

Dear all,

**2015** was the year during which Helle exhibited and sold her decoupage during the Easter and Christmas markets on Sejerø. It was also the year where Søren retired and resumed his Polish studies (after a 25 years break).

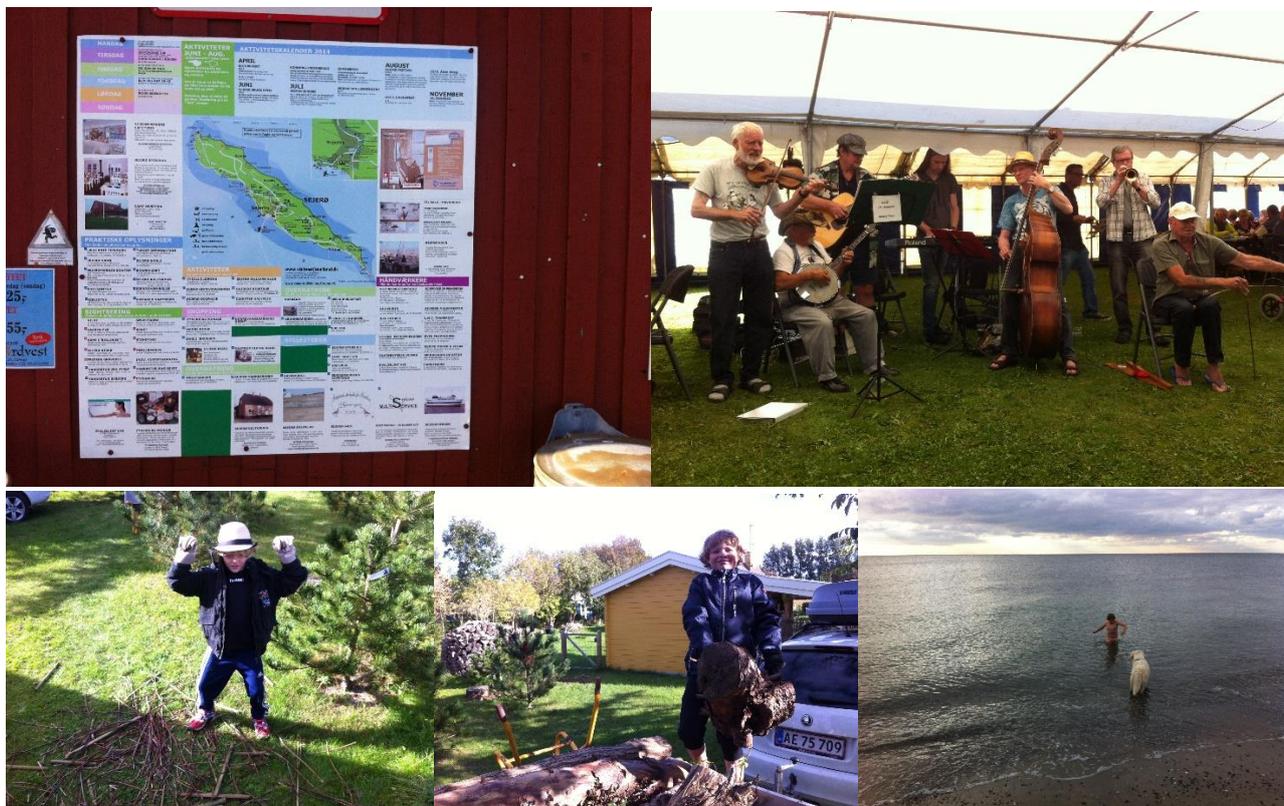
**Helle:** Good to have Søren at home, so that we can inspire each other, jointly do the daily housework. So that we can go to the summer house some more. Swim together. Maybe someday: even share meal preparation more evenly 😊. So that I can get more time for interests and my friends. As mentioned e.g. decoupage and the weekly decoupage-get-togethers.



**Søren:** To retire has to be experienced, it cannot (sufficiently) be explained. To lose your rhythm and having to find a new one. To make new choices. Who are the new people in my life? But also: to clean up after more than 40 years of work-life. A compromise: consultant part time, so that I can carry part of my work identity over into my new existence (see [www.seja.dk](http://www.seja.dk)), hasn't really worked out. I didn't feel like it when the offers came, frankly, I didn't have the guts, without my team of competent colleagues behind me. In conclusion: I am a full time pensioner now.



**More time in the summer house.** Lovely Sejerø, musicians, grandchildren, guests staying overnight, hard work and winter swimming.



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**We have travelled.**

**Warszawa** with Sven and Janet a prolonged weekend – four retirees. It was a fine and inspiring trip. Poland, its history and the Polish people are fascinating, and next time the visit can be spiced with Søren's interest in the Polish language (e.g.: mamy psa i kota = we have a dog and a cat; etc.).



**The "Danish West Indian Islands"** were visited towards the end of the year. A dream come true. The name of the islands is now the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). They were sold to the Americans in 1917 for 25 million dollars. We were gone for 15 days and came home a lot of

impressions and 700 photos richer: The climate, the fauna and flora, the inhabitants, and of course first of all the Danish history, with sugar plantations and slave workers and accumulated wealth over several hundred years.



**Finally, the celebration of Grethe** on the occasion of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. A high age, not without challenges, but there is absolutely nothing wrong with the head 😊.



**We thank you for the year** gone by and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And we hope to see many of our good friends in the course of the new year.

With love from

Helle      and      Søren