After enjoying five years on the Board of Directors of the Museum of Danish America, it is an honor and privilege to serve this, my final year, as President. It seems like just a few months ago I was doing my board orientation with the MoDA staff, along with four other “newbies”, including Cindy Adams, Dorothy Feisel, Garey Knudsen, and Linda Steffensen, and two not-so-newbies, Dagmar Muthamia and Anna Holliday. Dagmar and Anna had previously served on the board in years past. We refer to ourselves alternatively as the “Class of 2012” and “The Magnificent Seven”!

I remember when I was asked to serve on the board, I thought I did not deserve to be a part of such a prestigious group. What could I possibly have to offer? After all, I was just a farm boy from North Dakota, and I’m not even of 100% Danish heritage (although the Danish part is my favorite!). What I found was that the members of the MoDA board are all ordinary people, from many different backgrounds and walks of life, from all over the country (and Denmark too), bonded together by a love of our Danish-American heritage and the Danish immigrant story. We share a common desire to tell this incredible story of Danes in America, past, present, and future to all who will listen. This may be my final year on the board, but MoDA, the experiences I’ve had through my association with the museum, and the wonderful people with whom I have had the privilege to work, will be part of me for as long as I live.

Recently, our new Executive Director, Rasmus Thøgersen, completed his first year on the job. It has been gratifying to see Rasmus jump in with both feet, learn all the ins and outs of museum operations, reach out to the community, and develop relationships with the staff, our donors, and many supporters in the United States, and also in Denmark. It is a unique advantage for us to have a native-born Dane at the helm, and his youth, energy, and enthusiasm are infectious. He is the first Executive Director to have Danish as his first language (although we do have to remind him to talk more slowly once in a while!). Rasmus has gotten off to a fantastic start. But he couldn’t do it without the help and support of a very talented and dedicated museum staff. We are so fortunate.

For the first time a few months ago, our endowment topped $5 million! It has taken some 35 years to get there! With some major new gifts, in addition to the bull market we’ve seen over the past few years, the growth in the endowment has been substantial. Of course, the goal of having an endowment is to provide a reliable source of income for MoDA, without having to depend so heavily on gifts which vary so much from year to year, in order to make ends meet. In the future we will want to continue to build the endowment. It is the key to our future success and stability.

Unbelievably, our 2015-2020 strategic plan will need to be updated and built upon to take us into the third decade of the millennium and beyond. We need to think outside the box, and develop new opportunities not only to generate support for MoDA, but also to find new ways to share our mission and tell our story. In order for us to be successful, we must be relevant. And to be relevant, we must continually examine ourselves and be on the “cutting edge”. This will be a priority for us in 2018 and beyond.

I wish to end by thanking you for supporting this wonderful endeavor, whether with your membership, financial gifts, volunteer time, or by other means. Working with you, I’m looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

By Tim Burchill
The 2017-2018 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 thirty-four 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 2017, the Board held its February meeting at the Cultural Center at the Emanuel Danish Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda, California, and its June meeting was held at Danish Archive Northeast (DANE) in Edison, New Jersey, with election of new board members. The annual October board meeting is always held in Elk Horn. New board members become oriented to the operation of the museum and its various departments and assume their office at that meeting.

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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who we are

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

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

VISION STATEMENT
◆ 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.

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a year of success

We are grateful for yet another fantastic year here at the museum!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums! The Museum of Danish America is now among the top 3% of museums in the nation.
- The Genealogy Center building on Main Street was donated to the museum by former board member Dennis Andersen from Atlanta, GA.
- Increased our visitors to Elk Horn by 6% compared to 2016. Reached a population of over 300,000 through visits to the museum, traveling exhibits, social media, and programs and presentations around the country.
- Through a generous matching grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa, we were able to hire a two-year Archival Collections Manager.
- Participated in numerous festivals and events, including the Orange International Street Fair in California, Grundlovsdag celebrations at both the Danish Home at Croton-on-Hudson, NY and the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, DC, Danebod Folk Meeting in Tyler, MN and Danish American Cultural Retreat in Menucha, OR.
- Presented at various professional conferences, including the 40th anniversary conference of the Danish American Heritage Society and the annual conferences of the Association of Midwest Museums and the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.
- Expanded our Victor Borge Legacy Awards to include the Des Moines Public Schools.

EXHIBITS: The museum continued its active exhibits program in 2017.

- Denmark – America’s Smallest and Biggest Ally – an exhibit on the longstanding diplomatic relationship between the two countries. The opening of the exhibit was attended by the Deputy Chief of Mission from the Embassy of Denmark in Washington, DC, as well as representatives from the Danish veterans organization Wounded Warriors.
- The Whimsical World of Bjørn Wiinblad – A retrospective exhibit organized by the Museum of Danish America in cooperation with Arken Museum of Art located in Ishøj, Denmark. The exhibit traveled to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle and received great reviews there.
- Skål! Scandinavian Spirits – Organized by our museum, this exhibit also represents the first cooperative effort by all six of the major Scandinavian-American museums. This year it was at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia and the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.
- Home-Grown Art – museum collection pieces from the tri-county area.
- Nordic Light: Paintings by Hanne Støvring – a Danish artist based in New York.
- Watercolors by Betty Pedersen Bell – on loan from the family.
- Hygge – a traveling banner exhibit intended to celebrate everyone’s favorite (old) new term.
- Art by Gert Mathiesen – An exhibit exploring the legacy of this contemporary Danish-born artist (1951-2013). The exhibit was at Nordia House in Portland, OR.
- Nine of the museum’s traveling exhibits were hosted by 19 different venues in 11 different states.

COLLECTIONS: Among the many valuable artifacts we added to the collection in 2017, we want to highlight the following:

- Portraits of King Frederick VIII and Christian IX, originally commissioned by the royal family and displayed at Amalienborg Palace; donated by Christian Castenskiold, cousin of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.
- Bag of øland flour. A Nordic heritage grain; donated by Elvira Meyer.
- A statue by Danish-American sculptor Carl Rohl-Smith.
- Wedding dress worn on both sides of the Atlantic - the dress has an incredible story which was told in the Spring 2017 issue of the America Letter; Henrik Linnet, Tønder, Denmark.
- It is also worth noting that our 3D object collection inventory was completed in 2017.
GRANTS
◆ Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund
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◆ Iowa Arts Council
◆ Iowa Tourism
◆ State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
◆ Scan Design Foundation

GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNS
The museum continues to benefit from the work of graduate student interns. A generous donation by Diane Skov funded our American intern. We were thrilled to learn that we have been approved for funding from the Scan Design Foundation to continue our Danish internship program through 2021.

volunteers
In 2017 volunteers at both the Museum and Genealogy Center contributed a total of 3,122 hours, down only 55 hours from 2016. Each year we lose a few volunteers, for a number of reasons – health, a move to a different community or other commitments. But once again, we’ve added a few to the roster – John Mark Nielsen and Nancy Sand at the museum and Julie McKeever and Ann Podraza at the Genealogy Center. Volunteers help with genealogy research, translations, assisting museum staff by greeting visitors at the front desk, helping to set up, serve and clean up at a number of museum events, data entry, mailings, and most recently, in the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park. Staff could not do what we do on a daily basis without assistance from our devoted volunteers - every hour of time volunteers give is deeply appreciated.

Mange Tak to ALL of our volunteers!

The following are volunteers for whom we have documented hours in 2017.

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Elva Rasmussen
Nancy Sand
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Ann Podraza
Suzanne Rasmussen
Nancy Sand
Charlotte Sorensen
Karma Sorensen
Gayle Stuart
Donna Christensen Thomas
Erik Høgsbro Østergaard

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 with a variety of cookies we serve to museum guests during our annual celebrations of Tivoli Fest, held the weekend preceding Memorial Day, and Julefest, held the weekend following Thanksgiving Day. Its members include Harvey Andersen, Norma Andersen, Ramona Andersen, Marty & Connie Boose, Janet Bornholdt, Jack & Eileen Denne, Clayton Ellingson, Dean & Verna Esbeck, Gene & Kathleen Eyberg, Ileen Furse, Marcella Gaines, Calvin & Phyllis Hoegh, Chet & Marj Holland, Nadine Jacobsen, Doris Jensen, Gladys McCrory, Merlin & Sonya Mikkelson, Beverly Nelson, Dale & Linda Nelson, Delores Nelson, Bob & Frances Nelson, Clara Pedersen, Helen Petersen, Darrell & Bertha Schroeter, and Nadine Williamson according to the most recent roster of record. Staff member Deb Christensen Larsen represents the museum.

By
Terri Johnson
It’s a whole new museum! During the course of 2017, every exhibition space was changed, updated, and redesigned. For some of our galleries, that’s part of the routine – spaces that host temporary exhibitions for a few months or a year, and then feature something completely different. But in 2017 the museum installed brand new core exhibitions, the long-term displays that tell the museum’s central story. You can explore the faces, voices, and belongings of Danish immigrants from every decade and all over the country. You can follow a timeline, “14,000 years in 90 feet,” featuring the main events of Danish and Danish-American history. A new Kids Zone presents toys both old and new. Complementing the history, the new core exhibitions also introduce some facts and figures about modern Denmark in the 21st century, from taxes to immigration to reasons why Denmark might be “the happiest country in the world.”

In addition to the new core exhibitions, the museum maintained a full schedule of temporary and traveling exhibitions. We enjoyed sharing a “skål” with the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia, and later in the year with the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. The Whimsical World of Bjørn Wiinblad spent the spring in Elk Horn, and then visited Seattle’s Nordic Heritage Museum for the summer and fall. A new traveling banner exhibition about Hygge defines this very Danish concept for audiences across the country, and even attempts to teach the correct pronunciation.

In our changing exhibition galleries, we have continued to highlight artistic expression through the contemporary paintings of Hanne Støvring (Nordic Light), watercolors by Betty Pedersen Bell, and through pieces in the museum collection that were made right in the museum’s neighborhood (Home-Grown Art). In the Kramme Gallery, a major new exhibition presents the history of political and military cooperation between the United States and Denmark in Denmark: America’s Smallest and Biggest Ally.

There is no shortage of Danish-American stories to tell, and we invite you to experience them for yourself – whether in Elk Horn or in communities across the country.

* Would you like to share one of these exhibits in your community? Contact us to learn more about hosting a museum display!
ON-SITE GALLERY EXHIBITIONS IN 2017

Sport for Sports’ Sake: Athletes and Ethnicity in Danish America
April 23, 2016 – September 4, 2017

Brimberg Photographs for National Geographic (1990-2002)
May 2016 – July 2017

The Whimsical World of Bjørn Wiinblad
November 25, 2016 – May 30, 2017

Nordic Light: Paintings by Hanne Støvring
June 24 – October 31, 2017

Watercolors by Betty Pedersen Bell
July 2017 – May 2018

Denmark: America’s Smallest and Biggest Ally
September 30, 2017 – September 3, 2018

Home-Grown Art
November 24, 2017 – June 10, 2018

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS IN 2017

Art by Gert Mathiesen
Nordia House, Portland, Oregon

Church Basements and Children’s Homes
Columbia Hall, Dannebrog, Nebraska
Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, Oklahoma
Danish Sisterhood #15, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Danish Pioneer
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Omaha, Nebraska
Danish American Heritage Society conference, Chicago, Illinois

Exploring Danish Happiness
Danish American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Danish Language Village, Bemidji, Minnesota

Hygge
Danish Cultural Center, Greenville, Michigan
Danish Church and Cultural Center, Yorba Linda, California
Northwest Danish Association, Seattle, Washington
Norden Club, Lincoln, Nebraska

Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie
Danish American Heritage Society conference, Chicago, Illinois

Skål! Scandinavian Spirits
American Swedish Historical Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Scandinavian Trade Association, Tampa Bay, Florida
Becker County Historical Society, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Luck Historical Museum, Luck, Wisconsin
Danish American Heritage Society conference, Chicago, Illinois

Sport for Sports’ Sake
Danish American Heritage Society conference, Chicago, Illinois

The Whimsical World of Bjørn Wiinblad
Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, Washington
Throughout 2017, the museum graciously received a number of artifacts that communicate unique stories which we are excited to share with our members and visitors through our exhibitions, on and off site programs, and View Our Collection. One of those pieces is a lace wedding dress that was first worn in 1939 in the U.S. and then in Denmark in 1947. Another is a set of letters notifying a military family during World War I that their son had been killed in action, and then retracting that information and relaying that he was instead wounded and recovering in a hospital in France. Also new to our collection are dishes and photos documenting a Danish-immigrant owned restaurant and motel in Illinois that operated between the 1940s and 1980s.

These, and so many more stories are now preserved and shared – we are grateful. Thank you for your continued and kind support.

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In 2017 the Genealogy Center saw the highest number of visitors in a year since opening (749). It is exciting to see so many people interested in researching their Danish roots! Our front room display, “Æbleskiver Pans: Past & Present,” featuring æbleskiver pans from the museum’s collection, opened for TivoliFest in alignment with the festival’s æbleskiver theme. In October, this was replaced by a local history exhibit in conjunction with the museum’s core exhibit redesign. The exhibit features artifacts and documents that tell the story of Danish settlement in Elk Horn and the surrounding area, emphasizing the Genealogy Center’s connection to the museum while illustrating the type of information that may be found within the library.

Scan Design Foundation intern Martin Armbrust helped catalog 491 new items for our library and Special Collections. The hiring of a two-year Archival Collections Manager, Cheyenne Jansdatter, ensures that the museum’s archival collection and Genealogy Center’s Special Collections will merge into a cohesive collection meeting archival standards.

Genealogy staff and volunteers completed 49 paid research projects and 29 translation projects, sent from around the country, in addition to working alongside walk-in patrons and responding to phone and email queries. Our Danish immigrant database has grown to over 10,000 files containing biographical and genealogical information. Volunteers donated over 2,000 hours to improving the Center’s resources, assisting with projects, and keeping us fueled on cookies and coffee.

A very special thank you to Dennis Andersen, owner and landlord of the Genealogy Center’s beautiful home on Main Street since its move there in 2003, for his generous decision this year to donate the building to the Museum of Danish America. We are very grateful for all the work Dennis has done on the building over the years, and now for this gracious gift.

We were thrilled this year to meet so many new faces and to be visited by old friends. Thank you to all patrons and donors for your kind and generous support.

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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, 2017, was $5,241,734.97.

Condensed Financial Statements
Years Ended August 31, 2017 and 2016

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

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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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In 2017 the museum received $242,027.38 in bequests, $2,593.30 (1%) has been invested in the museum’s endowment funds and the balance $239,434.08 (99%) has been or is being used for operations, special projects and programming. The Museum of Danish America gratefully acknowledges the following estates, trusts and individuals:

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**Kristen & Inger (Mikkelson) Madson** (1923 | 1924) Laural, Nebraska – Linda Madsen, Billings, MT

**Pouline Madson** (1924) Laural, Nebraska – Donna Hausmann, Butte, NE

**Elisabeth Mortensen** (1958) San Jose, California – Bente Ellis, San Jose, CA

**Hans Martin Nielsen** (1913) Vinton, Iowa – Wanda Lastovka, Belle Plaine, IA; Dan Lastovka, Belle Plaine, IA

**Marinus Nielsen & Frederikka Poulsen** (1907 | 1907) Albert Lea, Minnesota – Pearl Swank, Poplar, MT

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