It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board for the Museum of Danish America. Serving with so many people who are focused on the preservation of Danish culture and history is truly a pleasure! It has been great to have the opportunity to work with so many talented staff that makes the museum what it is today. It is due to the efforts of the staff and volunteers that the museum has been able to succeed over the last 30+ years. However, equally important are the generous financial contributions, both large and small, that have been made to the museum over the years.

The year 2014 was an eventful one. The new Curatorial Center was completed and dedicated on October 18, 2014. The added space that this facility provides is a great addition to the current museum structure. It provides the opportunity to receive, process and house donations of historical note made to the museum. Our staff has also been afforded the opportunity to move into much needed office space. The building addition was made possible by the generous donation of museum patrons. It is with such generous contributions from these folks that we are able to continue the preservation of Danish culture and heritage. I encourage you to read the section of this Annual Report regarding Collections, authored by Angela Stanford, Curator of Collections/Registrar.

I certainly do not wish to “steal the thunder” of the additional staff who are also providing updates in this Annual Report. Therefore, I would encourage you to review the reports provided by the following staff: John Mark Nielsen-Executive Director, Tova Brandt-Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture, Michele McNabb-Genealogy Center Manager, Deb Christensen Larsen-Development Manager and Terri Johnson-Administrative Manager.

As we move into 2015, we face both challenges and opportunities. Some of the areas that need to be addressed are as follows:

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING
   The current plan used by the museum covers the years 2011-2015. This plan has provided and continues to provide a “roadmap,” if you will, for guiding the activities of the museum. The technical term for strategic planning is as follows: An organization’s process of defining its strategy, or direction, and making decisions on allocating its resources to pursue the strategy. A new plan will be developed during 2015 that will be put into action for the 2016-2020 time period.

2. OUTREACH
   We must figure out ways to expand the reach of the museum. A fantastic job has been done thus far via exhibits, genealogy research, Brown Bag Lunches, electronic media, and countless hours of staff time traveling to various venues nationwide. How do we attract new members, especially with an emphasis on youth?

By
Garey Knudsen
3. PARTNERSHIPS Our current strategic plan calls for expanding our partnerships with other Danish organizations. I am happy to report that we have moved in this direction during 2014. With the guidance and direction of John Mark Nielsen, our Executive Director, we have developed a partnership with the Rebild National Park Society, a Danish-American friendship organization. A partnership has also been approved with the Danish American Archive and Library, located in Blair, Nebraska. These partnerships tend to expand communication and mutual benefit to each organization. Are there other partnerships that can be developed for the mutual benefit of all?

4. ESTATE PLANNING The museum has been fortunate over the years to be on the receiving end of generous contributions made to our endowment, building and general operating funds through bequests and estate gifts. The challenge remains on how to grow our endowment fund to a level that the revenue from that fund can assist in sustaining the operation of the museum. Those interested in contributing to the museum may certainly contact the museum staff.

5. ELECTRONIC MEDIA Web page updates/upgrades are going to be an ongoing essential activity. Our museum Design Store provides excellent items for purchase. Can we reach out even further electronically? We live in a social media world that young and old access on a daily basis. We need to have the technical and financial means to keep the museum in front of the world via electronic media. This effort takes staff time and a financial commitment.

6. STAFFING We all know that we would like to clone the current staff and keep them in their current positions forever, however, we also know that change is inevitable. As we anticipate some staff changes within the next year or two, a search committee has been pulled together to review our staffing needs and how to go about recruiting replacements. The search committee is composed of current and former board members. There are probably additional challenges and opportunities that will come up throughout the year. It goes without saying that your continued financial support and membership is essential to the sustained success of the museum. Thank you!
The 2014-2015 Board of Directors is a special group of 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 31 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 2014, the board held its February meeting in San Diego, California, and its June meeting in Luck, Wisconsin, with election of new board members. In October the board meeting was held in Elk Horn, Iowa. The museum’s 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 Museum of Danish America.

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MISSION STATEMENT
The Museum of Danish America celebrates Danish roots and American dreams.

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

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

staff & interns

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dr. John Mark Nielsen

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
Terri Johnson

ALBERT RAVENHOLT CURATOR OF DANISH-AMERICAN CULTURE
Tova Brandt

CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS & REGISTRAR
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Chelsea Jacobsen, University of Iowa (Inventory Assistant)

Madeline Mongar, Northwest Missouri State University (Inventory Assistant)

*Danish internships are funded through a generous grant from the scan | design foundation by INGER AND JENS BRUUN, Seattle, WA
endowment

The Museum of Danish America’s endowments provide 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, 2014, was $3,566,376.55.

### Condensed Financial Statements

**Years Ended August 31, 2014 and 2013**

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

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| Net Assets - Beginning of Year | 7,170,389 | 5,652,280 |
| Net Assets - End of Year | 8,098,692 | 7,170,389 |
a year of success

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2014

◆ Celebrated the completion of the 8,200 sq. ft. Curatorial Center, designed by AHTS Architects of Waterloo, Iowa and built by Mecohenne Construction of Omaha, Nebraska and Carroll Control Systems, Inc. of Carroll, Iowa. The center also features a unique “green roof” of prairie grasses and forbs provided through in-kind gifts from the Peter Ørum family and its companies, Midwest Groundcovers and Midwest Trading of St. Charles, Illinois and a grant from the Iowa West Foundation.

◆ Redesign of the museum’s entrance by Country Landscapes of Ames, Iowa that features a welcoming plaza and incorporates the Copenhagen Gas Lamps.

◆ Reached a population of over 250,000 through visits to the museum, traveling exhibits, social media, and programs and presentations around the country.

◆ Participated in numerous festivals and events from December Nights in San Diego’s Balboa Park and the annual meeting of the Rebild National Park Society in Solvang, California across the continent to the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce – Atlanta in Georgia and the annual meeting of the Federation of Danish Associations in Ottawa, Canada.

◆ Continued our partnership with the Petersen House Museum in Tempe, Arizona.

EXHIBITS

◆ Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border – This exhibit created by our museum explores the events and results of the rise of Danish and German nationalism from the 150th anniversary of the disastrous defeat of the Danish Army in 1864 at the Battle of Dybøl Mill through the plebiscite held in 1920 after World War I when the Danish majority in North Schleswig voted to return to Denmark. Tensions in this area contributed to both German and Danish immigration to the United States between 1848 and 1920 with many immigrants settling in Iowa. Following display at our museum, the exhibit moved to the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa. Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities provided major funding for the exhibit and related programming.

◆ Nude Vases, Cubist Faces: Modernism at Rookwood Pottery – Following its display in Elk Horn, this exhibit, organized by our museum with guest curator Annemarie Sawkins, Ph.D., was on exhibit through March 2015 at Iowa’s oldest cultural institution, the Dubuque Museum of Art in downtown Dubuque.

◆ Danish Modern: Design for Living – Containing over 50 items of Danish modern furniture and housewares and occupying over 1,500 sq. ft., this exhibit represents the first major exhibit organized and curated by our museum that has traveled to other major museums. In 2014 it was exhibited at the Goldstein Museum of Design in Minneapolis and the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. Through June 21, 2015 it will be at the Figge Museum in Davenport, Iowa.

◆ Eight of the museum’s traveling exhibits were hosted by eighteen different venues in seven different states and reached an audience of 91,143.

COLLECTIONS

Among the many valuable artifact donations in 2014, the museum received the following:

◆ Danish Sisterhood in America banner donated by the Danish American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

◆ Wood carving by Jes Smidt depicting in relief Queen Thyra directing the building of the Dannevirke donated by the Martin Holst Family of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

◆ Secretary/hutch owned by Aage and Magda Clements and then their daughter, Annelise Clement Stoakes. The story of this piece of furniture, donated by Annie Jones of Jefferson, South Dakota, follows the family as it travels from Denmark to Japan prior to and throughout World War II and then, following the war, back to Denmark and ultimately to the United States.

◆ Complete set of the Bing & Grøndahl Seagull pattern porcelain and glassware belonging to Poul and Elie Steffensen was donated for use at the museum by their son, Carl and Frances Steffensen, Houston, Texas.
LIFETIME LEGACY GIVING

Five categories reflect all cumulative donations of $25,000 and greater from individuals or their estates, foundations, trusts and organizations. These names are inscribed on a large plaque at the museum’s entrance.

In 2014 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of Anonymous Country Landscapes, Inc., Ames, IA R. James & Janet Borge Crowle, Saint Michaels, MD Marianne K. Festersen Trust, Omaha, NE Humanities Iowa, Iowa City, IA Dagmar Marie Muthamia, Long Beach, CA Svend & Lois Toftemark, Eugene, OR Norma (Larsen) Wilson, Red Oak, IA

In addition, we acknowledge these donors as having achieved a new level of lifetime giving:

Iowa Great Places Program awarded the museum a third and final grant to complete features in the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park

Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities

Eric and Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust

Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund

GRANTS

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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, and American interns were funded by grants from the Historical Resource Development Program through the State Historical Society of Iowa.

GRANTED $1,000,000
WAYNE ALWILL ESTATE, Manning, IA
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BRUCE R. LAURITZEN FAMILY, Omaha, NE

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merit of recognition

THE MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA PERMANENTLY RECOGNIZES TWO GROUPS OF FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES THROUGH OUTSTANDING SUPPORT, BOTH WHILE LIVING AND IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS.

By Deb Christensen Larsen
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WILBER WILLIAMSON, Des Moines, IA

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ANONYMOUS
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THE HERITAGE BUILDERS
Over the past 31 years, the
Museum of Danish America 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 through
the permission of their executors,
the names of Heritage Builders
are permanently inscribed on a
plaque at the museum.

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Anne Bansen*, Ferndale, CA
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Laura E. Hansen*, Irwin, IA
Rita Neergaard Hansen*, Kenosha, WI
Rosa Hansen*, Hampton, IA
Alma Hartvigsen*, Harlan, IA
Richard Hellman*, Oceanside, CA
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Genevieve Jensen*, Plainview, NE

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In 2014 the museum received $1,361,520 in bequests. $642,641 (47%) has been invested in the museum's endowment funds, $300,000 (22%) is being held in a contingency fund, and the balance (31%) has been or is being used for special projects and programming. The Museum of Danish America gratefully acknowledges the following estates, trusts and individuals:

- Marianne K. Festsersen, Omaha, NE
- Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI
- Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA
- Robert K. Sandahl, Hector, MN
- E. Irene Starrett, Audubon, IA
- Norma (Larsen) Wilson, Red Oak, IA
- Helga Mikkelsen*, Waverly, IA
- Inez M. Mortensen*, Omaha, NE
- Ruth Rasmussen Nelson*, St. Cloud, MN
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The following companies and individuals, through the gift of needed goods and services, supported the Museum of Danish America in 2014:

- Answers (Frank R. Tighe), Atlantic, IA
- Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA
- Carroll Control Systems, Inc. (Todd Wanninger), Carroll, IA
- Country Landscapes, Inc. (Rhett Faaborg), Ames, IA
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- Garey & Sherry Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN
- Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA
- Midwest Ground Covers LLC (Peter & Irma Ørum, Craig Keller and Christa Ørum Keller), St. Charles, IL
- Marian “Mittie” Ostergaard, Mission Viejo, CA
- Carl & Frances Steffensen, Houston, TX

As our members have seen throughout the past year, 2014 brought about many changes for the museum. The biggest of those affecting the Collections Department was the addition of our new Curatorial Center, officially opened in October. With increased space for working with our collections and for artifact storage, we have provided for decades of growth. This is important as we continue to build our collection through such generous donations as the almost 500 pieces we received during 2014. Objects like children’s clothing, artwork, photographs,
Exhibitions are a museum’s way of telling stories. Sometimes those stories are woven between artifacts, images, and historical experiences. Sometimes those stories share new artistic visions or new discoveries about the world around us. Sometimes those stories are told within a museum gallery, and sometimes they can be told in schools, libraries, and other community centers.

For a national museum like ours, exhibitions that can travel coast to coast are particularly important. We introduced five brand new traveling exhibitions to our program in 2014, which continues to expand the variety of stories to share with communities like yours. Did you learn about the life and career of Søren Kierkegaard in Minneapolis or Iowa City? Did the history of Schleswig-Holstein help you understand some of your own family history? Are you one of those “Happy Danes on the Plains” discussed in the exhibit of the same name? Have you enjoyed the beauty of art pottery from Rookwood? Have you explored the reasons behind Denmark’s rank as the happiest country? All of these stories have been shared with museum visitors and with communities across the country.

Your support of the Museum of Danish America makes these exhibitions possible. Whether in Elk Horn or in your own city, we hope you enjoy the stories of Danish America.

ON-SITE GALLERY
EXHIBITIONS IN 2014

Danish Modern: Design for Living
April 6, 2013 – January 5, 2014

Søren Kierkegaard: The Global Dane
February 1 – April 13, 2014

Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border
Feb. 22 – September 1, 2014

Nude Vases, Cubist Faces: Modernism at Rookwood Pottery
April 26 – November 9, 2014

Danish Children Growing Up American
Sept. 27, 2014 – April 4, 2015

Exploring Danish Happiness
October 2014 – April 2015

Photography by Diana Velasco: Two Nationalities
Nov. 28, 2014 – March 15, 2015

By Tova Brandt
2014 was another busy year and one of continued growth for the Genealogy Center. We added over 500 individual immigrant files to our database and, thanks to the diligent work of interns Helle Skovsgaard Christensen and Katherine Ehrig-Page, made significant inroads into the backlog of books and other materials needing processing and entering into our computer database – so much so that we are once again bursting at the seams! With the completion of the Curatorial Center, we look forward to moving some of our less-frequently used periodicals and Special Collections to a new storage area in the main museum building. This will allow us to rearrange the reading room and relieve some of the congestion on our shelves. Our summer photo exhibit on immigrants to the US and Canada who participated in the 1864 Dano-Prussian War and numerous speaking engagements kept staff and our dedicated volunteers occupied, as did the dozens of requests for research and translation assistance. Wanda Sornson once again designed and set up an interesting display on the history of julenisser for Julefest and the holiday season.

In 2014 we received and/or processed donations from the following individuals and institutions:

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By
Michele McNabb
In 2014 volunteers at both the museum and our Genealogy Center contributed a total of 3,206 hours, down approximately 400 hours from 2013. However, we must take into consideration that we went from 46 volunteers to 41 volunteers in 2014. Individual volunteers logged from just under 10 hours to 470.

Our volunteers help with a number of tasks including assisting staff with greeting visitors, data entry, indexing, mailings, translations, research, and with special events such as the grand opening of our Curatorial Center in October 2014. Staff could not do what we do on a daily basis without assistance from volunteers - we are so grateful for each and every hour.

The following are volunteers for whom we have documented hours in 2014.

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We also want to recognize members of the Atlantic Chapter of the Friends of the Danish Immigrant Museum who have been long-time supporters and donors. The organization provides us 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.

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

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George Clausen, my father bn. 2-26-1897
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My Danish and Swedish grandparents
My Danish and Swedish parents
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By Deb Christensen Larsen

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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 Danish-American heritage. As a way of paying tribute, the Danish Immigrant Wall of Honor was established in 1992 listing the name of an immigrant, their year of entering the United States, and their place of settlement. The immigrants’ stories and family histories, if available, are part of the growing repository at the Museum of Danish America’s Genealogy Center.

Listed here are the names of the immigrants placed on the Wall in 2014:

**Peder Edvin Andersen** (1927)
Livermore, California – Margaret Andersen of Livermore, CA

**Peder (Broderson) Brotheron**
(1869) Tahiti, French Polynesia – Richard, Aldo, and Rexford Brotheron of Tahiti, French Polynesia

**Knud Christensen** (1872)
Royal, Clay County, Iowa - David & Jane Kruse of Spirit Lake, IA

**Julius A. Eriksen** (1885)
Lawrence, Kansas - Conrad Dale Eriksen of Fort Collins, CO

**Hans Hansen** (1899)
Centerdale, Iowa - Walter Hansen of West Branch, IA

**Jens P. Jensen** (1885)
Petersen, Clay County, Iowa - David & Jane Kruse of Spirit Lake, IA

**Julius A. Johnsen & (HeLEN)**
Jorgine Rasmussen Johnsen
(1912) (1913) Santa Cruz, California - Carol Johnsen Bassoni of Gilroy, CA

**Chris Jokumsen & Anna Dorthea (Christensen) Jokumsen**
(1905)
Cedar Falls, Iowa – Daniel Christensen of West Moines, IA

**Hans Jörn Knudsen & Anna Dorthea Mollsen Knudsen**
(1872) (1874) Denver, Colorado – Carol Johnsen Bassoni of Gilroy, CA

**Margrethe Rasmussen Kvarnes**
(1890) St. Paul, Minnesota – Larry Peterson of Grove City, OH

**Kurt Klarskov Larsen**
(1978) Pell City, Alabama - Joy Larsen of Oneonta, AL

**Soren Christian Mikkelsen**
(1921) Junction City, Oregon - David L. & Pauline Mikkelsen of Silverton, OR

**George Hemming Nielsen**
(1892)
Racine, Wisconsin - Gordon L. Nielsen of Tulsa, OK; Lindbergh L. Nielsen of Waupaca, WI

**Jennie Dagmar Nielsen**
(1905)
Shafer, Minnesota – Michael W. Garey of Hovland, MN

**John Peter Peterson**
(1890)
Bismarck, North Dakota – Larry Peterson of Grove City, OH; Marilyn Score of Boyceville, WI

**Lars Peter Peterson & Anna Jensine Peterson Jensen**
(1890) Milletown, Wisconsin – Larry Peterson of Grove City, OH; Marilyn Score of Boyceville, WI

**Frieda Kristiana Lynngaaard**
Mikkelsen Rau
(1927) Chicago, Illinois - Fern E. Rau of Joliet, IL; Lyn Rau Pence of Hampton, VA

**Gerda Edel Grane Henriksen**
Westenberger
(1923) Chicago, Illinois - Gloria Culpepper of Long Beach, CA
The Museum of Danish America receives many contributions made in honor of beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2014 the following people or special events were honored:

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Danish Sisterhood Lodge #3 (Davenport, IA)
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Benedikte Ehlers
Elk Horn-Kimballton High School Class of 1964
Lyle & Dorothy Feisel

Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel’s birthday
Esther Frost’s 90th birthday
Genealogy Center
Children of Cleo & Esther Hansen: Stew Hansen, Wendell Hansen, Marlene Fontanini, Judy Campbell, Karen Anderson, Susan Fisher and Kathryn Hansen
Lotte Hansen, Danish intern at Genealogy Center
Roger & Marilyn Hanson
Isabel Hoegh
History translation performed by Jim Iversen
Jim & Marge Iversen
Father, LeRoy B. Jensen and family
Larsen Family Reunion, Hastings, NE
Laursen Family
James Lindberg Family
Earl Madsen
Gladys McCrory’s 90th birthday
The Museum’s Volunteers
John Mark Nielsen for writing the article about the old Muller clock and its history in the America Letter (Spring 2014)
John Mark Nielsen - awarded Bien of the Year
John Mark Nielsen
Merete Nieto’s birthday
Mr. & Mrs. James Petersen, grandparents of Garey Knudsen
Megan, Luke & Zane Petersen
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Gerald Rasmussen on Father’s Day
The Sigrid Riddle (Faaborg) Family
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State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, IA
Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park
Iowa Great Places, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Des Moines, IA
Exhibit: Photography by Diana Velasco: Two Nationalities (and Residency)
Rural Arts Development Grant, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Des Moines, IA
Exhibit: Nude Vases, Cubist Faces: Modernism at Rookwood Pottery
Rural Arts Development Grant, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Des Moines, IA
Exhibit: Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border
Humanities Iowa, Iowa City, IA

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Lyle & Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel, Chestertown, MD, in honor of Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel’s birthday
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