A Letter from the President

Thank you to our members and friends who have supported the Museum this past year. Your memberships and contributions are very important and much appreciated in order that we can continue to tell the stories of past and current Danish American culture in this country.

Our staff continues to be recognized by their peers as being some of the best in the museum world. They have contributed greatly to our progress and have obtained significant grants to help fund projects for the Museum. A special thanks to John Mark Nielsen, our executive director. His leadership and work with the Danish community throughout this country and Denmark has increased our visibility greatly.

As you may know, our Museum Board is a fantastic group of volunteers who set the policy and direction for the Museum. Members come from all across the country to contribute their unique experiences and expertise. Board members donate their time and also their cost for the three meetings we have each year. Their willingness to serve is very much appreciated.

At our October meeting we welcomed new board members Jon Borgman, Harlan, Iowa; Mittie Ostergaard, Mission Viejo, California; Henrik Rasmussen, Springfield, Illinois; and Eric Smitsdorff, Racine, Wisconsin. The board thanked Carlo Christensen for his years of service on the board.

Once again, we have been fortunate to have outstanding interns from Denmark through a Scan Design Foundation grant. As our Danish and American interns have been continuing their education, we are able to benefit from the work they have done for the museum.

The Board is in the process of developing a new strategic plan for the museum. We review and update our existing plan every few years to ensure that we are headed in the best direction. The members of this committee are to be commended for the time they have invested beyond our board meetings to do this work.

Other important activities this year were the continued expansion of our outreach with the internet and traveling exhibits; and our partnering with the Danish National Performance Team for their 2010 tour of the United States.

I value the great treasure of my Danish history and culture as I’m sure you do. It has been a pleasure for me to watch the Museum continue to evolve and grow as we work together to ensure its success.

Sincerely,
Harriet Albertsen Spanel

John Mark Nielsen and Angela Stanford listen as Clarice Christensen of Solvang, CA, tells the story of her Danish folk dance costume to be donated to the museum. Ms. Christensen is accompanied her brother and wife, Virgil and Joyce Christensen.
The 2010-2011 Board of Directors is a special group of twenty-six 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-seven 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 2010, the Board held its February meeting in Tucson, Arizona, and its June meeting held in Chicago, Illinois, 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.

President - Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Bellingham, WA
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Kristi Planck Johnson, Bethesda, MD
Kenneth Larsen, Calistoga, CA
Steven Lund, Yuma, AZ
Cynthia McKeen, St. Paul, MN
Carol Jensen Mills, Dubuque, IA
Kay Esbeck North, Ames, IA
Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, OR and Bryrup, Denmark

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Consul Eva Robinson, Butler, PA
Flemming “Eric” Smitsdorff, Racine, WI
Mark Strandskov, Mount Pleasant, MI
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Vern Hunter, Fargo, ND, Past President
Kai E. Nyby, LaPorte, IN, Past President
Marc Petersen, Omaha, NE, Past President
Niels Jensen, Portland, OR
Kurt Klarckov Larsen, Oneonta, AL (Endowment)
Dennis Larson, Decorah, IA
Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA
Consul Aneilise Sawkins, Minneapolis, MN (Endowment)

Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE, Executive Director
2010 has been another eventful year at The Danish Immigrant Museum.

A highpoint was the museum’s collaboration with the National Danish Performance Team, serving as fiscal agent for the team’s three month tour of the United States from October through December. This was an opportunity to share an important dimension of Danish culture with an American audience. Board member, Mia Hansen of Tucson, AZ, organized the tour. She was assisted by fellow board members and staff members from both the Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association in Denmark and our museum. Over 70,000 children and adults saw the team’s impressive performances or participated in workshops held in local schools. The gymnastic team’s tour was just one of many activities sponsored by The Danish Immigrant Museum in 2010. These are highlighted in the section “2010 – A Year of Success” of this report.

The Danish Immigrant Museum has been able to provide active programming despite unfavorable economic conditions. This is due to the generosity of all our members, but particularly because we have been the beneficiary of significant estate gifts from the following individuals:

Wayne Alwill, Manning, IA
Carl Christensen, Denver, CO
Thomas Christensen, Davenport, IA
Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI
Chester & Elizabeth Larsen, Morrison, CO
Thelma Petersen, Harlan, IA

The importance of these gifts is evident in our condensed financial statement. As we ended our 2009 fiscal year, we had net assets of $6,198,825 despite having no earnings from our endowment. This was due largely because we had $1,255,646 in “contributions receivable” (funds that we had been informed we were to receive from estates but that had not yet been transferred to the museum).

During the course of this past fiscal year, which ended on August 31, 2010, we received almost $900,000 of these anticipated “contributions receivable.” We had to use just over $370,000 to meet operating expenses; the rest was invested in our endowment. Because of this and because we have less in “contributions receivable,” our net assets on August 31, 2010 had declined to $5,827,391.

The trend, however, has been one of growth. As past audits and Annual Reports demonstrate, The Danish Immigrant Museum’s net assets have been as follow:

2006 - $4,221,604;
2007 - $4,568,474;
2008 - $4,761,636;
2009 - $6,198,825;
2010 - $5,827,391

From the museum’s founding, estate gifts have been an important source of revenue in meeting the annual budget. This has been especially true in the past two years. It is, however, difficult to budget for such gifts.

Ideally, we would meet operational expenses from memberships, contributions, and foundation grants and then direct estate gifts to the endowment or for special projects. This is our goal. Given the continued importance of estate gifts, however, I invite and encourage you to consider providing for The Danish Immigrant Museum in your estate.

I am grateful for the generosity of all who are listed in this annual report for 2010. Every gift is important and has enabled us to “share the legacy and continuing influence of Danish culture” here in America. Your contributions help assure that an important story of the American experience is preserved and celebrated. Mange tusind tak!

John Mark Nielsen

About the Cover Photos

FRONT Clockwise, beginning at upper left: 1. Visitors greeted at reception desk; 2. During Tivoli Fest Danish intern Morten Birkerød Tofte learns a craft demonstrated by Wayne McFadden; 3. Iowa’s Danish Consul Lynette Skow Rasmussen attends Nimbus presentation; 4. Museum member Marilyn Kramme enjoys kringler at Danebod Fall Folk Meeting in Tyler, MN.
### Condensed Financial Statements

#### Years Ended August 31, 2010 and 2009

#### Condensed Statements of Financial Condition - August 31, 2010 and 2009

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| **Liabilities and Net Assets** |           |               |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses | $41,658 | $23,979      |
| Notes & Contracts Payable            | 14,696       | 27,869        |
| **Total Liabilities**                | $56,354      | $51,848       |

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Net Assets**       | $5,827,391    | $6,198,825    |

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** | $5,883,745 | $6,250,673    |

#### Condensed Statements of Activities - For Years Ended August 31, 2010 and 2009

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Support and Revenue** |             |               |
| Contributions and Support | $591,526  | $2,442,716    |
| Admissions and Program Fees | 19,209    | 20,510        |
| Gift Shop Revenue (Net)     | 31,382     | 23,312        |
| Investment and Other Income | 108,046   | (18,273)      |
| **Total Support and Revenue** | $750,163 | $2,468,265    |

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Expenses**         |               |               |
| Program Services      | $412,741     | $368,419      |
| Supporting Activities | 708,856     | 662,657       |
| **Total Expenses**   | $1,121,597   | $1,031,076    |

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Change in Net Assets** | ($371,434) | $1,437,189    |

|                      | 2010          | 2009          |
| **Net Assets -Beginning of Year** | $6,198,825  | $4,761,636    |
| **Net Assets - End of Year**     | $5,827,391   | $6,198,825    |
A Letter from the Development Director

As 2010 drew to a close, there was cause for optimism for the fiscal position of The Danish Immigrant Museum. The US economy began to show signs of improvement, the stock market saw significant growth, and charitable giving appears to be improving. This is very encouraging for the Museum as 2008 and 2009 saw pressure on the endowment to cover the costs of Museum operations. The Museum Board of Directors wishes to significantly grow the museum endowment over the coming years, so drawing from the endowment to cover operations is unacceptable. Fortunately, we are seeing signs that gifting is improving and we hope we can see endowment growth in the coming years.

In addition to growing the endowment, there are several projects and initiatives which require funding. After receiving news of the designation of the “Iowa Great Places” award in the late summer of 2010, we are committed to breaking ground and completing the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park by 2014. With the Iowa Great Places grant, much of the funding is in place, but much more is needed to complete the project. Opportunities exist for donors to create a legacy for themselves or their families by funding various park features.

Similarly, opportunities exist for donors to assist with other projects. The creation of traveling exhibits which tell and preserve the stories of Danish-American immigration and culture is a major objective of the museum. This is a way we can take the museum to places around the U.S. The development of the on-line virtual museum is another initiative which we can spread Danish-American stories and culture without traveling to Elk Horn. These projects are of major importance to our Board of Directors.

Over the years, we continue to accumulate valuable and fascinating Danish artifacts which we want to share with our members and constituents. We now have a problem where our current space to store, exhibit, and prepare artifacts and exhibits is inadequate. We need to expand. We have identified grant opportunities to fund portions of this expansion, but again we need help from donors if this project is going to be possible to complete.

Our mission at The Danish Immigrant Museum is to preserve and promote Danish culture and heritage. We love the history, traditions and culture our ancestors passed on to us. And we wish to preserve and pass these on to our children and grandchildren. If you share in this love of Danish culture, please consider a direct gift or an estate gift so we may continue sharing our rich heritage for many years to come.

Bruce Bro
Development Director

The Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board conducts a site visit.
The Danish Immigrant Museum was founded to be a national museum, and 2010 saw that role fulfilled like never before. The year began with recognition from the Washington State Senate for The Danish Immigrant Museum’s contributions to the preservation of Danish heritage. The museum returned to Washington at the end of the year when the popular exhibit, Victor Borge: A Centennial Celebration opened at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. The museum also partnered with the Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association (DGI) to sponsor the U.S. leg of the National Danish Performance Team’s international tour. Thousands across the country witnessed the professionalism of this world-class gymnastics team.

For many Danes and Danish Americans, 2010 was a year to celebrate the 70th birthday of The Danish Immigrant Museum’s Protector, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II, shared with our membership in the summer issue of our America Letter. Connections to Denmark were also strengthened for those who attended genealogy workshops in California and Illinois. In September, Michele McNabb, our Family History and Genealogy Center manager and librarian, traveled to Denmark where she gave numerous presentations to groups interested in doing genealogical research to find relatives in the United States.

The museum partnered with its neighbors in the Danish Villages to enhance programming and tourism attractions. The communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton were named an Iowa Great Place in October, opening up possibilities for state grants. An important part of the communities’ application was the development of the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park at the museum. Programming at Bedstemor’s House was enhanced by a grant from the Shelby County Community Endowment Fund and visitors were greeted by local high school students who served as docents.

Many events occurred at the museum throughout the year, bringing in people from across the country. The exhibit, Sampling the Collection, A to Å, opened in our mezzanine exhibit area as well as online. (You can still visit the exhibit at our website www.danishmuseum.org.) Our Danish-American Artist Series celebrated the work of Evelyn Mathies of Brainerd, Minnesota and Paul Solevad of Camas, Washington. At Tivoli Fest in May, the museum welcomed the Chicago Nimbus Club and received a Nimbus motorcycle from Peter and Irma Ørum in memory of their son, Stig. The museum continues to benefit from the work of Danish graduate student interns through the renewal of the Scan/Design Foundation Danish Intern Exchange Program. Finally, members have responded to opportunities to recognize the children and descendants of immigrants by purchasing named bricks to be placed in the Heritage Brick Path, construction of which will begin when the snows melt. This opportunity complements the museum’s Wall of Honor that commemorates the immigrant generation.

This year of unprecedented national outreach and involvement is only possible because of the generous support of everyone listed in this Annual Report. Mange tak!
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 2010 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of Peter & Irma Ørum, Harriet Albertsen Spanel, and John Mark & Dawn Nielsen.

LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA
Anonymous (3)
Elna N. Bellows*, Edina, MN
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
Ramona L. Esbeck, Ames, IA
Sally og Gordon Faber, Urbandale, IA
Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA
Alf & Lili Gregerson, Ridgefield, WA
William & Berniec Grewcock, Omaha, NE
Roy J.* & Rita* Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI
Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA
Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA
Henningsen Construction, Inc., Atlantic, IA
Gunnar Horn*, Omaha, NE
Stanley & Helen Howe, Muscatine, IA
Vern E. Hunter, Fargo, ND
James D. & Margery Iversen, Ames, IA
Al* & Bridget Jensen, Houston, TX
Roland* & Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA
Clyde* & Emma* Johnson, Omaha, NE
Iver (Whitey) & Lis Jorgensen, Burnsville, MN
John & Audrey Kofoid, West Branch, IA
Lowell & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA
Kulturministeriet/Ministry of Culture, Copenhagen, Denmark
Kurt K. & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL

Bruce R. Lauritzen Family, Omaha, NE
Richard Ledet*, Des Moines, IA
Reola Lerager*, Wichita, KS
Lutheran Brotherhood, Minneapolis, MN
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co., Elk Horn, IA
Hans Thyge* & Valborg Nielsen, Denver, CO
John Mark & Dawn Nielsen, Blair, NE
Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust, Northbrook, IL
Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL
Folmer & Vera Nyba, Michigan City, IN
Kai E. & Melody Starr Nyba, LaPorte, IN
Poul Olesen & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, OR
Erik & Jackie Olsen, Glenbrook, NV
Peter & Irma Ørum, Saint Charles, IL
H. Rand & Mary Louise Petersen, Harlan, IA
Marc & Karlene Petersen, Omaha, NE
The Rasmussen Family, Des Moines, IA
Eugene Robinson*, Pensacola, FL
Anelise Sawkins, Minneapolis, MN
scan design foundation BY INGER & JENS BRIJUN, Seattle, WA
Shelby County State Bank, Harlan, IA
Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Bellingham, WA
Janet M. Thuesen, Sausalito, CA
Wilber Williamson*, Des Moines, IA
Erik* & Lissi Vange, Palatine, IL

*Lifetime Leadership Society

Over the past twenty-seven 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

Anonymous (3)
Anne Bansen*, Ferndale, CA
Norman C. Bansen*, Blair, NE
Constance Bogdol*, Delray Beach, FL
Victor Borges*, Greenwich, CT
Marie Budolfson*, Ames, IA
Borge & Lotte Christensen, Tucson, AZ
Charles R. Christensen*, Omaha, NE
Edna M. Christensen*, Atlantic, IA
Dolores Gregersen Connelly*, Atlantic, IA
Lydia Sorensen Eriksen*, Waterloo, IA
David Esbeck, Des Moines, IA
Gordon R. & Jan Esbeck, Tipton, IA
Howard Esbeck*, Ames, IA
Ramona Esbeck, Ames, IA
Asta Forrest*, Fountain Hills, AZ
J. Emory* & Edna* Frederickson, Elk Horn, IA
Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA
Earl & LaVena Fries, Des Moines, IA
Margaret Gee*, West Des Moines, IA
Gertrude Gronbeck*, Washington, D.C.
Caroline Hansen*, Harlan, IA
Hans Hansen*, Des Moines, IA
Laura E. Hansen*, Irwin, IA
Rita Neergaard Hansen*, Kenosha, WI
Rosa Hansen*, Hampton, IA
Alma Hartvigsen*, Harlan, IA
Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA
Anna Marie Hjuler*, Audubon, IA
Gunnar Horn*, Omaha, NE
Roy E. & Patricia Hougen, Ames, IA
Joy Ibsen, Trout Creek, MI
James D. & Margery Iversen, Ames, IA
Genevieve Jensen, Plainview, NE
Ruth Jensen, Ames, IA
Agnes Johnson*, Garden City, MI
Clyde* & Emma* Johnson, Omaha, NE
Paul & Liz Johnson, Fremont, NE
Martha Jorgensen*, Audubon, IA
Mogens H. Kiehn, Scottsdale, AZ
Folmer* & Reola* Lerager, Wichita, KS
Harald Hans Lund*, Higginum, CT
Tom Lund, Harlan, IA
Adelaide Madsen, Iowa City, IA
Rudolph* & Margaret* Madsen, Racine, WI
Keith N. McFarland*, New Brighton, MN

Helga Mikkelson*, Waverly, IA
Inez M. Mortensen, Omaha, NE
Ruth Rasmussen Nielsen*, St. Cloud, MN
Einer Schultz Nielsen*, Newport Beach, CA
Jens Nielsen*, Newell, IA
Karen Madsen Nielsen, Junction City, OR
Margaret A. Nielsen, King City, OR
Ruth Herman Nielsen*, Omaha, NE
Raymond* & Irene* Nissen, Cedar Falls, IA
Eric* & Joan* Norgaard, Glenview, IL
Folmer & Vera Nyba, Michigan City, IN
Caroline Olsen*, Minneapolis, MN
Olga S. Olsen*, Watertown, SD
Dorothy C. Pedersen, Omaha, NE
Archie Petersen*, Harlan, IA
John I. Petersen*, Waterloo, IA
Lois Petersen*, Atlantic, IA
Peyton* & Lucia* Respess, Omaha, NE
Avi Simonson*, Audubon, IA
Bodil Sorensen*, Kirkland, WA
Harold L. Sorensen*, Exira, IA
Halvor Strandsvog, Osterville, MA
Carol Svendsen, Denver, CO
Margaret Syring*, St. Paul, MN
Sandra Wunder, Cheyenne, WY

*Deceased
Once again, we have reached the end of another very active year in the Collections department. And once again, I have to thank all of our wonderfully generous donors. This year we have added a range of artifacts to the collections – among them a Nimbus motorcycle, complete outfits used by a Hans Christian Andersen performer, a board from a disassembled corn crib with a message from a young Danish girl written on it in pencil, and selected commemorative Christmas plates to complete the gaps in our collection. All in all, we were offered almost 550 artifacts and accepted 415, nearly 75%.

For the past several years, the donation process has followed a very strict protocol. Curatorial staff are able to determine during preliminary conversations with potential donors whether artifacts might be suited for the collections or not. All artifacts must meet specific criteria and are then evaluated by the Collections Review Committee. If accepted, artifacts are assigned either to the permanent or education collection. This strict process allows staff more time and resources to catalog and care for these new pieces and those already in our collections, which total over 35,000.

For information about making an artifact donation, go to our website and read “Artifact Donations to The Danish Immigrant Museum” under the Collection tab or give me a call at the Museum.

Thank you again to all of our donors, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2011.

Angela Stanford
Curator of Collections / Registrar

Irma and Peter Ørum along with daughter, Christa Ørum-Keller, present Nimbus motorcycle to museum.
Dear Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum,

Have you enjoyed one of the museum’s exhibitions this year? Maybe you saw Victor Borge in Seattle, Cedar Rapids, or Portland. Maybe you visited Sampling the Collection in the museum’s galleries or on the website. Maybe you attended a show by the National Danish Performance Team and saw Danish Gymnastics in America. In Elk Horn, on the road, and online, the museum’s exhibitions have been sharing Danish culture with thousands of people!

As a national museum, The Danish Immigrant Museum is committed to sharing Danish-American stories and culture with a wide audience – wherever you are. We know that not every person can visit Elk Horn regularly; therefore we continue to seek new ways to bring the museum to you. Traveling exhibitions, online exhibitions, and public programs across the country are all part of this effort.

One of the highlights of 2010 has been the exhibition, Victor Borge: A Centennial Exhibition. On view in Elk Horn through March 8, 2010, this presentation of Borge’s life, music, and comedy continues to entertain audiences across the country. The museum exhibition of photographs, costumes and artifacts opened in Seattle’s Nordic Heritage Museum on December 3. It will travel to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis in February 2011. A portable panel version has also continued to travel to museums, libraries, and festivals through the year.

Another highlight has been the museum’s collaboration with the National Danish Performance Team, a world tour by Denmark’s best gymnasts. To accompany the three months of performances and workshops in the United States, the museum created a traveling exhibition of Danish Gymnastics in America to share the history of Danish-style gymnastics.

The “virtual museum” also expanded dramatically during 2010, both through a new online exhibition and through new applications and social media. The online version of “Sampling the Collection”, found on the museum’s website, invites web visitors to learn about several of the notable pieces in the museum’s collection – such as a Nimbus motorcycle and tools from the Stone Age. The museum also created several videos for the “DanishMuseum” channel on YouTube.com. Social media networks like Facebook allow the museum to share these resources with a global audience.

We look forward to continuing these efforts in 2011, bringing exhibitions and programs to Danish-American communities throughout the year. Visit the “Current Exhibitions” page on the museum’s website to learn more about traveling exhibitions available for your community.

With best wishes,
Tova Brandt
Curator of Exhibitions
dkur@metc.net

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS IN 2010

Danish-American Artist Series: 
Anni Holm; July 12, 2009 – January 10, 2010
Victor Borge: A Centennial Exhibition; May 22, 2009 – March 8, 2010

Danish Gymnastics in America
Displayed at public performances of the National Danish Performance Team in the following communities:
Washington, DC
Elk Horn, Iowa
Omaha, Nebraska
North Park, Illinois
Kenosha, Wisconsin
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Tyler, Minnesota
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Viborg, South Dakota
Denver, Colorado
Portland, Oregon
Junction City / Eugene, Oregon
Sacramento, California
Tucson, Arizona

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS IN 2010

Victor Borge: A Smile is the Shortest Distance
The History Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Danish Brotherhood in America, Pacific Northwest
Cedar Rapids Public Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Danish-American Artist Series: 
Evelyn Matthies; January 23 – July 11, 2010
Sampling the Collection, A to Å; March 27, 2010 – March 6, 2011
Danish-American Artist Series: 
The following individuals and groups donated books and other materials or made monetary contributions to the Family History & Genealogy Center in 2010. 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!

Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA  
Anonymous  
Mildred Basballe, Sleepy Eye, MN  
Egon Bodtker, Salem, OR  
Freja Gry Børsting, Copenhagen, DK  
Kirstin Bouwsema, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Carl Brejnik, Omaha, NE  
Mary Frances Bullamore, Milwaukee, WI  
Ralf B. Christensen, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada  
Ray Christensen, Rosemont, MN  
Kathrine Clark, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nancy M. Darst, Omaha, NE  
Arvid D. Dixon, Circle Pines, MN

Rev. Lori Zielen Donohue, West Valley, NY  
Richard A. Durkop, Lakewood, CO  
Knud D. Dyby, Novato, CA  
Karen M. Eilers, Cottage Grove, MN  
Eldon A. Ericksen, Lewis, IA  
Gunnar Ferdinandsen, Sherman Oaks, CA  
Annette Rahbeck Floystrup, Oakland, CA  
Chuck & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA  
Jennifer Frost, Phoenix, AZ  
Jennifer Hamilton, San Francisco, CA  
Joan M. Hill, Brainard, MN  
Spencer L. Holland, Colorado Springs, CO  
Ellen Marie Westergaard Jackson, Whiting, IA  
Betty J. Jacobsen, Chicago, IL  
Marjory Jacobson, Helena, MT  
Babs Jessen, La Porte City, IA  
Beverly Johnson, Lacy, WA  
Magne Juhl, Viborg, DK  
Jimmie P. Kelgor, Atlantic, IA  
Edith K. Kilgren, Seattle, WA  
Jeanette & Merlyn Knudsen, Harlan, IA  
Mark Knudsen, Campbell, CA  
Swend Koch, Cedar Falls, IA  
Marilyn L. Larkowski, Omaha, NE  
David R. & Bernice Larsen, Gretna, NE  
Gracie Lerna, Simi Valley, CA  
Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, IA  
Karen Nielsen Lorence, Aurora, IL  
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA  
Dale & Jenny MacKenzie, Fargo, ND  
K. Irving Madsen  
Richard Madsen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Harlan C. Mathison, Moorhead, MN  
Zona Mathison, Moorhead, MN  
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA  
David L. Mikkelsen, Silverton, OR  
Brigette Molvig, Paradise, CA  
Daniel C. Negethon, Colstrip, MT  
Roger E. Nelson, Kenosha, WI  
John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE  
W. Clayton Nielsen, Elk Horn, IA  
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FHGC Committee members hold a meeting during June Board meeting.

Staff, interns and family are treated to a going-away party for Danish intern Malene Vitus Østergård (center).
The Board of Directors and staff are so very appreciative of the many volunteers who give of their time to help us carry out the mission of The Danish Immigrant Museum and its Family History and Genealogy Center. A few of the areas in which they lend assistance are research, translations, data entry, greeting visitors, mailings, baking cookies, ironing tablecloths, and helping set up for special events. Some volunteers come in weekly, others once a month, some work remotely from their homes – even from as far away as Denmark. A few volunteers have been with us since the early days of the museum; others have just recently joined us. And through the years we have lost some of our dear friends for a variety of reasons. Volunteers make the difference in the ability of a limited staff with limited funding to meet our goals. And for that we are forever grateful. The following are volunteers for whom we recorded hours in 2010:

Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA
Marilyn Andersen, Harlan, IA
Ramona Andersen, Elk Horn, IA
Rosalie Andersen, Harlan, IA
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Priscilla Hansen, Atlantic, IA
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Peggy Hansen, Elk Horn, IA
Tina Hansen, Elk Horn, IA
Dorothy Henrksen, Atlantic, IA
Phyllis Hoegh, Elk Horn, IA
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Mary Lou Hoegh, Atlantic, IA
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Edith Larsen, Harlan, IA
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Rosie Petersen, Elk Horn, IA
Joanne Potts, Elk Horn, IA
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Suzanne Rasmussen, Kirkman, IA
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Howard & Karma Sorenson, Elk Horn, IA
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Allene Weaver, Atlantic, IA
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Sharon Winchell, Atlantic, IA
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Mission Statement

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.

Corrections

Every effort has been made to ensure that all information contained in the 2010 Annual Report of Contributions is accurate. We respectfully regret and apologize for any omissions, misspellings, or misplacements. Please contact the Development Department with any questions or corrections.
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 2010:

Lars Peter Christiansen, Lake Benton, Minnesota
Sophie Christiansen, Lake Benton, Minnesota
Frederik E. Faber, Chicago, Illinois
Thorvald Faber, Lake Benton, Minnesota
Helen Christensen Jacobsen, Audubon County, Iowa
Rosa Alvilda Christensen Karas, Brayton, Iowa
Johanne Henriette Knudsen, Redwood Falls, Minnesota
Anders Larsen, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Maren (Larsen) Larsen, Hazel Dell Twp., Pottawattamie Co., Iowa
Niels (Christensen) Larsen, Hazel Dell Twp., Pottawattamie Co., Iowa
Jenny Christine Jakobsen Mackenzie, Wyndmere, North Dakota
Martinus Mortensen, Omaha, Nebraska
Niels Nielsen, Alta, Iowa
Flemming Vedsted Pedersen, Junction City, Oregon
Kathrine Marie (Nielsen) Petersen, Albert Lea, Minnesota
Magdalena (Gronbech) Petersen, Ames, Iowa
Peter Andreas Petersen, Albert Lea, Minnesota
Peter Fritz Petersen, Ames, Iowa
Lars Peter Rasmussen, Blair, Nebraska
Marie Oline Petersen Rasmussen, Blair, Nebraska
Dorothy Edvard Emil Routhe, Redwood Falls, Minnesota
Bente Trampedach Sorensen, Junction City, Oregon
Evelyn Walker, Warren, Michigan
Ruth Gunhild Williams nee’ Schjunk, Leavenworth, Kansas

Danish immigrant Per Kristensen Hesel and wife Laurie of Pawnee City, Ne, locate his name on the Wall of Honor.

Dan Nelson
Kenneth Nelson
Ivan Nielsen
Tom Nielsen
Verna Nielsen
Marlys Paulson
Selma Faaborg Payne
Amelia Petersen
Norman Piercy
Carol Posekany
Mary Poulsen
Lucia Respess
Virginia Roberts
Beulah Arlene Rockey

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June Scott
Janell Berkland Nelson Shain
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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, 2010, was $2,144,878.23.
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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, 2010 through the end of the year.

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Harald & Olga Nelson, Valparaiso, IN In memory of

Peter C. Nelson

Scott & Tara Nielsen, Moorhead, MN In memory of

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2010 Summer Appeal

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Edmund Clausen, Oakland, CA In memory of Robert Johnson of Sioux Falls, SD

Frank Clement, Allyn, WA In memory of Hans Christian Clement

Dan Donham, Junction City, OR In memory of Arnold Bodtker

Cora Fox, Loveland, CO In memory of Gerda Winther, Man, Denmark

Mitzi Fox, Albion, NE In memory of Oga & Ella

Thomsen Madsen

David Garrison, Papillion, NE In memory of Joyce Strong

Carl Hansen, Tequesta, FL In memory of Jane A. Hansen

T. Gunny Haborbe, Chicago, IL In honor of Ernst G. Haborbe

Curt Carlson Medstrom, Jr., Dallas, TX In memory of 1st Lt. Andrew B. Nelson, Co. D

Curtis & Nancy Hoegh, Clive, IA In memory of

Emery Hoegh and In honor of Isabel Hoegh

Donald Hoepnner, Duluth, GA In memory of Hanne Friborg Hoepnner

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Roy & Patricia Hoegh, Ames, IA In memory of

Gertrude Gronbech

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Niel Hansen, Knudsen, Fern Lapehn, Centennial, CO In memory of

Niels C. Fiegsang

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Arthur Laursen, Omaha, NE In memory of

Dorothea Laursen

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Elsie Rasmussen McNabb

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Felix & Anna Nussle

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Belmont Byriel

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Struckman, Jr.

Jean & Gertrude Sundsted, Placentia, MT In memory of our parents

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Edel Thompson, Ashland, VA In memory of

Arthur Thompson and In honor of Karen Lux

Evelyn Walker, Warren, MI In memory of

Ole & Marie Olsen

Norman Westergaard, Sloan, IA In memory of

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2010 End of Year Appeal

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Tom Nielsen

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Carl Laursen

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Debra Christensen Larsen, Harlan, IA In honor of my parents, Virgil & Elsie Christensen’s, 60th anniversary

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my mother, Clara Petersen Larsen

Arthur Laursen, Omaha, NE In memory of

Dorothea Laursen

Earl Laursen, Gatlburg, TN In memory of

my wife of 68 years, Esther R. Laursen

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LeRoy Pedersen

Clark & Joan Mathisen, Omaha, NE In memory of

Ernest & Bertha Mathisen

Ivy Mitchell, Rochester Hills, MI In memory of

Alan Carsten Fugl Robin Mower, Durham, NH In memory of

Carl Pedersen

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Thorvald & Mette Muller

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Jagn Jensen

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Astrid Hope Roge, born December

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**50th wedding anniversary**

**James & Marge Iversen**

**65th wedding anniversary**

**Thorvald & Gail Jacobsen**

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The following companies and individuals, through their kind gifts, supported The Danish Immigrant Museum in the calendar year of 2010:

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Christine Stucko, Aiken, SC in honor of The Edward Jensen Family, Jens Jensen’s great grandson’s family

**Victor Borge Exhibit**

Michael & Sanna Feirstein, New York, NY in honor of and with thanks to John Mark Nielsen for helping to continue the legacy of Victor Borge

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The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2010 the following people were honored:

**Class of 1958, Elk Horn, Iowa**

Jan & Larry Fajen

Michele McNabb

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The Honor Roll of Contributors recognizes all who have supported The Danish Immigrant Museum during the 2010 calendar year.

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This year’s honor roll includes nearly 2,500 members and donors from 48 states, Washington D.C., one territory, Virgin Islands, and 7 countries, namely, Denmark, Canada, Uganda, Philippines, El Salvador, France and Germany.

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At the western edge of the Baltic Sea, this flat, agricultural island where grain and sugar beets are raised has forests in the middle and on its eastern shores. Gedser Odde is Denmark’s most southerly point.

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