Great Grandchildren Jack McCallum, Mitchell McCallum, Isla McCallum, Oliva Brignell, Victoria Brignell, Kaitlynn Kokayko, Tyler Kokayko, Felix Sjöholm and Nora Sjöholm; Sister Bente Helshøj and her family in Denmark.

A private family celebration of life was held at Sunset Villa Mindepark on September 19. Ole joined his wife Dorothy at the Mindepark, who passed away on July 20, 2000.

MEMBERSHIP

by Herman Glemser, membership.sunsetvilla@outlook.com

Baker Day on Sunday September 6th was a big success. With good weather members came out in good numbers to eat at the restaurant or buy some baked goods from the baker or shop at the gift shop. This was a reminder of what Sunset Villa events used to be like before the nasty virus descended upon us.

The August renewal reminder campaign, executed with snail mail and email, was also quite successful. We are now finally over the 80 % membership renewal rate; that was something that appeared to be out of reach back in mid August. We now have 487 memberships. of which 58 are new.

As I write this we are sending out another email reminder titled.....LAST CALL. While the membership renewal rate is still off a tad compared to previous years I must say that we have enjoyed a bumper crop of new members. There are now 52 new memberships for 2020. Please welcome these most recent new members!

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

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BURLINGTON S&M Miller

CAMBRIDGE J McCoy

DENFIELD E&K Rush

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Manningham

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As proud members of Sunset Villa,
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our club in 2020 and
Glædelig Jul Allesammen!

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Birth Date (primary member)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to receive the bulletin online and permit Sunset Villa to send me periodic emails about Association events and information, from which I can unsubscribe at anytime		
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Membership Fee Type:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (including children less than 19yrs.)	\$80.00	
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Select activities for which you would be interested in volunteering:			
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Your membership card will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment for your membership fee. Membership fees are renewable every year on April 1st.

Membership Fee Payment Options:

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