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. Vikingeskolen, 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
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, 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 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 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...
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- 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)

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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 “Humlebyen” (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.

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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 Vikingeskolen. 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”). Vikingeskolen had become 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 Vikingeskolen 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
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 Vikingeskolen
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 Vikingeskolen is located. Since
a charter school is a public school
it can lend out space to other non-
profit organizations. Vikingeskolen
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.

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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.vikingeskolen.com

Older students mentoring younger children is a valuable learning tool.

Christian Clark

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.
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!
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 unchartered 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 Dyrlund, 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.

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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.
- Vinette R. Skow

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

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

*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*
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/). 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.

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/ or email them at 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/ or you may contact the Folk School at 612-567-7185 or e-mail: 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/ for more information or to register.
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 keep the machinery in good working order to meet such high demands.

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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.
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News from the Museum’s Family History & Genealogy Center
Michele McNabb, Librarian

Will the real Arthur Henry Nelson please stand up?
By Wanda Sornson, FHGC Library Assistant

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.

Being asked to do some background research for the collection department at the museum is not a new assignment for me. Being asked to do research on Arthur H. Nelson, Baptist minister, and Clara Nelson, his sister and missionary, seemed to be an easy puzzle to solve, especially since it was known that Arthur H. Nelson was a minister in Harlan, Iowa, in the 1950’s or 60’s. A search of the 1940 United States Federal Census revealed that “Reverend Arthur H. Nelson” actually did live in Harlan, Iowa. He had a wife, Sarah, and two daughters at the time. Using the information found in the census that indicated that Arthur was 49 years old and had been born in South Dakota, I began to search further for just such an “Arthur H. Nelson.”

Would it surprise you to know that after putting these two facts into an on-line search, there were at least five “Arthur Nelsons” born in 1890 or 1891 in South Dakota? And two of them had the middle initial of “H.” One was actually identified as a Baptist minister! In addition to this, four Arthur Nelsons were found in North Dakota born in the year of 1890, and one of them also had the middle initial of “H.” To narrow the search, the next step was to try to place Arthur within a family, hopefully one with a sister named “Clara.” The 1900 US Federal Census provided the family of Christian Nelson living in Clark County, South Dakota, with a boy by the name of Arthur H. who was ten years old. The parents had been born in Denmark; however, there was no sister by the name of Clara. In my thinking this could be explained due to the fact that she was older and out of the house working or perhaps she was much younger and had not yet been born. A search of later censuses provided no more information regarding Arthur H. Nelson within this family structure. A World War II Draft registration was found for an Arthur Nelson born in South Dakota as well as a Social Security Death Index listing indicating that he had been born in South Dakota and died in South Dakota. It became apparent that my search had to turn to finding the “pieces” of information related to Clara Nelson.
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.”

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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.

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.

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.
• 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.

“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-confirmation’ 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.

• 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, 1890-1950

Records 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 Gethsemenel 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.

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.
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. 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) 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.usgwitombstones.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. 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!
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.
- Hartland to Capitol Hill: the Journey of a Wounded Healer, by Ernie Gunderson (2011; $24 on amazon.com)
- Design & Dignity: The Birth and Development of MSAASA Architects, by Poul Bertelsen (2012; $27 on amazon.com)
- 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.
- 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 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.
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 descendents 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.

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
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.

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Cynthia Larsen Adams, Lone Christensen, in managing the day-to-day operations of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

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 McKinnon 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.
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.

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

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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

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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.

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Please contact them by calling (712)764-7001 or toll free (800)759-9192; email address: director@danishmuseum.org or 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
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- PETER HANSEN (1886) Pott. Co., IA
- SOPHUS & MARIE HERMANSEN (1905) (1917) Fredsvile, 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)
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- PEDERSEN (1888) (1887) Dannebrog, NE
- HANS JORGENSEN SCOTT (1908) Greenfield, SD
- ERHARD SUHR SORENSEN (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
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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

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
Mindens 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.)

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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 Anderssen, Connie Boose, Janet Bornholdt, Mary Ann Christensen, Eileen Denne, Verna Esbeck, Kathleen Eyberg, Priscilla Hansen, Mary Lou Hoegh, Izzy Hoegh, Phyllis Hoegh, Mar Holland, Betty Lillard, Fern Lindvall, Gladys McRory, 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.

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