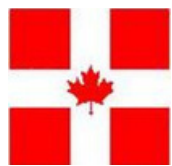


DANISH FEDERATION CONFERENCE



JUNE 4-7, 2026

HOSTED BY
SUNSET VILLA

7150 Concession Rd
Puslinch, Ontario, N0B 2J0

PROGRAM



Thurs evening 5-7

Welcome Reception

Meet and mingle at The Cambridge Hotel. An opportunity to meet Danish Ambassador Nikolaj Harris. Door prizes, light snacks, coffee/tea/pop. (\$29) Alcohol Cash Bar



Friday daytime 10-6

Meetings, Danish lunch, walking history tour, workshops

All day at Sunset Villa:

- Danish Federation AGM
- Lunch: Danish Boller Soup, Tarteletter, Citron Fromage or Æblekage, beverages (\$40) alcohol cash bar
- Danish Canadian National Museum AGM
- Walking history tour of Sunset Villa, Crieff and Mindepark
- Workshops: Æbleskiver making, Danish games, Danish Xmas crafts or learn Danish Genealogy

Experience Danish traditions passed down by Danish immigrants



Friday Eve 6-10

Danish dinner, museum fundraiser and live music

- Frikadeller/Flæskestej dinner with mashed & caramelized potatoes, cucumber salad and red cabbage. Lagkage dessert, beverages (\$65) cash bar
- Raffle Fundraiser for the Danish Canadian National Museum (raffle donations appreciated!)
- Live music with Thomas Kovacs

Prices include taxes and tips



Saturday 11-4

St Jacobs Market and Mennonite Tour

A day at the historic St Jacobs market and surrounding area. Visit the 300 market stalls. Video presentation with apple fritters at The Mennonite Story Museum (\$10). Then a 2 hr bus tour (\$45) with a Mennonite Guide to Hawkesville/Elmira areas, with a pitstop at Kitchen Kuttings where they sell Esrom cheese. Our Mennonite guide will answer questions as we pass a school, church and farms. Includes a drive by the only covered bridge in Ontario at West Montrose.

Saturday Evening 6-8

Take the night off or gather with the group at The Bruce Craft House (inside The Cambridge Hotel).



Sunday 11-4

Conference Lunch & Constitution Day

A day of Danish traditions at Sunset Villa including

- Smørrebrød Lunch (Conference Closing lunch \$45)
- Icecream or æbleskiver at a reserved seating area
- Viking camp and fight demonstration
- Danish Pastry House (pastries & Danish goodies)
- Danish Folk dancers
- Speeches including Conference Closing Ceremonies
- Open Air Worship Service at the Mindepark
- Contests and Games
- Market Vendors
- Danish collectibles for sale at the Butik



Join us for camaraderie, learning and experiencing Danish and local traditions. All are welcome!

\$135 Conference Fee / \$115 for spouse.

Fee covers group expenses.

Contact us for single event registration. .

Deadline to guarantee participation is April 10, 2026.

Thereafter based on availability.

Hotel event pricing with shuttles to events is available.

For more info and registration form contact:

Lisa Olsen, Danish Federation Secretary

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History of Sunset Villa

In 1950, a group of Danes initiated plans to establish a retirement home for members of their community. The First Board of Directors was elected on May 13, 1950. Fundraising efforts kicked off with events like dances, lotteries, bazaars, bake sales and donations. The next step was to locate the ideal property in the perfect location. A property in Crieff, previously owned by Lieutenant Colonel John Bayne Maclean (1862-1950) came up for sale. The estate had been used as a summer residence by the well-known publisher of Maclean's Magazine, who inherited it from his father. The property was acquired on June 5, 1955 when the inauguration of Sunset Villa took place. This date was also the first Constitution Day celebration held at Sunset Villa. This event has since become an annual tradition.

Sunset Villa currently includes The Danish Place restaurant, 10 apartments for seniors, a 60 site RV campground, a party dome and 50 acres including a pond and trails. Sunset Villa generously donated 1.03 hectares of land for the establishment of the Mindepark cemetery on December 10, 1990. The cemetery serves as a final resting place for the urns of individuals of Danish descent.

For more info, visit sunsetvilla.org

Heritage Seminar June 8-12, The Cambridge Hotel

Modelled after Danish folk schools, enjoy 1-4 days of presentations and activities focused on the theme of "Making Denmark Great Again!"

Morning folk songs, lectures, movies, discussions and group meals create the perfect opportunity to make great friends while learning about Denmark.

For more info: suneovergaard@hotmail.com or www.danishfederation.ca/conferences.html

The Danish Federation: For the preservation of Danish Heritage in Canada

Established at Sunset Villa on June 7, 1981, the Federation was formed to bring together all Danish organizations in Canada, to create a permanent network of cooperation. The Federation is a Club of Clubs, and it is therefore the national umbrella organization of Danes in Canada. The yearly conference builds relationships between Danes in all Provinces.