

# America Letter



The Danish Immigrant Museum

*Celebrating 30 Years*

Spring 2013



Includes

## 2012 Annual Report



## Director's Corner

by John Mark Nielsen

### Thirty years!

**Much has happened since February 1983 when a committee of which I was a member, made the decision to locate a museum celebrating the Danish immigrant experience in Elk Horn, Iowa. Later that year The Danish Immigrant Museum was founded. Thirty years later we have a beautiful museum set amidst a prairie park environment; we have an active exhibits program and an extensive collection managed with state-of-the-art software and preserved within a climate-controlled environment; we have a supportive membership and a dedicated and professional staff; we have an endowment approaching \$3 million; we have no debt!**

But much too has changed. As elsewhere in rural America, small towns like Elk Horn and Kimballton have experienced shifting demographics and changing economic conditions. Gone are many of the local businesses as residents drive to larger communities to shop in big box, discount stores. Fewer individuals are needed on the farms that are the mainstay of the rural economy. With shrinking enrollments, state governments are encouraging school consolidation, taking away important institutions of local identity and pride. Aging populations have led to declines in the numbers of volunteers able to assist with community projects.

Larger forces like the deregulation of the airline and trucking industries, have led to changes in transportation patterns. Fewer families take cross-county road trips but instead fly to vacation destinations. The interstate highway system has become a critical artery in the movement of goods and services and provides easier access to shopping centers in nearby cities. Often I see more semi-trucks and trailers than cars on US Interstate 80 between Omaha and Elk Horn.

Danish immigration has also changed, due in part to an evolving global economy. Those who came to the United States in the 1950s and 60s are aging, and fewer and fewer

Danes, no more than 100 annually, are immigrating to the United States to become citizens. More likely, they are here in the United States on "green-cards," working for multi-national corporations only to be transferred elsewhere in the world after a period of time. These individuals have found creative ways to network, ways that are similar to earlier waves of Danish immigrants. *Vikingskolen*, a Saturday, Danish language school in Houston, Texas is a good example. (See this issue's *Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations*.) Many groups have Facebook® pages where individuals network and solve problems specific to particular communities.

Over the last thirty years, The Danish Immigrant Museum has made much progress, but our museum has also been affected by these changes. Gone are many of the community boosters who worked tirelessly to bring the museum to Elk Horn. Our volunteer pool is aging. Visitor numbers to the museum have remained steady but have never been as great as they were in the mid-1990s.

Despite these changes, I continue to believe that locating our museum in Elk Horn/Kimballton was a wise decision. We are located in an historic center of Danish immigration. Audubon County has the highest percentage of any county in the United States claiming Danish ancestry, and Shelby and Cass Counties are not far behind. According to the 2000 census, Omaha has more individuals claiming Danish ancestry than any other city, ahead of Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. *Den Danske Pioneer* was founded in Omaha in 1872 and the Danish Brotherhood in America was headquartered there. Grand View University in Des Moines and the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair continue to thrive. And Elk Horn was the site of the first Danish Folk High School founded in America. There is a rich historical heritage to our location.

I also believe that we have resources we would likely not have had if our museum had been located in a

**COVER PHOTO:** *Vikingskolen students create masks in preparation for Fastelavn. Danish Vikingskolen Houston begins on Page 4.*



larger community. We have thirty acres of land that we are using creatively to develop the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park and attract a traveling public interested in horticulture. Our expenses for personnel are less than they would be in a metropolitan environment. **Most importantly, however, I believe our rural location has forced the museum to look outward. Had we been located in a large city, I believe the pressures to respond to that community might have led the museum to have a reduced vision and more local activity. To thrive, our museum must attract and serve a membership spread across the country.**

I also know that we must evolve to meet the challenges of the future. Over the ten years I have served as executive director, I have been assisted by a forward-looking board of directors. Our mutual concern has been strengthening the financial foundation of our museum and positioning the museum to serve as a repository for artifacts that document the Danish immigrant experience. Yet we also recognize that the immigrant experience is changing.

In strategic planning meetings beginning in 2004, board members recognized the decline

in immigration from Denmark and the need to expand the museum's focus to include documenting the evolving relations between our two countries – the United States has had a longer, unbroken diplomatic relationship with Denmark than any other country. Danish immigrants, their descendants, and Danish citizens living and working in this country contribute to this evolving narrative. Through exhibits (both at the museum and traveling), through our website at [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org), through our Facebook® and YouTube® sites, and our outreach programming, we are seeking to tell this evolving story. Indeed, this year's featured exhibit, *Danish Modern: Design for Living*, underscores our expanding vision.

As I wrote in the last *America Letter* (Autumn 2012), many have come to feel that our name, The Danish Immigrant Museum, placed too much emphasis on the immigrant generation – it was not inclusive enough for the future. At the October meeting of the Board of Directors, a committee was charged with the responsibility of soliciting, reviewing and proposing possible new names for our museum and that these should be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at its February meeting in Houston, Texas.

The committee considered fifteen different names and recommended Museum of Danish America. After spirited and thoughtful conversation, the Board of Directors voted to accept the additional name, pending notification of Iowa's Secretary of State and ratification of the Board at the annual meeting in October. We will always legally be The Danish Immigrant Museum, but we will also adopt and legally do business as the Museum of Danish America, should the decision be ratified.

Considering a name change has not been done lightly. We are not just a museum that tells the story of immigrants although this will always be the genesis of our narrative. We are not just a museum focusing on Danish-Americans. We want to embrace those Danes living and working in our country, and we want to include those Americans who, for whatever reason, have become fascinated by Danish culture and its expression in the United States. The **Museum of Danish America** is a name that is inclusive and embraces the evolving stories of our future.

After thirty years, we can be proud of the foundation that has been laid, and we can approach the future with confidence. We do so grateful for the contributions of past generations and excited by the opportunities afforded our generation.



## Museum welcomes new staff member

**Nicky Christensen joins us from Anita, Iowa, as the new Development/Social Media Associate. Most recently the Membership Coordinator at the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce, she has her Bachelor of Science in Public Relations from the University of Central Missouri. She also enjoys photography, coffee, and conveniently, Mid-Century Modern and Scandinavian design. She is mom to a rambunctious preschooler named Hudson and will be getting married this July.**

Christensen joined the staff and board members in Houston, Texas, in February on her second day of work, already becoming acquainted with Danish-American communities across the country. Her day-to-day duties focus on assisting Deb Christensen Larsen to maintain membership and donor records. Christensen will also maintain the museum's social media presence and other communications. Christensen looks forward to the

continuation of strengthened member relationships and a stronger brand presence for the museum in the next couple of years. Contact her any time at [dkmedia@metc.net](mailto:dkmedia@metc.net) or send us a note on Facebook!

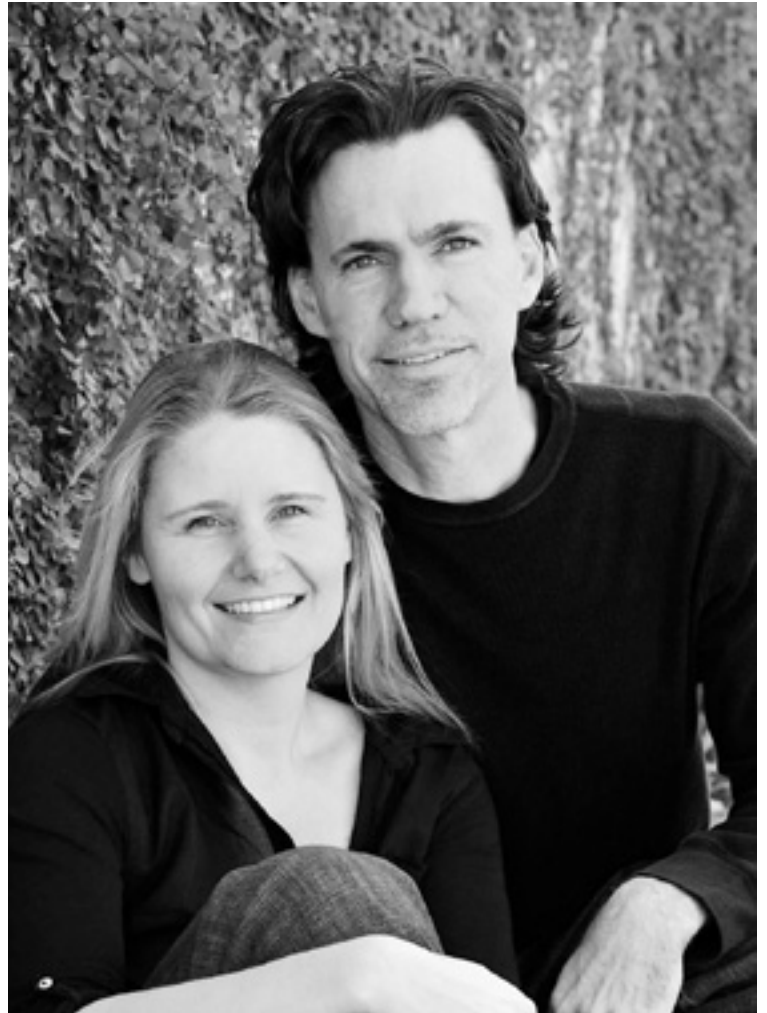
# Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations: *Danish Vikingeskolen Houston*

By Lone Christensen, Board Member, The Danish Immigrant Museum

**The Danish *Vikingeskolen* in Houston is a very vibrant and fun place to visit. It is located within *Stepping Stones Charter Elementary* where it rents space free of charge. On twelve Saturday mornings in the fall and on twelve Saturday mornings in the spring the Danish flag *Dannebrog* is raised and a sign is put up by the front door indicating that the school is in session.**

The school was founded in 2006 by Christina Brinch Clark and co-founders Loa McNeese, Karoline Mortensen, and Christina Linderholm. How did she get started and what was her motivation? Well, it began with a love-story! Christina was born in Denmark and after graduating from *gymnasiet* (a college-bound high school), she spent a year in Chicago working as an *au pair*. A week before she was scheduled to return to Denmark to begin her studies, Christina and a Texan by the name of William Clark met by chance at the famous Avalon nightclub in Chicago. He was traveling around in the US with friends and had stopped in Chicago. Two days after this encounter, Christina and William went on a boat ride together – it was their first date. But that was it! Christina returned to Copenhagen, where she began her undergraduate studies, and William went home to Houston to continue his studies. However, before leaving and standing under the Chicago “L” train saying good-bye, William had said to Christina, “I am going to marry you one day.” This was in 1991.

The next three years they stayed in touch by writing long handwritten letters (this was before email) and every summer William came to Copenhagen to visit Christina. They spent much of the time traveling on Euro-Rail passes throughout Europe. In 1994, Christina went to Houston to live for a year and following that William went to live in Copenhagen. While Christina finished up her Master’s



*William and Christina Brinch Clark. Christina is co-founder of the Vikingeskolen; William is principal and superintendant of Stepping Stones Charter Elementary.*

degree, William taught math and science at Copenhagen Euro School.

They married a year later and settled in Frederiksberg (a twin city of Copenhagen). For five years Denmark was the couple’s home and in 2000, they decided to move back to Houston and stay for five years. William continued teaching and Christina worked as a global marketing coordinator for a Scottish company. Their plan was to return to Copenhagen for another five years and



*Children work on curriculum based on popular and current material from the Danish school system.*

then back to Houston, alternating between the two countries.

However, life took a different turn. As Christina puts it, “I got stuck.” In 2002 their daughter Liv was born and five years later their son Christian arrived. Although the family has not moved back to Denmark (yet), every year they spend the month of July renting an apartment in Copenhagen, usually in “Humblebyen” (the former Carlsberg brewery area) in Vesterbro, where bikes are readily available and provide a wonderful way to experience Copenhagen the local way. During the week of Thanksgiving Christina also returns to Copenhagen to visit friends and family, taking along one of the two children, alternating between them.

After the birth of her daughter, Christina began playing with the idea of starting a Danish school in the Houston area. It was important to her and William that Liv be exposed to the Danish language and culture, and they wondered if there were other Danish-American couples who might be interested in their idea. As a board member of the Danish Club,

Christina sent out an email to find out if other members had an interest in joining a think tank about how to start a Danish school. The response was positive. A group of people met and decided to create a survey asking parents what they wanted their child to learn and on which day they should meet. Based on the feedback the group decided to have school on Saturday mornings. That time would favor the youngest children and the earlier they could get them started the better. It took many meetings to come up with the right concept. Eventually a curriculum was developed and classes could begin.

The school opened in 2006 with twelve students enrolled. The school could not offer a class for each grade level, so mixed age levels were necessary. At the beginning it was very challenging, coupled with the fact that most of the children came from Danish-American families and few spoke any Danish. Some did not even know the Danish birthday song. Christina and the co-founders were in charge of running the school as well as teaching classes. The responsibility of school operations,

planning and teaching classes, as well as being a parent at the school, would at times require up to 6 hours a week. It became clear that a more structured organization was needed with board members taking on specific areas of responsibility such as enrollment, curriculum planning, marketing, fundraising and finance. Finding teachers, paid or otherwise, proved to be the biggest challenge of the school. The mixed age and fluency levels required each class to have support teachers. As a result, one of the key decisions the board made was to ask parents to volunteer in the classrooms in return for a tuition discount. For example, being a support teacher six times during a semester would provide a 50% discount. The model allowed for the work load and overall responsibility for the school’s success to shift to the parents while tuition cost could be reduced, especially for larger families. The school continued to grow and this year, with forty students enrolled, the number is the highest it has ever been.

The students are divided into four groups:

- 3-4 years (børnehave)
- 5-7 years (børnehaveklasse)
- 7 years and up
- Adults (sometimes split into beginner and advanced pending sufficient registrations)

The Saturday morning schedule is as follows:

- 9-9:30 Breakfast with parents (optional)
- 9:30 -10:30 Program Part 1
- 10:30-10:50 Playground and Snacks
- 10:50 – 11:30 Program Part 2
- 11:30 - 11:45 Classes end –Pick up
- 11:30 – 11:45 Library Time (students may check out Danish books and DVDs)

– Continued on page 6



# Vikingskolen

continued from page 5

The curriculum is based on the most popular and current material from the Danish school system. It is thematic and incorporates seasons and Danish traditions in connection with the holidays in a fun-filled environment. The students complete many creative arts projects while simultaneously listening to and learning the Danish language.

The recent celebration of *Fastelavn* that took place on February 17 is an example of one of the school's festive occasions. *Fastelavn*, or *Carnival* in English, occurs either the Sunday or Monday before Ash Wednesday. The holiday is considered a time for children's fun and fun the children had at *Vikingskolen*. They all came dressed up in costumes and enjoyed face painting and special treats such as *Fastelavnsboller* (a round sweet roll made for the occasion). The highlight was *slå katten af tønden* ("hit the cat out of the barrel"), which is similar to hitting a piñata. A wooden barrel decorated with a black cat and filled with candy hung from a tree. (Historically there was a real black cat in the barrel and beating the barrel was considered a safeguard against evil.) There was one barrel for the boys and one for the girls. First it was the boys' turn. They each took turns hitting the barrel and when one of the boys finally knocked down the bottom of the barrel, all of the children rushed forward to gather their share of the candy. Then it was the girls' turn and when the second lucky swing connected, the children delighted in gathering goodies once again. The boy who knocked down the bottom of the barrel was crowned *kattekongen* ("the king of cats") and the girl who knocked down the bottom of the other barrel was crowned *kattedronningen* ("the queen of cats"). *Vikingskolen* had become



*Students learn Danish holiday traditions. Fastelavn is celebrated with the popular game "hit the cat out of the barrel."*

a little Danish island that morning and everybody had a great time.

Who are the parents of the children attending the school? Houston has a very large Danish community. More than 2,500 Danes live there, working in oil, gas or shipping. Many are there on a two-year contract and may be more interested in immersing themselves in American culture than in interacting with other Danes. Some Danish employees have been transferred back to the city by their companies after having returned to Denmark or the Middle East for some time. Other families have lived in

Boston or New Orleans on a rotation before returning to Houston. Several families have relocated to Houston more than once and continue to return to the school time after time, realizing that their children have lived away from Denmark for several years and that they want to keep the Danish language, culture and traditions alive for their children. That can be a real challenge in their busy lives, but *Vikingskolen* can help them do that. The school is growing steadily and parents today are mostly Danish couples – a shift from when the school first started – who enjoy socializing and spending time with



*Parents are actively involved with the children in learning activities. Here fathers play a language game with their children.*

their kids on Saturday mornings while their children are having fun.

The parents of the Danish school children do not generally perceive themselves as immigrants. They did not come to the U.S. in order to become American citizens. They see themselves as being part of a larger global community. Christina

herself makes it clear that she is still a Danish citizen planning on returning to Denmark one day and living there. That is why her family just bought an apartment in Copenhagen, so they will have a place of their own. Perhaps one of their children or she and William will live there when they retire. In the near term, the family will be staying there during the month of July and next summer Liv will be attending *Danes Worldwide Sommerskole* – a summer school with three locations on Fyn for Danish children age 9-17 who live abroad.

Meanwhile, the school is broadening its impact by building new relationships between the City of Houston and Denmark. If, for instance, a Danish child comes to one of Houston's renowned facilities for special cancer treatment, the child is invited to visit *Vikingskolen* and experience some fun in a home-away-from-home atmosphere. A teacher also invited the Danish

conductor Thomas Dausgaard to come to the school during his visit last November as a guest conductor with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. He spoke to the children about music and even played some tunes with them.

For the past seven years, Christina's husband William has been the principal and superintendent of Stepping Stones Charter Elementary where *Vikingskolen* is located. Since a charter school is a public school it can lend out space to other non-profit organizations. *Vikingskolen* is a non-profit organization and public charity under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It does cost money to run the school. To help cover the expenses, the tuition for one child is \$325 per semester, but if a parent volunteers to help out in the classroom or has more than one child tuition is reduced. Fundraising is also important to help defray the costs.

– Continued on page 8



*Liv Clark*

# Vikingskolen

continued from page 5



*Older students mentoring younger children is a valuable learning tool.*



*Christian Clark*

When asked what advice she would give to Danes trying to start a similar school Christina says there is no reason to start from scratch. She and other members can assist anyone interested in taking the first steps. She stresses that picking a time for school that suits their particular geographical area is extremely important. Also, having a board and operating officers with key roles of responsibility. Working with a core group that is truly committed and also involving parents in the day-to-day running of the school will help ensure the school's success. Finding teachers has proven to be a difficult challenge, so involving parents as teachers and support teachers is a wonderful way to engage everyone and work towards common goals.

Thanks to a group of very dedicated and active parents, volunteers and salaried teachers and staff Vikingskolen in Houston is a success story. Without them it would not be possible to carry out the school's mission to promote the Danish language, culture and

traditions for children and adults in the Houston area who wish to learn/improve their Danish regardless of proficiency. The school's icon is a Viking ship sailing on the ocean

under the sun and the stars. How fitting!

More information can be found on the school's website [www.vikingskolen.com](http://www.vikingskolen.com)



*Students practice speaking Danish. One of the school's core values is to "attempt to speak only Danish in school."*



# Dr. John Mark Nielsen named Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog

Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, was awarded Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog by Ambassador Peter Taksøe-Jensen, representing Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. The ceremony took place at the Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C. on February 27, 2013, while Nielsen was there representing the Iowa Museum Association at Museum Advocacy Day 2013. The Queen bestowed the award upon Nielsen on December 19, 2012; however, he wasn't notified of the honor until his trip to Washington had been confirmed.

The Order of the Knight of the Dannebrog was instituted in 1671 by King Christian V. The Order is used to honor a select group of people who, through selfless deeds, have helped advance the interests of Denmark.

In an interview with David Hendee of the *Omaha World Herald*, Nielsen said he feels "the award is really a tribute to the museum and the Danish-Americans who started and

support it." "It recognizes the role the museum is increasingly playing as a cultural institution in forwarding relations between the United States and Denmark," he added.

Nielsen's award is based on almost 90 letters of support from both Danish and American citizens who felt that Nielsen merited official recognition for his work on behalf of Denmark. The process was initiated by his



colleagues at The Danish Immigrant Museum and coordinated by the Danish Consul for Iowa and former museum board member, Lynette Rasmussen of Johnston.

Nielsen learned of the honor in time that he could be joined by his wife, Dawn, who is a high school English teacher in Blair. Both were recipients of Marshall Fellowships for Study in Denmark following their graduation from Dana College, and they lived there again in 1983-84, when Nielsen was a Fulbright guest lecturer at several Danish teachers colleges.

A celebration in honor of the award will be held on June 22 in Elk Horn, concurrent with the museum's 30th anniversary and Sankt Hans Aften festivities.



*Ambassador Peter Taksøe-Jensen (left) presents Nielsen with the medal of the Order of Dannebrog in Washington, D.C.*

# DANISH MODERN



## DESIGN FOR LIVING

by Tova Brandt, Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture

*Anton Dam catalog from 1964,  
featuring Arne Jacobsen's Swan  
and Egg chairs.  
Collection of The Danish Immigrant  
Museum*



**Where can you see an Ant, Egg, Swan, Peacock, and Artichoke? In the new exhibition *Danish Modern: Design for Living!* Enjoy a celebration of the wonderful furniture designs that came out of Denmark in the 1950s and 1960s, and see why so many pieces are known by descriptive names like the Ant Chair, Peacock Chair, and Artichoke Lamp. Sit down on a Seven Chair (yes – we will let you sit on some of the chairs!) and see for yourself how a successful balance of form and function has kept these chairs in production for over 50 years.**

Filling both of the museum's temporary galleries, *Danish Modern* presents dozens of vintage pieces from the period, as well as examples of advertisements and marketing campaigns that helped introduce Danish design to American consumers. Danish furniture stores like Anton Dam published catalogs in English; aimed at American buyers, especially those at U.S. military bases in post-World War II Europe, the company promised to ship furniture anywhere in the world.

"No doubt, just like everyone else you like Modern Danish Furniture. *Your* home needs Anton Dam's Modern Danish Furniture. It will be admired by all your friends."

Introduction to the *Anton Dam* catalog, 1964.

The legacy of the mid-century Danish designers like Hans Wegner, Arne Jacobsen, Finn Juhl and others continues to influence the field today. At the conclusion of the exhibition, listen to six 21st-century Danish designers of different ages and specialties describe their work in relation to the question, "What makes design Danish?"

*Danish Modern: Design for Living* will be on view from April 6 through January 5, 2014. This exhibition will then travel to other venues, including the Nordic Heritage Museum in the summer of 2014. A full-color catalog will be for sale later this spring!



*Room setting in Anton Dam catalog from 1964*  
*Collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum*

### **Excerpt from the catalog essay by Mark Mussari, Ph.D., "Danish Modern: Designing the Humanly Useful"**

America in the 1950s offered the perfect environment, commercially and aesthetically, for Danish Modern. Television programs focused on the burgeoning space program; new homes with modern appliances called for new furniture and decorative designs; lines became increasingly curvilinear in industrial design – from boomerang-shaped coffee tables to kidney-shaped patterns on linoleum countertops. The original Danish notions of furniture that was more “democratic” or “wholesome” played a very small part in the attraction of Americans to Danish design: instead, it was the visual aesthetic of smaller furniture in pared-down designs that fit well into modern apartments and suburban homes (such as the popular single-story ranch home). On this front, Danish Modern design – with its absence of historicism and unnecessary ornamentation – served as a reflection of the uncharted

direction many Americans saw ahead – into the future. Also, the sense of good taste that accompanied the marketing of much Danish Modern spoke to a growing sophistication among consumers. How else could the home of Rob and Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* possibly be decorated?

As Danish design became increasingly popular in the US, the high level of craftsmanship in many of the original Danish Modern designs would spawn countless imitations, some poorly made. Also, a somewhat generic form of Danish Modern began to spring up at Scandinavian and Danish furniture stores throughout the US and Canada – stores with names such as The Happy Viking, Dane Décor, and Scandinavian Design. Most of these stores carried furniture made by Danish companies such as Dyrlynd, Koefoed, and Skovby. In time, many consumers began to equate Danish Modern solely with teak and rosewood furniture – with slatted-backs on dining room chairs and sideboards with glass-front

hutches on pedestals. Because there was no way to copyright the term “Danish Modern,” it was also used to describe home furnishings that had not been designed or made in Denmark. By 1959, the Danish furniture industry issued a Quality Control stamp following requests from American furniture dealers who wanted to protect themselves from cheaper imitations.

By the 1970s, rapidly changing tastes in America diminished the importance of Danish Modern, and sales – which had built steadily into the 1960s – began to decline. A renaissance occurred by the 1990s, however, and today Danish Modern furniture is not only back in vogue but commanding astronomical prices. Still, it has been difficult for new designers to overcome the towering reputations of figures such as Jacobsen, Juhl, and Wegner. More than half a century later, their designs continue to define the qualities of Danish Modern that spoke so strongly to American tastes in the last century.

– Continued on page 12



*Arne Jacobsen's  
Seven Chair,  
designed in 1955.  
Photo courtesy of Dansk  
Møbelkunst Gallery,  
[www.dmk.dk](http://www.dmk.dk)*





*Hans Wegner with his best-known design, "The Chair", designed in 1949. Collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum*

*Danish Modern: Design for Living* is developed by The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

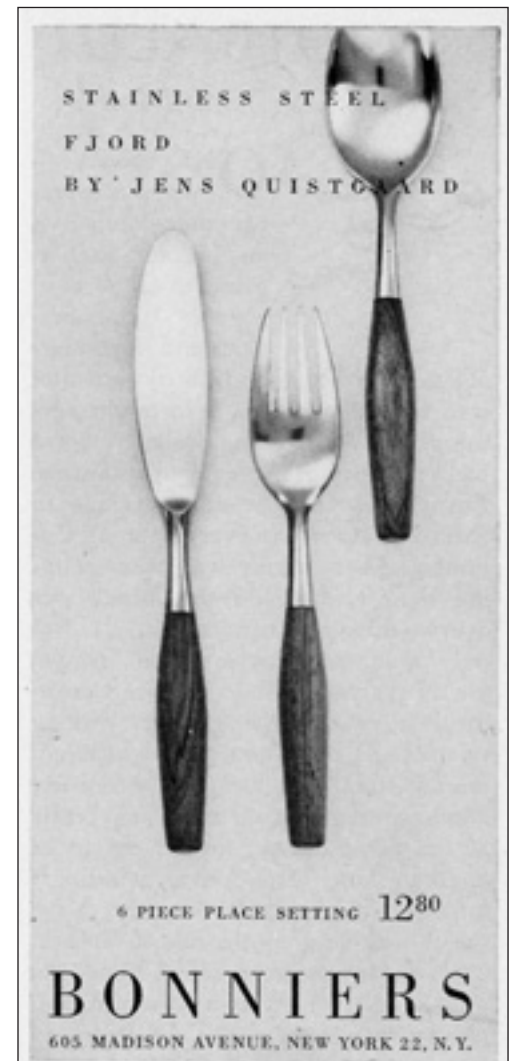
Support for this exhibition is provided by:

Estate of Chrystal Wagner  
Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund  
Direktør Ib Henriksens Fond  
Humanities Iowa and the National  
Endowment for the Humanities  
Gifts in memory of Duane Skow  
Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable  
Trust

In addition to pieces from the collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum, the following have lent items to the exhibition:  
Rosalie Larsen Andersen  
Birgitte and John Christianson  
Birgit and Robert Coffman  
Danish American Center  
Danish Teak Classics  
Goldstein Museum of Design  
Janell Jensen  
Kirkland Museum of Fine and  
Decorative Art  
John and Cynthia McKeen  
Michele McNabb  
Minneapolis Institute of Arts  
Jennifer Komar Olivarez and Enrique  
Olivarez, Jr.  
Vnette R. Skow



*Sibast chair No. 8, designed in 1953. Photo courtesy of Sibast Furniture*



*Bonniers advertisement for "Fjord" flatware by Jens Quistgaard, 1954.*

*Collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum*

## Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

### **Danish Cultural Conference June 21 – 23**

#### **Menucha Retreat Center Corbett, Oregon**

The DCC is held at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon, 30 minutes east of Portland. The conference offers attendees a varied program covering a wide range of topics relating to Denmark and Danish culture. Attendees also have an opportunity to experience the beauty and amenities of the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, which offers stunning views of the Columbia River Gorge, Crown Point, and the Cascade Mountains in a cozy and relaxed atmosphere ([www.menucha.org/](http://www.menucha.org/)). The conference opens with a traditional flag raising ceremony followed by several days of activities that include Danish language lessons, guided nature walks, and evening entertainment in addition to interesting presentations and talks on numerous topics having a Danish theme. Registration includes meals and several levels of accommodations to choose from. Additional information on the DCC is available on the Northwest Danish Association web page at [www.northwestdanishfoundation.org](http://www.northwestdanishfoundation.org).

### **Danebod Fall Meeting August 21 – 25**

#### **Tyler, Minnesota**

The Danebod Fall Meeting is held at the Danebod Folk School campus in the southwest Minnesota town of Tyler. Tyler is on US Highway 14, with the Danebod Folk School located one block south of US 14. The five days are filled with singing, lectures, story time, worship and fellowship. Registration is \$200 per person and includes Folk School dormitory room or campsite, and meals. For more information visit [www.danebodlutheran.org/](http://www.danebodlutheran.org/) or email them at [danebodlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:danebodlutheran@yahoo.com).

### **The Danebo Folk School at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

The Danebo Folk School had its debut in September 2012. Two sessions are planned for 2013. The first of the two week-long sessions will be from August 25 to 31; it is themed *A Taste of Denmark*. The second session will be from September 15 to 21, and it is themed *The Mississippi River*.

*A Taste of Denmark* will be framed by some of the unique Danish celebrations of special days in Denmark. The classes and activities will let you try your hand at paper cutting, band weaving, Danish cooking, or writing your own or your family's story, or you may follow an in-depth class on "All Things Danish." The morning gatherings will include the Danish song tradition, Danish books, topical issues, and you may even learn a few Danish words.

*The Mississippi River* session from September 15 to 21 will focus on the Mississippi River, which runs right by Danebo. From ecology to economy, from transportation to recreation, the river is vital to America's Heartland, and it is home to many cultures. The classes and activities will explore the diverse cultures, history, ecology, and nature along the Mississippi River, including hands-on classes on traditional crafts.

The cost for a session including all meals is \$565, or \$535 with an early-bird registration. Room rental, double occupancy is \$200 for the week; single supplement is \$100, if available. Early-bird registration is June 28 for August session and July 19 for September. The deadlines are July 19 and August 9, respectively. A limited scholarship may be available. Please visit our website: [www.danebofolkschool.org/](http://www.danebofolkschool.org/) or you may contact the Folk School at 612-567-7185 or e-mail: [info@danebofolkschool.org](mailto:info@danebofolkschool.org) for more information.

### **Danish American Heritage Society Conference October 10 – 12, 2013 Des Moines, Iowa**

Join us for three days of thought-provoking, challenging, and uplifting presentations from both Danish and American experts on innovation in a wide array of areas, from energy and sustainability to culture and the arts, as well as exhibits and tours. Reacquaint yourself with Grand View University during a campus tour, gallery exhibit and the Danish Immigrant Archives. And join your friends for conversation and fellowship! Our keynote speaker, Søren Hermansen, is a recognized Danish expert in renewable energy. You'll also enjoy ten concurrent sessions with a variety of presenters, from academics to artists and cultural visionaries. There will be plenty of time for socializing and touring:

- A songfest, gallery exhibit and tour of the Grand View University campus
- An opportunity to visit The Danish Immigrant Museum, the Danish Windmill and have dinner at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn
- A visit to the site of HGTV's new reality series "West End Salvage" or tour the Iowa State Capital or Iowa State Historical Building; many shops and restaurants to explore on your own.
- A banquet with dignitaries and entertainment

Visit the DAHS website [www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org/](http://www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org/) for more information or to register.

# The Collection Connection

By Angela Stanford, Curator of Collections and Registrar

**What happens to an artifact after it officially becomes an *artifact*? What are the ongoing needs and how are they addressed? There is a great deal more behind-the-scenes than meets the eye!**

Because the goal of the museum is to preserve the collection for generations to come, the products, systems, and services employed in that process must meet professional standards for long-term preservation. Boxes, tissue, bags, foam, and even the writing utensils used on photos must be archival-quality.

These products are free of harmful acids and chemicals that are found in similar commercial counterparts. There are even specific cloths, brushes, and vacuums used for cleaning!

In addition to products, there are a number of systems and services in place that directly affect the collection.

- **Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) system:** Temperature and humidity levels must be set at a specific range and kept constant to help artifacts remain as physically stable as possible. These environmental controls are regulated throughout the building and are monitored regularly in order to detect fluctuations or irregularities that require attention. Regular maintenance is required to



*Collections intern Natalie Smith catalogs a suitcase in the collection at Bedstemor's House.*

keep the machinery in good working order to meet such high demands.

- **Security and fire suppression systems:** Security measures and alarms are in place to prevent risks to artifacts like unnecessary touching and handling, theft, and vandalism. Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and sprinkler systems are located throughout the entire building.
- **Insurance:** In an emergency situation where an artifact is damaged, insurance can often provide funds for repair so that the artifact is not lost entirely, and along with it, its important history and contribution to the museum's mission.





*Sensitive areas of artifacts are given additional support when needed.*

- **Integrated Pest Management:** Monitoring what pests are in the building and taking steps to eliminate harmful ones and provide treatment where necessary is the primary function of a regular pest management program. The museum contracts with a company who sprays for pests in the non-artifact areas of the building. There are also a series of sticky bug traps placed throughout the building that catch bugs and allow for quick identification of the types of pests found in the building. These traps reveal issues that we need to address immediately.
- **Database use and maintenance:** The museum uses an electronic database to track the artifact collection. All information about each piece, including images of each one, is stored in this database. There are annual service fees for both in-house use and for the ability to make all records available on our website through "View Our Collection."

In order to care for the collections and to make sure



*Artifacts are protected by archival products like the acid-free boxes and polyester/melinex sleeves shown here.*

that all systems are operating as they should and needs are being met, the museum hires professional staff and interns. Ongoing training and professional development is necessary to remain current on standards and trends within the larger museum field.

So how much does it cost annually to provide the care and protection that the collection needs? With a collection of approximately 40,000 pieces, including three-dimensional objects, photographs, documents, and framed art, the yearly cost of simply maintaining the collection is about \$116,000, or about \$318 per day.

Additional costs are incurred with specific projects that occur throughout the year. Services provided by a trained conservator can begin at about \$100 to \$200 and reach several thousand dollars depending on the extent of work needed. Last year, the museum began the process of removing old, acidic cardboard backings from the framed collections and replacing it with acid-free cardboard, so there were costs for materials, intern time, and specialized training for this type of project.

Museum collections are important to illustrating historical narrative. They give context to the stories we tell, and make real and tangible those otherwise nameless faces we see on old photographs. The Danish Immigrant Museum takes the care of these important pieces of history very seriously and strives to meet the professional standards of our field.

Funding for the products, systems, and services necessary for a well-cared-for collection comes primarily from memberships and private donations. Thanks to your support of The Danish Immigrant Museum, these pieces will be available for future generations to enjoy. If you are particularly interested in supporting a project in collections care, please call today to speak with Deb Larsen, Development Manager.



*Former collections intern Anna Mullen inserts a new back into a piece from the framed art collection.*

## **New Members October 15, 2012 - February 15, 2013**

**The Danish Immigrant Museum is pleased to identify the following 52 individuals and organizations as its newest members:**

Ronald & Janet Arends, Brooklyn, IA	Eric & Kris Lange, Osceola, IA
Nancy Armbrust, Elkhorn, NE	Don Larsen, Portland, OR
Jack & Lois Beal, Bothell, WA	John & Patty Lentfer, Geneva, NE
John Beyer, Des Moines, IA	George & Kristen Lund, Scottsdale, AZ
Bernice Bro, Ames, IA	Edgar Madsen, Princeton, NJ
Patricia Madsen & Marshall Brodsky, Denver, CO	Herbert Mathiasen, Jr., Somers, NY
BebeAnna Buck, Eau Claire, WI	Andy McRoberts, Greeley, CO
Mary Lou Burke, Council Bluffs, IA	David Miller, Minneapolis, MN
Kelsey Christensen, Northampton, MA	Dean & Linda Mohning, Remsen, IA
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #227, Detroit, MI	John & Janet Nothnagel, Hyde Park, NY
Georgina Dominguez, Tucson, AZ	Arlyce Olsen, Missouri Valley, IA
Michael & Sanna Feirstein, New York, NY	Donna Olsen, Kimballton, IA
German American Heritage Center, Davenport, IA	Eric & Susan Pallant, Meadville, PA
James & Catrine Giery, Myrtle Beach, SC	Pam Paulsen, Hutchinson, KS
Ivan & Jan Hansen, Harlan, IA	Steven & Mimi Payne, New London, MN
Jane Hansen, Anita, IA	Sorrel Urban Bistro (Soren Pedersen), Houston, TX
Marcia Hansen, Indianola, IA	Dave & Melinda Pell, Jackson, MN
Elaine Hasleton, Salt Lake City, UT	Sally Richter, Atlantic, IA
Inger Hughson, Hinsdale, IL	Birgitte Ross, Lakewood, CO
Jack & Opal Jensen, Arlington, NE	Douglas & Barbara Rossbach, Humboldt, IA
Terrence Jensen, Ames, IA	Børge & Gurli Schmidt-Christensen, Vejen, DENMARK
Lori Jones, Texarkana, TX	Peter Schwab, Audubon, IA
Timothy Jorgensen, Rockville, MD	Jens & Eileen Simonsen, Oakdale, NE
Chris & Mary Knudstrup, Mason, MI	Louis Slota, Chippewa Falls, WI
Charlotte Krogh, Exira, IA	Chris & Yvonne Sorensen, Wapakoneta, OH
	Glenn Williams, Lincoln, NE
	Rob & Linda Wilson, Urbandale, IA

---

## **In Honor October 15, 2012 - February 15, 2013**

**Through various funds, gifts have been received in honor of people or special events:**

Robert W. Brown  
Mary Lou Burke  
Ramona Esbeck  
Dorothy and Lyle Feisel, my Godparents  
Chester (Chet) and Marj Holland  
Jim and Marge Iversen  
Leslie Johansen, 1918-2007  
Dagmar K. Johnson  
Gloria and Bill Layton  
Birgitte Mølvig  
Poul and Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, in gratitude of their generosity  
Ruth Steffensen  
Nancy Walden and Judy Walden  
Nancy Walden and Judy Walden, for the legacy my cousins are leaving our family  
with their interest and research into our Larsen history

# Thank You Businesses and Organizations

October 15, 2012 – February 15, 2013

These businesses and organizations have contributed annual memberships of \$100 or more.  
We recognize their generosity and support in each newsletter during their membership.

A & A Framing (Annette Andersen), Kimballton, IA  
Answers (Frank R. Tighe), Atlantic, IA  
Atlantic Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum,  
Atlantic, IA  
Audubon Family Chiropractic (Douglas & Nichole Olsen),  
Audubon, IA  
Carroll Control Systems, Inc. (Todd Wanninger), Carroll, IA  
Cedar Valley Danes, Cedar Falls area, IA  
Country Landscapes, Inc. (Rhett Faaborg), Ames, IA  
Dania Ladies Society, Chicago, IL  
Danish American Club in Orange County, Huntington  
Beach, CA  
Danish American Club of Milwaukee, West Bend, WI  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #1, Omaha, NE  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #16, Minden, NE  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #35, Homewood, IL  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #56, Lenexa, KS  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #144, Dike, IA  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #211, Cairo, NE  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #227, Detroit, MI  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #268, Junction City, OR  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #283, Dagmar, MT  
Danish Brotherhood Centennial Lodge #348, Eugene, OR  
Danish Mutual Insurance Association, Elk Horn, IA  
Danish Sisterhood Ellen Lodge #21, Denver, CO  
Danish Sisterhood Lodge #176, Aplington, IA  
Danish Vennelyst Park, Omaha, NE  
Den Danske Pioneer, Hoffman Estates, IL  
Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District,  
Elk Horn, IA  
Elk Horn-Kimballton Optimist Club, Elk Horn, IA  
Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, Solvang, CA  
Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust, Crystal Lake, IL  
Faith, Family, Freedom Foundation (Kenneth & Marlene  
Larsen), Calistoga, CA  
German American Heritage Center, Davenport, IA  
Hall Hudson, P.C., Attorneys at Law, Harlan, IA  
Harlan Newspapers (Steve Mores & Alan Mores),  
Harlan, IA  
Heartland District of the DBIA, Des Moines, IA  
Henningsen Construction, Inc., Atlantic, IA  
King of Kings Fishing Guide Service & Lodge (Richard &  
Bonnie Andersen), Anchor Point, AK  
Kirsten's Danish Bakery (Poul & Kirsten Jepsen), Burr  
Ridge, IL  
Knudsen Old Timers, Glendale, CA  
Leman USA, Sturtevant, WI  
Los Angeles Naver Club, Monrovia, CA  
LPB, Inc. (Lars Boerre), Earlham, IA  
Main Street Café (Sune & Barbara Frederiksen),  
Berea, KY  
Marge's Hair Hut (Kent & Marge Ingerslev), Elk Horn, IA  
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co., Elk Horn, IA  
Nelsen and Nelsen, Attorneys at Law, Cozad, NE  
O & H Danish Bakery (Eric Olesen), Racine, WI  
Olsen, Muhlbauer & Co., L.L.P., Carroll, IA  
Pacific NW District Lodges D.B.I.A., Eugene, OR  
Proongily (Cynthia McKeen), St. Paul, MN  
Rebild National Park Society, Southern California Chapter,  
Glendale, CA  
Red River Danes, Fargo, ND  
Ringsted Danish American Fellowship, Ringsted, IA  
scan|design foundation BY INGER & JENS BRUUN,  
Seattle, WA  
Shelby County State Bank, Elk Horn, IA  
Sorrel Urban Bistro (Soren Pedersen), Houston, TX  
Symra Literary Society, Decorah, IA  
The Danish Home, Chicago, IL  
The Rasmussen Group, Inc., Des Moines, IA  
Wayne Hansen Real Estate, LLC, Elk Horn, IA  
Yah-Whooo Organic Garden (Kurt Rasmussen),  
Vacaville, CA

## *A reminder about mailing addresses!*

Mail to all departments of the Museum other than the Family History & Genealogy Center should be sent to the Museum's street address, 2212 Washington St., Elk Horn IA 51531. Mail to the FHGC should be directed to a separate address: PO Box 249, Elk Horn IA 51531.



# New Additions to the Wall of Honor

## October 15, 2012 – February 15, 2013

The Danish Immigrant Museum's Wall of Honor provides families and friends with a means of preserving the memory of or honoring those who emigrated from Denmark to America. Over 4,500 immigrants are currently recognized on the Wall. Their stories and the stories of their families contribute to the growing repository of family histories at the Museum's Family History and Genealogy Center.

**ANDREAS 'CARL' CHRISTENSEN (1923) Whittier, California** – Connie & Kent Hanson, Glendora, CA

**ANTON JENSEN (1897) Oakfield, Audubon Co., Iowa** – Charlotte Krogh, Exira, IA

**DORTHE (HANSEN) HANSEN (1886) Pottawattamie County, Iowa** – Carolyn Christiansen, Johnston, IA, Donald Christiansen & Mercedes Martin, Carlsbad, CA, Robert & Martha Christiansen, Tempe, AZ

**HANS PETER HANSEN (1886) Pottawattamie County, Iowa** – Carolyn Christiansen, Johnston, IA, Donald Christiansen & Mercedes Martin, Carlsbad, CA, Robert & Martha Christiansen, Tempe, AZ

**REV. LAURITS CHRISTIAN HANSEN (1886) Pottawattamie County, Iowa** – Carolyn Christiansen, Johnston, IA, Donald Christiansen & Mercedes Martin, Carlsbad, CA, Robert & Martha Christiansen, Tempe, AZ

**PETER HANSEN (1886) Pottawattamie County, Iowa** – Carolyn Christiansen, Johnston, IA, Donald Christiansen & Mercedes Martin, Carlsbad, CA, Robert & Martha Christiansen, Tempe, AZ

**SOPHUS & MARIE HERMANSEN (1905) (1917) Fredsville, Iowa** – Ron & Jan Arends, Brooklyn, IA

**JOKUM JOKUMSEN (unknown) Neola, Iowa** – Beverly Knapp, Panora, IA; Alice Masker, Waverly, IA

**KARL WILHELM MATHIASSEN (1873) Perth Amboy, New Jersey** – Clifford W. Mathiasen, Clifton Park, NY and Herbert W. Mathiasen, Jr., Somers, NY

**REV. LUDVIG J. MEHR & MARIE K. (HANSEN) MEHR (1909) (1927) Exira, Iowa & Elk Horn, Iowa** – Carl A. & Marilyn Mehr, San Diego, CA

**NIS & HERLIG JESPERSEN (LUND) NIELSEN (1883) (1883) Fredonia Twp., Plymouth County, Iowa** – Dean & Linda Mohning, Remsen, IA

---

## America Letter

Vol. XXVI, No. 1

Published three times annually by  
The Danish Immigrant Museum

2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn, Iowa 51531

712-764-7001 800-759-9192

FAX 712-764-7002

[www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)

email: [info@danishmuseum.org](mailto:info@danishmuseum.org)

## Board of Directors

*President* - Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA

*Vice President* - Garey Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN

*Treasurer* - Kenneth Larsen, Calistoga, CA  
& Harlan, IA

*Secretary* - Flemming Smitsdorff, Germantown, WI

Cindy Adams, Littleton, CO

Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA

Erik Andersen, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Jon Borgman, Harlan, IA

Ronald Bro, Cedar Falls, IA

Tim Burchill, Jamestown, ND

Lone Christensen, Brown Deer, WI

Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel, St. Michaels, MD

Kurt Hansen, Rosemount, MN

Anna Thomsen Holliday, Houston, TX

Kristi Planck Johnson, Bethesda, MD

Cynthia McKeen, St. Paul, MN

Marian Ostergaard, Mission Viejo, CA

Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, Springfield, IL

Jerry Schrader, Elk Horn, IA

Linda Steffensen, Hoffman Estates, IL

Mark Strandskov, Mount Pleasant, MI

*Ex-Officio*

Mark Frederiksen, Falcon, CO

Vern Hunter, Fargo, ND

Nils Jensen, Portland, OR

Dennis Larson, Decorah, IA

Kai Nyby, LaPorte, IN

Marc Petersen, Omaha, NE

Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Bellingham, WA

## Staff

*Executive Director*: Dr. John Mark Nielsen, [director@danishmuseum.org](mailto:director@danishmuseum.org)

*General Information, Group Tours, Volunteering Opportunities*:

Terri Johnson, [info@danishmuseum.org](mailto:info@danishmuseum.org)

*Wall of Honor, Donations, Memorial Gifts & Memberships*:

Debra Christensen Larsen, [development@danishmuseum.org](mailto:development@danishmuseum.org)

*Development & Social Media*: Nicky Christensen, [dkmedia@metc.net](mailto:dkmedia@metc.net)

*Bookkeeping & Financial Inquiries*: Jennifer Winters, [acctng@danishmuseum.org](mailto:acctng@danishmuseum.org)

*Exhibit Questions*: Tova Brandt, [dkcur@metc.net](mailto:dkcur@metc.net)

*Artifact Donations & Museum Loans*:

Angela Stanford, [registrar@danishmuseum.org](mailto:registrar@danishmuseum.org)

*Museum Shop*: Joni Soe-Butts, [giftshop@danishmuseum.org](mailto:giftshop@danishmuseum.org)

*Donation of Books & Library*:

Questions: Michele McNabb, [librarian@danishmuseum.org](mailto:librarian@danishmuseum.org)

*Genealogical & Translation Inquiries*: [genealogy@danishmuseum.org](mailto:genealogy@danishmuseum.org)

*FHGC Library Assistant*: Wanda Somnson, [dkgen2@metc.net](mailto:dkgen2@metc.net)

*Administrative Assistant*: Kathy Pellegrini, [dkasst@metc.net](mailto:dkasst@metc.net)

*Custodian*: Tim Fredericksen

*Weekend Staff*: Beth Rasmussen, Rodger Rasmussen, Terri Amaral

# Memorials May 29, 2012 – February 15, 2013

In the winter 2012 issue, many names were mistakenly omitted. The names listed below include memorials made in loving memory of individuals during the specified time period.

Svend Aasberg  
Gerda Abildtoft, Nørresundby, Denmark  
Lee Anna M. (Jessen) Adams, my sister  
Anders Peder (AP) Andersen  
Helge & Mette Andersen  
Mildred Andersen  
Poul Andersen  
Marian Peterson Anderson  
Karen Arneson  
Janet Asmus  
Eli Bager  
Fred L. (Larsen) Beck, my grandpa  
Peter Jacob Beyer  
Robert Lee Bladt  
E. Kenneth Bonde  
Folmer & Martha Bonnesen  
Victor Borge  
Charles Ersnt Roland Boye  
Raymond H. Brandt, my husband  
Charlie Brehm  
Howard Bro, my husband  
Belmont and Marie Byriel  
Evelyn Lerager Chartier  
Aase M. Christensen  
Doris Smith Christensen  
Svend Christensen  
Art & Clara Christopher  
Joann Elaine Clausen  
Glen Clemson  
Hildegard & Jens Jorgensen  
Danger  
Danish-in-laws  
Leslie Ann Davidson  
Burton O. Esbeck  
David M. Esbeck  
David M. Esbeck, my cousin  
Ray Esbeck and on his would have been 80th birthday  
Wayne H. Esbeck – brother  
Roland Eskov  
Hans & Mathilde Farstrup  
The Harold Floerchinger Family  
Solveig Gregory  
Selma Grumstrup  
Karen Haigh, my wife  
Bertha Hansen

Clifford & Veola (Schjodt) Hansen  
Esther & Cleo Hansen  
Hans P. M. & Annie Hansen  
Mads Hansen, my father  
Rosella Hansen, my wife  
William J. Hansen  
Charles Henderson  
Axel Hermansen  
Martin Holst  
Carol Larsen Horton  
Edwin H. Hunt  
Herluf Iversen  
Eva D. Jensen  
James D. Jensen  
“Big” Jim Jensen  
Lee Jensen  
Leland C. Jensen  
Deppe & Anna Jensen  
Roland Jensen  
Ruth Jeppesen  
Myron V. Jepsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Eva Lynge Jersild  
Hans Christian & Carrie Ginamark Jersild  
Børge Jessen, Claus Peter Jessen & Casper Oliver Jessen  
Claus Peter Jessen & Casper Oliver Jessen, my sons  
Gary M. Johnson  
Niels & Ingrid Jorgensen  
Stan W. Jorgensen, my brother  
Annis Jepsen Juhl  
Karen M. Kadgihn  
Karen Kadgihn, my mother  
Tage Katelsen  
Hans Christian Kiehn  
Chris J. & Gladys Knudsen and Clinton & Lyria Jensen, parents of Garey & Sherry (Jensen) Knudsen  
Glenn Krantz, my brother  
Ross Lange  
Edward J. Larsen  
Fred C. & Matilda M. Larsen, my parents  
Paul & Johanne Larsen  
Svend E. Lauridsen, my father  
Roland, John, & Anna May Lauritsen  
Bernhard & Kathrine (Wisborg) Laursen  
Dorothea Laursen  
Kathy Leistad

Eivind Lillehoj  
“Lost Loved Ones”  
Harold & Lenora Madsen  
Karen Madsen  
Lars H. Madsen  
Margaret Madsen  
H. C. Mathison  
Elsie Rasmussen McNabb  
Patricia Ann McNabb  
Alma Kristine Jensen Metzler  
Earl & Helga Mikkelsen  
Svend Muller  
Svend O. Muller, my uncle  
John P. Nelson  
Karen L. Jensen Nelson  
Karen Lynn (Jensen) Nelson, 1964-2008  
Larry A. Nelson  
Leonard & Laura Nelson  
Virginia M. Newgard  
A.V. Neve and N.P. Nielsen Families  
Anna Christine Nielsen  
Carl F. Nielsen of Steinen, Germany  
Hans Thyge Nielsen  
Heleen Nielsen  
Pastor LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen  
Reverend LeVern S. Nielsen  
Rev. LaVern S. Nielsen, father of my friend, Lisa Nielsen  
Marilyn Nielsen  
Marilyn Yvonne Nielsen  
Martin Christian Nielsen, my father  
Matilda Neve Nielsen  
Tom Nielsen  
Verna Nielsen  
Terry L. Nissen  
Eric & Joan Norgaard  
Kay Ann Esbeck North  
Kay Ann North, my Step-Mother  
Kay Sønksen North  
Ole & Marie Olsen  
Oluf & Vera Olson  
Oswald J. & Marie Olson, Hutchinson, MN  
Evelyn Padgett of Danish Sisterhood Ellen Lodge 21 (Denver)  
My Parents  
Lois Parker of Danish Sisterhood Ellen Lodge 21 (Denver)  
Dr. Paul D. Pedersen  
Dr. Paul D. Pedersen, my husband

Peder E. & Olga Pedersen  
Harry & Frances Petersen, my parents  
Harry E. Petersen  
John B. Petersen (husband) passed away April 4, 2011  
Mads C. Petersen & Marjorie Jean Hopkins Petersen  
Marilyn Petersen  
Marjorie Petersen  
Palma Petersen and Margaret Jensen, “Elim” managers  
Charles Andrew Philipsen  
Bonnie Larsen Poldberg  
Ben & Marie Rasmussen, Coulter, Iowa  
Carl Rasmussen  
Carl Rasmussen, my dad  
Delbert Rasmussen  
Holm & Camilla Rasmussen  
Kaj & Astrid Roge, my parents  
Helen Ronlov of Danish Sisterhood Ellen Lodge 21 (Denver)  
Merle Rounds  
Kevin John Ruggaard  
SAFG  
Albert & Marie Schjodt  
Agnita M. (Christensen) Stine Schreiber  
Viola Schwartz  
Mark Frederick Scott, my son  
Christian, Agnes and Harold Skow  
Norma Jean Sothman  
Chris Steffensen  
Poul & Elie Steffensen  
Robert Steffensen  
Holger & Marietta Strandskov  
Joyce Pedersen Strandskov  
Forest Strnad  
Emma Hansen Swendiman, Mother  
Jean Sweningsen  
N. “Chris” Syndergaard & Mary Boysen Syndergaard  
Asta Marie Ingeborg Rodholm Telfer  
Bonnie Eilene Christensen  
McMichael Testa  
Arthur Thompson  
Christopher Miltersen Thorup  
Paula Vasby (daughter-in-law of Dagmar Vasby)  
Norma Valborg Wegwart  
Walter Westergaard  
Burton Wittrup  
Carl Wiuff & Valborg Andersen  
Wiuff



*News from the Museum's Family History & Genealogy Center*

***Will the real Arthur Henry Nelson please stand up?***

Doing genealogy research is much like trying to put a puzzle together. At first you search for all the edge pieces to form a structure for the puzzle as a whole. Then maybe you sort pieces according to color or subject and place them in separate piles. The process then becomes one of fitting and refitting pieces together. As these are pieced together, you look for relationships between the various groups of pieces. As these are all coming together, you search for those final pieces that will bring the whole thing together into one final picture. And what a feeling of accomplishment when the pieces do become a whole! Depending on the kind of puzzle, this can be a straightforward, comparatively easy process; or when pieces of the puzzle are very similar, it can become a quite frustrating and often lengthy process.

Source: AncestryLE, U.S. Federal Census 1940

20 • America Letter



Arthur Nelson.....	1890 .....	N. Dakota
Arthur Nelson.....	1890 .....	N. Dakota
Arthur H. Nelson .....	1890 .....	N. Dakota
Arthur Nelson.....	1890 .....	N. Dakota
Arthur H. Nelson.....	1890 .....	S. Dakota
Arthur Nelson.....	1890 .....	S. Dakota
Arthur Nelson.....	1891 .....	S. Dakota
Arthur H. Nelson.....	1891 .....	S. Dakota
Arthur Nelson.....	1890 .....	S. Dakota

Source: AncestryLE, United States Federal Census of 1900,

A second search of the 1940 census was conducted, this time looking for a “Clara Nelson” born in South Dakota. Because I had no birth date for Clara, this search was more difficult and unsuccessful. The information supplied by the Collections Department indicated that she had been a missionary in China, possibly before 1948, and had taught at a girls’ seminary on Taiwan from 1963 through 1976. Using these dates, an approximate birth date of late 1890’s to early 1900’s was assumed. But where was Clara Nelson in 1900? Using just her name and approximate birth date with no specific state identified, a search was made again of the 1900 census. This resulted in one “Clara A. Nelson” who was four years of age; her father’s name was Rasmus, born in Denmark, and she had a brother named Arthur H. Nelson, who was ten years old; however, this was in North Dakota, not South Dakota, as found in the 1940 census for Arthur H. Nelson, Baptist minister. This information conflicted with the earlier information found for Arthur.

It was time to begin a different “pile” of information on Arthur H. Nelson, Baptist minister. Not all of our searching is done via computers. Fortunately, we have a collection of materials regarding the Danish Baptist Church in our library. A review of this material provided an article that reported that Rev. A. H. Nelson had been called to Harlan on June 29, 1934. This article also provided a photograph of Arthur. Additional facts found were that he had been editor of “The Watchman” and also Director of the Baptist Home in Harlan. Nothing conflicted with the earlier census information found. However, our “comparatively easy” search for the Collections Department was becoming somewhat frustrating and lengthy.

Now I definitely needed more information pieces on Clara A. Nelson, the missionary. Putting her name into a Google search on the computer resulted in information that referred to Clara Nelson as a helper and a teacher at the Door of Hope School, Shanghai, China, in 1937. Knowing this fact led me back to a computer search of the immigration section of AncestryLE. Lo and behold! A United States passport application came up identifying a Clara Alice Nelson born in Washburn, North Dakota, on 15 July 1895. Additionally, it gave her father’s name as Rasmus Nelson, provided a picture of Clara, and reported Minnesota as her residence. Censuses for Rasmus Nelson showed that he had lived in North Dakota, Wisconsin, and finally Minnesota. This definitely was the same person as the Clara A. Nelson of the 1900

US Federal Census in North Dakota. This search also resulted in three additional passenger lists showing that Clara had traveled back to the United States in 1927, 1934 and 1943. Seeing these dates, it could easily be assumed that Clara might have been out of the States at the time when many of the federal censuses were taken. More Google searches produced articles in the *Wheaton [College] Alumni News* and the *Waterloo Daily Courier* of 1944 related to Clara’s missionary work in China and her having been held prisoner by the Japanese. Additional publications from 2004, 2008, and 2009 referred to the name of Clara Nelson, missionary in China. The Social Security Death Index provided 17 October 1979 as the death of Clara Nelson. The Minnesota Death Index gave her place of death as Faribault, Minnesota, and the same date. It also gave her birth date as 15 July 1895. The “pieces” of information for Clara Nelson finally fit together. But what about the relationship of these pieces of information to those about Arthur H. Nelson?

If I was going to discover the relationship between Arthur and Clara Nelson, it would seem that somewhere in my search, I had appropriated some “wrong” information. Reviewing the information found, I noted that I had no connection between the 1900 census for ‘my’ Arthur Nelson and the Arthur Nelson of the 1940 census in Harlan, Iowa. The 1940 census definitely stated that Arthur Nelson was born in South Dakota, and I had information on an Arthur Nelson born in South Dakota. But where was he in the 1910, 1920, or 1930 censuses? I tried another Google search for Arthur Nelson, Baptist minister, which produced a link to Oakdale Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota. Attached in this link was a 100-year history of the church. Within that church history, it was stated that in 1915 Rev. Arthur H. Nelson had been called as pastor; and under his leadership, the chapel was established as a church. On another page in this history there was a section on “Pastors.... Past to Present.” Therein was a reference to Reverend Nelson and, fortunately, there was a photograph of him. The comparison of this picture to the one in the Harlan newspaper in 1934 proved that this was the right Arthur H. Nelson. However, there were no references to his birthplace. Knowing that Clara had connections in North Dakota and Minnesota, and now finding Arthur in Minnesota in 1915, searches were again conducted for him in states other than South Dakota. Sure enough, a 1920 US Federal Census of Minnesota provided information on an Arthur Nelson, born in North Dakota, with a wife named Ethel. His occupation was listed as pastor of Oakdale Chapel. FamilySearch.org produced the death of Ethel Nelson, spouse of Arthur H. Nelson, on 28 June 1921. A search was then conducted of the World War I Draft Registration cards. One was found for Arthur H. Nelson, born in North Dakota, birth date of May 11 1890, who claimed exemption because he was “Being a minister.”

– Continued on page 22

Form 1  
REGISTRATION CARD 14.6 No. 2

1 Name in full *Arthur H. Nelson* Age *27*

2 Home address *1616 E. Brompton City of West St. Paul Minn.*

3 Date of birth *May 11 1890*

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Natural born*

5 Where were you born? *Underwood N. Dak. U. S.*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Preacher* *78*

8 To whom employed? *Jah Lake Chapel City of West St. Paul*

9 Have you a father, mother, son, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? *No*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *white*

11 What military service have you had? *No* branch

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *Being a Minister*

I affirm that I have filled above answers and that they are true.

*Arthur H. Nelson*

Using our library once more, a book was found entitled *Churches and Religious Organizations in Minnesota*, which referenced one A.H. Nelson as the corresponding secretary for the Danish Baptist General Conference of America in Harlan, Iowa. Thus the connection between Minnesota and Iowa had been made. In 1958 at the Final General Conference of the Danish Baptists of America, a pamphlet entitled "Fulfilling the Commission" was published, a copy of which can also be found in our library. It contained another picture of A. H. Nelson, Secretary of the Memorial Home. The Social Security Death Index gave July 1974 in Des Moines, Iowa, as the death date and place of Arthur Nelson, with a birth date of 11 May 1890.



Arthur H. Nelson, c 1930 in Minnesota, birthplace given as N. Dakota



Arthur H. Nelson, c 1940 in Iowa, birthplace given as S. Dakota



Arthur H. Nelson, c 1958, Harlan, IA

Searching FamilySearch.org had also produced the death of a "Nelson male" in 1928 whose father was Arthur H. Nelson and mother, Sarah Blackmore. This would have been several years after the death of his first wife, Ethel. The 1930 US census was searched for Minnesota and listed Rev. A. H. Nelson, wife Sara, and three children. The information fit with the facts known thus far.

PERSON

18

*N. Dakota*

NAME *Thompson* Occupied *St. Paul City*

County *Clayton* Ward of city *2* (all) Block No. *342*

POPULATION

NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE	REL.	IND.	ED.	VAL.	PRO.	IND.	VAL.	PRO.	IND.	VAL.	PRO.
Thompson, A. H.	38	M	W	H	1	8	1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson, Sara	35	F	W	W	1	8	1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson, Ethel	12	F	W	D	1	8	1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson, Arthur	10	M	W	D	1	8	1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson, Clara	8	F	W	D	1	8	1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Source: AncestryLE, U.S. Federal Census 1930

Finding genealogy information related to a particular search often seems quite easy. Finding the specific information that fits the puzzle exactly requires close examination of that information. Arthur H. Nelson was not hard to find when searching the censuses. But when examining those census details, it was noted that the 1940 census indicated he had been born in South Dakota, another census that he had been born in North Dakota, and that the 1900 census, which had firstly been assumed to be correct had a birth place of Michigan. Had this one fact been recognized as relevant earlier in the search, research time could have possibly been shortened considerably. This particular research project also emphasized the need for additional resources to complement online research. Not all information can be obtained from a computer search.

After some frustrating, but interesting, research the REAL Arthur Henry Nelson finally stood up! And he did have a sister named Clara Alice Nelson.



# Stamtræ

## Activities and News



**“Coming of Age in Denmark & the US”** is the theme of this year’s FHGC photo exhibit, focusing on the period around age 14 when Lutherans are confirmed. We are looking for photographs of immigrants and first-generation Americans who were confirmed in either Denmark or North America. Also of interest are confirmation-related materials and accounts of the confirmation experience and what happened afterwards. We are also interested in the ‘non-firmation’ phenomenon now found in Denmark. A photograph submission form and other details may be found on the museum webpage under Library & Genealogy > Photo Gallery. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2013.

- **The FHGC now has gift certificates** for both research and translations. An order form may be found under Library & Genealogy > Research & Translation Services. Certificates may be sent directly to the intended recipient or to the purchaser for later giving.
- **Until April 30th the FHGC is on winter hours:** Tuesdays-Fridays, 9am to 5pm. Starting May 1st we will also be open each Saturday from 10am to 5pm.
- **Many thanks to our numerous ‘unsung heroes’ – obituary clippers** from various parts of the country (you know who you are!). We are currently in need of someone to clip obituaries of Danish-born or -affiliated individuals in the Racine, Wisconsin, area. If you would be interested in volunteering in this way, please contact Michele.



### Anyone interested in Danish cross-stitch

**embroidery** will be interested to learn of a new addition to FHGC Special Collections. The Lois Wrede Cross-stitch Collection contains over 40 years of Danish- and English-language materials from one of the leading teachers and practitioners of this quintessential Danish needlework form. Patrons will be able to access this wonderful collection of materials by early summer.

- **Digital and microfilmed images of Danish-American church books** from various parts of the country are a growing part of the FHGC collection. Some of our most recent additions to the in-house research collection are digitized church books from several local area congregations. Available for searching are records from the following Iowa Lutheran congregations:
  - Audubon, 1909-25
  - Bethany, 1891-1950
  - Kimballton, 1897-1998
  - Oak Hill, 1877-1950
  - Poplar, 1907-1926
  - St. John’s, 1890-1950Records for many of these churches were written in Danish until well into the 20th century. These digital and microfilmed records are not presently indexed, so an approximate date for a baptism, confirmation, marriage or burial must be provided in order for a search to be done. Research request forms (which include a translation of each record) may be found under Library & Genealogy on the museum webpage. A more complete listing of our church book holdings will appear in the next *America Letter*.
- **Also new to the collection** are indexes to the records of Gethsemene Lutheran Church in Oyens, Iowa (1898-1964), Elk Horn Lutheran Church (1875-2012), and a Danish Baptist congregation in Moody County, South Dakota active in the 1880s.





# Stamtræ Of Genealogical Interest

*(See the Library & Genealogy section of the museum webpage for a listing of websites we find particularly useful for Danish and Danish-American research.)*

- Arkivalieronline.dk, the popular database containing digital images of Danish church and census records (among other items) has been absorbed into the Danish state archives website. The new URL is [www.sa.dk/content/dk/ao-forside](http://www.sa.dk/content/dk/ao-forside). A drop-down menu next to the large 'A' provides access to available databases. Java is still needed to view the images, but this will be unnecessary sometime in the coming months.

- The Copenhagen City Archives ([www.ksa.kk.dk](http://www.ksa.kk.dk)) has added searchable images in alphabetical order of some ½ million Danes who received public assistance for shorter or longer periods of time between 1799 and 1933. The records do have some gaps, for example, as a result of the British bombardment of Copenhagen in 1808. The page is in Danish, but if you locate a relative you may find some hitherto unknown information about the person.

- The Tombstone transcription project, part of the USGenWeb, has a listing of participating states at [www.usgw-tombstones.org/photo.html](http://www.usgw-tombstones.org/photo.html).
- Free access to a small collection of Nebraska newspapers published between 1878 and 1912 may be found at <http://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>. Another useful source for those with Nebraska ancestors is the Nebraska State Historical Society page at <http://nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.shtml>.

- AncestryLE (the version of Ancestry used in most libraries) has recently added Public Trees – genealogy charts – submitted

by Ancestry members as well as a large number of city directories. Previously these were only viewable with personal subscriptions to Ancestry.com.

- Recently added to the same section of FamilySearch are over 2 million browsable images of Danish estate records from 1436 to 1964. These too are currently unindexed and arranged geographically by county and then by subdivisions such as manorial estates. Since this is where many probate records will be found, having them accessible is extremely advantageous. Needless to say, determining the correct jurisdiction and reading the handwriting will be challenging! Below is a sample index page from the manor of Hollufgaard in Odense County and a page from 1778:



- More than 45,000 browsable but unindexed digital images of civil marriages in Denmark between 1851 and 1961 have been added to [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org). Different years are available for different parts of the country. To find them, filter your search by Continental Europe, then Denmark, and click on Civil Marriages, 1851-1961. Indexing of the images is an ongoing project that anyone can participate in. Civil marriages from the Copenhagen-area are also one of the databases at Arkivalieronline.



*Advertise your Danish roots with an FHGC bumper sticker! A check for \$4 payable to the museum and sent to the FHGC will bring one right to your mailbox!*

# FHGC Wish List

Thanks to the generous donors who purchased gift books for us since the last America Letter. The following are books we'd like to add to the FHGC Collection. A word of caution: We've recently received duplicate copies of some titles on our list. Please contact Michele at 712.764.7008 or [librarian@danishmuseum.org](mailto:librarian@danishmuseum.org) to make sure a title has not already been ordered by someone else.

## ENGLISH-LANGUAGE:

- *A History of Ida County* [Iowa], edited by Bruce L. Godbersen (1977). This was a limited edition, so if anyone has a copy they no longer want it would find a good home with us.
- *St. Louis Family History Research Guide*, by Ann Fleming (2008; \$25 + \$5 s/h).
- *Hartland to Capitol Hill: the Journey of a Wounded Healer*, by Ernie Gunderson (2011: \$24 on amazon.com)
- *With a Brush and Muslin Bag: the Life of Niels Ebbesen Hansen* (2003), by Helen H. Loen.
- *Design & Dignity: The Birth and Development of MSAASA Architects*, by Poul Bertelsen (2012; \$27 on amazon.com)
- *Strangers in Hollywood: the History of Scandinavian Actors in American Films from 1910 to World War II*, by Hans J. Wollstein (1994; \$76.45 on amazon.com)
- Dana College yearbooks: anything before 1927, 1928-1930, 1933-1936, 1939-1940, 1944, 1954, 1957, 1968-1972, 1974-1985, 1987-2010
- Grand View College yearbooks: anything before 1920, 1928-1929, 1933, 1935, 1940, 1944, 1947, 1950, 1953, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1972, 1977 to the present
- *Kirke og Folk/Church and Life*: early issues (prior to 1973); contact librarian for desired later issues.

## DANISH-LANGUAGE:

- *Straffelejren. Fårhus, landssvigerne og retsopgøret (Fårhus, traitors and their judicial reckoning)*, by Henrik Skov Kristensen. Available from Landsarkivet for Sønderjylland.
- *Titanic – De danske fortællinger (Titanic – the Danish Stories)*, by Jesper Hjerminde and Mette Hjerminde McCall, 2012.
- *Ordbog for slægtsforsker (Dictionary for genealogists)*, by Heini Madsen. 2nd ed.
- *I centrum ved grænsen - portræt af Sønderborg Kommune* (In the Middle at the Border - Portrait of Sønderborg Municipality), by Peter Dragsbo. (2006; available from Historisk Samfund for Als og Sundeved).
- *Danske børnehjem i billeder og tekst* (Danish Orphanages in Picture and Text; 1900), by various authors.
- *Nyboder: et københavnsk miljø, med en gennemgang af dets afspejling i litteratur* (Nyboder: a Copenhagen neighborhood, with a review of its depiction in literature), by Hanne Andersen (1981).
- *Nyboder og dets beboere især i ældre tid* (Nyboder and its residents, particularly in older times), by Hans D. Lind (1882). Out of print.

## Sad Endings

The burial records in most Danish-American church books are fairly straight-forward entries listing date and place of death and burial, and sometimes a relationship. The earlier records kept by Danish-trained pastors often added details such as place and date of birth and parents' names. On rare occasions, additional information shed light on the demise or last days of the deceased person, such as in these examples:

"Karen Sophia Hansen, age 21, recently arrived from Denmark and living in Harlan, was buried on June 12, 1892. [She] died from having overexerted herself dancing, together with having eaten too much ice cream and having drunk too much ice water. She was not strong beforehand." (Bowman's Grove, Iowa, Danish Lutheran Church Ministerial Record book 1, 1877-1896, p. 92, entry 1).

"On January 2nd Ane Hansen was buried at the age of 74, [She] died on December 31st 1890 in Audubon, Iowa. -- On January 3rd was buried Jørgen Hansen (the husband of the above-mentioned), age 70, [who] died on January 1, 1891 in Audubon, Iowa. He was always fearful that he would die before his wife, but strangely enough, after he took to his deathbed his wife died of a heart

attack the day prior to his death." (St. Peders Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sheffield, Illinois, burials 1891, entries 1 and 2).

"On November 12, 1891 widow Johanne Rasmussen (née Jensen) died, age 76 years, of an unfriendly ram butting her so that a blood vessel broke. She was buried in Sheffield Cemetery on November 14th. (St. Peders Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sheffield, Illinois, burials 1891, entry 5).

## Are You a Danish Immigrant or Long-term Resident?

Many Danes have immigrated to the US since WWII, have been exchange students or resided in this country for longer periods of time. We would like to have some information in our library on more recent immigrants or long-term residents from Denmark. If you would be willing to fill out an Immigrant Information Form or distribute it at meetings of your local Danish-American organization, contact Michele at the FHGC for copies.

# Annual Report • 2012

26

## A Letter from the President

In October 2012 I began a new term as a board member and was also honored to be elected as the President of the Board. This is actually my third term on the board. Like many others I have returned after an absence of several years which is required by the by-laws following two terms on the board. This was a wise provision of the founders as the museum board is continually getting new board members with new talents and fresh visions. Those of us who return later are refreshed and return with new enthusiasm.

The museum continues to have a talented and energetic board. We also represent the national presence of the museum as illustrated by the seven members who came on board in October: Cindy Adams from Colorado, Tim Burchill from North Dakota, Dorothy Feisel from Maryland, Garey Knudsen from Minnesota, Anna Thomsen Holliday originally from Denmark but now from Texas, Linda Steffensen from Illinois and Dagmar Muthamia from California.

We are also blessed with our staff and volunteers without whom the museum could not exist. I know that many of you have met them at the museum or when they have visited your community and I am sure that you agree. In addition to their hard work and helpfulness they bring a high degree of professionalism. This year it has been publicly recognized in the election of Angela Stanford as President of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Museum Association.

Above all we have all of you, the supporters of our museum. Your continued interest and gifts of money and service are generous and essential. *Tusind tak fra mit hjerte.*

I am coming back onto the board at a time when we see that our museum is maintaining all of its achievements in preserving the legacy of the Danish immigrants. It is also moving forward to capture the interest and support of our descendants whose ties to the immigrants are often not as strong as ours and to other local, national and international audiences which have an interest in and appreciation of our history and heritage and the ongoing influence of Danish culture.

Making the contributions of the Danish immigrants more meaningful to a wider audience can be seen in the creation of the Jen Jensen Prairie Landscape Park. We are proud of him as a Danish American, but his work that we celebrate with the park also appeals to those without a Danish American heritage or interest. It will appeal to those who have interests in the outdoors, restoring native plants, the environment, landscaping or those who just enjoy taking a walk outdoors.

Planting native flowers and grasses began this year on the first ten acres between the museum building and Bedstemor's House with help from many volunteers. The park is an addition that will help to make the museum and village of Elk Horn a top destination for tourists, educators and local family excursions.

Traveling exhibitions are another way that the museum is increasing its ability to reach out to those who are not able to visit Elk Horn. Tova Brandt, the Albert Victor Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture, is putting together a major exhibit on Danish design which will be at the museum in 2013 and start traveling in 2014. The first stop will be at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle.

Our Twenty-First Century presence continues to evolve with the addition of Nicky Christensen as Development/Social Media Associate. I hope you have noticed the improvements to our website. Especially when you cannot visit the museum in person it is wonderful to be able to open virtual drawers and view many of the articles in the collection, watch videos, read news. I was particularly delighted to watch the Danish interns demonstrate how to make *klejner* and *æblekage*. Check them out at [www.danishmuseum.org/video-library.cf](http://www.danishmuseum.org/video-library.cf).

I have mentioned only a few of the reasons you can be proud to be a supporter of the museum. There are many others and some that you may find much more important than those I have picked.

All of us together have created a first class museum which has seen steady growth since it began 30 years ago. I hope you will continue to support the museum. Let's honor the past, enjoy the present and look to the future and continue to celebrate Danish roots and American dreams.

Dagmar Muthamia

January 2013

## Mission Statement

The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates  
Danish roots and American dreams.

## Core Values

We are:

- **Inspirational:** We honor the vision, ambition and diligence of Danish-American achievers, and we seek to inspire future generations by telling their stories.
- **Deeply rooted:** We treasure our Danish heritage, and we are deeply committed to our local American communities.
- **Focused on the future:** We realize that to keep the past alive, we must always remain part of the future.

## Vision

- To be widely recognized as the world's leading compiler and communicator of the history and inspirational achievements of Danish-Americans.
- To turn the Museum and the villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton into one of Iowa's top destinations for tourists, educators and local family excursions - and to support other local communities featuring Danish-American history.
- To be widely recognized as a thought leader and trendsetter in the international museum industry, constantly featuring new and inspiring experiences for worldwide audiences through innovative exhibits, events, publications and online media tools.



## Board of Directors

The 2012-2013 Board of Directors is a special group of 25 men and women who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of their Danish American heritage and the mission of the museum. They join an elite group of individuals who over the past twenty-nine years have worked to build and maintain a museum of which all Danes, Danish Americans and the American public can be proud.

Participating at their own expense, the Board members come together three times a year to share their skills and experience in providing oversight to the administration of the museum and to develop ideas and plans that will contribute to its continuing vitality. It is the practice of the Board to meet each February and June in different locations around the United States so that they may share and celebrate Danish heritage with those Danish Americans who may not otherwise be able to link directly with the museum. In 2012, the Board held its February meeting in San Mateo, California, and its June meeting in Tarrytown, New York, with election of new board members. In October the annual meeting was held in Elk Horn with new board members assuming their office; outgoing members present and participating.

Without the dedication, energy, and support of a strong, team-oriented Board of Directors, the museum staff would not be able to work effectively in managing the day-to-day operations of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVING IN 2012

Cynthia Larsen Adams, *Littleton, CO*  
Dennis Andersen, *Atlanta, GA*  
Erik Andersen, *Croton-on-Hudson, NY*  
Jon Borgman, *Harlan, IA*  
Ron Bro, *Cedar Falls, IA*  
Tim Burchill, *Jamestown, ND*  
Lone Christensen, *Brown Deer, WI*  
Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel, *St. Michaels, MD*  
Kurt Hansen, *Rosemount, MN*  
Stewart Hansen, *West Des Moines, IA*  
Vice Consul Anna Thomsen  
Holliday, *Houston, TX*  
Ken Jacobsen, *Seattle, WA*

Kristi Planck Johnson, *Bethesda, MD*  
Garey Knudsen, *Hutchinson, MN*  
Kenneth Larsen, *Calistoga, CA and Harlan, IA*  
Cynthia McKeen, *St. Paul, MN*  
Carol Jensen Mills, *Dubuque, IA*  
Dagmar Muthamia, *Long Beach, CA*  
Kay Esbeck North, *Ames, IA*  
Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, *Eugene, OR and Bryrup, Denmark*  
Marian (Mittie) Ostergaard, *Mission Viejo, CA*  
Jesper Packert Pedersen, *Washington, DC*

Henrik Rasmussen, *Springfield, IL*  
Consul Lynette Skow Rasmussen, *Johnston, IA*  
Jerry Schrader, *Elk Horn, IA*  
Flemming "Eric" Smitsdorff, *Germantown, WI*  
Linda Steffensen, *Hoffman Estates, IL*  
Mark Strandskov, *Mount Pleasant, MI*  
Janet M. Thuesen, *Sausalito, CA*

### EX-OFFICIO

Mark Frederiksen, *Falcon, CO, Past President*  
Vern Hunter, *Fargo, ND, Past President*

Nils Jensen, *Portland, OR*  
Clark Mathisen, *Omaha, NE*  
Kai E. Nyby, *LaPorte, IN, Past President*  
Marc Petersen, *Omaha, NE, Past President*  
Harriet Albertsen Spanel, *Bellingham, WA, Past President*  
Dennis Larson, *Decorah, IA*  
Consul Anelise Sawkins, *Minneapolis, MN (Endowment)*  
Dr. John Mark Nielsen, *Blair, NE, Executive Director*

## 2012 – A Year of Success

Highlights for 2012 at The Danish Immigrant Museum include:

- Reached a population of over 100,000 through visits to the museum, traveling exhibits, Facebook®, YouTube® and programs and presentations around the country.
- Participation in the centennial meetings and celebrations of the Rebild National Park Society in Chicago and Denmark's Rebild Hills.
- Endowing of the Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture and the naming of Tova Brandt to hold the museum's first endowed position.
- Election of Angela Stanford, Curator of Collections and Registrar, as president of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Museum Association.
- Endowment growth through successful completion of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Endowment Challenge Grant and allocating at least 20% of all unrestricted bequests to the Danish Immigrant Museum Endowment Fund.

**Exhibits:** The museum continued its active exhibits program in 2012.

- *Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie*, celebrating a leading figure in landscape architecture during the early 20th century. His designs and philosophies, emphasizing use of native plants and sustainability, continue to influence gardeners and landscapers today. This exhibition is supported by a grant from Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- *Mia Furlong – Artist with a Danish Spirit* – a Chicago attorney who practices four days a week so that she has time to devote to artistic expression whether as a dancer, poet or painter. Her work reflects a strong interest in color, geometry, and organic forms such as trees, leaves, and flowers.
- *Meeting My Makers - Portraits by Neoma Thomas* – an artist whose work explores the presence of past generations in family life and her intersecting interests in portraiture and genealogy. Her work is in the style of Midwest regionalists.

**Traveling Exhibits:** Eleven different venues in five states hosted traveling exhibits. Two new exhibits were added to the museum's collection of traveling exhibits: *Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie* and *The Danish Pioneer*, marking the 140th anniversary of the founding of this important Danish-American newspaper. These exhibits were created in part with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Iowa, and the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities. Content for *Den Danske Pioneer* exhibit was developed in partnership with the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair, NE.

**Collections:** Among the many valuable artifact donations in 2012, the museum received the following:

- Lauritz Melchior collection – the great 20th century, Danish heroic tenor – donated by Ib Melchior, Los Angeles, CA – includes photos, awards, costumes, and personal effects like a shotgun and walking cane, as well as an original score.
- "Jesus The Light of the World" bust, sculpted by Gutzon Borglum, the creator of Mount Rushmore, donated by Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- A commemorative quilt with blocks created by each of the lodges of the Danish Sisterhood in America for its annual convention in San Francisco.
- Early 19th century paintings by Danish artist Peter Kruse – likely the three oldest pieces of art in our collection, donated by Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, South Carolina.
- Barometer and stand, donated by Fred Dahl, Council Bluffs, IA – barometer was brought to the U.S. by Laurits P. Madsen, blacksmith and the maker of the Madsen Automobile in Council Bluffs; he made the stand for the barometer.

### Construction of the first phase of Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape

**Park** – almost 100 volunteers planted 10,000 prairie forbs gifted by Midwest Groundcovers, Inc. of St. Charles, IL in late May. The Vesta and Walter Hansen Council Ring was completed, and the Little Mermaid Trail, a six foot wide, paved bike and walking path was constructed from Bedstemor's House to the museum.

### Grants:

- Iowa West Foundation
- Prairie Meadows
- Shelby County Community Foundation
- Iowa Great Places Program awarded the Museum a second grant for continued construction of the Jens Jensen Heritage Park
- A.P. Møller and Chastine Mc-Kinney Møller Fondet of Copenhagen for digitizing important Danish-American newspapers
- Humanities Iowa (Danish Modern exhibit)

### Graduate Student Interns:

In addition, the museum continues to benefit from the work of graduate student interns. Danish interns were again sponsored through a grant from the scan/design foundation BY INGER AND JENS BRUUN of Seattle, Washington and American interns were funded by grants from the Historical Resource Development Program through the State Historical Society of Iowa.

**Condensed Financial Statements**  
**Years Ended August 31, 2012 and 2011**

**Condensed Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis**

	2012	2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Investments	2,953,313	2,593,782
Gift Shop Inventory	49,284	34,634
Property and Equipment (Net)	2,673,075	2,594,566
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,675,672</b>	<b>5,222,982</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	200	9,024
Line of Credit	15,324	167,000
Note Payable	7,867	11,091
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>23,392</b>	<b>187,114</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>5,652,280</b>	<b>5,040,868</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>5,675,672</b>	<b>5,222,982</b>

**Condensed Statement of Revenue and Support, Expenses,  
and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis for Years ended August 31,**

	2012	2011
<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Contributions and Support	1,209,178	912,751
Admissions and Program Fees	17,793	18,895
Gift Shop Revenue (Net)	46,802	20,794
Investment and Other Income	409,161	407,135
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>1,682,934</b>	<b>1,359,575</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	550,284	416,652
Supporting Activities	521,438	661,524
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,071,722</b>	<b>1,080,156</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>611,212</b>	<b>279,419</b>
<b>Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	<b>5,040,868</b>	<b>4,761,449</b>
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>5,652,280</b>	<b>5,040,868</b>

## Bequests

The Danish Immigrant Museum is especially grateful for gifts received from the following estates, trusts and annuities in 2012:

Merv E. Bro Revocable Trust, Fountain Hills, AZ  
 Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI  
 Ruth Jensen, Ames, IA  
 Adelaide Madsen, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Chrystal Hemmingsen Willis Wagner, Seattle, WA

## Matching Gifts

The Danish Immigrant Museum wishes to thank our members and donors for initiating matching gifts from the following corporations and foundations:

Alliant Energy Foundation  
 Bank of America  
 Dominion Foundation  
 First Data Corporation  
 GE Foundation  
 IBM  
 Illinois Toll Works Foundation  
 Sprint Foundation  
 The Boeing Company  
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation  
 Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association

## Endowment

The Danish Immigrant Museum Endowment provides the opportunity for members to perpetuate their contributions and at the same time help guarantee the museum's long-term financial viability. Current market value as of December 31, 2012, was \$2,557,725.31.

## In-Kind Gifts

The following companies and individuals, through their kind gifts, supported The Danish Immigrant Museum in the calendar year of 2012:

Answers (Frank R. Tighe), Atlantic, IA  
 Carroll Control Systems, Inc. (Todd Wanninger), Carroll, IA  
 Den Danske Pioneer (Elsa Steffensen & Linda Steffensen), Hoffman Estates, IL  
 Geis Perry Jewelry, Atlantic, IA  
 Leo Kirchoff, Chico, CA  
 Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA

## Collections

A most sincere thank you must be given to each donor who made contributions to the artifact collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum in 2012. The pieces and the histories they convey are tremendous, and allow us to better illustrate the narrative about immigration, settlement, and continued connection between the United States and Denmark that we tell through our exhibitions and programs. We acknowledge the trust donors place in us as they leave these artifacts in the long-term professional care of the Museum. Thank you for your generosity.

*Angela Stanford*  
*Curator of Collections/Registrar*

## COLLECTIONS DONORS

1:6 Designs, Nærum, Denmark  
 Jim Andersen, Lincoln City, OR  
 Rosalie Andersen, Harlan, IA  
 Lowell Anderson, Crawfordville, IN  
 Arlene Bisson, Muskegon, MI  
 Kathryn Boss, Underwood, MN  
 Paul Brown, St. Louis Park, MN  
 Dr. Borge M. Christensen, Rochester, MN  
 Birgitte Christianson, Minneapolis, MN  
 Dale & Laurel Christiansen, Dannebrog, NE  
 John Christianson, Minneapolis, MN  
 David Coffin, Buffalo Grove, IL  
 Fred Dahl, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Danish Windmill Corporation, Elk Horn, IA  
 Lois Eagleton, Umpqua, OR  
 Allen Edwards, Surprise, AZ  
 Gerda D. Foged, Fort Collins, CO  
 Mia Furlong, Chicago, IL  
 Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC  
 Steve Grunberg, Omaha, NE  
 Alex Caroline Hatch, San Francisco, CA  
 Inger Hughson, Hinsdale, IL  
 Allen and Blanche Jacobsen, Audubon, IA

Birthe M. Jaworski, Bay Village, OH  
 Irving Jensen, Sioux City, IA  
 Merwin and Sharon Jensen, Wamego, KS  
 JoAnn Johnson, LaPorte City, IA  
 Kristi Plank Johnson, Bethesda, MD  
 Inger Kristensen, Champagne au Mont d'Or, France  
 Nancy Larsen, Ashland, OH  
 Estate of Grete Leth, Columbus, NJ  
 Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, IA  
 Ib Melchior, Los Angeles, CA  
 Metropolitan New York Synod, New York City, NY  
 John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE  
 Don and Gerda Nightingale, North Oaks, MN  
 Susan Pallant, Meadville, PA  
 Richard Patterson, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Kim Qvistorff, White Plains, NY  
 Peter Simonsen, Chicago, IL  
 Bente Sivertsen, Blue Hill, ME  
 Carl Steffensen, Houston, TX  
 Mary Topp, Mankato, MN  
 Ethel Torneten, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Molly Van Austen, Wilsonville, OR  
 Birgit Werth, Evanston, IL  
 Martin West, Huntington Beach, CA  
 Peter West, Denver, CO

## Merit Of Recognition

The Danish Immigrant Museum permanently recognizes two groups of friends and members who have distinguished themselves with their outstanding support, both while living and in their estate plans.

The **Lifetime Leadership Society** is made up of persons, organizations, and businesses that have individually contributed a total of \$25,000 and more. Their names are inscribed on a plaque at the front entrance of the museum.

During 2012 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of **Marilyn Andersen Gift & William Gift**, and **Nils & Kathleen Jensen**.

### LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

**Dennis J. Andersen**, Atlanta, GA  
**Anonymous (6)**  
**Elna N. Bellows\***, Edina, MN  
**Anton & Gunver M.\* Berg**, DeKalb, IL  
**Harold W. & Lois M. Berg**, Ogden, IA  
**Egon & Diana Bodtke**, Salem, OR  
**Mervin Bro\***, Scottsdale, AZ  
**Cedar Valley Danes**, Cedar Falls, IA Area  
**Jack & Barbara Christensen**, Yankton, SD  
**Lamont\* & Lois Christensen**, Elk Horn, IA  
**Tom\* & Jan\* Christensen**, Davenport, IA  
**Danish Brotherhood in America**, Highlands Ranch, CO  
**Danish Mutual Insurance Association**, Elk Horn, IA  
**Ane-Grethe Olesen & Rory A.M. Delaney**, Wayzata, MN  
**Elk Horn Lutheran Church**, Elk Horn, IA  
**Ramona L. Esbeck**, Ames, IA  
**Sally og Gordon Faber**, Urbandale, IA  
**Charles & Joanne Frederiksen**, Ames, IA  
**Marilyn Andersen Gift & William Gift**, Des Moines, IA  
**Alf & Lili Gregerson**, Ridgefield, WA  
**William & Berniece Grewcock**, Omaha, NE  
**Roy J.\* & Rita Neergaard Hansen\***, Kenosha, WI  
**Stewart & LeNore Hansen**, West Des Moines, IA  
**Richard Hellman**, Oceanside, CA  
**Henningsen Construction, Inc.**, Atlantic, IA  
**Gunnar Horn\***, Omaha, NE  
**Stanley & Helen Howe**, Muscatine, IA  
**Vern E. Hunter**, Fargo, ND  
**James D. & Margery Iversen**, Ames, IA  
**Al\* & Bridget Jensen**, Houston, TX  
**Nils & Kathleen Jensen**, Portland, OR  
**Roland\* & Joan Jensen**, Ankeny, IA  
**Clyde\* & Emma\* Johnson**, Omaha, NE  
**Iver (Whitey) & Lis Jorgensen**, Burnsville, MN  
**John\* & Audrey Kofoed**, West Branch, IA  
**Lowell & Marilyn Kramme**, Des Moines, IA  
**Kulturministeriet/Ministry of Culture**, Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Kurt K. & Joy Larsen**, Oneonta, AL  
**Bruce R. Lauritzen Family**, Omaha, NE  
**Richard Ledet\***, Des Moines, IA  
**Reola Lerager\***, Wichita, KS  
**Lutheran Brotherhood**, Minneapolis, MN  
**Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co.**, Elk Horn, IA  
**Hans Thyge\* & Valborg Nielsen**, Denver, CO  
**John Mark & Dawn Nielsen**, Blair, NE  
**Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust**, Northbrook, IL  
**Kay Esbeck North\***, Ames, IA  
**Mark & Lori Nussle**, Palos Park, IL  
**Folmer & Vera Nyby**, Michigan City, IN  
**Kai E. & Melody Starr Nyby**, LaPorte, IN  
**Poul Olesen & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen**, Eugene, OR  
**Erik & Jackie Olsen**, Glenbrook, NV  
**Glenn & Mary Ellen Olsen**, Atlantic, IA  
**Peter & Irma Ørum**, Saint Charles, IL  
**H. Rand & Mary Louise Petersen**, Harlan, IA  
**Marc & Carlene Petersen**, Omaha, NE  
**The Rasmussen Family**, Des Moines, IA  
**Eugene Robinson\***, Pensacola, FL  
**Anelise Sawkins**, Minneapolis, MN  
**scan/design foundation BY INGER & JENS BRUUN**, Seattle, WA  
**Shelby County State Bank**, Harlan, IA  
**Harriet Albertsen Spanel**, Bellingham, WA  
**Janet M. Thuesen**, Sausalito, CA  
**Wilber Williamson\***, Des Moines, IA  
**Erik\* & Lissi Vange**, Palatine, IL  
 \* Deceased

Over the past twenty-nine years, The Danish Immigrant Museum has accomplished much because of special friends and members who have provided for the museum in their estate plans. With their permission while living or the permission of their executors, the names of Heritage Builders are permanently inscribed on a plaque in the museum.

### THE HERITAGE BUILDERS

**Anonymous (3)**  
**Anne Bansen\***, Ferndale, CA  
**Norman C. Bansen\***, Blair, NE  
**Constance Boggild\***, Delray Beach, FL  
**Victor Borge\***, Greenwich, CT  
**Marie Budolfson\***, Ames, IA  
**Borge & Lotte Christensen**, Tucson, AZ  
**Charles R. Christensen\***, Omaha, NE  
**Edna M. Christensen\***, Atlantic, IA  
**Dolores Gregersen Connelly\***, Atlantic, IA  
**Lydia Sorensen Eriksen\***, Waterloo, IA  
**David Esbeck\***, Des Moines, IA  
**Gordon R. & Jan Esbeck**, Tipton, IA  
**Howard Esbeck\***, Ames, IA  
**Ramona Esbeck**, Ames, IA  
**Asta Forrest\***, Fountain Hills, AZ  
**J. Emory\* & Edna Frederickson\***, Elk Horn, IA  
**Charles & Joanne Frederiksen**, Ames, IA  
**Earl & LaVena Fries**, Des Moines, IA  
**Margaret Gee\***, West Des Moines, IA  
**Gertrude Gronbeck\***, Washington, D.C.  
**Caroline Hansen\***, Harlan, IA  
**Hans Hansen\***, Des Moines, IA  
**Laura E. Hansen\***, Irwin, IA  
**Rita Neergaard Hansen\***, Kenosha, WI  
**Rosa Hansen\***, Hampton, IA  
**Alma Hartvigsen\***, Harlan, IA  
**Richard Hellman**, Oceanside, CA  
**Anna Marie Hjuler\***, Audubon, IA  
**Gunnar Horn\***, Omaha, NE  
**Roy E. & Patricia Hougen**, Ames, IA  
**Joy Ibsen**, Trout Creek, MI  
**James D. & Margery Iversen**, Ames, IA  
**Genevieve Jensen**, Plainview, NE  
**Ruth Jensen\***, Ames, IA  
**Agnes Johnson\***, Garden City, MI  
**Clyde\* & Emma Johnson\***, Omaha, NE  
**Paul & Liz Johnson**, Fremont, NE  
**Martha Jorgensen\***, Audubon, IA  
**Mogens H. Kiehn**, Scottsdale, AZ  
**Folmer\* & Reola Lerager\***, Wichita, KS  
**Harald Hans Lund\***, Higganum, CT  
**Tom Lund**, Harlan, IA  
**Adelaide Madsen\***, Iowa City, IA  
**Rudolph\* & Margaret Madsen\***, Racine, WI  
**Keith N. McFarland\***, New Brighton, MN  
**Helga Mikkelsen\***, Waverly, IA  
**Inez M. Mortensen\***, Omaha, NE  
**Ruth Rasmussen Nelson\***, St. Cloud, MN  
**Einer Schultz Nielsen\***, Newport Beach, CA  
**Jens Nielsen\***, Newell, IA  
**Karen Madsen Nielsen\***, Junction City, OR  
**Margaret A. Nielsen**, King City, OR  
**Ruth Herman Nielsen\***, Omaha, NE  
**Raymond\* & Irene Nissen\***, Cedar Falls, IA  
**Eric\* & Joan Norgaard\***, Glenview, IL  
**Folmer & Vera Nyby**, Michigan City, IN  
**Caroline Olsen\***, Minneapolis, MN  
**Olga S. Olsen\***, Watertown, SD  
**Dorothy C. Pedersen**, Omaha, NE  
**Archie Petersen\***, Harlan, IA  
**John I. Petersen\***, Waterloo, IA  
**Lois Petersen\***, Atlantic, IA  
**Peyton\* & Lucia Respass\***, Omaha, NE  
**Ava Simonsen\***, Audubon, IA  
**Bodil Sorensen\***, Kirkland, WA  
**Harold L. Sorensen\***, Exira, IA  
**Halvor Strandskov**, Osterville, MA  
**Carol Svendsen**, Denver, CO  
**Margaret Syring\***, St. Paul, MN  
**Sandra Wunder**, Omaha, NE  
 \*Deceased

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on how you can become a member of *Lifetime Legacy Giving* or a *Heritage Builder*, contact John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, Debra Christensen Larsen, Development Manager, or any member of the Board of Directors, who will be pleased to work with you.

Please contact them by calling (712)764-7001 or toll free (800)759-9192; email address: [director@danishmuseum.org](mailto:director@danishmuseum.org) or [development@danishmuseum.org](mailto:development@danishmuseum.org). Your inquiry will be treated confidentially.



## Wall of Honor

The purpose of the Museum, among other things, is to tell the continuing story of the Danish immigrant experience and influence in America and the evolving story of the Danish-American heritage. As a way of paying tribute, the Wall of Honor was established listing the name of the immigrant, year of entering the United States, and place of settlement. Their stories and family histories, if available, are part of the growing repository connected with the Museum's Family History and Genealogy Center. Listed below are the names of the immigrants placed on the Museum's Wall of Honor in the year 2012:

CARL A. BANG (1865) Fremont, NE  
BENDIX NIELSEN BROWN & IDA  
SOPHIE NIELSEN BROWN (1883)  
(1886) Cedar Falls, IA  
ANDREAS 'CARL' CHRISTENSEN  
(1923) Whittier, CA  
CHRIS CHRISTENSEN (1926) Cedar  
Falls, IA  
WILHELM CHRISTENSEN (1872)  
HAMLIN & SHARON TWP,  
AUDUBON CO, IA  
DORTHE (HANSEN) HANSEN  
(1886) Pott. Co., IA  
HANS PETER HANSEN (1886) Pott.  
Co., IA  
REV. LAURITS CHRISTIAN  
HANSEN (1886) Pott. Co., IA  
PETER HANSEN (1886) Pott. Co., IA  
SOPHUS & MARIE HERMANSEN  
(1905) (1917) Fredsville, IA  
HERLUF IVERSEN (1950)  
Waterford, MI  
ANTON JENSEN (1897) Oakfield,  
Audubon Co., IA  
JOHN 'JOHANNES' JEREMIASSEN  
(1900) Ault, CO  
KARL WILHELM MATHIASSEN  
(1873) Perth Amboy, NJ  
REV. LUDVIG J. MEHR & MARIE K.  
(HANSEN) MEHR (1909) (1927)  
Exira & Elk Horn, IA  
PEDER CHR. VORMSBORG  
PEDERSEN & TRINE NIELSEN  
PEDERSEN (1888) (1887)  
Dannebrog, NE  
HANS JORGENSEN SCOTT (1908)  
Greenfield, SD  
ERHARD SUHR SORESENSEN (1913)  
Des Moines, IA  
ESTHER HELENE (MADSEN)  
SORENSEN (1905) Des Moines,  
IA

## Exhibitions in 2012

Dear Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum,

We were pleased to welcome two new artists to the museum's galleries in 2012, and develop two new exhibitions that bring the museum to communities across the country!

Mia Furlong and Neoma Thomas continued our Danish-American Artist Series, each bringing a fresh expression of creative arts to museum visitors. Mia Furlong of Chicago shared her paintings that are characterized by a bold color palette and continual experimentation of shapes and patterns. For Mia, painting provides an important balance to her professional life – a balance that she credits to values learned from her Danish mother and relatives in Denmark. Neoma Thomas, originally from Audubon, Iowa, explores the presence of past generations in family life and her intersecting interests in portraiture and genealogy. Neoma describes spending “a lot of time poring over old family photos, trying to gain some insight into [their] lives...studying their expressions, their gestures. And then I tried to capture an emotion.”

The main exhibition in the Mezzanine Gallery was *Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie*. While the museum made great progress in developing the outdoor grounds into the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, the exhibit indoors answered the question “Who was Jens Jensen, and why is the museum creating a park named for him?” A traveling version of the exhibition was in four different locations in 2012, and will continue to travel in 2013 and beyond.

The year 2012 also marked 140 years of the newspaper *Den Danske Pioneer* (*The Danish Pioneer*). The museum marked that milestone by collaborating with the Danish American Archive and Library and the newspaper's current publishers to create a traveling exhibit about the history of this long-lasting publication.

The Danish Immigrant Museum continues to develop new ways to share stories about the Danish-American experience with museum visitors and with your communities. The museum has a full menu of traveling displays that can be shared for events, historical societies, churches, libraries, or any other group. Contact me with any questions or to reserve an exhibition.

*With best wishes,*

*Tova Brandt*

*Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture*

*dkcur@metc.net*

### GALLERY EXHIBITIONS IN 2012

*Danish-American Artist Series: Silverwork by Yngve Olsson*

August 6, 2011 – January 8, 2012

*Faces of Copenhagen: Photographs by Itzick Lev*

November 25, 2011 – February 26, 2012

*Danish-American Artist Series: Mia Furlong – Artist with a Danish Spirit*

January 21 – July 8, 2012

*Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie*

March 24, 2012 – March 3, 2013

*Danish-American Artist Series: Meeting My Makers – Portraits by Neoma Thomas*

July 21, 2012 – March 10, 2013

### TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS IN 2012

*Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie*

Reiman Gardens, Ames, Iowa

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, Nebraska

Salisbury House and Gardens, Des Moines, Iowa

Luck Historical Museum, Luck, Wisconsin

*The Danish Pioneer*

Danish American Archive & Library, Blair, Nebraska

Rebild National Park Society annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Columbia Hall, Dannebrog, Nebraska

Howard City Museum, St. Paul, Nebraska

Minden Opera House, Minden, Nebraska

Scandinavian Festival, Elgin, Illinois

The Danish Home, Chicago, Illinois

*Church Basements and Children's Homes: Danish-American Missions Here and Abroad*

Danish American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Volunteers

Did you know that **Iowa** ranks third in the nation for volunteers? According to *Volunteering in America*, the three states boasting the highest number of volunteers are #1 Utah (40.9%), #2 Idaho (38.8%) and #3 **Iowa (38.4%)**. In 2012 volunteers at The Danish Immigrant Museum and Family History and Genealogy Center averaged **78** hours. Our volunteers logged anywhere from 2 hours to 292 hours and we are grateful for each and every one! Our list of 55 registered volunteers gave a total of **4,034 hours** in 2012 assisting staff with greeting visitors, data entry, mailings, translations, research, setting up for special events, and even ironing tablecloths. Every contribution of time they give is important as we carry out the mission of our museum. We could not do what we do on a daily basis without their assistance and we are so grateful for them.

The following are volunteers for whom we have **documented hours** in 2012. We depend on volunteers to log their own hours and apologize for any errors or omissions. (\*Latest figures available are for 2011, reported by The Volunteering in America report, developed through a partnership between the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau for Labor Statistics.)

Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA  
Marilyn Andersen, Harlan, IA  
Rosalie Andersen, Harlan, IA  
Jo Avey, Atlantic, IA  
Herb Christensen, Elk Horn, IA  
Lois Jean Christensen, Elk Horn, IA  
Virgil & Joyce Christensen, Harlan, IA  
Rosa Clemens, Exira, IA  
Anne-Marie Douglas, Chicago, IL  
Bill & Marilyn Gift, Des Moines, IA  
Joy Gonnerman, Kimballton, IA  
June Haas, Kimballton, IA  
Paul Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
Peggy Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
Tina Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt, Des Moines, IA  
Chet & Marj Holland, Atlantic, IA  
Connie Johnson, Elk Horn, IA  
H. John Jones, Elk Horn, IA  
Jimmie Kelgor, Atlantic, IA  
Andy Kissel, Elk Horn, IA  
Merlyn & Jeanette Knudsen, Harlan, IA  
Edith Larsen, Harlan, IA  
Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, IA  
Earl Madsen, Elk Horn, IA  
Gladys McCrory, Atlantic, IA  
Dick Nelson, Elk Horn, IA  
Carl Norquist, Kimballton, IA  
Elinor Olsen, Elk Horn, IA  
Karolyn Ortgies, Massena, IA  
Lisa Petersen, Owings, MD  
Wava Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
Rosie Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
Joanne Potts, Elk Horn, IA  
Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA  
Suzanne Rasmussen, Kirkman, IA  
Carolyn Sand, Prairie du Chien, WI

Bertha Schroeter, Exira, IA  
Allis Segal, Boulder City, NV  
Lene Sepstrup, Denmark  
Howard & Karma Sorensen, Elk Horn, IA  
Dorothy Sorensen, Kimballton, IA  
Charlotte Sorensen, Exira, IA  
Wanda Sornson, Elk Horn, IA  
Gayle Stuart, Walnut, IA  
Mardell Walter, Elk Horn, IA  
Aleen Weaver, Atlantic, IA  
Sharon Winchell, Atlantic, IA  
Carolyn Wittrup, Elk Horn, IA  
Erik Høgsbro Østergaard

We also want to recognize members of the **Atlantic Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum** who provide us with delicious cookies to serve to museum guests during our annual celebrations of Tivoli Fest held the weekend preceding Memorial Day and Julefest, held the weekend following Thanksgiving: Ramona Andersen, Connie Boose, Janet Bornholdt, Mary Ann Christensen, Eileen Denne, Verna Esbeck, Kathleen Eyberg, Priscilla Hansen, Mary Lou Hoegh, Izzy Hoegh, Phyllis Hoegh, Marj Holland, Betty Lillard, Fern Lindvall, Gladys McCrory, Sonya Mikkelsen, Beverly Nelson, Delores Nelson, Fern Nelson, Frances Nelson, Colleen Nichols, Joan Ohms, Mary Ellen Olsen, Phyllis Olsen, Helen Petersen, Evelyn Rechtenbach, Bertha Schroeter, Aleen Weaver, Linda Weaver, Nadine Williamson.

## Family History & Genealogy Center

The following individuals and organizations donated books and other materials or made monetary contributions to the Family History & Genealogy Center in 2012. We greatly appreciate their assistance in expanding our library and enhancing our ability to collect and preserve information on Danish-American families, communities and institutions. *Mange tak!*

Meg Bale, Bloomington, MN  
Karen Bernard, Janesville, WI  
Per & Nora Bogehegn, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Linda Carlson, Leonardtown, MD  
Sondra Christensen, Elk Horn, IA  
John & Birgitte Christianson, Minneapolis, MN  
Danish American Archives & Library, Blair, NE  
Lois Eagleton, Umpqua, OR  
Delos & Karen M. Eilers, Cottage Grove, MN  
M. Laura Forbes, Lisle, IL  
Friends of the Atlantic Public Library, Atlantic, IA  
Suzanne T. Gilbert, Los Angeles, CA  
Florence Glover, Austin, MN  
Fritz Hansen, Wichita, KS  
Peggy Herman, Truro, IA  
Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, IA  
Anni Holm, West Chicago, IL  
Hoy M. Holm, Huntington Beach, CA  
Julie Houser, Santa Ana, CA  
James D. Iversen, Decorah, IA  
Vincent & Phyllis Jensen, Audubon, IA  
JoAnn Johnson, La Porte City, IA  
Donald W. Keairnes, Lamoni, IA  
Signe Koch, Aarhus, Denmark  
Nancy McCullough, Cedar Falls, IA

Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA  
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA  
Sean & Laurie McNabb, Amman, Jordan  
Carman D. Merritt, Lincoln, NE  
Dean & Linda Mohning Remsen, IA  
John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE  
Ron A. Nielsen, White Bear Lake, MN  
Niels Aage Nørgaard, Viborg, Denmark  
Robert A. Olsen, Houston, TX  
Carolyn Ortgies, Massena, IA  
Cora Peterson, Lincoln, CA  
Jean Portner, Laramie, WY  
David Reichlinger, Ft. Wayne, IN  
Lavon Rockford, Dufur, OR  
Pamela Hansen Ruben, Menomonee Falls, WI  
Mogens Sander Hansen, Farum, Denmark  
Eileen M. Schantz-Hansen, Carlton, MN  
Lene & Preben Sepstrup, Malling, Denmark  
Susan Simpson, Castle Rock, CO  
Alan & Lorene Thomsen, Fremont, NE  
Bertel Thomsen, Kolding, Denmark  
Donna Lee Wheeler, Farmington, NM  
Mildred M. Wilcox, Cherry Hill, NJ

## CORRECTIONS

Every effort has been made to ensure that all information contained in the 2012 Annual Report of Contributions is accurate. We respectfully regret and apologize for any omissions, misspellings, or misplacements. Please contact the Development Department with any questions or corrections.

## Memorials

The Danish Immigrant Museum is the grateful recipient of gifts made in memory of deceased friends and relatives.

Svend Aasberg	Clifford & Veola (Schjodt) Hansen	Richard Larsen	John B. Petersen
Gerda Abildtoft, Nørresundby, DK	Esther & Cleo Hansen	Svend E. Lauridsen	Karen K. Petersen
Lee Anna M. (Jessen) Adams	Hans P. & Florence Hansen	Louis Lauritsen	Mads C. Petersen & Marjorie Jean Hopkins Petersen
Helge & Mette Andersen	Hans P. M. & Annie Hansen	Roland, John, & Anna May Lauritsen	Marilyn Petersen
Henning C. Andersen	Mads Hansen	Dorothea Laursen	Marjorie Petersen
Mildred Andersen	Rosella Hansen	Arlene Leistad	Charles Andrew Philipson
Poul Andersen	Vernon (Bob) Hansen	Kathy Leistad	Bonnie Larsen Poldberg
Marian Peterson Anderson	William J. Hansen	Eivind Lillehoj	Mr. Rasmussen of Denmark
Karen Arneson	Rev. Fred & Betty Hedberg	Lost Loved Ones	Ben & Marie Rasmussen
Janet Asmus	Charles Henderson	Arne D. Madsen	Carl Rasmussen
Edwin H. Hunt & Eli Bager	Martin Holst	Margaret Madsen	Delbert Rasmussen
Norman Bansen	Mary Ann Hopkins	H. C. Mathison	Holm & Camilla Rasmussen
Fred L. (Larsen) Beck	Carol Larsen Horton	Elsie Rasmussen McNabb	Kaj & Astrid Roge
Robert E. Berthelsen	Herluf Iversen	Alma Kristine Jensen Metzler	Helen Ronlov
Robert L. Bladt	Gudrun Jacobsen	Earl & Helga Mikkelsen	Merle Rounds
E. Kenneth Bonde	Byron Jensen	Svend O. Muller	Kevin John Ruggaard
Folmer & Martha Bonnesen	Clinton & Lyria Jensen	John P. Nelson	Albert & Marie Schjodt
Victor Borge	Deppe & Anna Jensen	Karen Lynn (Jensen) Nelson	Agnita M. (Christensen) Stine Schreiber
Raymond H. Brandt	Eva D. Jensen	Larry A. Nelson	Viola Schwartz
Charlie Brehm	James D. Jensen	Virginia M. Newgard	Mark Frederick Scott
Howard Bro	"Big" Jim Jensen	Anna Christine Nielsen	Christian, Agnes & Harold Skow
Peder E. Buck	Leland C. Jensen	A.V. Neve & N.P. Nielsen Families	Erhard Suhr Sorensen & Esther Helene (Madsen) Sorensen
Belmont & Marie Byriel	Palma Petersen & Margaret Jensen	Beulah Nielsen	Norma Jean Sothman
Evelyn Lerager Chartier	Roland Jensen	Hans Thyge Nielsen	Chris Steffensen & Robert Steffensen
Aase M. Christensen	Ruth Jeppesen	Marilyn Nielsen	Elie Steffensen
Doris Smith Christensen	Myron V. Jepsen	Martin Christian Nielsen	Poul & Elie Steffensen
Hjalmar & Anna Christensen	Eva Lynge Jersild	Matilda Neve Nielsen	Holger & Marietta Strandkov
Svend Christensen	Hans Christian & Carrie Ginamark Jersild	Rev. LeVern S. Nielsen	Joyce Pedersen Strandkov
Art & Clara Christopher	Børge Jessen, Claus Peter Jessen & Casper Oliver Jessen	Richard & Mary Nielsen	Forest Strnad
Joann Elaine Clausen	Casper Oliver Jessen	Tom Nielsen	Emma Hansen Swendiman
Glen Clemens	Paul C. Jessen	Verna Nielsen	Jean Sweningsen
Hildegard & Jens Jorgensen	Gary M. Johnson	Carl F. Nielsen of Steinen, Germany	N. "Chris" Syndergaard & Mary Boysen Syndergaard
Danger	JoAnne D. Johnson	Terry L. Nissen	Asta Marie Ingeborg Rodholm Telfer
Danish-in-laws	Niels & Ingrid Jorgensen	Eric & Joan Norgaard	Gay D. Terkelsen
Leslie Ann Davidson	Stan W. Jorgensen	Kay Ann Esbeck North	Bonnie Eilene Christensen
Burton O. Esbeck	Virginia Jorgensen	Kay Sønksen North	McMichael Testa
David M. Esbeck	Annis Jepsen Juhl	Ole & Marie Olsen	Arthur Thompson
Ray Esbeck	Karen M. Kadgihn	Oluf & Vera Olson	Paula Vasby
Wayne H. Esbeck	Tage Katelsen	Evelyn Padgett	Norma Valborg Wegwart
Roland H. Eskov	Hans Christian Kiehn	Lois Parker	Walter Westergaard
Hans & Mathilde Farstrup	Chris J. & Gladys Knudsen	Edwin S. Pedersen	Burton A. Wittrup
The Harold Floerchinger Family	Glenn Krantz	Dr. Paul D. Pedersen	Carl Wiuff & Valborg Andersen Wiuff
Arnie Grau	Charles B. Larsen	Peder E. & Olga Pedersen	
Solveig Gregory	Fred C. & Matilda M. Larsen	Harry & Frances Petersen	
Selma Grumstrup	Herman & Anna Larsen	Harry E. Petersen	
Karen Haigh	Paul & Johanne Larsen		
Bertha Hansen			

## In Honor

The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2012 the following people were honored:

Robert W. Brown	Alvina Hjortsvang's birthday and in appreciation of her Danish heritage and the enthusiasm with which she shares it!	Nita Larson's 90th Birthday from the Larson Family	Mark & Lori Nussle's 50th anniversary
Mary Lou Burke		Gloria & Bill Layton	Poul & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen with gratitude for their generosity
Dania Society of Chicago's 150 Year Anniversary		Ronald & Melvie Maigaard's 50th Anniversary Remembrance	Wanda Sornson's helpful research at FHGC
Ramona Esbeck's 100th birthday	Chester (Chet) & Marj Holland	Birgitte Mølvig	Ruth Steffensen
Dorothy & Lyle Feisel, my Godparents	Jim & Marge Iversen	Anna Margrethe Nielsen	Janet M. Thuesen
FHGC's fantastic, professional & enthusiastic job	Ken G. Jacobsen, my brother	John Mark Nielsen	
	Raymond & Ann Jespersen	John Mark Nielsen with special thanks for breakfast and a wonderful tour of Blair	
	Dagmar K. Johnson		
	Garey & Sherry Knudsen's Grandchildren		



## Gift Memberships

Throughout 2012 The Danish Immigrant Museum awarded complimentary memberships or received contributions directed towards gift memberships for the following businesses or individuals:

Paul & Dianne Anderson,  
Seattle, WA  
Ronald & Janet Arends, Brooklyn,  
IA  
Nancy Pedersen Armbrust,  
Elkhorn, NE  
David & Betty Bidstrup, Racine,  
WI  
Khris & Jette Binder, Roswell, GA  
Sandra Brummund, Elkhorn, NE  
Mary Lou Burke, Council Bluffs,  
IA  
Jon & Patti Christensen, Franklin,  
WI  
Kelsey Christine Christensen,  
Northampton, MA  
Kenneth Christensen, Hamlin, IA  
Willa Cleary, Arlington, VA  
Kay M. Cota, Sgt. Bluff, IA  
Jeff & Cherisse Croll, Castle Rock,  
CO  
Garry & Carol Cupples, St.  
Ludger, Quebec, CANADA  
Dania Ladies Society, Elk Grove  
Village, IL  
Danish Old Peoples Home,  
Roscommon, MI  
Danish Sisterhood Midwest  
District, Hoffman Estates, IL  
Jolene DuVall, Audubon, IA  
Inge Esbeck, Brovst, DENMARK  
April Esbeck, Iowa City, IA  
Craig Esbeck, Kampala, UGANDA  
Dane Esbeck, Tipton, IA  
John & Mary Esbeck, Tipton, IA  
Nick Fitzgerald & Erica Esbeck,  
Ankeny, IA  
Nick Martin & Alecia Esbeck,  
West Branch, IA  
Paul Esbeck, Glenwood Springs,  
CO  
William & Teresa Esbeck, Tipton,  
IA  
Alan & Marisa Gift, Omaha, NE  
Anna Jenks & Gary Gift, Richfield,  
MN  
David & Shayla Gift, Pella, IA  
Kathleen Hansen, Ankeny, IA  
Robert & IllaMae Hansen, West  
Bend, WI  
James & Karol Holland, Conifer,  
CO  
George & Dorothy Jensen, West  
Des Moines, IA  
Jack & Opal Jensen, Arlington, NE  
Jorgen Jensen, Denver, CO  
Barbara Kadlec, Guthrie Center,  
IA  
Craig Keller & Christa Orum-  
Keller, Saint Charles, IL  
Roger & Mary Klopp, LeMars, IA  
Charlotte Krogh, Exira, IA  
Reginald & Jerilyn Laursen,  
Decorah, IA  
Jeff & Gerta Sorensen-London,  
Chicago, IL  
LPB, Inc. (Lars P. Boerre),  
Earlham, IA  
Tom & Teri Masters, Littleton, CO  
Herbert Mathiasen, Jr., Somers,  
NY  
Andy McRoberts, Greeley, CO  
Chad & Laura Mitchell, Omaha,  
NE  
Dale & Ruth Mortensen, North  
Olmsted, OH  
Earl Nelson, Mount Pleasant, WI  
Lance & Wende Nielsen, Boise, ID  
Laurits Nielsen, Golden Valley,  
MN  
Rev. Warren & Erin Nielsen,  
Fremont, CA  
James & June Norlem, Curtis, NE  
Agnes Nussle, Lake Tapps, WA  
Scott and P.J. Owens,  
Indianapolis, IN  
Marjorie Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
Sherry Pettit, Omaha, NE  
James & Suzanne Rasmussen,  
Burlington Junction, MO  
Harley & Donna Byriel Rector,  
Norfolk, NE  
Dick Vos & Linda Riddle, Duluth,  
MN  
John Riddle, Colfax, IA  
Joyce Ford & Jim Riddle, Winona,  
MN  
Melanie Phoenix & Terry  
Robinson, Santa Rosa, CA  
Tammy Rosenberry, Granger, IA  
Leroy & Norma Schafersman,  
Arlington, NE  
Peter Schwab, Audubon, IA  
Curtis Skouby, St. Louis, MO  
Louis Christian Slota, Chippewa  
Falls, WI  
Shirley Small, Fremont, NE  
Scott Sonksen, Linn Creek, MO  
Kathy Sonsalla, Webster City, IA  
Ruth Steffensen, Paradise, CA  
David Stickrod, Glenwood, IA  
Patricia Trish Turner, Brush, CO  
Bing & Ann Nielsen Yen, Laguna  
Beach, CA

## Staff & Interns

### Executive Director

*Dr. John Mark Nielsen*

### Administrative Manager

*Terri Johnson*

### Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture

*Tova Brandt*

### Curator of Collections/Registrar

*Angela Stanford*

### Family History & Genealogy Manager

*Michele McNabb*

### Development Manager

*Debra Christensen Larsen*

### Museum Shop Manager

*Joni Soe-Butts*

### Bookkeeper/Grounds/Facilities

*Jennifer Winters*

### Administrative Assistant

*Kathy Pellegrini*

### Family History & Genealogy Library Assistant

*Wanda Sornson*

### Weekend Staff

*Terri Amaral*

*Rodger Rasmussen*

*Beth Rasmussen*

### Bedstemor's House Staff

*Jodee Dixon*

*Nichelle Hansen*

*Trudy Juelsgaard*

*David Thurston*

### Custodian

*Tim Fredericksen*

### Danish Interns

*\*Maria Beisheim, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

*\*Karen Brøcker, Aarhus University, Denmark*

*\*René Rugholm Christiansen, University of Aalborg, Denmark*

*\*Amel Rahba, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

*\*Kathrine Winkler, Aarhus University, Denmark*

### American Interns

*Madeline Mongar, Northwest Missouri State, Maryville, MO*

*Anna Mullen, Iowa State University, Ames, IA*

*Natalie Smith, New York University, New York, New York*

*\*Internships funded through a grant from  
scan/design foundation BY INGER AND JENS BRUUN,  
Seattle, WA*

## Special Appeals

During the course of each year, The Danish Immigrant Museum invites its supporters to make contributions to special appeals. The individuals, businesses, or foundations listed below contributed to these appeals in 2012 (and reflected in the honor roll of contributors). Donors to the summer and end-of-year appeals are included in the honor roll of contributors.

### COPENHAGEN GAS LAMPS

Willa Cleary, Arlington, VA, in memory of Norman Bansen  
Kenneth & Marlene Larsen, Calistoga, CA  
Priscilla Petersen, Independence, KS  
Harley & Donna Rector, Norfolk, NE  
Leroy & Norma Schafersman, Arlington, NE  
David Stickrod, Glenwood, IA

### JENS JENSEN PRAIRIE LANDSCAPE PARK

Douglas & Glenda Bro, Claremont, CA  
Rosa Clemens, Exira, IA  
Iowa West Foundation, Council Bluffs, IA  
Nancy Ann Kurrle, Boone, IA  
Shelby County Community Foundation, Omaha, NE  
Peter & Irma Orum, Saint Charles, IL  
Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA  
State Historical Society of Iowa, Department of Cultural Affairs, Des Moines, IA  
Carl & Frances Steffensen, Houston, TX

### IOWA CULTURAL TRUST ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE GRANT CAMPAIGN

Merv E. Bro Revocable Trust, Ames, IA  
Kirsten Havrehed, San Francisco, CA, in honor of Janet M. Thuesen  
James & Margery Iversen, Decorah, IA  
Ruth Jensen, Ames, IA  
Iver (Whitey) & Lis Jorgensen, Burnsville, MN  
Valborg Nielsen, Denver, CO, in memory of Hans Thyge Nielsen  
Kay Esbeck North, Ames, IA  
Folmer & Vera Nyby, Michigan City, IN  
Glenn & Mary Ellen Olsen, Atlantic, IA  
Agnita M. Stine Schreiber Foundation, Inc., Sharpsburg, MD, in memory of Hjalmar & Anna Christensen

Please note the expiration date of your membership appearing on the mailing label, directly after your name. All future *America Letters* will include this information as a gentle reminder to our members.

### JENS JENSEN HERITAGE PATH

David & Susan Blecha, Waterloo, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Virgil & Joyce Christensen, Harlan, IA  
Class of 1952, Elk Horn, IA  
Jack & Veronica Cobb, Cedar Falls, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Dania Ladies Society, Elk Grove Village, IL, in honor of the 150 year anniversary of Dania Society of Chicago  
Paul Danielsén, Waterloo, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Danish Sisterhood Midwest District, Hoffman Estates, IL  
Carl Edmonds, Vinton, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Carl & Kathie Esbeck, Columbia, MO  
David & Helen Esbeck, San Diego, CA, in honor of Ramona Esbeck's 100th birthday and in memory of my brother, Wayne H. Esbeck  
Edward Esbeck, Olympia, WA  
Shirley Esbeck, Elk Horn, IA, in memory of Ray Esbeck and in honor of his would be 80th birthday  
Brian & Margaret Garrett, Centennial, CO  
Jim & Sue Greene, Round Rock, TX, in memory of Burton O. Esbeck  
Jack & Marie Gregersen, Cedar Falls, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Dallas Hansen, Elk Horn, IA, in memory of Hans P. and Florence Hansen  
Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA  
Willis & Marjorie Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
Norm & Lorraine Hanson, Independence, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Roger & Marilyn Hanson, Cedar Falls, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Glen Haselbarth, Minden, NE  
Philip & Alma Heath, Cedar Falls, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Janet Hoins, Waverly, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Dick & Edna Jacobsen, Tacoma, WA  
Arne & Inger Jensen, Waterloo, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
George & Dorothy Jensen, West Des Moines, IA  
Dolores Johnson, Iowa City, IA  
Tove Jorgensen, Lone Tree, CO  
Barbara Kadlec, Guthrie Center, IA  
Dr. Leo Kirchhoff, Chico, CA  
Donna Kirschenmann, Waverly, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Roger & Mary Klopp, LeMars, IA  
Paul & Beth Kuehl, Hudson, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Debra Christensen Larsen, Harlan, IA  
Kenneth & Marlene Larsen, Calistoga, CA  
Reginald & Jerilyn Laursen, Decorah, IA, in memory of Karen Kadgihn  
Matthews Marking Products/Holjeron, Pittsburgh, PA, in memory of Leland C. Jensen  
Keith & Phyllis Millis, Broken Arrow, OK  
Delores Nelson, Atlantic, IA  
Allan Nyegaard, Eugene, OR  
Richard & Margaret Ohrt, Reinbeck, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Sherry Pettit, Omaha, NE  
Carl Rasmussen & Cindi Rasmussen, Nevada, IA, in memory of Ben & Marie Rasmussen, Coulter, Iowa  
Red River Danes, Fargo, ND  
Tammy Rosenberry, Granger, IA, in memory of my mother, Kay North  
Scott Sonksen, Linn Creek, MO, in memory of my mother, Kay North  
Dick & Sonja Switzer, Omaha, NE  
Jon & Gloria Tehven, Waverly, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Neal & Jeanne Thuesen, Cedar Falls, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Patricia Trish Turner, Brush, CO, in memory of Evelyn Chartier  
Jeffrey & Kris Voss Marcks, Waterloo, IA, in memory of Svend Aasberg  
Alene Weaver, Atlantic, IA  
Leland & Beverly Welty, Gladstone, MO, in memory of James D. Jensen  
Bing & Ann Nelsen Yen, Laguna Beach, CA, in honor of Anna Margrethe Nielsen and in memory of Richard & Mary Nielsen

## Honor Roll of Contributors

The Honor Roll of Contributors recognizes all who have supported The Danish Immigrant Museum during the 2012 calendar year.

It especially recognizes all who attained membership at the various designated levels with cumulative contributions amounting to \$30 or more, including gifts for annual support, designated purposes, memorials, Wall of Honor, Jens Jensen Heritage Path, special appeals, matching gifts, endowment gifts, and gifts-in-kind.

This year's Honor Roll includes nearly 2,300 members and donors from 49 states, Washington D.C., territory of Virgin Islands, and 6 countries; namely: Denmark, Canada, France, Germany, Uganda and Philippines.

Additionally, we are pleased to include on the honor roll, our Business/Organization Associate members who contribute \$100 or more to the Museum. The Business/Organization Associates are listed according to their giving level.



## Annual Leadership Society

### ORDER OF JYLLAND • \$10,000 & ABOVE

Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA  
 Anonymous  
 Merv E. Bro Revocable Trust, Fountain Hills, AZ  
 Sally og Gordon Faber, Urbandale, IA  
 Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Great Places, Des Moines, IA  
 Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, IA  
 Iowa West Foundation, Council Bluffs, IA  
 James & Margery Iversen, Decorah, IA  
 Ruth Jensen (Estate of), Ames, IA  
 Audrey Kofoed, West Branch, IA  
 Adelaide Madsen (Estate of), Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust, Crystal Lake, IL  
 Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL  
 Folmer & Vera Nyby, Michigan City, IN  
 Poul & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, OR  
 Glenn & Mary Ellen Olsen, Atlantic, IA  
 Peter & Irma Orum, Saint Charles, IL  
 The Petersen Family Foundation, Inc. (H. Rand & Mary Louise Petersen), Harlan, IA  
 Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA  
 Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund, Seattle, WA  
 scan|design foundation BY INGER & JENS BRUUN, Seattle, WA  
 Carl & Frances Steffensen, Houston, TX  
 Paul & Donna Steffensen, Des Moines, IA  
 Chrystal Hemmingsen Willis Wagner (Estate of), Seattle, WA

### ORDER OF SJÆLLAND • \$5,000-\$9,999

R. James & Janet Borge Crowle, Saint Michaels, MD  
 Ramona Esbeck, Ames, IA  
 William & Marilyn Gift, Des Moines, IA  
 Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA  
 Humanities Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
 Nils & Kathleen Jensen, Portland, OR  
 Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA  
 Shelby County Community Foundation, Omaha, NE  
 Agnita M. Stine Schreiber Foundation, Inc., Sharpsburg, MD  
 Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Bellingham, WA

### ORDER OF FYN • \$2,500-\$4,999

Rita Neergaard Hansen (Estate of), Kenosha, WI  
 Hal & Vice Consul Anna Thomsen Holliday, Houston, TX  
 Carl & Marilyn Mehr, San Diego, CA  
 John Mark & Dawn Nielsen, Blair, NE  
 Kay North, Ames, IA  
 Randall & Deborah North, New York, NY  
**BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE**  
 Carroll Control Systems, Inc. (Todd Wanninger), Carroll, IA

### ORDER OF BORNHOLM • \$1,000-\$2,499

Gary & Cynthia Larsen Adams, Littleton, CO  
 Erik & Eva Andersen, Croton-On-Hudson, NY  
 Richard & Rosalie Andersen, Harlan IA  
 Mogens & Cindy Bay, Omaha, NE  
 James & Elizabeth Bramsen, Barrington, IL  
 Borge M. Christensen, Rochester, MN  
 Erik & Lone Christensen, Brown Deer, WI  
 Robert & Martha Christiansen, Tempe, AZ  
 Rosa Clemesen, Exira IA  
 Anne-Marie Douglas, Chicago, IL  
 Paul & Karen Emanuelsen, Royal Oak MI  
 David & Helen Esbeck, San Diego, CA  
 Gordon & Janice Esbeck, Tipton, IA  
 Faith, Family, Freedom Foundation (Kenneth & Marlene Larsen), Calistoga, CA  
 Peter Flinch, Alexandria, VA  
 Mitzi Fox, Albion, NE  
 Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA  
 Bill and Berniece Grewcock, Omaha, NE  
 David & Paulette Hendee, Omaha, NE  
 Curtis & Nancy Hoegh, Clive, IA  
 Roy & Patricia Hougen, Ames, IA  
 Dick & Edna Jacobsen, Tacoma, WA  
 Erna Jensen, Des Moines, IA  
 Marnie Jensen, Nebraska City, NE  
 Peer Jensen, Mendon, NY  
 Iver & Lis Jorgensen, Burnsville, MN  
 Leo Kirchhoff, Chico, CA  
 Garey & Sherry Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN  
 Clark & Joan Mathisen, Omaha, NE  
 Marilyn Meyer, Everly, IA  
 National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.  
 Peter & Faith Nielsen, Naples, FL  
 Valborg Nielsen, Denver, CO  
 Marian (Mittie) Ostergaard, Mission Viejo, CA  
 Egon Simonsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Howard & Karma Sorensen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Alan & Lorene Thomsen, Fremont, NE  
 Janet M. Thuesen, Sausalito, CA  
 Lissi Vange, Wilmette, IL  
 Charles & Norma Wilson, Red Oak, IA  
**BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE**  
 Answers (Frank R. Tighe), Atlantic, IA  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #16, Minden, NE  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #227, Detroit, MI  
 Den Danske Pioneer, Hoffman Estates, IL  
 Knudsen Old Timers, Glendale, CA  
 Rebuild National Park Society, Southern California Chapter, Glendale, CA  
 Red River Danes, Fargo, ND



## Honor Roll of Contributors

### ORDER OF LOLLAND

#### \$500-\$999

Sarah Andersen, Bayport, MN  
 Thomas & Maria Annis, Clive, IA  
 Ronald & Janet Arends, Brooklyn, IA  
 Ronald & Mary Bro, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Rich Inman & Melinda Brown, Littleton, CO  
 Sandra Brummund, Elkhorn, NE  
 Marcella Carey, San Clemente, CA  
 Carlo Christensen, Glendale, CA  
 Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Philip & Deb Christiansen, Omaha, NE  
 Donald Christopher, Gilroy, CA  
 Reinhard & Pamela Danger, Washington, DC  
 Dan Donham, Junction City, OR  
 Dale Eriksen, Fort Collins, CO  
 Birgitte Flanders, North Andover, MA  
 Rodney & Rosanne Fulton, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Mia Furlong, Chicago, IL  
 Jerry & Joyce Gilbert, Eugene, OR  
 Charles & Emma Hansen, Mt. Prospect, IL  
 Glen Haselbarth, Minden, NE  
 Kirsten Havrehed, San Francisco, CA  
 Frank & Jerri Hemmingsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Peder & Doris Hoy, Modesto, CA  
 Elaine Jensen, Merritt Island, FL  
 George & Dorothy Jensen, West Des Moines, IA  
 Irving F. & Carolyn Jensen, Jr., Sioux City, IA  
 Ada Jeppesen, Blair, NE  
 Kristi Planck Johnson, Bethesda, MD  
 Harris & Carol Jorgensen, Dike, IA  
 Jon Frega & Ely Jorgensen, Prairie Village, KS  
 Rhoda Kelloway, Atlantic, IA  
 Ronald & Betty Knapp, Gibson City, IL  
 Kurt & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL  
 Marilyn Southard & Dennis Larson, Decorah, IA  
 Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, IA  
 James Lorensen, Phillipsburg, KS  
 Paul & Renate Madsen, Madison, WI  
 Lavonne Marcusen, Audubon, IA  
 Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA  
 Joe & LuAnn Meyers, Fitchburg, WI  
 Dick & Norma Lange Nelson, Elk Horn, IA  
 Rev. LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, WI  
 Michael Danforth & Eva Nielsen, Chicago, IL  
 Allan & Ruth Nyegaard, Eugene, OR  
 Erik & Jackie Olsen, Glenbrook, NV  
 Lilly Pedersen, Rockville, MD  
 Martin Pedersen, Bennington, NE  
 Carl Rasmussen & Cindi Rasmussen, Nevada, IA  
 Robert & Nancy Rasmussen, Berlin, NJ  
 Paul & Sharlene Roge, Northbrook, IL  
 Tammy Rosenberry, Granger, IA

Leroy & Nancy Sand, Kimballton, IA  
 Marc & Barbara Shelstrom, Lancaster, WI  
 Flemming & Lynn Smitsdorff, Germantown, WI  
 Scott & Tammy Sonksen, Linn Creek, MO  
 B. Joan Sorensen, Richardson, TX  
 Mark & Cheryl Strandskov, Mount Pleasant, MI  
 Karen Suchomel, West Branch, IA  
 Dick & Sonja Switzer, Omaha, NE  
 Neal & Jeanne Thuesen, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Svend & Lois Toftemark, Eugene, OR  
 Glen & Lola Wiese, River Falls, WI  
 Bing & Ann Nielsen Yen, Laguna Beach, CA

#### BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE

Atlantic Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Atlantic, IA  
 Danish American Club of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA  
 Danish Old Peoples Home, Roscommon, MI  
 King of Kings Fishing Guide Service & Lodge (Richard & Bonnie Andersen), Anchor Point, AK

### ORDER OF FALSTER \$250-\$499

Inger Andersen, St. Louis, MO  
 Mildred Andersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 T.R. Andersen, Audubon, IA  
 Jergen & Jean Barber, Waukesha, WI  
 Edwin & Ethel Barker, Iowa City, IA  
 Donald Best, Los Angeles, CA  
 Sandra Boeskov, Seattle, WA  
 Michael & Mary Jo Bro, Bedford, TX  
 David & Staci Byrd, Hemphill, TX  
 Linda Carlson, Leonardtown, MD  
 Brent & Deanne Christensen, Philippines  
 Daniel Christensen, West Des Moines, IA  
 Kenneth Christensen, Hamlin, IA  
 Edmund Clausen, Oakland, CA  
 Kay Cota, Sgt. Bluff, IA  
 Norman & Lola Danielsens, Randolph, KS  
 Jerry Dauth, Fort Collins, CO  
 Wilma Duffield, West Des Moines, IA  
 Delos & Karen Eilers, Cottage Grove, MN  
 Carl & Kathie Esbeck, Columbia, MO  
 Edward Esbeck, Olympia, WA  
 Lyle & Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel, St. Michaels, MD  
 Margrethe Feldman, Los Alamos, NM  
 Ann Finsveen, Minneapolis, MN

Ben Hong & Annette Floysturp, Oakland, CA  
 Brian & Margaret Garrett, Centennial, CO  
 Jim & Sue Greene, Round Rock, TX  
 Letha Grutzik, Buena Park, CA  
 Preben & Alice Hammer, Fox Riverline, IL  
 Dallas Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Frederick "Fritz" Hansen, Wichita, KS  
 Ingrid Hansen, Lincoln, NE  
 Willis & Marjorie Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Kent & Connie Hanson, Glendora, CA  
 Roger & Marilyn Hanson, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Glenda Hildman, Northwood, IA  
 Graham & Norma Hoeg, Lake View, IA  
 Harold Hoiberg, Silver Springs, MD  
 Raymond & Joyce Holland, Bettendorf, IA  
 Clement & Phyllis Hunter, Oregon City, OR  
 Ken & Rachel Jacobsen, Seattle, WA  
 Elise Jensen, Newell, IA  
 Harvey & Ardyce Jensen, State College, PA  
 Janet Jensen, St. Peter, MN  
 Terrence Jensen, Ames, IA  
 Babs Jessen, La Porte City, IA  
 Niels & Ella Jessen, Salinas, CA  
 Beverly Johnson, Lacey, WA  
 Dolores Johnson, Iowa City, IA  
 Lynn & Connie Johnson, Exira, IA  
 Ronald & Joyce Johnson, Raleigh, NC  
 Hans & Kathy Jorgensen, Loveland, CO  
 Ellen Juhl, Seattle, WA  
 Karen Karlsson, Monrovia, CA  
 Ronald & Diana Kay, College Station, TX  
 John Kirwan, LaVista, NE  
 Mogens Knudsen, Omaha, NE  
 Svend & Elin Koch, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Charlotte Krogh, Exira, IA  
 Robert & Joan Krogh, Blair, NE  
 Curtis Larsen, Helena, MT  
 Edith Larsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Reginald & Jerilyn Laursen, Decorah, IA  
 John Leistad, Elk Horn, IA  
 Erik Lillehoj, West Friendship, MD  
 Steven Lund, Yuma, AZ  
 Alan & Patricia Madsen, Champaign, IL  
 Clifford Mathiasen, Clifton Park, NY  
 Gladys McCrory, Atlantic, IA  
 Judith Meehan, Des Moines, IA  
 Shelley Nielsen, Greeley, CO  
 James & Carol Nymann, Georgetown, TX  
 Frank Pechacek, Jr., Council Bluffs, IA  
 Everett & Doreen Petersen, Hampton, IA  
 Raymond Petersen, Aurora, NE  
 Thorvald Petersen, Santa Monica, CA  
 Patricia Peterson, Council Bluffs, IA  
 William & Shirley Pickett, Maplewood, MN  
 Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA

Gerald & Sigrid Rasmussen, Junction City, OR  
 Jorgen & Martha Rasmussen, Ames, IA  
 Kurt & Consul Lynette Skow Rasmussen, Johnston, IA  
 Jerry Schrader, Elk Horn, IA  
 Edith Skene, Ventura, IA  
 Michael & Catherine Sorensen, Calabasas, CA  
 Peter & Eva Stonebraker, Deerfield, IL  
 Kirsten Strnad, Faribault, MN  
 Paul & Becky Thompson, Woodbridge, VA  
 Lily Uhren, Brookfield, WI  
 Nancy Walden, Des Moines, IA  
 Jim & Ardes Weedman, LaVista, NE  
 Leland & Beverly Welty, Gladstone, MO  
 Norman Westergaard, Sloan, IA

#### BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE

A & A Framing (Annette Andersen), Kimballton, IA  
 Dania Ladies Society, Chicago, IL  
 Danish Sisterhood Midwest District, Hoffman Estates, IL  
 Harlan Newspapers, Harlan, IA  
 O & H Danish Bakery, Racine, WI  
 Olsen, Muhlbauer & Co., L.L.P., Carroll, IA

### ORDER OF AMAGER \$100-\$249

Ernie & Marilyn Abariotes, Blair, NE  
 Michael & Linda Abildtrup, Fort Dodge, IA  
 Emily Abrahamson, Salem, MA  
 James Petersen & Erica Agesen, Medford, OR  
 Ardean & Annebell Andersen, Aurora, NE  
 Dale & Nancy Andersen, Princeton, IL  
 Jerry & Shirley Andersen, Chicago, IL  
 Judy Andersen, Cary, NC  
 Robert & Linda Andersen, Avoca, IA  
 Romualdas Mickevicius & Judith Andersen, Baxter, MN  
 Darrell & Milda Anderson, Luck, WI  
 Karen Anderson, Des Moines, IA  
 Anonymous  
 Donald & Karen Antonel, Atascadero, CA  
 Ron & Jan Arkfeld, Defiance, IA  
 Dennis Barten, Kirkwood, MO  
 Dale Beck, Maricopa, AZ  
 Grace Beck, Omaha, NE  
 Ralph & Carmen Becker, Fenton, MO  
 Frank & Julie Bellon, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Inez Benjes, Craig, NE  
 Delia Benton, Guthrie Center, IA  
 Robert & Betty Berg, DeMotte, IN  
 Erna Berthelsen, Albert Lea, MN  
 Signe Betsinger, Falcon Heights, MN  
 James & Deb Bieker, Elk Horn, IA  
 Royal & Shirley Bierbaum, Griswold, IA  
 Horace & Barbara Bjorn, Creston, IA  
 Gerald & Patricia Blake, Ankeny, IA  
 Jerald & Ricke Bly, Tyler, MN  
 Thomas & Molly Boast, Brooklyn, NY  
 Arvid Bollesen, Tustin, CA  
 P. K. & Gloria Bonde, Longmont, CO  
 Richard Bonnesen, Aurelia, IA  
 Marty & Connie Boose, Atlantic, IA

**Honor Roll of Contributors, continued**

- Jon Borgman, Harlan, IA  
 John & Margie Bornhoft, Tyler, MN  
 Byron & Diana Boysen, Argyle, WI  
 Preben & Anne Dorte Brandenhoff, San Francisco, CA  
 Steven Olson & Tova Brandt, Harlan, IA  
 Thomas & Linda Brandt, Minneapolis, MN  
 Otto & Minna Brask, Kirkland, WA  
 Judith Brehm, Blair, NE  
 Bernice Bro, Ames, IA  
 Cami Christensen & Bruce Bro, Henderson, NV  
 Franklin & Ora Mae Bro, Toledo, IA  
 Eugene & Ruthe Brocker, Anita, IA  
 Dr. John Roof & Beth Bro-Roof, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Bettie Brown, Cocoa, FL  
 Everett & Louise Brown, Indianola, IA  
 H. Donald & Margie Brown, Seal Beach, CA  
 Paul & Ellen Buchy, Jr., San Diego, CA  
 BebeAnna Buck, Eau Claire, WI  
 Mary Bullamore, Milwaukee, WI  
 Timothy & Christine Burchill, Jamestown, ND  
 Betty Cahoon, Iowa City, IA  
 Hal & Avril Chase, Des Moines, IA  
 Bent & Henni Christensen, Huntington Beach, CA  
 Carl Christensen, Boulder, CO  
 Clayton Christensen, Storm Lake, IA  
 David & Elizabeth Christensen, Boise, ID  
 David & Marilee Christensen, Harlan, IA  
 Don & Annegrethe Christensen, Tucson, AZ  
 Don & Arda Jean Christensen, Salt Lake City, UT  
 Donald & Nancy Christensen, Austin, TX  
 Frank & Edith Christensen, Shoreline, WA  
 James Christensen, Monroe, OR  
 James & Joy Christensen, Elk Grove Village, IL  
 John & Jean Christensen, Fort Dodge, IA  
 Jon & Patti Christensen, Franklin, WI  
 Ray & Ramona Christensen, Rosemount, MN  
 Robert & Joyce Christensen, Park Ridge, IL  
 Vaughn & Clarice Christensen, Blair, NE  
 Virgil & Joyce Christensen, Harlan, IA  
 A. Gwendolyn Christiansen, St. Paul, MN  
 Christofer & Laurie Christiansen, Ridgefield, CT  
 Dale & Laurel Christiansen, Dannebrog, NE  
 Monty & Connie Christiansen, State College, PA  
 John & Birgitte Christianson, Minneapolis, MN  
 Ardyth Christoffersen, Greenfield, IA  
 Myrvin & Anne Christopherson, Decorah, IA  
 Anita Clark, DeLand, FL  
 Gary Clausen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Hans Clausen, West Hills, CA  
 Philip & Sally Clausen, Roland, IA  
 Robert & Joan Coffey, Menomonee Falls, WI  
 Robert & Birgit Coffman, Iowa City, IA  
 Richard & Marlys Cook, West Des Moines, IA  
 John & Marcia Copeland, Plymouth, MN  
 Henry & Carol Crain, Davenport, IA  
 Gary & Sandra Crees, West Des Moines, IA  
 Michael & Betty Ann Dall, Castle Rock, CO  
 Marvin & Shirley Davis, Ames, IA  
 Paul & Marianna Delafield-Melichar, Edina, MN  
 Jack & Eileen Denne, Atlantic, IA  
 Shirley Dodson, Lonetree, IA  
 William & Leah Doherty, Roseville, MN  
 Walter & Elaine Dolgierff, Santa Rosa, CA  
 Ralph & Shirley Doonan, Alexandria, MN  
 Roger & Ellen Doty, Connersville, IN  
 William & Doris Duff, Weeping Water, NE  
 Richard Durkop, Lakewood, CO  
 Leif & Sine Duus, Minneapolis, MN  
 Lois Eagleton, Umpqua, OR  
 Edward & Carla Earing, Albuquerque, NM  
 Barry & Winnie Edmonds, East Hampton, CT  
 Robert & Lillian Eggerss, Lincoln, CA  
 Bente Ellis, San Jose, CA  
 William Emanuelson, San Pedro, CA  
 Anne Eppley, Omaha, NE  
 Randy & Kelly Esbeck, Cumming, GA  
 Shirley Esbeck, Elk Horn, IA  
 Lawrence Eskov, Elk Horn, IA  
 Eric Faaborg, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Cora Fagre, Loveland, CO  
 Michael & Sanna Feirstein, New York, NY  
 Myrtle Felkner, Centerville, IA  
 Chester & Arlene Fenske-Koons, Audubon, IA  
 Jeanine Ferguson, Seattle, WA  
 Gloria Fiedler, Davenport, IA  
 Sue Fisher, Des Moines, IA  
 Betty Fitkin, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Dean & Julie Flesner, Woodstock, GA  
 Hans Flinch & Nan Nixon, Chapel Hill, NC  
 Elsie Floerchinger, Ankeny, IA  
 Roland Fog, Belle Mead, NJ  
 Laura Folden, Minneapolis, MN  
 Robert & Vibeke Alnor Fong, Los Angeles, CA  
 M. Laura Forbes, Naperville, IL  
 Janice Forney, Waukee, IA  
 Raymond & Virginia Frandsen, Minneapolis, MN  
 Norman Freund, Fremont, NE  
 Paul & Janet Friis, West Branch, IA  
 Larry & Carol Frost, Ashland, NE  
 Richard Hileman & Sara Gaarde, Mount Vernon, IA  
 Clifford Gade, Walkerville, MT  
 David & Ruth Garrison, Papillion, NE  
 Frank & Christie Jensen Gehringer, Omaha, NE  
 Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Perrysburg, OH  
 Chris & Jan Glinthborg, Elgin, IL  
 Johannes & Roelie Goddik, Dayton, OR  
 Ardis Grace, Blair, NE  
 Arne Graversgaard, Corral de Tierra, CA  
 Lois Greene, White Lake, MI  
 James & Sareta Brix Gregory, Las Cruces, NM  
 Larry Gregory, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Doris Greve, Walnut, IA  
 Joanne Greving, Elk Horn, IA  
 John & Esther Grindberg, Circle Pines, MN  
 William & Lois Gydesen, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
 Archibald & Jewel Hansen, Wilmington, NC  
 Birgit Hansen, Kastrup, DENMARK  
 Carl Hansen, Tequesta, FL  
 David & Margaret Hansen, Las Cruces, NM  
 Dorothy Hansen, Naples, FL  
 Garold & Nancy Hansen, Bagley, IA  
 James Kasper & Lucy Hansen, Tipton, IA  
 Joe & Rose Jean Hansen, Des Moines, IA  
 Kai Hansen, Mercer Island, WA  
 Marilyn Hansen, Manning, IA  
 Peter & Karolee Hansen, Kenai, AK  
 Roger & Natalie Hansen, Carroll, IA  
 Verdell Hansen, Harlan, IA  
 William Hansen, Overland Park, KS  
 Gary & Rita Hanson, Lee's Summit, MO  
 Verlan & Helga Hanson, Blair, NE  
 William & Geraldine Hastrup, Fresno, CA  
 Margaret Hatcher, Harlan, IA  
 Wayne & Anna Haverland, Walcott, ND  
 Philip & Alma Heath, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Lillian Baker & Christian Hedegaard-Schou, Westminster, CO  
 Michael Heinlein, Fairhaven, NJ  
 Anny Hempel, Flourtown, PA  
 Michael & Jill Hennick, Blair, NE  
 Kent & Carole Henning, Johnston, IA  
 Alice Henriksen, Brønshøj, Denmark  
 Ardyce Henriksen, Mesa, AZ  
 Marie Henriksen, Arco, MN  
 Calvin & Phyllis Hoegh, Elk Horn, IA  
 Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt, Urbandale, IA  
 Janet Hoins, Waverly, IA  
 Chet & Marj Holland, Atlantic, IA  
 Spencer & Betty Holland, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Donald & Bonnie Holm, Chandler, AZ  
 Irving & Ingrid Holm, Omaha, NE  
 Steve & Mary Holmes, Madrid, IA  
 Evelyn Holst, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Willi Holst, El Paso, TX  
 Clarence & Evelyn Holtze, Rosemount, MN  
 Harry & Katherine Hoover, Hackensack, MN  
 Norma Horswell, Lyndhurst, OH  
 Loren Horton, Iowa City, IA  
 Julie Houser, Santa Ana, CA  
 Noreen Howard, Crossville, TN  
 Justin & Tracy Howland, Redding, CA  
 Suellen Hudson, Pennsacola, FL  
 Inger Hughson, Hinsdale, IL  
 Hugh & Jane Hunt, Blair, NE  
 Don Lenef & Joy Ibsen, Trout Creek, MI  
 Lis Ingerslev, Upland, CA  
 Ahlmann & Herta Iversen, Oak Lawn, IL  
 Philip & Sarah Iversen, Decorah, IA  
 Ellen Westergaard Jackson, Whiting, IA  
 Allan & Blanche Jacobsen, Audubon, IA  
 Barbara Jacobsen, Atlantic, IA  
 Llavonne Jacobsen, San Francisco, CA  
 Paul & Nancy Jacobsen, Boone, IA  
 Warren Jacobsen, Boone, IA  
 Inge & Marge Jacobson, Helena, MT  
 Joann Jarvis, Omaha, NE  
 Arne & Inger Jensen, Waterloo, IA  
 Darrell Jensen, Audubon, IA  
 Douglas Jensen, Des Moines, IA  
 Dwight & Patricia Jensen, Iowa City, IA  
 Esther Jensen, Santa Maria, CA  
 Finn & Laetitia Jensen, Glen Allen, VA  
 Harald Jensen, Ringsted, IA  
 Harold & Carole Jensen, Ames, IA  
 Jennifer Jensen, Omaha, NE  
 Jerald & Peggy Jensen, Fountain Valley, CA  
 Joel & Marjorie Jensen, St. Davids, PA  
 Kenneth & Bonnie Jensen, Albert Lea, MN  
 Mark & Tracy Jensen, Moorhead, MN  
 Mary Ellen Herbert & Paul Jensen, Staten Island, NY  
 Maynard & Rose Marie Jensen, Kimballton, IA  
 Ronald & Arlene Jensen, Madison, WI  
 Virgil & Shirley Jensen, Palm Desert, CA  
 William & Joann Jensen, Urbandale, IA  
 Paul Jeremiassen, Olney, MT  
 Paul & Marilyn Jersild, Norfolk, VA  
 Tove Jespersen, Minneapolis, MN  
 Jes & Gerda Jessen, Yuma, AZ  
 Doris Johansen, Milan, IL  
 Daniel & Darlene Johnson, Monument, CO  
 Dennis & Carole Johnson, Morris, MN  
 Paul & Elizabeth Johnson, Fremont, NE  
 Lori Jones, Texarkana, TX  
 Carl Jorgensen, Fort Collins, CO  
 Dana & Julie Jorgensen, Waterloo, NE  
 Herbert & Carol Jorgensen, Green Lake, WI  
 James & Linda Jorgensen, Blair, NE  
 Paul & Karen Jorgensen, Eugene, OR  
 Tove Jorgensen, Lone Tree, CO  
 Karen Jorgensen-Reynolds, Moline, IL  
 Barbara Kadlec, Guthrie Center, IA  
 Marybeth Kantner, Arvada, CO  
 Gary & Judy Kastrup, Omaha, NE  
 Richard & Mary Keller, Cottage Grove, MN  
 James & Beverly Keltner, Colfax, WI  
 Eric & Ginger Ketelsen, Rochester, MI  
 Leroy & Joan Kiertzner, El Monte, CA  
 June Goldman & Karl Kiilsholm, Okoboji, IA  
 Fylla Kildegaard, Minneapolis, MN  
 David Kjeldgaard, Omaha, NE  
 Virginia Kjolhede, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
 John & Ramona Klaasmeyer, Omaha, NE  
 Howard Klitgaard, Milwaukee, WI  
 George & Carole Knaub, Richmond, TX  
 Janet Knudsen, Overland Park, KS  
 Susan Kotecki, Des Moines, IA  
 William & Charlotte Kraft, Fall Creek, WI  
 Christopher & Claire Kramme, Paris, FRANCE  
 Consul Lowell B. & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA  
 Robert & Ruth Kramme, Des Moines, IA  
 Hans & Dawn Kristensen, Crystal Lake, IL  
 Dale & Karen Krog, Tracy, MN



**Honor Roll of Contributors, continued**

Glenn Krog, Lake Benton, MN  
 Sonja Kromann, Everett, WA  
 Elaine Krueger, Elmwood Park, IL  
 David & Jane Kruse, Spirit Lake, IA  
 James & Beverly Laing, Loveland, CO  
 Karl & Inge Lamberg, Eugene, OR  
 Jim & Mary Louise Landfried, Cambridge, MA  
 Shirley Lange, Knoxville, TN  
 Kristine Lapehn, Centennial, CO  
 Allan & Reta Larsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Debra Christensen Larsen, Harlan, IA  
 Esther Larsen, Broomfield, CO  
 Kent & Bev Larsen, Nevada, IA  
 Knud & Paula Larsen, Roseburg, OR  
 Lawrence & Betty Hughes Larsen, Harlan, IA  
 Philip & Florence Larsen, Blair, NE  
 W. Daniel & Yvonne Larsen, San Diego, CA  
 William & Judith Larsen, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Jerry & Carolyn Larson, Saint Paul, MN  
 Natalie Larson, Hobe Sound, FL  
 Nancy Bruington & Kaj Lauridsen, Longmont, CO  
 Paul & Carol Laursen, Crawfordsville, IN  
 Verner & Barbara Laursen, Appleton, WI  
 Verner & Nadine Laursen, Concord, CA  
 William & Antoinette Lawson, Green Bay, WI  
 Arlo & Joann Ledet, Huxley, IA  
 Phyllis Lentz, Aurora, IA  
 Jacquelyn Lewis, Harlan, IA  
 Camilla Leyser, Palm City, FL  
 Carole Liljedahl, Missouri Valley, IA  
 James & Sara Jane Lindberg, Iowa City, IA  
 C. Paul & Marlys Lindholm, Maple Plain, MN  
 Anni Lipper, Del Mar, CA  
 John & JoAnn Luedecke, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Lilian Lykke, Anaheim, CA  
 Maurice Lykke, Fargo, ND  
 Ole Lyngklip, New York, NY  
 Knud Aage Mørch & Jette Mackintosh, Birkerød, Denmark  
 Bill & Dixie Madsen, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Earl Madsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Edgar Madsen, Princeton, NJ  
 Francis Madsen, Holladay, UT  
 Harald Madsen, Tyler, MN  
 Renee Madsen, Omaha, NE  
 Wayne Madsen, Simi Valley, CA  
 Bruce & Linda Magelky, Houston, TX  
 Donald & Shirley Mann, Murrieta, CA  
 Zona Mathison, Moorhead, MN  
 Matthews Marking Products / Holjeron, Pittsburgh, PA  
 James & Nicola Maxwell, Eugene, OR  
 Barbara McConnell, Fort Collins, CO  
 Wayne & Margot McDonnell, Tempe, AZ  
 Frances McGee, San Leandro, CA  
 Craig & Joan McKee, Montezuma, IA  
 Toni McLeod, Fargo, ND  
 Duncan & Kathryn Meldrum, Mertztown, PA  
 Jesper & Hanne Michelsen, Palatine, IL  
 Daniel & Alice Mikel, South St. Paul, MN  
 William & Martha Miller, Bloomington, IL

Keith & Phyllis Millis, Broken Arrow, OK  
 Gordon & Carol Mills, Dubuque, IA  
 Egon & Laina Molbak, Clyde Hill, WA  
 John & Karen Molgaard, Atlantic, IA  
 Alan & Donna Christensen Mores, Harlan, IA  
 Steve & Michelle Mores, Harlan, IA  
 Robert & Glenn Mortenson, Elk Horn, IA  
 Robert & Stella Mosborg, Savoy, IL  
 Frank & Mary Mosdal, Billings, MT  
 Jørn & Bodil Muller, Hillsboro, OR  
 Neva Muller, Dallas, TX  
 K. Joyce Mynster, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE  
 William & Margie Nelsen, Saint Peter, MN  
 Delores Nelson, Atlantic, IA  
 Marvin & Sandra Sue Nelson, Enumclaw, WA  
 Mary Nelson, West Lafayette, IN  
 Timothy Nelson, Madison, WI  
 Andrew & Kathryn Nielsen, Greeley, CO  
 Anne Nielsen, Taastrup, Denmark  
 David & Gail Nielsen, Urbandale, IA  
 Ellen Nielsen, Boone, IA  
 John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, NE  
 Larry Nielsen, Carroll, IA  
 Leif & Diana Nielsen, Chicago, IL  
 Lisa Nielsen, Saint Marys, GA  
 Marlin & Charlotte Nielsen, Des Moines, IA  
 Robert & Arleen Nielsen, Bannockburn, IL  
 Ronald & Patricia Nielsen, Cedarburg, WI  
 Stanley Nielsen, Monona, WI  
 W. Clayton Nielsen, Solvang, CA  
 George & Inge Nord, Reedley, CA  
 Brent & Shirley Norlem, Monticello, MN  
 Susan North, Buffalo, MN  
 Larry & Sherry Northup, Ames, IA  
 John & Janet Norton, Moline, IL  
 Alfred Nyby, Culver, IN  
 Andy & Diana Nyby, Humble, TX  
 Richard & Marie Odgers, Lincoln, NE  
 Eric & Lisa Olesen, Racine, WI  
 Lynne & Karen Olesen, Redwood City, CA  
 Norman Oleson, Cedar Falls, IA  
 James & Susan Olsen, Blair, NE  
 Martha Hildebrandt & Karl Olsen, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Paul Olsen, Alpine, TX  
 Robert Olsen, Carroll, IA  
 William & Beverly Olsen, Rochester, NY  
 Kenneth & Wilma Olson, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Duane & Karolyn Ortgies, Massena, IA  
 Leland & Helen Osborne, Belmont, CA  
 Ann Ostergaard, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Eric & Susan Pallant, Meadville, PA  
 Philip & Nancy Palmer, Grand Rapids, MI  
 Wayne & Nancy Palmquist, New Lenox, IL  
 Clara Pedersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Donna Pedersen, Luck, WI  
 Duane & Anna Pedersen, Ames, NE  
 Kelley Pedersen, Niobrara, NE  
 Mary Ann Pedersen, Fort Dodge, IA  
 Paul Pedersen, St. Charles, IL

Wilma Pedersen, Iowa City, IA  
 Dave & Melinda Pell, Jackson, MN  
 John Pesek, Ames, IA  
 Celius & Rosemary Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Don & Terry Petersen, Whitefish, MT  
 Donald & Alice Petersen, Park Ridge, IL  
 Harry Petersen, Vandalia, OH  
 Lisa Petersen, Owings, MD  
 Lyle & Wava Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Marian Petersen, Solvang, CA  
 Peter & Shirley Petersen, Canyon, TX  
 Priscilla Petersen, Independence, KS  
 Svend & Grethe Petersen, Bloomington, MN  
 Collyn & Phyllis Peterson, Louisburg, KS  
 John Peterson, Fairview Heights, IL  
 Sherry Pettit, Omaha, NE  
 Joanne Potts, Elk Horn, IA  
 Kenneth & Karen Putt, Jr., Red Lion, PA  
 Arvin & Joan Quist, Oak Ridge, TN  
 Douglas Raichle, Lawrenceville, NJ  
 Curt Rasmussen, Adel, IA  
 L. Dale & Helen Rasmussen, Omaha, NE  
 Lars & Bente Rasmussen, Libertyville, IL  
 Astrid Ravenholt, Seattle, WA  
 Harley & Donna Rector, Norfolk, NE  
 Charles & Shirley Reed, Holt, MI  
 David & Marjorie Reerslev, Junction City, OR  
 Bonita Refshauge, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Jay Rich, Omaha, NE  
 William & Rusti Riddle, Colfax, IA  
 Norman & Rita Riis, Boulder, CO  
 Tom & Judy Rine, Omaha, NE  
 Dennis & Linda Robertson, Manchester, IA  
 Thomas & Consul Eva Robinson, Butler, PA  
 Valda Rose, Vallejo, CA  
 Gary & Lynne Rosenkild, Casa Grande, AZ  
 Charles & Eleanor Rosenquist, Pendleton, OR  
 Pamela Ruben, Menomonee Falls, WI  
 Theodore & Jenny Rudberg, Paradise Valley, AZ  
 Terry & Karn Ryken, Chelmsford, MA  
 Kenneth & Carolyn Sand, Prairie du Chien, WI  
 Richard Sand, Kansas City, MO  
 James & Jerrie Savery, Carroll, IA  
 Leroy & Norma Schafersman, Arlington, NE  
 Earl & Connie Schell, Fort Covington, NY  
 Irene Schmidt, Audubon, IA  
 Fredrick & Karen Schneider, Cincinnati, OH  
 Steven & Kathleen Schou, Dickinson, ND  
 Dorothy Schulze, Caledonia, MN  
 Joy Scott, New Fairfield, CT  
 John & Linda Seeley, Willow Springs, MO  
 Samuel & Becky Senti, Story City, IA  
 Bente Shoar, Napa, CA  
 Betty Shults, Sun City, AZ  
 Luther & Deloris Shuping, Moultrie, GA  
 Jim & Pat Simms, Carlisle, PA  
 Jens & Eileen Simonsen, Oakdale, NE  
 Harold & Ann Slaight, Omaha, NE  
 Selma Sloth, Gig Harbor, WA

LaVerne & Joyce Smith, Elk Horn, IA  
 David & Ellen Solevad, Pioneer, CA  
 Chris & Yvonne Sorensen, Wapakoneta, OH  
 Margaret Sorensen, Minneapolis, MN  
 Robert & Nancy Sorensen, Lincoln, NE  
 Paul & Marie Sorensen, DeKalb, IL  
 Rodney & Zola Sornson, La Jolla, CA  
 Martha Staby, Loveland, CO  
 Shirley Stakey, Story City, IA  
 Kenneth & Lois Stangeland, Elmwood Park, IL  
 James & Donna Stenseth, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Søren Stephansen, Gentofte, Denmark  
 David Stickrod, Glenwood, IA  
 Halvor & Laura Strandskov, Osterville, MA  
 Barbara Struckman, West Babylon, NY  
 Barbara Sullivan, Fort Collins, CO  
 Betty Svendsen, Grayslake, IL  
 Pearl Swank, Poplar, MT  
 A. Einar & Arlene Swanson, Las Cruces, NM  
 Barry & Marianne Swanson, Littleton, CO  
 Edna Swihart, Shell Knob, MO  
 Pamela Tanous, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Karen Taylor, Springville, IA  
 Paul Thisted, Evergreen, CO  
 Phillip & Neoma Thomas, Ames, IA  
 Edel Thompson, Ashland, VA  
 Susan Thompson Hill, Carlisle, IA  
 Axel & Lou Ann Thomsen, Ringsted, IA  
 Judith Thomsen, Glendora, CA  
 Carl Thordahl, Rochester, NY  
 James & Bonnie Thordahl, San Clemente, CA  
 Odin Tidemand, Mashpee, MA  
 Tom & Karin Tilman, Anderson, CA  
 Consul Steven Tuchman, Indianapolis, IN  
 Patricia Turner, Brush, CO  
 Austin & Ruth Turney, Lawrence, KS  
 Arlen & Asta Twedt, Ankeny, IA  
 Donald Valade, Allen, TX  
 Larry Valade, Fredericksburg, VA  
 Charlene Villars, Minden, NE  
 William Waghorne, Lapeer, MI  
 Evelyn Walker, Warren, MI  
 Mike & LeAnn Walker, Waverly, IA  
 Alene Weaver, Atlantic, IA  
 Roy & Thelma Wehde, Phoenix, AZ  
 Alan & Judy Wenell, Columbia, MD  
 Birgit Werth, Evanston, IL  
 Martin West, Huntington Beach, CA  
 John & Carol Westwick, Indianapolis, IN  
 Pamela Whitmore, Des Moines, IA  
 Ronald & Margaret Wigington, Columbus, OH  
 Richard & Mildred Wilcox, Cherry Hill, NJ  
 Evan & Maria Kramme Williams, Brooklyn, NY  
 Mike & Kim Williams, Omaha, NE  
 Robert & Jeanette Williams, Springfield, MO  
 Michael & Carol Wilson, Fountain Hills, AZ  
 Sid & Sharon Winchell, Atlantic, IA  
 Carolyn Witttrup, Elk Horn, IA  
 Marilyn Wittrup, Scituate, MA  
 John & Deborah Schou Wood, Oklahoma City, OK  
 Sandra Wunder, Omaha, NE  
 Alvie & Katherine Young, Ames, IA  
 Debra Yurosek, Bakersfield, CA



**Honor Roll of Contributors, continued****BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE**

Audubon Family Chiropractic (Douglas & Nichole Olsen), Audubon, IA  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #1, Omaha, NE  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #144, Dike, IA  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #268, Junction City, OR  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #283, Dagmar, MT  
 Danish Brotherhood Centennial Lodge #348, Eugene, OR  
 Danish Sisterhood Lodge #21, Denver, CO  
 Danish Sisterhood Lodge #176, Aplington, IA  
 Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School, Elk Horn, IA  
 Elk Horn-Kimballton Optimist Club, Elk Horn, IA  
 German American Heritage Center, Davenport, IA  
 Hall Hudson, P.C., Attorneys at Law, Harlan, IA  
 Heartland District of the DBIA, Des Moines, IA  
 Marge's Hair Hut (Kent & Marge Ingerslev), Elk Horn, IA  
 Los Angeles Naver Club, Monrovia, CA  
 Nelsen and Nelsen, Attorneys at Law, Cozad, NE  
 Pacific NW District Lodges D.B.I.A., Eugene, OR  
 Proongily, St. Paul, MN  
 Ringsted Danish American Fellowship, Ringsted, IA  
 Symra Literary Society, Decorah, IA  
 The Danish Home, Chicago, IL  
 The Rasmussen Group, Inc., Des Moines, IA  
 Yah-Whooo Organic Garden (Kurt Rasmussen), Vacaville, CA

**ORDER OF LÆSO****\$50-\$99**

LeRoy & Sharlene Albertsen, Carroll, IA  
 Ann Andersen, Cornelius, NC  
 Arlan & Carol Andersen, Dike, IA  
 Ed & Arlene Andersen, Rochester, MN  
 Keith & Marilyn Andersen, Harlan, IA  
 Kenneth Andersen, Durham, NH  
 Peder & Margaret Andersen, Livermore, CA  
 Roger & Joan Andersen, Ames, IA  
 Tim & Janice Andersen, Audubon, IA  
 Howard & Joan Anderson, Turtle Lake, ND  
 Michael & Kathleen Andreasen, Racine, WI  
 Robert & Else Arnold, Madison, WI  
 Arlie & Ardys Askelson, Indian Hills, CO  
 Muriel Bacon, Harlan, IA  
 Erik & Yelva Baelum, Glenview, IL  
 Joan Barrett, Saint Charles, IL  
 Ann Bartlett, Middleton, WI  
 Lorraine Barton, Omaha, NE  
 Bonnie Bates, Sioux City, IA

Quent & Anna Bates, Orem, UT  
 Robert & Joyce Beasley, Altoona, IA  
 Birgit Beaudette, Columbia, SC  
 John Beck, Spokane, WA  
 John & Virginia Beck, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Arthur & Betty Beckman, Omaha, NE  
 John & Jane Beekman, Muncie, IN  
 Karen Bernard, Janesville, WI  
 Ila Berry, Willoughby, OH  
 Jim & Linda Bertelsen, Arlington Heights, IL  
 David & Susan Blecha, Waterloo, IA  
 Sally Blount, Des Moines, IA  
 Betty Boeck, Harlan, IA  
 Janice Bradley, Fort Gratiot, MI  
 Henry & Patricia Brock, Selma, CA  
 James & Annette Brown, Mishicot, WI  
 Timothy & Lucille Brown, Blair, NE  
 Egon & Deborah Calundann, Olympia, WA  
 Julie Campbell-Ruggaard, Oxford, OH  
 Bill & Judy Campfield, Ankeny, IA  
 Cathy Karr & Jens Carstensen, Monona, WI  
 Paul & Veeann Cartwright, Urbandale, IA  
 Ray & Tove Carver, Lancaster, CA  
 Roger & Carol Casteel, Lincoln, NE  
 Amy Christensen, Billings, MT  
 C. J. Christensen, Madison, WI  
 Clifford & Mary Ann Christensen, Atlantic, IA  
 John & Linda Christensen, Hayes, VA  
 John & Marion Christensen, Panora, IA  
 Donald & Mary Clausen, Orlando, FL  
 Willa Cleary, Arlington, VA  
 John & Judith Clem, Ames, IA  
 Barbara Colbert, Oakton, VA  
 Glenn & Kathy Connor, Ames, IA  
 Dale & Eunice Cox, Swedesburg, IA  
 Myron & Mariann Cram, Corwith, IA  
 Danish American Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, Corinth, TX  
 Danish Brotherhood Lodge #29, Seattle, WA  
 Danish Sisterhood Lodge #15, Muskego, WI  
 Danish Sisterhood Flora Danica Lodge #177, Solvang, CA  
 Denver Danes, Denver area, CO  
 E. Joe & Frances Dieu, Sequim, WA  
 William & Eleanor Dixon, Hapeville, GA  
 Sam & Pia Edgar, Aurora, CO  
 Jonathan & Karen Edwards, Grinnell, IA  
 Tracy Deutmeyer & Matt Edwards, Ankeny, IA  
 Inga Engberg, Lomita, CA  
 Norman Enhorning, Queensbury, NY  
 Johanne Ervin-Gade, Oakdale, CA  
 James Esbeck, Tucson, AZ  
 Nathan & Alison Esbeck, Maplewood, MO  
 Roger & Marian Esbeck, Panora, IA  
 Sonja Esben-Petersen, Bedminster, NJ

David & Susan Toft Everson, Saint Louis, MO  
 John & Janice Faaborg, Columbia, MO  
 Roger & Diana Faaborg, Loveland, CO  
 First Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, WV  
 Cynthia Folin, Hopkins, MN  
 Margaret Foster, Des Moines, IA  
 Darrell & Lenore Frederiksen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Charlotte Gabelhaus, Omaha, NE  
 Geis Perry Jewelry, Atlantic, IA  
 Albert Girtz, Mankato, MN  
 John & Lee Grandin, Darien, IL  
 Senator & Mrs. Charles E. Grassley, Arlington, VA  
 Kenneth & Evelyn Gregersen, Gold Canyon, AZ  
 William & Dorte Griswold, Centerville, MA  
 Richard & Nancy Gross, Greenfield, IA  
 Erling Grumstrup, Solvang, CA  
 Arnold & Doris Gude, Elk Horn, IA  
 Ray & Nellie Faye Hagberg, Spencer, NE  
 Lenore Hageman, Hinton, IA  
 Alfred & Mildred Hansen, Des Moines, IA  
 Charles Hansen, Atlantic, IA  
 Charles Hansen, Sausalito, CA  
 Christian & Jean Hansen, Napoleon, ND  
 David & Val Jean Hansen, Papillion, NE  
 Eldon & Mildred Hansen, Dallas, TX  
 Lyle Hansen, Adair, IA  
 Roland & Peggy Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Shirley Hansen, Edina, MN  
 Thorvald & Johanne Hansen, Des Moines, IA  
 Duane & Carol Hanson, Buffalo, MN  
 Judy Hanson, Lake Crystal, MN  
 Dallas Havick, Harlan, IA  
 Doris Hedgcock, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Timothy & Natalie Heer, Santa Cruz, CA  
 Alan Hanson & Mary Henriksen, Omaha, NE  
 Alicia Henriksen, Chicago, IL  
 Howard & Rhoda Henriksen, Harlan, IA  
 William & Barbara Herman, St Charles, IL  
 Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Donald & Ann Louise Holm, Lincoln, NE  
 Gail & Teresa Holmes, Omaha, NE  
 Ronald & Sally Hoppe, Niles, IL  
 Martha Hutchinson, Tiverton, RI  
 George Jacobs, Columbus, OH  
 Nadine Jacobsen, Kimballton, IA  
 Marie Jaeger, Solvang, CA  
 Scot & Joellen Janssen, Stacyville, IA  
 Suzanne Jebe, Minneapolis, MN  
 Diane Jensen, Saint Paul, MN  
 Erik & Bebsie Jensen, Oak Park, IL  
 Erving & Beverly Jensen, Lake St. Louis, MO  
 Janell Jensen, Des Moines, IA  
 Marianne Jensen, Clinton, IA  
 Richard & Patricia Jensen, Red

Oak, IA  
 Lynda Jeppesen, Oak Park, IL  
 Delores Jespersen, Des Moines, IA  
 Julianne Johnson, Columbus, OH  
 Richard & Terri Johnson, Manning, IA  
 Vernon & Margaret Johnson, Beaverton, OR  
 Sylvia Juhl, Omaha, NE  
 Phyllis Just, Minneapolis, MN  
 Corinne Kellar, Sun City, AZ  
 Donna Kirschenmann, Waverly, IA  
 Torben & Jytte Klarlund, Lawrence, KS  
 Jo Ann Kleber, Northfield, MN  
 Roger & Mary Klopp, LeMars, IA  
 Merlyn & Jeanette Knudsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Sonja Knudsen, Rock Island, IL  
 Shirley Kuhlman, Denver, CO  
 Susan Righi & William Kuhre, New Marshfield, OH  
 Aage Larsen, Hartford, MI  
 Carl & Evelyn Larsen, Albert Lea, MN  
 David & Bernice Larsen, Gretna, NE  
 Inga Larsen, Bremerton, WA  
 Jerol & Jo Ann Larsen, Zearing, IA  
 Wilmer & Inger Larsen, Santa Rosa, CA  
 Nita Larson, Harlan, IA  
 Anna Laursen, North Canton, OH  
 David Laursen, Akron, OH  
 Lea Lautenschlager, Salem, VA  
 Merrill & Lorene Lewis, Bellingham, WA  
 Kenneth & Beverly Lind, Waterloo, IA  
 Larry & Doris Lubbert, Decorah, IA  
 Gene & Inger Lutz, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Donald & Andrea Maddock, Ypsilanti, MI  
 George & Julie Madsen, Omaha, NE  
 Howard & Virginia Madsen, Darwin, MN  
 Carl Marckmann, Prescott, AZ  
 Les & Aveline Marks, Omaha, NE  
 Ronald & Barbara Martin, Morrison, CO  
 Eric Matteson, Rochester, MN  
 Julie McDonald, Davenport, IA  
 S. Catherine McIntire, Golden Valley, MN  
 Dan & Harriett McMahill, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Helen McRoberts, Ames, IA  
 Margaret Metcalf, Houston, TX  
 Ronald & Laurel Molgaard, Elizabethtown, KY  
 Else Mortensen, Bonner Springs, KS  
 Wayne & Emma Mortensen, Scotia, NY  
 Fred & Kirsten Moss, Fredericksburg, TX  
 NE/CO District Danish Sisterhood, Lincoln, NE  
 Douglas & Ingrid Neale, Decatur, GA  
 Lloyd & Leila Mae Nelsen, Kimballton, IA  
 Rendell & Deloris Nelsen, Ankeny, IA  
 Roger Nelson, Kenosha, WI  
 Liane Nichols, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Consul Karen Nielsen, Overland Park, KS  
 James & Dianne Nielsen, Kimballton, IA

## Honor Roll of Contributors, continued

Lynn & Mary Nielsen, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Ray & Margaret Nielsen, Altoona, IA  
 Stacy Norris, Virginia Beach, VA  
 Richard & Margaret Ohrt, Reinbeck, IA  
 Arne & Bodil Olsen, San Juan Capo, CA  
 Dick & Elinor Olsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Donald & Barbara Olsen, Rochester, MN  
 Howard Olsen, Hopkins, MN  
 William & Ruth Olsen, Warren, MI  
 Roger & Dorothy Olson, Blair, NE  
 Willard & Marg Olson, Harlan, IA  
 Norma Opperman, Omaha, NE  
 William & Norma Ottesen, Waterloo, IA  
 Outlook Study Club, Elk Horn area, IA  
 Erling & Henny Overgaard, Tulsa, OK  
 Jeanette Owens, Sturgeon Bay, WI  
 Elmer Petersen, Galesville, WI  
 Ernest Petersen, Lomita, CA  
 Glen & Katherine Petersen, Huxley, IA  
 Helen Petersen, Atlantic, IA  
 Inger Petersen, South Elgin, IL  
 Janis Petersen, Urbandale, IA  
 Mark & Shirlyn Petersen, Kimballton, IA  
 Merle Petersen, Audubon, IA  
 Richard & Beverly Petersen, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Robert & Sandra Petersen, Hollister, CA  
 Buckley & Marilyn Peterson, Ames, IA  
 Charles Philipsen, Asheville, NC  
 William & Mary Phillips, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Roger & Patrice Randeris, Hamlin, IA  
 Berger & Jo Rasmussen, Kenosha, WI  
 Ellen Rasmussen, Newell, IA  
 Gordon & Virginia Rasmussen, Sycamore, IL  
 Wendell & Grace Rehnblom, Des Moines, IA  
 John & Alice Risser, Ashland, OR  
 Everett & Randee Rissler, Arvada, CO  
 Winfred & Deloris Ross, Cherokee Village, AR  
 Esther Rossman, Boone, IA  
 Robert Rubel, Kellogg, IA  
 Roezanne Saxton, Ankeny, IA  
 Dwin & Ellen Schmidt, Rodney, IA  
 Nicolai Schousboe, Evanston, IL  
 Dennis & Jeanne Schwab, Audubon, IA  
 Kelly & Joan Scott, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Preben & Lene Sepstrup, Malling, Denmark  
 Steven & Cynthia Shove, Gig Harbor, WA  
 Frances Simmons, Paradise, CA  
 James & Jane Simon, Ames, IA  
 Robert Simonsen, Topeka, KS  
 Helen Simpkins, Ames, IA  
 Robert & Susan Simpson, Castle Rock, CO  
 Harry & Amy Skallerup, Ormond Beach, FL  
 Yvonne Skouby, Columbia, MO  
 Mark & Barb Smith, Elk Horn, IA  
 Sons of Norway (Solglimt Lodge #10547), Waverly, IA  
 Anna Sorensen, La Vista, NE  
 Kathryn Foyle & Thomas Sorensen, Milan, MI  
 Meredith Sorensen, Fairport, NY  
 Richard Sorensen, Adel, IA

Halvor Sornson, Omaha, NE  
 Neoma Steen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Elsa Steffensen, Hoffman Estates, IL  
 Dorothy Stein, Glen Ellyn, IL  
 Ted & Phyllis Strasser, Omaha, NE  
 Leo & Gayle Stuart, Walnut, IA  
 Anker & Dorothy Studsgaard, Delray Beach, FL  
 Jens & Gertrude Sundsted, Plentywood, MT  
 Ann Svendsen, Tyler, MN  
 Marilyn Swanson, Boulder City, NV  
 Hanne Sweetnam-Boyd, Joliet, IL  
 Charles Sweningsen, Boulder City, NV  
 Larry Syndergaard, Kalamazoo, MI  
 Nancy Thompson, Urbandale, IA  
 Theodore & Mary Thuesen, Hickory, NC  
 Fritz & Janice Tiarks, Harlan, IA  
 Charlotte Travis, San Antonio, TX  
 William & Marion Vierow, Saco, ME  
 Henry & Mardell Walter, Elk Horn, IA  
 Pete & Bonnie West, Denver, CO  
 Henrietta Wheeler, Rochester, MN  
 Gerda Willis, Solvang, CA  
 Elaine Winkler, Plymouth, MN  
 Marjorie Wise, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Nina York, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

## ORDER OF FANO UNDER \$50

Albuquerque Scandinavian Club, Albuquerque, NM  
 Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN  
 Bruce & Wendy Allen, Highlands Ranch, CO  
 David Alt, Yorba Linda, CA  
 Norma Andersen, Atlantic, IA  
 Kenneth & Marilyn Andersen, Center Point, IA  
 Diane Andersen, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Delbert & Ramona Andersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Roger & Jackie Andersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Emmert & Diane Andersen, Harlan, IA  
 Lillian Andersen, Kenosha, WI  
 Sam Andersen, Liberty, MO  
 Rick & Shon Andersen, Marne, IA  
 Margaret Andersen, Omaha, NE  
 Paul Anderson, Napa, CA  
 James & Rose Andrews, Wilkesboro, NC  
 John & Beverly Aper, Klamath Falls, OR  
 Ernest & Helen Arndt, Boulder, CO  
 John & Jill Ashley, Des Moines, IA  
 John & Jean Aulner, Jr., Omaha, NE  
 Jo Avey, Atlantic, IA  
 Meg Bale, Bloomington, MN  
 Bertha Barboro, Arlington Heights, IL  
 Peggy Barbour, Ames, IA  
 Sybille Bartels, Blair, NE  
 Jim & Ann Bates, Land O'Lakes, WI  
 Diane Baum, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Paul & Donna Bebensee, Des Moines, IA  
 Marion Beck, Birmingham, MI  
 Richard & Shirley Beck, Omaha, NE  
 Earl Beelman, Aurora, CO  
 Alice Bekke, Minneapolis, MN  
 Grete Benedict, San Antonio, TX

Helen Bergman, Britt, IA  
 Aleeta Bice, Kimballton, IA  
 David & Tamara Jo Blakeley, Ames, IA  
 Ronald & Kathy Block, Harlan, IA  
 David & Nancy Boettger, Harlan, IA  
 Virginia Bonvicini, Denver, CO  
 DeWitt & Shirley Booth, Mt. Pleasant, IA  
 Helen Bower, Massena, IA  
 Keith & Janice Bowman, Des Moines, IA  
 Allen & Deanna Boysen, Potomac Falls, VA  
 Suanne Brady, Lincolnshire, IL  
 Gunter & Jane Brakner, Bemidji, MN  
 Marilyn Brandt, Cleveland Hts, OH  
 Donald & Lorraine Braun, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Dawn Breining, Des Moines, IA  
 Barbara Breining, West Des Moines, IA  
 W. Dale & Irene Brentnall, Ames, IA  
 Arne & Angel Brinkland, Orange, CA  
 Douglas & Glenda Bro, Claremont, CA  
 Muriel Bro, Montour, IA  
 Patricia Madsen & Marshall Brodsky, Denver, CO  
 James & Cherry Brouwer, Bemidji, MN  
 Michael & Emilie Brown, Arnold, CA  
 Ken & Bernie Brown, Raleigh, NC  
 Paul Brown, St. Louis Park, MN  
 Clair & Marilyn Bruce, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Leo & June Buchan, Florence, AZ  
 Christopher & Lori Burgess, Urbandale, IA  
 Norma Burnham, Marion, IA  
 Neal & Judy Busk, Richfield, UT  
 Kevin & Joni Butts, Earlham, IA  
 Marcia Cameron, Elgin, IL  
 Lyle & Gloria Campbell, Irwin, IA  
 Jack & Christine Canfield, New Brighton, MN  
 Clyde & Mary Jane Canman, Franksville, WI  
 Tim & Kathleen Carlson, Bellevue, WA  
 Paul & Eileen Cash, Ames, NE  
 Christian & Cecily Castenskiold, Rancho Santa Fe, CA  
 Mary Cervine, Badger, IA  
 Rep. Royd & Barbara Chambers, Sheldon, IA  
 Verda Christensen, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Esther Christensen, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Caroline Christensen, Chicago, IL  
 Chris & Christa Christensen, Eugene, OR  
 LaVon & Nancy Christensen, Kirkman, IA  
 Lyle & Dona Christensen, Lennox, SD  
 Nancy Christensen, Madrid, IA  
 Jacqueline Hill & Don Christensen, Minneapolis, MN  
 Gary Christensen, Minnetrista, MN  
 Timothy Christensen, Moline, IL  
 Gerda Christensen, Plentywood, MT  
 Corey Christensen, Portland, OR  
 Cynthia Christensen, Rushford, MN  
 Preben & Claire Christensen, St. Louis, MO  
 Rodger & Brian Christensen, Union, IA  
 Carol Christiansen, West Des Moines, IA

Jack & Veronica Cobb, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Larry & Nancy Cohen, Persia, IA  
 Community Heritage Society, Kimballton, IA  
 Jørgen & Conny Conradsen, Roswell, GA  
 Harold & Janice Cozad, Simi Valley, CA  
 Richard & Phyllis Cram, Austin, TX  
 Ruth Crandall, Manning, IA  
 LaVerna Crooks, Darien, IL  
 Judy Cummings, Atlantic, IA  
 Michael & Tanya Custer, Gretna, NE  
 Linda Czarnecki, Papillion, NE  
 Dorothy Dahl, Albuquerque, NM  
 Lyle & Judy Damgaard, Arvada, CO  
 Paul Danielsen, Waterloo, IA  
 Danish Sisterhood Lodge #90, Lincoln, NE  
 Dan & Laurie Dauber, West Branch, IA  
 Mark & Nadine Dobbe, Ames, IA  
 Forrest & Jane Dockery, Simi Valley, CA  
 Jay & Jeanette Dodge, Salem, SC  
 Georgina Dominguez, Tucson, AZ  
 David & Lynne DonCarlos, Greenfield, IA  
 Bruce Dugstad, San Francisco, CA  
 Anna Duncan, Flandreau, SD  
 Jay & Jean Dunn, Highlands Ranch, CO  
 Carl Edmonds, Vinton, IA  
 Jeff & Sue Edwards, Vinton, IA  
 Kari Ellett, Ames, IA  
 Dean & Verna Esbeck, Atlantic, IA  
 David Esbeck, Des Moines, IA  
 Glenn & Connie Esbeck, Exira, IA  
 Millie Eskov, Elk Horn, IA  
 Larry & Becky Eskov, Harlan, IA  
 Dorothy Eyberg, Arispe, IA  
 Spencer & Lilia Fallgatter, Chandler, AZ  
 Joan Felkner, Iowa City, IA  
 Janet Fenton, Grand Island, NE  
 Richard & Julianne Ferry, Harlan, IA  
 Sigrid Festersen, Omaha, NE  
 Edith Forsch, Olathe, KS  
 Susan Fox, Racine, WI  
 Mary Frahm, Ames, IA  
 Mark & Barb Frederiksen, Peyton, CO  
 George Fricke, Chicago, IL  
 Cynthia Friis, Minnetonka, MN  
 Ruby Frost, Maple Plain, MN  
 Esther Frost, Sun City West, AZ  
 Jerry & Sandra Gallagher, Castle Rock, CO  
 Ole Galsgaard, Houston, TX  
 Stephen & Barbara Gardner, Ottumwa, IA  
 Michael & Kristin Garey, Hovland, MN  
 Lyndell Gibbs, Midland, MI  
 William & Katherine Gibson, Aurora, IA  
 Nora Gibson, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Alice Gibson, Voorheesville, NY  
 Robert & Julie Gilman, Lee's Summit, MO  
 Steve & Ann Godwin, Medford, OR  
 Susan Goodhope, Vernonia, OR  
 Henry & Janet Gray, Ames, IA  
 Jack & Marie Gregersen, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Earl & Virginia Gritton, Madison, WI  
 Neil & Arlene Grover, Staples, MN  
 Lloyd & Joyce Guillien, Racine, WI

**Honor Roll of Contributors, continued**

Sandra Gullstad, San Antonio, TX  
 Donald & Nealna Gylling, Brainerd, MN  
 Lowell & Esther Haahr, Newell, IA  
 John & Hertha Haas, Harlan, IA  
 June Haas, Kimballton, IA  
 Anne M. Haber, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Russell & Beverly Hada, Portland, OR  
 Paul Haigh, Overland Park, KS  
 Keith Hansen, DeLand, FL  
 Lyle & Sondra Hansen, Denver, CO  
 Paul & Joyce Hansen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Eugene Hansen, Exira, IA  
 Marlene Hansen, Harlan, IA  
 Ronald & Wendy Hansen, Holts Summit, MO  
 Marcia Hansen, Indianola, IA  
 Hans Hansen, Milnor, ND  
 Ellen Hansen, Newberg, OR  
 Larry Hansen, Norwalk, CA  
 Joan Hansen, Palo Cedro, CA  
 Marilyn Hansen, Panora, IA  
 Richard Hansen, Racine, WI  
 Lydia Hansen, Rockford, IL  
 Joanne Hansen, Saint Paul, MN  
 Robert & Connie Hansen, Sioux City, IA  
 Lorna Hansen, Solvang, CA  
 Maynard & Marion Hansen, Springfield, MO  
 Donna Hansen, Superior, WI  
 Norm & Lorraine Hanson, Independence, IA  
 James & Birtha Hardin, San Antonio, TX  
 Inga Harrits, Mt. Pleasant, WI  
 Irene Hartley, Osceola, MO  
 William & Beverly Hartranft, Elk Horn, IA  
 Burnell & Patricia Haven, Independence, IA  
 Jim & Ellen Head, Montrose, SD  
 Larry & Kristen Healy, Loveland, CO  
 C. Steven & Lynda Hegg, Holland, MI  
 Ruth Heggen, Wells, MN  
 Ronald & Martha Heitman, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Alan & Deborah Henke, Fitchburg, WI  
 Toby & Beverly Henningsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Harry & Jeannine Henriksen, Mahomet, IL  
 Manuel & Jeri Herrera, Lincoln, NE  
 John Hess, Somerset, CA  
 Steve & Joanie Heuton, Kimballton, IA  
 Katherine Hielt, Ashburn, VA  
 Leland Himan, Ames, IA  
 Harold & Anita Hinners, Humboldt, IA  
 Laurent & Linda Hodges, Ames, IA  
 Ruth Hodges, Topeka, KS  
 Izzy Hoegh, Atlantic, IA  
 Janet Hoegh, Atlantic, IA  
 Kathleen Hoegh, Des Moines, IA  
 Carolee Hopkins, Milwaukee, OR  
 Judith Hopson, Sun City, AZ  
 Curtis Hougen, Blair, NE  
 Ruth Hovden, Minneapolis, MN  
 Christopher & Jeannette Hovermale, Corvallis, OR  
 William & Marlene Hubbard, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Marilyn Hundertmark, Humboldt, IA

Joann Hunt, Lu Verne, IA  
 Jenette Bergstrom & Charles Hunt, Macedonia, IA  
 Michael & Hedy Hustedde, Davenport, IA  
 Barbara Irvin, Omaha, NE  
 Carolyn Jacobson, Racine, WI  
 Frans & Dorothy Jahger, Victoria, TX  
 Hannelore Jasa, Omaha, NE  
 Rudolf & Helen Jensen, Ames, IA  
 Ray & Julie Jensen, Aquilla, TX  
 Doris Jensen, Atlantic, IA  
 Craig & Shannon Jensen, Audubon, IA  
 Jean Jensen, Audubon, IA  
 Vincent & Phyllis Jensen, Audubon, IA  
 Timothy & Sharon Jensen, Blair, NE  
 Daniel & Carolyn Jensen, Columbus, OH  
 Mark & Pamela Jensen, Council Bluffs, IA  
 John Jensen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Bernice Jensen, Eugene, OR  
 Marilyn Jensen, Exira, IA  
 Otto Jensen, Harsens Island, MI  
 Kenneth & Karen Jensen, Junction City, OR  
 John & Marion Jensen, Naperville, IL  
 Gerda Jensen, Phoenix, AZ  
 Genevieve Jensen, Plainview, NE  
 Lee & Pia Jensen, Pleasant Grove, UT  
 Virginia Jensen, Racine, WI  
 Clarice Jeppesen, Eugene, OR  
 Betty Johansen, Algona, IA  
 Richard & Louise Johnson, Ames, IA  
 Marlys Johnson, Bettendorf, IA  
 Fred & Dee Ann Johnson, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Quentin & Marie Johnson, Ceresco, NE  
 Gary Johnson, Colfax, CA  
 Vera Johnson, Eagle Grove, IA  
 Niel Johnson, Independence, MO  
 Harry & Rowena Johnson, Lexington, KY  
 Daniel & Brenda Johnson, Litchfield, MN  
 Ann Johnson, Manson, IA  
 Mary Jane Johnson, Miramar Beach, FL  
 Earl & Lois Johnson, Moorhead, MN  
 Betty & Richard Johnson, Omaha, NE  
 Harry & Jerry Johnson, Pasco, WA  
 David & Karen Johnson, Petaluma, CA  
 Shirley Johnson, Temecula, CA  
 Alice Johnson, Tucson, IA  
 Barry & Ardell Johnson, Watertown, SD  
 Svend Jorgensen, Lodi, WI  
 Timothy Jorgensen, Rockville, MD  
 Jerry & Janet Jorgensen, St. Charles, IA  
 Robert Jorgenson, Englewood, CO  
 Avis Jorgenson, Tucson, AZ  
 Richard & Rita Juhl, Minneapolis, MN  
 Jacqueline Juhl, Waverly, IA  
 Karen Kadgihn, Eau Claire, WI  
 Stuart & Ruth Karr, Omaha, NE  
 Michael & Ann Kassenbrock, Phoenix, AZ  
 Jim & Inga Keldsen, Walnut Creek, CA

Emmett & Anne Keller, Chippewa Falls, WI  
 Lloyd & Donna Kelly, Audubon, IA  
 Gladys Kempe, Tustin, CA  
 Robert & Ruth Kenaley, Le Mars, IA  
 Kelley & Teresa Kennedy, Bloomington, IL  
 Denny & Nancy Kerr, Plano, TX  
 Catherine Kerst, Silver Spring, MD  
 Edith Kilgren, Seattle, WA  
 Mary Lou Kirk, Modesto, CA  
 Andy & Fern Kissel, Elk Horn, IA  
 Bryan & Brenda Kite, Atlantic, IA  
 Frances Kittelmann, Washingtonville, NY  
 Emily Klose, Champaign, IL  
 Roger & Patricia Klotz, Anaheim, CA  
 Michael & Alice Knoop, Minot, ND  
 Jerry & Margaret Knox, Ames, IA  
 Wayne & Jana Knudsen, Emporia, KS  
 Marie Knudsen, Hamilton, OH  
 Esther Knudsen, Spokane, WA  
 Jean Knudson, Kimberling City, MO  
 Chris & Mary Knudstrup, Mason, MI  
 Knud & Anni Koefoed, Drexel Hill, PA  
 Barbara Koester, Ames, IA  
 Phyllis Kosky, Mountain Home, ID  
 Larry & Carol Kragh, Racine, WI  
 William & Joan Kruzan, Huntington, IN  
 Shirley Kuebrich, Urbandale, IA  
 Paul & Beth Kuehl, Hudson, IA  
 Nancy Ann Kurrle Kurrle, Boone, IA  
 George & Tina Landbo, Gilbert, AZ  
 Russell & Joan Lange, Elk Horn, IA  
 Neva Langgaard, Guthrie Center, IA  
 Vernon & Dorothy Larsen, Audubon, IA  
 Sue Larsen, Downers Grove, IL  
 Paul & Beulah Larsen, Fremont, NE  
 Karl & Sonya Larsen, Iowa City, IA  
 Richard & Sonja Larsen, Ottumwa, IA  
 Dean & Barbara Larsen, Overland Park, KS  
 Douglas & Virginia Larsen, Polk City, IA  
 Donald & Meta Larsen, Racine, WI  
 Arthur Larsen, Underwood, IA  
 Jeannette Lauritsen, Columbus, OH  
 Earl Laursen, Gatlinburg, TN  
 Arthur & Cheryl Ann Laursen, Omaha, NE  
 Chris & Margaret Laursen, Sault Ste Marie, MI  
 Robert & Sarah Leander, Spring, TX  
 Daniel & Julia Lee, Chicago, IL  
 Kai & Inger Licht, Canton, OH  
 Richard & Ellen Lindauer, Bellevue, NE  
 Dewey Linden, Elk Horn, IA  
 Fern Lindvall, Atlantic, IA  
 David & Evelyn Linner, Stillwater, MN  
 Dennis & Sharon Littlejohn, Des Moines, IA  
 Harry & JoAnne Lockhart, Woodstock, VA  
 Donna Long, Portland, OR  
 Cleo Loper, Davenport, IA  
 Anthony & Jennifer Lund, Murray, UT  
 Dorothy Lund, Omaha, NE  
 James & Gladys Lundquist, Davenport, IA  
 Robert & Joy Maag, Lincoln, NE  
 Beverly Maas, Atlantic, IA

Jenny Mackenzie, Fargo, ND  
 Robert & Mabel Madsen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Paul & Barbara Madsen, Ottumwa, IA  
 Joseph & Kris Maggiore, Omaha, NE  
 Margaret Magnan, Detroit Lakes, MN  
 Wayne & Eleanor Magnuson, Omaha, NE  
 Main Street Market, Panama, IA  
 Diane Manown, Sheboygon, WI  
 John & Mary Ann Mantey, Racine, WI  
 Debra Marple, Ames, IA  
 Michael Madison & Susan Marquesen, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Gilbert & Ella Marten, Ames, IA  
 Edna Martin, Frederic, WI  
 Nora Martinez, Bothell, WA  
 Charlie & Kathryn Martinson, Ames, IA  
 Richard & Beverly Mathisen, Kimballton, IA  
 Becky Mattingley, Sandy, UT  
 Jeannette May, Richardson, TX  
 Carol McCarthy, Omaha, NE  
 Terri McClure, Omaha, NE  
 Liz McConnell, Valparaiso, IN  
 Martha McCord, Harlan, IA  
 Suzanne McCoy, Spirit Lake, IA  
 Robert & Nancy McCullough, Cedar Falls, IA  
 John & Cynthia McKeen, St. Paul, MN  
 Suzanne Gilbert & Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA  
 Bruce & Kristie Hansen-Mendez, Chicago, IL  
 Lee & Carman Merritt, Lincoln, NE  
 Charlotte Mickelson, Omaha, AR  
 Merlin & Sonya Mikkelsen, Atlantic, IA  
 Terry & Gail Miller, Clarion, IA  
 David Miller, Minneapolis, MN  
 John & Merrilee Miller, Omaha, NE  
 Christine Miller, Racine, WI  
 Ervin Suko & Robin Mills, Atlantic, IA  
 Pamm Minden, St. Cloud, MN  
 George & Deborah Misner, Delhi, NY  
 Carroll & Eileen Mitchell, Johnston, IA  
 Ivy Mitchell, Rochester Hills, MI  
 Kirsten Mitchell, St. Paul, MN  
 Birgitte Molvig, Paradise, CA  
 Kirsten Moore, Omaha, NE  
 David Morehouse, Hopkins, MN  
 Patricia Morgan, Ottumwa, IA  
 Jean Morrissey, Montezuma, IA  
 Olga Morse, Tulsa, OK  
 John & Minna Mortensen, Brook Park, OH  
 Adele Mortensen, Santa Rosa, CA  
 Hope Mosier, Lake Benton, MN  
 Walter & Marilyn Nadler, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Inge Nagata, Littleton, CO  
 Boyd & Patricia Nansel, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Alan Clark & Renee Neff-Clark, Westwood, KS  
 Agnes Nelsen, Storm Lake, IA  
 Beverly Nelson, Atlantic, IA  
 Robert & Frances Nelson, Atlantic, IA  
 Doreen Nelson, Minden, IA  
 Tom & Kate Nelson, Sun City, AZ  
 Larry & Wendy Neppl, Gretna, NE



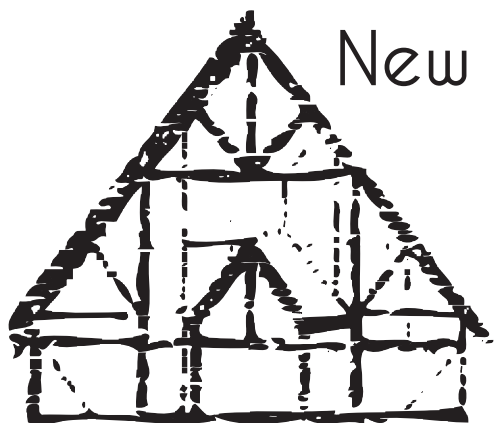
**Honor Roll of Contributors, continued**

Loyd & Marie Neve, Omaha, NE  
 Glenn & Marie Nicholson, Loveland, OH  
 Raymond & Marilyn Nielsen, Algona, IA  
 Simon Nielsen, Ames, IA  
 Donald & Patricia Nielsen, Audubon, IA  
 Marvin & Laurel Nielsen, Audubon, IA  
 Lori Nielsen, Blair, NE  
 Alger & Nancy Nielsen, Cedar Springs, MI  
 Myron Nielsen, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Elmer & Helen Nielsen, Exira, IA  
 Gail & Nancy Nielsen, Fremont, NE  
 John & Barbara Nielsen, Fremont, NE  
 Kathryn Nielsen, Green Bay, WI  
 Margaret Nielsen, Harlan, IA  
 Diane Nielsen, Omaha, NE  
 Edith Nielsen, Omaha, NE  
 Alan & Susan Nielsen, Richfield, MN  
 Frederick & Julie Nielsen-Fuhrmann, Woodbury, MN  
 Kai & Elisabeth Nirell, Katy, TX  
 Terry Nisson, West Jordan, UT  
 Wilmer & Freda Noll, Ida Grove, IA  
 Jeff Nordstrom, Castle Rock, CO  
 Morris Norlem, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Elsie Norman, Seattle, WA  
 John & Janet Nothnagel, Hyde Park, NY  
 Neal & Geraldine Nottleson, Racine, WI  
 John & Barbara O'Connor, Council Bluffs, IA  
 John & Betty Oehlert, Avoca, IA  
 Jeanne Ohms, Omaha, NE  
 Hank & Shari Olesen, Woodstock, IL  
 Wayne Olsen, Atlantic, IA  
 Dorothea Olsen, Clinton, IA  
 Wade & Kathleen Olsen, Eagan, MN  
 Duane & Kim Olsen, Glenwood, IA  
 Donna Olsen, Kimballton, IA  
 Marianne Olson, Des Moines, IA  
 Burt & Iris Olsson, Park Ridge, IL  
 Pamela Orth, Minot, ND  
 Roger & Hannah Ostby, Elk River, MN  
 Erik Østergaard, Roskilde, DENMARK  
 John & Janice Overman, Racine, WI  
 Marianne Owen, Lone Tree, CO  
 Connie Paul, Woodland Park, CO  
 Elaine Bakke & Larry Paulsen, Savage, MN  
 Ivan & Patricia Paulsen, Walker, MN  
 James Paulson, Fremont, NE  
 Steven & Mimi Payne, New London, MN  
 Derek & Maren Peck, Ankeny, IA  
 Ardis Pedersen, Alden, MN  
 Leo & Eleanor Pedersen, Alden, MN  
 Lois Pedersen, Apple Valley, MN  
 Flemming & Bente Pedersen, Junction City, OR  
 Katherine Pedersen, New Richmond, WI  
 Ole Pedersen, Pacific Grove, CA  
 Jens Pedersen, Solvang, CA  
 Loetta Pedersen, Superior, NE  
 Michael & Betty Perry, Ankeny, IA  
 Gerald & Loretta Petersen, Audubon, IA  
 Kenneth Petersen, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Marjorie Petersen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Dale & Muriel Petersen, Exira, IA

Donald & Norma Petersen, Lacey, WA  
 Michelle Petersen, Lake Forest, CA  
 William & Margaret Petersen, Mazeppa, MN  
 Darwin & Wanda Petersen, Tucson, AZ  
 Richard Petersen, West Des Moines, IA  
 Virgil & Marlene Peterson, Coon Rapids, MN  
 Richard & Brenda Peterson, Lincoln, KS  
 Christopher & Mary Ann Peterson, Upland, CA  
 Jeff & Mary Pfundheller, Urbandale, IA  
 John & Janis Pientok, St. Francis, WI  
 Judith Pieper, Camano Island, WA  
 Charles Pluth, Madison, WI  
 Clayton & Janet Porter, Adel, IA  
 Jean Portner, Laramie, WY  
 James Price, South Portland, ME  
 George Prothro, Tulsa, OK  
 Phyllis Quarg, Lakeside, CA  
 Pamela Quinn, Bouton, IA  
 John & Marjorie Quist, Omaha, NE  
 Frederik Qvist, Horbelev, DENMARK  
 James & Bonnie Raasch, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 Bob & Martha Rasmussen, Fairfield, IA  
 Erling & Ruth Rasmussen, Fairfield Bay, AR  
 Lawrence & Doris Rasmussen, Harlan, IA  
 Michael & Suzanne Rasmussen, Kirkman, IA  
 Jorgen & Gerda Rasmussen, San Diego, CA  
 William & Christine Rattenborg, Fort Collins, CO  
 David & Laura Rendahl, Esmond, ND  
 Barbara Rennert, Omaha, NE  
 Mary Riber, Des Moines, IA  
 Russell & Idella Richardson, Ames, IA  
 Sonja Richardson, Laguna Niguel, CA  
 Sally Richter, Atlantic, IA  
 Gregory & Merna Rierison, Casper, WY  
 Chris & Karen Robb, Lenexa, KS  
 Todd & Tonya Robson, Beaverton, OR  
 Eunice Rocca, Cedar Falls, IA  
 Vivian Rock, Linn Grove, IA  
 Joe & Jacci Rodgers, Norman, OK  
 Earl & Constance Rogers, Omaha, NE  
 Richard & Sonja Rollins, Summerfield, FL  
 Werner & Anna Ronne, Salt Lake City, UT  
 William & Ann Roof, Avoca, IA  
 Beth Rosenquist, Omaha, NE  
 Birgitte Ross, Lakewood, CO  
 Sue Rucker, Chicago, IL  
 Donna Ruggles, Roland, IA  
 Esther Sand, Manning, IA  
 Earl & Ruth Sande, Adel, IA  
 Donna Fae Schepers, Ames, IA  
 Ronald & Ardyce Schmidt, Garland, TX  
 Bill & Kaye Schneider, Rochester, MN

Brian & Denise Schoening, Shelby, IA  
 Eldo & Dee Schornhorst, Harlan, IA  
 Darrell & Bertha Schroeter, Exira, IA  
 Francis & Marie Schropp, Ames, IA  
 Lori Schultz, Harlan, IA  
 Sharon Schultze, Alexandria, VA  
 David & Arlene Schulz, Racine, WI  
 John & Connie Scott, Sidney, IA  
 Lorraine Secanky, Racine, WI  
 Vern & Patricia Severson, Clear Lake, IA  
 Carl & Carol Sexton, Junction City, OR  
 L. A. Forest & Winnie Sherman, Grinnell, IA  
 Renee Showalter-Hanson, Minnetonka, MN  
 Gary & Donna Simmer, Des Moines, IA  
 Clara Simonds, Harlan, IA  
 Henrik Simonsen, Ry, DENMARK  
 Ole & Eva Sindberg, Cary, IL  
 Arnold & Helen Skov, Alden, MN  
 Vinette Skow, Hot Springs, SD  
 Doris Skow, Santa Clara, CA  
 Douglas & Wanda Smith, Atlantic, IA  
 Consul Christopher Smith, Macon, GA  
 Edgar & Louella Smith, Moorhead, MN  
 Nancy Zuber & Delmar Smith, Roseville, MN  
 Harald & Carol Ann Sorensen, Albuquerque, NM  
 Roger & Sharon Sorensen, Corning, IA  
 Jorgen & Gerda Sorensen, Eugene, OR  
 Virgil & Charlotte Sorensen, Exira, IA  
 Carl & Gloria Sorensen, Glendale, CA  
 Mark & Tonya Sorensen, Glendale, AZ  
 Paul & Carol Sorensen, Glendale, AZ  
 Margaret Sorensen, Grand Island, NE  
 Richard & Carol Sorensen, Independence, MO  
 Jens & Dorothy Sorensen, Kimballton, IA  
 Martin & Linda Sorensen, Lombard, IL  
 Peter & Mary Jo Sorensen, Mill Valley, CA  
 Erik Sorensen, Monroe, IA  
 Conrad Sorensen, Peoria, AZ  
 Philip Sorensen, Petaluma, CA  
 Arthur & Joan Sorensen, Rohnert Park, CA  
 Robert & Cathy Sorensen, Windsor Heights, IA  
 Wanda Sornson, Elk Horn, IA  
 Peter & Carolyn Spirup, Oregon City, OR  
 John & Martha Squire, Des Moines, IA  
 Mary Staby, Frisco, CO  
 Matthew Schipper & Angela Stanford, Neola, IA  
 Helen Steen, Clinton, IA  
 Alan & Susan Steen, Elk Horn, IA  
 John Steen, Elk Horn, IA  
 Edward & Caryl Steenberg, Circle Pines, MN  
 Ruth Steffensen, Paradise, CA  
 David & Carol Stewart, Des Moines, IA  
 Robert & Jacquelyn Stockwood, Sedalia, MO  
 Beverly Stoneking, Cushing, IA  
 William & Barbara Strauss, Mesa, AZ  
 Betty Suiter, Racine, WI  
 Gene & Carole Svebakken, Three Oaks, MI  
 Marion Svendsen, Cedar Falls, IA

Leonard & Ruth Svinth, Petaluma, CA  
 Martin & Hanne Taekker, Eugene, OR  
 Joan Tange, Cedar Falls, IA  
 George & Ann Taylor, Pioneer, CA  
 Jon & Gloria Tehven, Waverly, IA  
 Robert & Jean Telleen, Ames, IA  
 Donna Thomas, Papillion, NE  
 James & Darlene Thompson, Hereford, AZ  
 Josephine Thorson, Racine, WI  
 Mary Tomsche, Long Grove, IA  
 Michael & Lis Trent, Sun City West, AZ  
 James & Gerd Tuchscherer, Lino Lakes, MN  
 Eric & Tasha Unkenholz, Rapid City, SD  
 Ronald & Suzanne Vallez, San Jacinto, CA  
 Tom & Suzanne Van Bockern, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Jon & Mary (Bro) Van Gerpen, Moscow, ID  
 Katrine Vange Keller, Wilmette, IL  
 David & Bente Vinci, Skokie, IL  
 Jeffrey & Kris Voss Marcks, Waterloo, IA  
 Steffen Waendelin, Birmingham, AL  
 Judith Walden, Des Moines, IA  
 Merle Walling, Polson, MT  
 Robert & Helga Wallner, Duluth, MN  
 Ralph & Darla Walters, Bettendorf, IA  
 Evelyn Ward, Greeley, CO  
 Donald & Peggy Watkins, Omaha, NE  
 Eldon & Jeannie Weber, Ames, IA  
 Wayne & Peggy Wegwart, Lexington, NC  
 Clarice Welchans, Blessing, TX  
 Loretta Wendt, Newton, IA  
 Mark & Amy Werner, Pekin, IL  
 Bruce & Ester Westling, Saint Louis, MO  
 Dick & Joan White, Lincoln, NE  
 Rosalie Wiand, Pulaski, WI  
 Cheryl Wiese, Des Moines, IA  
 Carol Wilcox, Atlantic, IA  
 Carl & Alice Wilhjelm, Pompton Plains, NJ  
 Harold & Ruth Williams, Leavenworth, KS  
 Glenn Williams, Lincoln, NE  
 Marion Williams, Omaha, NE  
 James & Janelle Willis, Aplington, IA  
 J. Roger & Annette Wilson, Harlan, IA  
 Rob & Linda Wilson, Urbandale, IA  
 Jennifer Winters, Elk Horn, IA  
 Gail Andersen & John Witzel, Edina, MN  
 Søren & Sue Wolff, Holland, MI  
 Larry & Peggy Woolard, Bentonville, AR  
 Jennifer Worl, Omaha, NE  
 Michael & Nancy Christensen Wright, San Carlos, CA  
 Eugene & Sherrill Wright, Stillwater, MN  
 Virginia Youse, Hutchinson, KS  
 Benjamin & Veronica Zenti, Johnston, IA  
 Todd & Diane Zygmuntowicz, Troy, MI



*The Museum Shop*

New to the shop for Spring!

*Piet Hein*  
designs

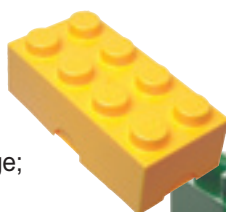


KOBENSTYLE BY DANSK®



Bring out the kid in you –  
for adults and children

Lunch Boxes; Storage;  
Water Bottles!  
Also available in pink.



*Spring Open House. Saturday, April 20*

11 am-4 pm • Serving Refreshments

For information on these and all of our unique gifts visit The Museum Shop  
or online at [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)

**THE DANISH IMMIGRANT MUSEUM**  
**2212 WASHINGTON STREET**  
**ELK HORN IA 51531**

Non-Profit  
US Postage  
PAID  
SP&D

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## ADMISSION & HOURS

### ADMISSION

(Includes Bedstemor's House)  
Current Museum Members:  
FREE with Membership Card  
Non-Members: Adults, \$5  
Children (ages 8-17), \$2

### MUSEUM HOURS:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday, 12:00 noon-5:00 pm

### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**All facilities are closed on New Year's  
Day; Easter Sunday; Thanksgiving;  
Christmas**

*(Local weather conditions may cause  
occasional closures.)*

### FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY CENTER HOURS

May-October:  
Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
November-April:  
Tuesday-Friday,  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

