

ANNUAL REPORT 2008



THE DANISH IMMIGRANT MUSEUM



An International Cultural Center

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Protector

A Letter from the President

Four . . . three . . . two . . . one and Blast Off!!! We can happily and confidently report to “Mission Control” a successful lift off from the launching pad to the second quarter of a century of **our** national museum. The silver anniversary of The Danish Immigrant Museum has been observed! A grand celebratory tent luncheon was held on the museum grounds in Elk Horn in October with many guests and volunteers attending.

The celebration exhibited interest and support in the museum from varied sections of the country. In addition, we were honored to have participation in the event from Danish Ambassador to the United States, Friis Arne Petersen and from Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, son of the current Prime Minister of Denmark. Recognition and congratulatory messages were brought from the Queen and government of Denmark and Governor of the State of Iowa.

There is much for members, volunteers, supporters and staff to savor and relish. The ideas and dreams of years past have come to fruition and, in numerous ways, thrived. Indeed much has been accomplished. Many, many volunteer hours and funding support from caring people throughout many parts of the world have made the dreams a reality. Thanks to all for making this possible. I might also add that if you have not visited the museum recently, make plans to do so both virtually and in person—our museum is getting better and better.

As we now turn the page to the future, we have many positives

which suggest a bright future. A strength that is vital to continuing our successful path is the quality of our staff and the museum leadership – par excellence. We have the right people in the right jobs doing admirable work. Additionally, due to the gifting of a generous supporter, our building structure is now debt free. From an operational perspective, our results to date for the 2007-2008 fiscal year reflects a balanced cash flow with revenue equaling expenses. Simply translated – the museum has no debt.

Representing the Board of Directors, I report to you our museum, The Danish Immigrant Museum is in good health and my prognosis is for a long, healthy life. This, of course, does not mean there aren't significant hurdles in our path as we move forward.

The most obvious hurdle today lies with the national and international economic situation. In many ways, this situation can be described as emphatically frightening. On a personal basis many people describe significant declines in net worth in just the past few months. The current daily economic news does little to bolster confidence in the near term future. This environment, to my knowledge, seems to span all age groups and all sections of the country.

Obviously, negative economic news is very concerning to charitable, non-profit organizations. Your museum leadership, staff and Board of Directors, are concerned about our dependence on gifting from our supporters in these difficult times. We understand the trauma associated with significant reductions in personal wealth. All

(and I include myself) have had this unpleasant experience. Yet the very future of The Danish Immigrant Museum is dependent on continued support

from all of us who have suffered economic loss. Many of you have been our friends and supporters for some or all of our past twenty five years of existence. Without continued charitable giving, the museum's future opportunities are certainly diminished.

During my term on the Board of Directors, the biggest challenge confronting staff and the Board have been ensuring a sufficient monthly, unrestricted cash flow to meet current expenses. This challenge has confronted past leadership, but in the present financial environment, it is especially critical that our expenses not exceed our revenues. Museum management has undertaken steps to minimize expenses while continuing programming of which we can all take pride.

Now we must ask everyone to assist us in ensuring we incur no debt to maintain operations. Debt is not an acceptable alternative as it has longer term negative implications. I believe managing (minimizing) expenses and asking our faithful supporters to continue, as best possible, their past generosity as we move forward in 2009 will see us through the current financially troubling times.



*Marc L. Petersen,
President*

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I can assure you that as we continue into the next months of 2009, development efforts will intensify. In the immediate past months, our very capable Executive Director has been quite active in pursuing financial support. This has resulted in unrestricted operating funds being generated as well as longer term project support and deferred giving. For that we are grateful! Hopefully in the near term we will soon be able to have additional development support to assist, increase and broaden this vital

and needed effort.

A continued focus of our development efforts is growing the Holger Danske Endowment. Despite the turbulence in the markets this past year, in the longer term, I believe, a growing endowment will provide the annual earnings necessary to support museum operations. As you consider your support for the Museum we would ask you consider both near and longer term gifting, if possible.

I do again thank you so much for your past generosity.

Your support has meant that our museum is in an enviable position compared to many of its peers. Let us make sure we continue to keep our enviable position as we forge forward. Your giving has truly created a rare gem that is increasingly being recognized as an important and valuable institution throughout Danish-American and Danish communities. Let's put a strong exclamation point on an already fine accomplishment in these first twenty-five years!!

In closing, I reiterate the message that the health of your national museum is good, BUT ever so dependent on your continued support. We ask for your continued help to ensure the prognosis of a long and good life in the future.

*God bless!
Marc Petersen*



American and Danish interns visit with Henrik Fogh Rasmussen and Danish Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen during the 25th Anniversary Tent Luncheon.



25th Anniversary guests enjoy a Rebild-style tent luncheon.



Board member and fellow keynote speaker Lynette Skow Rasmussen addresses guests at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

A Letter from the Executive Director

Our Twenty-Fifth Year . . . Remarkable, Turbulent, Memorable!



*Dr. John Mark Nielsen,
Executive Director*

2008, The Danish Immigrant Museum's 25th anniversary year has been a remarkable year, exciting, turbulent, memorable. We received recognition from Rebuild National Park Society of Denmark and the United States, as I was invited to be the American main speaker at the annual Fourth of July Festival in Denmark's Rebuild Hills. The ScanDesign Foundation by Inge and Jens Bruun affirmed our work in awarding us a major grant to bring up to four Danish graduate students to serve as interns. And due to the generosity of a donor family we retired the debt on our museum building. What a wonderful achievement in this our 25th year.

We celebrated our 25th year by focusing on immigrant



Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen and others receive their nametags as they enter the tent luncheon.

families who have been in business "across generations" by focusing on the Andersen Windows Corporation of Bayport, Minnesota, the O&H Bakeries of Racine, Wisconsin, and the Bansen Dairies of California and Oregon, and we continued our Danish-American Artist's Series, spotlighting the work of Jens Carstensen. The museum also reached out once again beyond Elk Horn and Kimballton to have a presence at the Petersen House Museum in Tempe, Arizona, and it was a sponsor of the annual Fargo-Moorhead *Hjemkomst* Festival in June and in October we participated in Minot's annual *Høstfest*, billed as America's largest Scandinavian festival.

Our staff found new ways to serve you. Deb Larsen, our membership coordinator and development associate, initiated an e-newsletter that allows us to

keep those of you who choose to subscribe updated on our activities. (You can enroll by contacting Deb at development@danishmuseum.org.) The good work of our collections manager and registrar, Angela Stanford, and the interns who have assisted her is now available on-line to members at the \$100 level or above. These members can search the digital records that describe and depict many of our over 35,000 artifacts.

All this has happened because of an incredible team of individuals who join me in working on your behalf. I am so proud of my dedicated and committed colleagues who strive for quality in all they do. I am also grateful for the devotion and generosity of those who serve on our Board of Directors. Many are in regular contact with and

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Guests join in singing Danish songs during the anniversary luncheon.

From the Executive Director *Continued from page 4*

assist staff members, and they are generous in their giving. All this they do without ANY remuneration for their services or their expenses. Our successes are the result of our wonderful staff and Board of Directors.

This too has been a turbulent year! For the first time we had no earnings from our Holger Danske Endowment. Though we have worked hard to grow this endowment to over \$1.2 million, we saw its value slip to under \$900,000 and of course there were no earnings to support operations. Fortunately, as I described in our last *America Letter*, a donor generously gave us a gift of \$100,000 that allowed us to end our fiscal year with no debt. Despite this, as our condensed financial statement indicates, we increased the value of The Danish Immigrant Museum. This too is remarkable!

The financial future in the near term, however, is uncertain. No one can know when the economy will turn around. Museums are often low on the priority of charitable giving. We



Assortment of Danish Othello Layercake (Othello Lagkage) baked by board member, Benedikte Ehlers Olesen.



Site of 25th anniversary celebration held on Museum grounds.

provide no product other than preservation and celebration of a cultural heritage. This can provide meaning and understanding and enriches life, but certainly we as individuals have more basic needs for which we must first provide.

Despite the financial uncertainty, I believe we need to continue working to achieve our goals, looking for ways to serve you, even as we are prudent in our expenditures. We will push forward but with care. To realize savings, we have furloughed our part-time staff during the winter months, and full-time staff is covering weekends as well. We are moving forward with those projects for which we have received designated funding.

2009 marks the centennial of the Great Dane, Victor Borge. To celebrate his remarkable career, we have partnered with the Borge family and the American-Scandinavian Foundation to create exhibits documenting his life and work. A major exhibit mounted by ASF will be presented at Scandinavia House in New York City from January 24th to May 2nd and then the core of that exhibit will be at The Danish Immigrant Museum until March 2010. Our curator, Erin Harney, working with materials from the Borge family, ASF and Applied Arts and Technology of Des Moines, Iowa, has produced a multi-media traveling exhibit that will be seen throughout the country. Logistics and

transportation have been made possible by the generosity of Leman USA. Among the many activities surrounding this

celebration, we look forward to an inaugural recital on Victor Borge's first piano, which the museum owns and that will be restored after having been damaged during Hurricane Hugo in his winter home in the Virgin Islands.

Less evident will be the completion of redoing our entire air-handling and climate control system. Initiated two years ago, we have received a generous gift from a Minnesota donor, allowing us to complete this project. We can continue with confidence to provide state of the art long-term care of the many artifacts entrusted to our care.

The real challenge in the next year will be meeting the month to month operational expenses necessary to keep The Danish Immigrant Museum open to the public. For this we are dependent on the many individuals, couples, organizations and businesses listed in this annual report. We continue to need your support even as we work to recruit new members, foster new relationships and cultivate new donors. I again invite you after you have met your needs and the needs of your loved ones, to once more consider our museum in your charitable giving.

I believe that the museum has a strong foundation and that our dedicated staff will continue to serve you well. The 2008 annual report underscores what together we all have achieved. It has been a remarkable year! I am confident, despite the economic uncertainties that we will continue to grow throughout the coming year.

*With deep gratitude,
Dr. John Mark Nielsen
Executive Director*

Board of Directors

The 2008-2009 Board of Directors is a special group of twenty-three 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-five 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 2008, the Board held its February meeting in Tempe, Arizona, and its June meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa. In October the annual meeting was held in Elk Horn in conjunction with the Museum's 25th anniversary celebration.

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.

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*Executive
Director
Nielsen
welcomes
guests to the
June board
meeting
luncheon held
at Grand View
University in
Des Moines,
IA.*



Staff *(Current)*

Executive Director

Dr. John Mark Nielsen

Administrative Manager

Terri Johnson

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Angela Stanford

Family History & Genealogy Librarian/Manager

Michele McNabb

Family History & Genealogy & Museum Data Entry Clerk

Wanda Sornson

Development Associate & Membership Coordinator

Debra Christensen Larsen

Museum Shop Manager

Joni Soe-Butts

Bookkeeper/Grounds/Facilities

Jennifer Winters

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Interns

Marianne Sletten Paasch,
Aalborg University, Denmark

*Helle Hovmand-Olsen,
*University of Copenhagen,
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*Yvonne Skov Grønlund,
Roskilde University, Denmark
Hayley Chambers,
*University of North Carolina at
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**Internships funded through a grant from
Scan!Design by Inger and Jens Bruun
Foundation of Seattle*



*Staff members Tim
Fredericksen, Terri Johnson and
Joni Soe-Butts.*



*Discussing Danish Christmas traditions, Nielsen conducts a radio
interview with Danish interns, Yvonne Skov Grønlund and Helle
Hovmand-Olsen.*



*Museum visitors are greeted by front desk volunteer, Millie Eskov and introduced to the newly redesigned
main exhibit, "Across Oceans, Across Time®".*

The Holger Danske Endowment

Founded in 2001, The Holger Danske 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, 2008, was \$852,648.89.



Museum volunteer Annette Andersen discusses her papirklip Christmas designs with a visitor at the Petersen House Museum in Tempe, Arizona.

Finances

Condensed Financial Statements Years Ended August 31, 2008 and 2007

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition – August 31,

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$1,750,402	\$1,846,787
Contributions Receivable (Net)	308,395	260,568
Gift Shop Inventory	63,111	61,376
Property and Equipment (Net)	2,751,448	2,679,137
Other Assets	28,231	10,136
Total Assets.....	<u>\$4,901,587</u>	<u>\$4,858,004</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 22,991	\$ 22,039
Line of Credit	106,960	200,000
Notes & Contracts Payable	10,000	67,491
Total Liabilities	<u>\$139,951</u>	<u>\$289,530</u>
Net Assets	4,761,636	4,568,474
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$4,901,587</u>	<u>\$4,858,004</u>

Condensed Statements of Activities – For Years Ended August 31,

	2008	2007
Support and Revenue		
Contributions and Support	\$999,386	\$983,093
Admissions and Program Fees	19,896	21,360
Gift Shop Revenue (Net)	35,722	33,165
Investment and Other Income	(64,232)	228,569
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$990,772</u>	<u>\$1,266,187</u>
Expenses		
Program Services	\$324,546	\$308,031
Supporting Activities	629,764	611,286
Total Expenses	<u>\$954,310</u>	<u>\$919,317</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$36,462</u>	<u>\$346,870</u>
Net Assets - Beginning of Year - as Restated ...	<u>\$4,725,174</u>	<u>\$4,370,844</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$4,761,636</u>	<u>\$4,717,714</u>

A History of Success

1979 – The concept of establishing a museum devoted to the preservation of the rich traditions and culture brought to America by Danish immigrants and the stories of the Danish-American experience was born at Dana College. The vision was further defined by delegates of Danish descent to a Scandinavian Immigrant Conference meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

1980 – In response to endorsement of the concept by the Dana College Board of Regents, Arnold Bodtke, president of the Danish American Heritage Society, appointed a committee to explore the idea of creating a national museum.

1981-82 – During these years the committee met on several occasions to consider issues and study possible sites for location of a museum that would serve Danish Americans from the entire United States.

1983 – The committee met in Elk Horn, Iowa and, at the urging and support of local residents, chose the Danish villages of Iowa as the site for The Danish Immigrant Museum because of its geographically central location.

In May, the Museum was officially incorporated and the first meeting of the founding Board of Directors was held.

In July, the Elk Horn Lutheran Church donated twenty acres for the site of the Museum.

1984 – The first Annual Meeting of The Danish Immigrant Museum was held in Elk Horn.

1985-87 – The Museum was temporarily located on Main Street, Elk Horn, and, with the hiring of an executive director, accessioning of the collection began.

1988 – A Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at the future site of the Museum.

1990 – Construction of Phase I of the Museum began. The Elk Horn-Kimballton Arts Council presented Bedstemor's Hus to the Museum for its continuing preservation.

1991 – Members celebrated a Rejsegilde (raising the traditional Danish construction wreath).

1993 – 450 persons attended a festive dinner held in the completed Phase I building to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

1994 – The permanent exhibit, Across Oceans, Across Time, was completed in time for the Grand Opening of the Museum in June.

1994-96 – Interior construction of the building continued with the completion of the mezzanine and the installation of an elevator. With the hiring of a full-time curator, regularly changing exhibits were introduced. The Family History and Genealogy Center opened on the mezzanine under the guidance of an all-volunteer staff.

1998-99 – The Visual Storage Area on the lower level was constructed thus allowing visitors to view the vast collection of artifacts which has been accessioned by the Museum.

2000-01 – Recognizing the need to provide for the long-term viability of the Museum, the Board of Directors established the Holger Danske Endowment.



DBIA #341 officers and representatives present a matching gift donation to the Museum's executive director Nielsen, along with several staff, in honor of the centennial of the building of Bedstemor's House.

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2002 – Plans were generated for establishing an off-site location for the Family History and Genealogy Center. A full-time librarian and manager for the proposed facility was hired. Additionally, the Board of Directors approved a plan for expanding the grounds of the Museum into a natural park following the tenets of famed landscaper Jens Jensen.

2003 – The 20th Anniversary of the Museum was celebrated with a year long series of special events that included the grand opening of the new Family History and Genealogy Center in its location on Elk Horn's Main Street during the annual Tivoli Fest in May. In October, the celebration culminated with open houses and a gala dinner.

2004 – Two Danish graduate students are the first interns, as the Museum initiates an internship program with Aalborg University, the Danmark-Amerika Fondet and The American-Scandinavian Foundation. The Museum partners with the National Museum of Denmark and the Nordic Heritage Museum of Seattle, Washington in mounting an exhibit on Danish

folk costumes.

2005 – The Museum celebrates the bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen's birth, hosts the annual meeting of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada and co-sponsors the major conference, "Danish Culture, Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years".

Museum quality lighting is installed in the mezzanine gallery, ultra- violet light filters are placed on all windows, and the Museum's roof is replaced with a new, red tile look.

2006 – The Museum celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Family History and Genealogy Center, initiates a Danish-American artists' series with new exhibits every six months, and unveils a redesigned website. Our first interns from American museum studies programs join the staff. Outreach programming

includes a long-term residency with the University of Iowa's Maia String Quartet and cooperation with the Tempe Historical Museum through its Petersen House Museum. The Museum Shop is remodeled and the exterior of the Museum is enhanced by treating exposed timbers and repainting.

2007 – Working with the Funen Graphic Workshop of Odense, Denmark, the Museum arranges and co-sponsors a tour of contemporary Danish graphic art to Seattle, Solvang, Omaha, Des Moines, Minneapolis and Columbus, Ohio; the year's featured exhibits are: "From Postcards to Instant Messaging: Family and Friends Stay in

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At the April Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Nielsen honors the Museum's first director of development, first executive director and first executive secretary, Dennis Nissen, June Sampson and Barb Smith, respectively.



Museum members and guests enjoy a Sunday afternoon matinee of a popular Danish film.

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Touch” and the works of Danish-American artists Elmer Petersen and Cynthia McKeen; Danish goldsmith Helle Jørvad presents a commissioned piece to the Bruce R. Lauritzen family in gratitude for their support; the Jens Dixen House is officially opened; and the final unfinished area in the Museum is remodeled into a kitchen and conference room.



Construction begins on the redesign and update of the Museum's main exhibit, "Across Oceans, Across Time®".

2008 – The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary and the centennial of the building of Bedstemor's House; the debt on the original building is retired; Executive Director John Mark Nielsen is the main American Speaker at the Rebuild 4th of July celebration in Denmark and the Museum sponsors a summer tour including the Rebuild festivities; *Across Oceans, Across Time®*, the Museum's main exhibit is redesigned and updated to include the stories of migration from World War II to the present and a children's area, featuring a Lego town, play and reading area; the Museum's annual exhibit, *Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations*, celebrates three families that have been in business over many generations: the Andersen family of Andersen Windows, the Olsen family of O&H Bakeries, and the Bansen family of Bansen Dairy Farms; Jens Carstensen is the

featured Danish American artist; through a major grant from the Scan/Design Foundation by Inger and Jens Bruun, the internship programming bringing Danish graduate students to the Museum is formalized and Yvonne Skov Grønlund (Roskilde University Center), Helle Hovmand-Olsen (København University), and Jon Jespersen (Århus University) are the first recipients; both the American and Danish internship program continues with Hayley Chambers and Marianne Paasch; Erin Harney, a former intern, is hired as Curator of Exhibitions; the year culminates with a 25th Anniversary Tent Luncheon featuring Danish Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen, Henrik Fogh Rasmussen (son of the current Danish Prime Minister) and board member, Lynette Skow Rasmussen as speakers; and awarded Iowa's #1 Attraction of the Year.



Students from Exira, Iowa are lead on a Museum tour by Executive Director Nielsen.

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 permanently inscribed on a plaque at the front entrance of the Museum.

During 2008 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of Lamont & Lois Christensen, Egon & Diana Bodtker, The Rasmussen Family and Anonymous.

LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anton & Gunver M. Berg, DeKalb, IL

Harold W. & Lois M. Berg, Ogden, IA

Egon & Diana Bodtker, 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

Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn, IA

Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA

William & Berniece Grewcock, Omaha, NE

Roy J. & Rita Neergaard Hansen*, Kenosha, WI

Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA

*Gunnar Horn**, Omaha, NE

Stanley & Helen Howe, Muscatine, IA

Vern E. Hunter, Fargo, ND

James D. & Margery Iversen, Ames, IA

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Roland & Joan Jensen*, Ankeny, IA

Clyde & Emma* Johnson*, Omaha, NE

John & Audrey Kofod, West Branch, IA

Lowell & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA

Kulturministeriet/Ministry of Culture,

Copenhagen, Denmark

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Bruce R. Lauritzen Family, Omaha, NE

*Richard Ledet**, Des Moines, IA

*Reola Lerager**, Wichita, KS

Lutheran Brotherhood, Minneapolis, MN

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Poul Olesen & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, OR

Erik & Jackie Olsen, Glenbrook, NV

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

Shelby County State Bank, Harlan, IA

Janet M. Thuesen, Sausalito, CA

*Wilber Williamson**, Des Moines, IA

Erik & Lissi Vange*, Palatine, IL

* Deceased

Over the past twenty-five 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 stairwell.

THE HERITAGE BUILDERS

Anne Bansen*, Ferndale, CA

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Raymond* & Irene Nissen*, Cedar Falls, IA

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Folmer & Vera Nyby, Michigan City, IN

Caroline Olsen*, Minneapolis, MN

Olga S. Olsen*, Watertown, SD

Archie Petersen*, Harlan, IA

John I. Petersen*, Waterloo, IA

Lois Petersen*, Atlantic, IA

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Ava Simonsen*, Audubon, IA

Bodil Sorensen*, Kirkland, WA

Harold L. Sorensen*, Exira, IA

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*Deceased

BEQUESTS

The Danish Immigrant Museum is especially grateful for gifts received from the following estates, trusts and annuities in 2008:

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Exhibits

January 2009

Dear Museum Contributors,
The New Year has arrived much more quickly than it seems should be possible, as it does every January. It is again time to both look back at what we have accomplished and to look forward to great possibilities over the coming months.

The year 2008 was the 25th anniversary of the Museum. During this year, the Collections Department was offered 75 different artifact gift lots which contained a total of almost 2050 individual pieces. Of those, we accepted for our collection just over 530 pieces, and many more were accepted by the Family History and Genealogy Center. Most of the artifacts accepted here at the Museum have been fully processed. A handful of others are still open and will be finished within the next few months.

Aside from a very active donation year, 2008 also saw the beginning of an inventory of Bedstemor's House, something that has been long needed and never completed in as thorough a manner as we are conducting it. The inventory of the collection here at the Museum has also moved forward, most notably with our book collection. On top of all this (and more!), the

display units in the hallway of the Lower Level have now been filled with smaller artifacts that were previously unable to be clearly viewed due to their small sizes. Many of our projects in the Collections department would be impossible if it were not for the diligence and hard work of our wonderful volunteers.

WHAT A YEAR!

Over the next several months, we will be continuing to work on the inventory project both here at the Museum and at Bedstemor's House. Gifts will, of course, continue to be offered and those that are accepted will be processed as quickly as possible by staff and interns. Later this year we will welcome our fifth Collections Intern and our first Collections Inventory Intern, both of which

are great opportunities not only for the Museum, but also for the students who we accept for those positions.

If you are thinking of making a donation to our collection, contact me about what steps need to be taken before the piece arrives at the Museum. Perhaps you are thinking of getting involved with our Collections Department by volunteering—we would love to have you! Call me to talk about opportunities and how to get started.

Thank you to all of our donors and supporters from 2008. It was a great anniversary year, and we look forward to many more!

*Kind Regards,
Angela Stanford
Curator of Collections/Registrar
registrar@danishmuseum.org*



Volunteers Karma Sorensen, Karolyn Ortgies and Annette Andersen arrange lacework for display.



Mezzanine Gallery exhibit, October 1943: Rescue of the Danish Jews, held from March 11th through June 20th, 2008.

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During the course of 2008, visitors to the Museum viewed the following exhibitions:

From Postcards to Instant Messaging: Family and Friends Stay in Touch
(March 30, 2007 - February 25, 2008)

The Work of Helle Jørvad, Danish Goldsmith and Designer (May 24, 2007 - June 1, 2008)

Kaleidoscopic Colors of Scandinavia - Artwork by Edward Matwijkiw
(June 15, 2007 - June 6, 2008)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Cynthia McKeen (July 29, 2007 - January 2, 2008)

Whimsical Cuttings by Annette Andersen (July 29, 2007 - January 2, 2008)

Carl Rohl-Smith: An Artist at Work
(January 17, 2008 - November 3, 2008)

Across Oceans: Our Maritime Collection (January 17, 2008 - July 7th, 2008)

October 1943: Rescue of the Danish Jews (March 11, 2008 - June 20, 2008)

Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations (July 13, 2008 - May 15, 2009)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Jens Carstensen (July 27, 2008 - January 2, 2009)

Outreach Programming

Through traveling exhibits and presentations, the Museum brings its programming to members and visitors around the country.

The following exhibitions were prepared at the Museum, but were on view in an external location:
Prints of Hans Christian Andersen Tempe Center for the Arts; Tempe, AZ (January 21, 2008 - May 9, 2008)

Fitness, Form and Rhythm in Motion: The Danish Gymnastic Tradition in the United States: Hjemkomst Center; Moorhead, MN (June 1, 2008 - August 4, 2008)



Curator of Exhibitions Erin Harney and Curator of Collections/Registrar Angela Stanford de-install exhibit, Carl Rohl-Smith: An Artist at Work.

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Family History and Genealogy Center

The following individuals and groups donated books and other materials or made monetary contributions to the Family History & Genealogy Center in 2008. Their assistance in expanding our Library and enhancing our ability to collect and preserve information on and research Danish American families and communities is greatly appreciated. *Mange tak!*

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Pat MacDougal Kolb, Falcon, CO
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Kurt & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL
Lester R. Lauritzen, Centerville, SD
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John V. Masengarb, West St. Paul, MN
Suzanne Gilbert & Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA

Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA
William Miller, Bloomington, IL
Egon & Laina Molbak, Clyde Hill, WA
Kenneth A. Mumm Estate, Marion, IA
Pamela Myers, Chanhassen, MN
Shirley Ann Nelson, Elk Horn, IA
Flemming Nielsen, Ishøj, Denmark
Larry R. & Esta N. Nielsen, Carroll, IA
Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL
Arne H. Olsen, San Juan Capistrano, CA
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Rita C. Pittman, Albuquerque, NM
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Beth Rosenquist, Omaha, NE
Pamela H. Ruben, Menominee Falls, WI
Joyce R. Russo, Watertown, MN
Kenneth & Carolyn Sand, Prairie du Chien, WI
Linda Seeley, Willow Springs, MO
Douglas & Linda Small, Reading, MI
Charlotte Sorensen, Exira, IA
Joyce E. Sorensen, Cheyenne, WY
Mary Ann Spooner, Lake Bluff, IL
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These volunteers of the Family History & Genealogy Center attend the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.



FHGC volunteers, Charlotte Sorensen and Gayle Stuart, assist Family History & Genealogy Librarian/Manager Michele McNabb.



Danish intern, Marianne Sletten Paasch performs research and translations at FHGC.

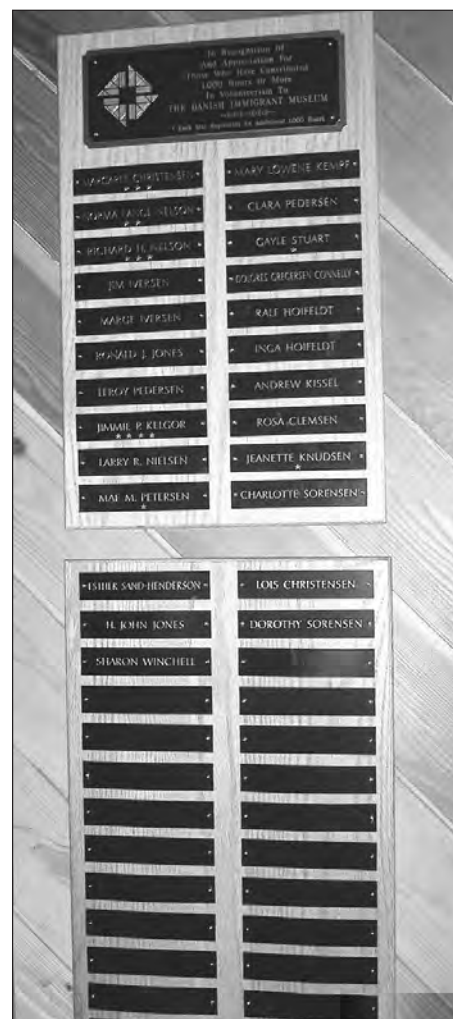
Volunteers

As early as 1993 we began keeping track of the number of hours our many volunteers were giving to the Museum. Each year, the hours are tallied and awards are given for the various benchmarks. To celebrate our volunteers, a Spring Banquet is held each year in April, which is designated as "National Volunteer Month." When a volunteer reaches 1,000 hours, their name is put on the Volunteer Recognition Plaque found just inside the entry of the Museum. For each additional 1,000 hours, a star is placed next to the name. Following is the list of names that appear on the plaque:

Lois Christensen
Margaret Christensen * * *
Rosa Clemson
Dolores Gregersen Connelly
Inga Hoifeldt
Ralf Hoifeldt
Jim Iversen
Marge Iversen
H. John Jones
Ronald J. Jones
Jimmie P. Kelgor * * * *
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Jeanette Knudsen *
Norma Lange Nelson **
Richard H. Nelson ***
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Mae M. Petersen *
Esther Sand-Henderson
Charlotte Sorensen
Dorothy Sorensen
Gayle Stuart *
Sharon Winchell

To all of the very devoted volunteers of the Museum, whether your name is on the plaque or not, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all of the time and talent you give. We value your importance as a volunteer, and even more so in these times of economic uncertainty. So from all of us on the staff and board of directors, tusind tak!



Museum volunteers assist the Development Department by "stuffing" envelopes for the 25th anniversary appeal.

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 today part of the growing repository connected with the Family History and Genealogy Center. Listed below are the names of the immigrants placed on the Museum's Wall of Honor in the year 2008.



Museum members Stewart & LeNore Hansen, along with family members, enjoy coffee and kringler at the Museum during their family reunion.



During a SOAR program, onlookers watch as students from Elk Horn-Kimballton and Exira, along with Membership Coordinator/ Development Associate Debra Christensen Larsen prepare to release a rehabilitated red tail hawk.

Henny Edith Andersen, *Ludington, MI*
 Oscar Christian Julius Andersen, *Ludington, MI*
 Elsie Nielsen Anderson, *Deer River, MN*
 Hans Peter Anderson, *Deer River, MN*
 Catharine Marie Valborg Gadeberg Birk, *Anita, IA*
 Christian Birk, *Anita, IA*
 Peder Rasmus Godfredsen & Johanne Marie Godfredsen, *Dagmar, MT*
 Aage T. Hansen, *Waupaca, WI*
 Martin Christian Hansen, *Omaha, NE*
 Soren & Marie Catherine Friis Hansen, *Fredsville, IA*
 Dagmar K. Jacobsen, *Racine, WI*
 Frans Johan (Jæhger) Jahger, *Roswell, GA*
 Kristen Kjeldsen Jensen, *Audubon, IA*
 Kristoffer "Stoffer" Jensen, *Omaha, NE*
 Gertie Laursen Johnson Jordahl, *Moorhead, IA*
 Johanne Theresia Bech Andersen Knudsen, *Ludington, MI*
 Paul "Pat" Mathias Knudstrup, *Manistee, MI*
 Niels Christian Sorensen Lund, *Alta, IA*
 Kristen (Chris Miller) Möller & Elsie Larsen Hunsjær Miller, *Kansas City, KS*
 Anker Herman Nielsen & Johanne K. Ankersen Nielsen, *Chicago, IL*
 Emilie M.H. Schneider Jensen Nielsen, *Omaha, NE*
 Marius Kristian Paul "Chris" Nielsen, *Omaha, NE*
 Christian Petersen, *Exira, IA*
 Rigmor Erna Nussle Petersen, *Chicago, IL*
 Ella Ingeborg Chrillesen Peterson
 Kristian Poulsen, *Sierra Madre, CA*
 Erik Bjørn Rasmussen, *Chicago, IL*
 Kaj Egon Roge, *Chicago, IL*
 Jorgen Schmidt, *Chicago, IL*
 Alfred Laurits Sorensen, *Kansas City, MO*
 Christopher Sorensen & Augusta Jean Sorensen, *Portland, OR*
 Soren Andreas Sorensen & Sine Sorensen Jakobsen Sorensen, *Northfield, MN*
 Andrew Peter (Pedersen) Vithen, *Poplar, IA*

Memorials

The Museum is the grateful recipient of memorials gifts honoring deceased friends and relatives:

Opal M. Jensen
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 Greda Knudsen Koenig
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 Caryl Heilesen West



Treasured artifacts stored in climate controlled conditions can be viewed through the walls of glass in Visual Storage in the Lower Level.

In Honor

The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2008 the following people were honored:

60th wedding anniversary
 Stewart & LeNore Hansen

Marriage of
 Lois & Barry Eldal

In appreciation of help at FHGC by
 Wanda Sornson

In Honor of
 Folmer & Vera Nyby
 Kai & Starr Nyby
 Frank & Osa Nyby Burnett



Executive Director Nielsen accepts a grant from Dennis Nissen, Iowa Program Officer, Shelby County Endowment Fund.

Special Appeal and Project Memorials

During the course of each year, The Danish Immigrant Museum invites its supporters, through special appeals and projects, to make contributions in remembrance of exceptional people. Following are memorials or gifts in honor of received from January 1, 2008 through the end of the year.

2007 END OF YEAR APPEAL

Knud & Paula Larsen, Roseburg, OR *In honor of Benedikte Ehlers Olesen*
 Suzanne Gilbert & Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA *In memory of Elsie Rasmussen McNabb and Patricia Ann McNabb*
 Olga Morse, Tulsa, OK *In memory of Virgil Morse*
 K. Joyce Mynster, Council Bluffs, IA *In honor of Alvina Hjortsvang's birthday*
 Marie Nielsen, Solvang, CA *In memory of Johannes Jaeger and Viggo Tarnow*
 Loetta Pedersen, Superior, NE *In memory of Kenneth Pedersen*
 Margaret Pedersen, Minneapolis, MN *In memory of Conrad Pedersen and John Hanson*

25TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

Ellen Andersen, Oak Park, IL *In memory of Olga & Axel Andersen*
 T.R. Andersen, Audubon, IA *In memory of Jens C. Andersen and In honor of Kris N. Kristensen*
 Mary Beckman, Waupaca, WI *In memory of Jacob & Kariene Ludvigsen*
 Inez Benjes, Craig, NE *In memory of Niels W. & Ingrid H. Jorgensen*
 Richard Bonnesen, Aurelia, IA *In memory of Mrs. Deanna F. Bonnesen*
 Brian Bro, Sugar Land, TX *In memory of Laura & Niels Bro*
 H. Donald & Margie Brown, Seal Beach, CA *In memory of Soren C. Pedersen Family & Niels Nielsen Family*
 Borge & Lotte Christensen, Rochester, MN *In memory of Erik Sparre Petersen*
 Don & Annegrethe Christensen, Tucson, AZ *In memory of Alma & Niels Pilgaard of Denmark*
 Lamont & Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA *In memory of Thomas Christensen*
 Anita Clark, DeLand, FL *In memory of Albert H.L. Eve*
 Edmund Clausen, Oakland, CA *In memory of Arthur B. & Neelna Clausen*
 Nancy Darst, Omaha, NE *In honor of Johanna & Jens Peter Jensen*
 Leif & Sine Duus, Minneapolis, MN *In honor of the Great Museum Staff - Mange Tak!*
 David Garrison, Bellevue, NE *In memory of Debbie A. Garrison*
 Ray & Nellie Faye Hagberg, Spencer, NE *In*

memory of my grandparents, Svend Larsen & Karen Nellstine Hansen and In honor of Ray & Nellie Faye Hagberg's 52nd Wedding Anniversary
 Edward & Shirley Hansen, Edina, MN *In honor of the 25th Anniversary of The Danish Immigrant Museum*
 Frances Hansen, Spencer, IA *In memory of Louie O. Hansen*
 Milena Hansen, Fayetteville, NY *In memory of my husband, Per Brinch Hansen*
 Harlan Newspapers, Harlan, IA *In memory of Leo & Irene Mores*
 Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, IA *In memory of maternal grandmother, Alvina Rasmussen Bondo*
 Donald Hoepfner, Duluth, GA *In memory of Hanne Friberg Hoepfner*
 Ronald & Sally Hoppe, Sr., Niles, IL *In memory of Valdemar E. Hoppe*
 James Horton, Scottsdale, AZ *In memory of Lars Christian Larsen & Marie Pedersen Larsen*
 Ruth Hovden, Robbinsdale, MN *In memory of my mother, Emma Hansen Swendiman*
 William & Connie Jacobsen, Ralston, NE *In memory of Chris William Jacobsen*
 Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA *In memory of Loved Ones*
 Otto & Pat Jensen, Woodburn, OR *In memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Emil Jensen*
 Carole Petersen Johnson, Mesa, AZ *In memory of Sven Petersen Family & Neils Westergaard Family*
 Oscar & Dody Johnson, Iowa City, IA *In memory of Deppe & Anna Jensen and 4 children who came to Albert Lea, MN from Denmark in May, 1910.*
 Beverly Petersen Johnston, Mesa, AZ *In memory of Sven Petersen Family & Neils Westergaard Family*
 Harris & Carol Jorgensen, Dike, IA *In memory of Jan & Tom Christensen and Byron Johnson*
 William & Eva Kehoe, Granite Springs, NY *In memory of Alf & Henrietta Scott (Schuder Petersen)*
 Mary Lou Kirk, Modesto, CA *In memory of Peter & Karen Petersen*
 Howard & Anna Klitgaard, Milwaukee, WI *In memory of Andrew Klitgaard*
 Kurt & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL *In honor of Joy & Kurt Larsen's 50th Wedding Anniversary*
 Knud Aage Morch & Jette Mackintosh, Birkerød, Denmark *In memory of Tom Flynn*
 Charles & Carol Martin, Pelican Rapids, MN *In memory of William B. Larsen*
 Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA *In memory of Elsie Rasmussen McNabb*
 Robert & Patti Meerschaert, Franklin, WI *In memory of Grace Petersen Gertz*
 Ivy Mitchell, Rochester Hills, MI *In memory of Ivy Else (Fugl) Brenton*
 Mary Nelson, West Lafayette, IN *In memory of Larry Nelson*
 Andy Nyby, Humble, TX *In honor of Folmer & Vera Nyby*
 Philip & Nancy Palmer, Grand Rapids, MI *In memory of "Tina" Nielsen/Nelson*
 Martin Pedersen, Bennington, NE *In memory of my mother Dagmar Ane (Jacobsen) Pedersen and grandmother Ane Jensen Jacobsen*
 Merle & Norma Petersen, Audubon, IA *In*

memory of James G. & Clara Peterson
 Sherry Pettit, Omaha, NE *In memory of my husband, Scott Pettit*
 Charles Philipson, Asheville, NC *In memory of Charles Andrew Philipson*
 Jeanette Ragner, Milwaukee, WI *In memory of Maren Kirsten Nielsen Feld*
 Berger & Jo Pearl Rasmussen, Kenosha, WI *In memory of Camilla & Holm Rasmussen*
 Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA *In memory of Delbert Rasmussen*
 Susann Rogberg-Lavars, Corralitos, CA *In memory of Gerda Sundberg*
 Gary & Lynne Rosenkild, Casa Grande, AZ *In memory of Andrew & Rosa Rosenkild*
 Joy Scott, New Fairfield, CT *In memory of Kaja & Mads Peder Madsen*
 Martha Staby, Loveland, CO *In memory of Andrew P. Staby*
 Helen Steen, Clinton, IA *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anton Olsen*
 Donald & Joan Stewart, Los Angeles, CA *In memory of Carla A. Gear*
 Robert Storms, Omaha, NE *In memory of Marilyn Stolley Storms*
 Charles & Jean Sweningsen, Boulder City, NV *In memory of Per A. Arenskov*
 Karen Taylor, Springville, IA *In memory of Emma Morsing Safley*
 Ruth Thogerson, Huxley, IA *In memory of Mads & Anna Wolff*
 Judith Thomsen, La Crescenta, CA *In memory of Majorie "Meem" Price*
 Tom & Phyllis Tucker, Corydon, IN *In memory of Kathryn Knudsen Littlejohn*
 Leona C. Vaughan, Yuma, AZ *In memory of Norman C. Bansen*
 Evelyn Walker, Warren, MI *In memory of Ole & Marie Olsen*
 Wayne & Peggy Wegwart, Lexington, NC *In memory of Norma Valborg Jensen Wegwart & my parents, Johannes & Ane Jens*
 Norman Westergaard, Sloan, IA *In memory of my dad, Walter Westergaard 1924-1965*
 Thomas Williamsen, Littleton, CO *In memory of Wilbur J. Williamson*

2008 END OF YEAR APPEAL

Andrew & Kelli Alldredge, Overland Park, KS *In memory of Hans Christian Rasmussen*
 Steve & Jean Beisler, Iowa City, IA *In memory of Harold & Lenora Madsen and In honor of the Danish Student Internships*
 Inez Benjes, Craig, NE *In memory of Niels W. & Ingrid H. Jorgensen*
 Guy Boye, Oklahoma City, OK *In memory of Charles E. R. Boye*
 Louis & Elaine Bredesky, Des Moines, IA *In memory of Edna Lauritsen*
 Reinhard & Pamela Danger, Washington, DC *In memory of Helene Jorgensen Danger*
 William & Marilyn Gift, Des Moines, IA *In memory of Harold & Esther Andersen*
 Elinor Greenfield, Omaha, NE *In memory of Einar & Mary Nielsen*
 Carl Hansen, Tequesta, FL *In memory of Jane A. Hansen*
 Dorothy Hansen, Naples, FL *In memory of my husband, Westi Hansen*

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Frances Hansen, Spencer, IA *In memory of Louie O. Hansen*
 Wayne & Anna Haverland, Walcott, ND *In memory of min Mor-Paula Jakobsen*
 Pauline Honan, Big Flats, NY *In memory of Carl Ingward Jessen*
 Ken Jacobsen, Seattle, WA *In honor of Senator Harriet Albertsen Spanel*
 Otto & Pat Jensen, Woodburn, OR *In memory of Ellen & Imel Jensen*
 William & Joan Kelso, The Villages, FL *In memory of Evelyn Kjestine Faaborg Jessen Kelso*
 Thelma Kerkman, Maquoketa, IA *In memory of my mother, Manuella Werner, and her mother Olga Petersen*
 Garey & Sherry Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN *In memory of Clinton & Lyria Jensen and Chris J. & Gladys Knudsen*
 Ione Kreamer, Kenosha, WI *In memory of my grandfather, Gustav Mikkelsen*
 Arthur Laursen, Omaha, NE *In memory of Dorothea J. Laursen*
 Betty Light, Fall Creek, OR *In memory of Lars Peter Jensen*
 Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, IA *In memory of Eivind Lillehoj*

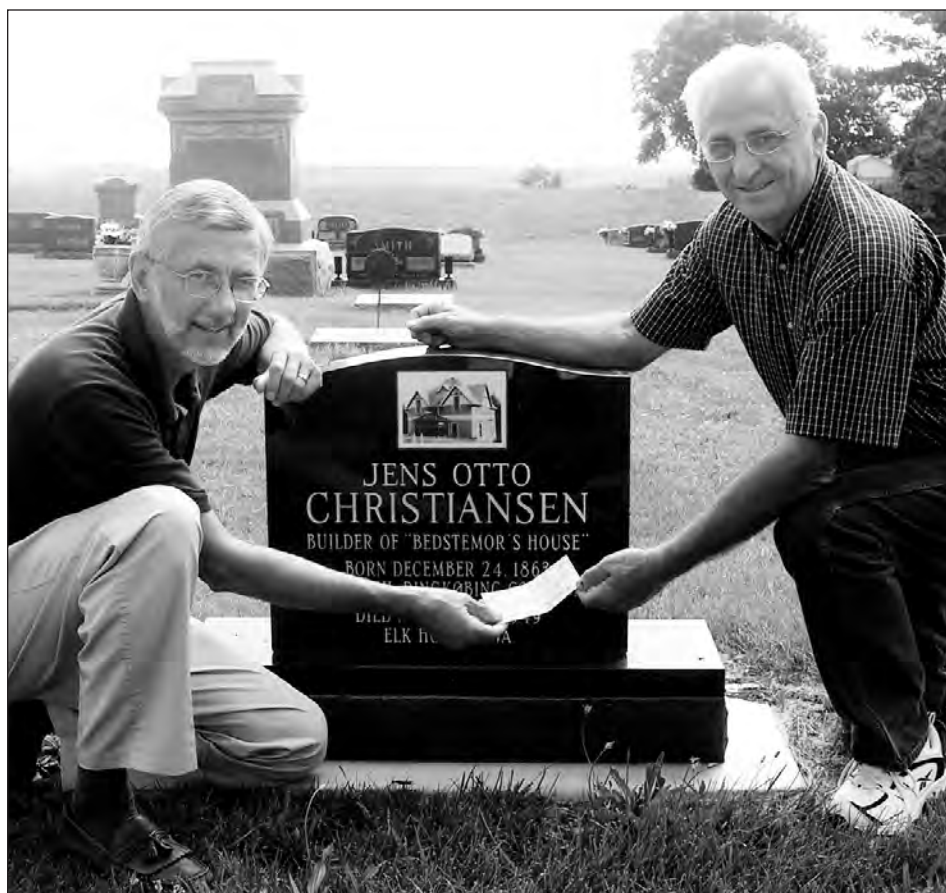
David & Jean Lowe, Long Beach, CA *In memory of George Clausen*
 Elvira McCarty, Great Falls, MT *In memory of Viggo Johansen*
 Gladys McCrory, Atlantic, IA *In memory of Jens & Anna Holland*
 Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA *In honor of Brian McNabb*
 Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA *In honor of Joy Ibsen*
 Elsie Norman, Seattle, WA *In memory of George Norman*
 Frank & Osa Nyby Burnett, Michigan City, IN *In honor of the Nyby Family*
 Harlan & Anne Pedersen, Orcas, WA *In memory of Jens Aage Jensen & Magni Jensen*
 Ulrik Petersen, Murrysville, PA *In memory of Flo Ann Petersen*
 Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA *In memory of Delbert Rasmussen*
 Kent Rasmussen, Grinnell, IA *In memory of Lela Mae Rasmussen*
 Paul & Sharlene Roge, Northbrook, IL *In memory of Kaj & Astrid Roge*

Marie Ross, Council Bluffs, IA *In memory of John C. Ross*
 Irene Schmidt, Audubon, IA *In memory of Victor Schmidt*
 Barbara Struckman, West Babylon, NY *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilhelm and Karen Struckman*

FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY CENTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Carolyn Harvey, Battle Creek, MI *In memory of Anna Christine Larsen*
 Philip & Alma Heath, Cedar Falls, IA *In memory of Kenneth A. Mumm*
 Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt, Urbandale, IA *In memory of Jonathan Hoifeldt*
 Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL *In honor and appreciation of Dennis Andersen's work and support at FHGC*
 John L. & Janis Pientok, St. Francis, WI *In memory of Mildred Hoegh Frederick*

The Danish Immigrant Museum shares the legacy and continuing influence of Danish culture as realized in the experiences and contributions of Danish immigrants, their descendents and Danes living in America.



In celebration of the centennial of Bedstemor's House, Executive Director Nielsen accepts a donation from the Tivoli Fest Committee, represented by Dr. Jerry Schrader, to help fund the establishment of a headstone for Jens Otto Christiansen, builder of Bedstemor's House.

Izzy Hoegh (left) delivers cookies for Tivoli Fest donated by the Atlantic Friends of the Museum.

Gift Memberships

Throughout 2008 The Danish Immigrant Museum awarded complimentary memberships or received contributions directed towards gift memberships for the following businesses/individuals:

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Willis & Dolores Armbrust, Omaha, NE
Pamela Boespflug, Havre, MT
Freja Børsting, Copenhagen, Denmark

Lisa Botkin, Omaha, NE
Sara Brown Hildebrand, Neenah, WI
Daniel Brown, Neenah, WI
Robert & Susan Brown, Neenah, WI
Steve & Dana Brown, Elk Horn, IA
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Rollin Buck, Brainerd, MN
Nadine Marquesen Campbell, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
Thomas Chittick, Portland, ME
Christopher Clemmensen, Evanston, IL
Jay & Anita Coon, Lakeside, IA
Tom & Susan Dean, West Branch, IA

John Domingo, Williamsburg, VA
Alan & Virginia Dressler, Fredericktown, MO
Eric & Nancy Ernst, Alexandria, VA
Betty Esbeck, Atlantic, IA
Dane & Jenny Esbeck, Tipton, IA
Eldon & Myrna Esbeck, Gallatin, MO
Glenn & Connie Esbeck, Exira, IA
Jon & Diane Esbeck, Brayton, IA
Keith Esbeck, Atlantic, IA
Lyle & Jessie Esbeck, Atlantic, IA
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