

named gifts inventory

These are the names currently honored with a plaque or signage in and outside the museum and Genealogy Center. The names listed here include contributions that date back to the museum's inception.

For space purposes, this list does not include Wall of Honor, Heritage Builders, Lifetime Legacy Giving, digital resources, exhibit sponsorship, the new outdoor interpretive signage, or the Curatorial Center contributors. These donors have or will be featured in Annual Reports.

Every effort has been made to accurately represent the current named gifts here. If you find any errors, we will gladly make every effort to correct them.

MEZZANINE LEVEL

The Kramme Gallery

Given in memory of Einer and Dagmar Kramme
By Grete Kramme and The Lowell Kramme Family

Hartvigsen & Hansen Reception Area

In memory of Jorgen & Andrea Hartvigsen; Chris L. & Maren Hansen
Donated by Alma Hartvigsen

MAIN LEVEL

Elevator

Iowa West Foundation, Edith Bullamore, Knud Hojgaards Fond, State of Iowa, Danish Brotherhood Lodge Numbers 1, 15, 39 121, 144, and 190, Wilber J. Williamson, Robert H. & Harriet K. Sorensen, Roland & Anitra L. Jensen, Poul D. & Judy Andersen, Tivoli Fest, Haldor Topsoe, Inc., Lis & Iver Jorgensen, Anton & Gunver Berg, Henry & Sharon Olesen, Roland & Cora Fagre, Claude & Alma Metzler, Edwin & Donna Pedersen, Lemuel & Edith Hansen Spro, Ruth Witebsky, Carl C. & Jane Hansen, Ellen Juhl, Geneva Kruse, Donald Osterby, William & Marilyn Gift, Egon & Shirley Ellgaard, Agneta J. Borg, Norman C. Bansen, Neelna J. Clausen, Margaret Syring, Sandra A. Boeskov, Elisa K. Jorgensen, Dorothy E. Lunch, Steen Hansen, Bill Christensen, Jens Busch, Ingrid & Erik Hansen, Bruce D. & Ester Westling, Gunnar Horn, Elaine Jensen Rovane, Hans O. & Gretchen K. Sorensen, Danebod Senior Group, Agnes Sorensen, Laurine Schier, Ronald & Delores Jespersen, Freda Noll

The Bro Dining Room & Furnishings

In memory of Niels Christian & Laura Birgitte Bork Bro
Donated by Mervin Edward Bro

The Respass Picnic Area

In memory of Albert Frederick Hansen & Gunder Margaret Juel Hansen
Donated by Peyton & Lucia Respass

Kitchen Floor

Given in memory of Ray L. Esbeck

Bing & Grøndahl Christmas Plates

Donated by Olga Olsen, Myrtle Andersen, Erik & Jackie Olsen, and Danish Windmill, Inc.

Conference Room

Donated by Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company

Executive Director's Office

In memory of N.S. & Sigrid Kruse and Hartvig & Lillie Jensen

Donated by Roland & Anitra Jensen

Drinking Fountain

In memory of Jacob & Lovise Horn

Donated by Gunnar Horn

Petersen Patio Windows

In memory of Hans Simonsen & Katie Petersen, Christen & Marie Lauritsen Pedersen, Peder Christian & Johanne Dettman Petersen

Donated by Archie Petersen

Curator's Office

In memory of Jens & Ane Hansen Christensen

Donated by Clyde E. Johnson

Tradition Bearers and Family History Area

In memory of Ina Marian Robinson & Robert Jon Robinson

Donated by Eugene Robinson

The Petersen Family Patio

In memory of Hans Simonsen & Katie Petersen, Christen & Marie Lauritsen Pedersen, Peder Christian & Johanne Dettman Petersen

Donated by Archie Petersen, Thelma Petersen, Wilmer Petersen, H. Rand Petersen & Mary Louise Petersen, Victor & Adele Petersen, Wilbert & Myrtle Petersen Miller, Ray & Ruby Ferry, Vern & Lola Petersen, Horace & Marjorie Petersen Scheetz

Jensen Gift Shop

In memory of Thorvald G. & Kirstine Simonsen Jensen

Donated by Erling V. & Rose Jensen, W. Clayton & Virginia Nielsen, Gerald R. Jensen, Harold B. Hoegh

2006 Renovation of the Museum Shop

In memory of Ethel L. Peterson

Donated by her family

Madsens Hyggehjørne

Dedicated to Annabelle & Earl Madsen

By Carolyn & Jerry Larson, Kim & Mike Williams

Esbeck Entrance Windows

In memory of Sena & William Esbeck Family

Donated by Ramona Esbeck, Donald Esbeck, Gordon Esbeck, Roy & Thelma Wehde, Howard & Ruth Esbeck, Kay Esbeck North, Carl & Kathie Esbeck, Mark & Tammy Rosenberry, Scott &

Tammy Sonksen, Ray & Janet Fisher, David W. Esbeck, Fredric N. & Christine Jackson, Craig Esbeck

Bench

In memory of Peter C. & Margaret Andersen Ledet and in honor of Erma Ledet Adams
Donated by Richard A. Ledet

Gronbech Lobby

In remembrance of The Gronbech Family Danish Heritage
By Herman Kristian & Christina Alsager Gronbech, Gertrude Alsager Gronbech, Leona (Gronbech) & Virgil Hougen, Agda (Gronbech) & Leroy Harlow, Oma (Gronbech) Weitscheff, Hans & Hulda Gronbech, Roy & Patricia Hougen, Curtis & Janet Hougen, William Kristian Weitscheff, Christina Marie Weitscheff

Bench

In memory of Vera Christensen Baker

Podium

In memory of Haakon & Louise Stadsvold
By Family and Friends

Display Unit

Made possible by The Grandchildren of Niels Christian Bro

Friends of the Museum Display

In memory of Erling N. Jensen and Jens Lars & Efra Henreta Jensen
Donated by Ruth Jensen

Brochure Rack

In memory of Mayme Jensen Kay

OUTDOORS

Automatic Door

In memory of Hans Nielsen Jorgensen
By Robert W. & Harriet Hayes

Entrance Gardens

Made possible by Lois V. Petersen

Irrigation System

In memory of Louie & Elsie Hansen

Concrete Planters

In memory of John & Ruth Kinch

Tree

In memory of Hans Christian Have
Given by Kathy & Frank White

Bur Oak

In memory of James Edward Christensen

Bur Oak

In memory of Kurt Klarskov Larsen
By Joy, Fiona, Colin, Karen

Autumn Blaze Maple

In memory of Milo Andersen

Red Oak

In memory of H. Folmer Molgaard

Jens Dixen Path

Made possible by The Friends of the Museum, Atlantic Chapter

Relocation and Renovation of The Jens Dixen House

Made possible by the Cedar Valley Danes

Friends Walk

Made possible by the Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Atlantic Chapter, and the communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton

The Strandskov

Honoring the Lars & Ane Marie Strandskov Family

Bench

In honor of Gerda Dahlgaard Christensen

Bench

In memory of Ralph & Evelyn Hansen and Family

Bench

In memory of Alice Simonsen

Bench

In memory of Hans Thyge Nielsen

Bench

In memory of Arnold & Elsie Bro
By Mervin Bro

Bench

In loving remembrance of Alvin Peter Jorgensen
By Marion Campbell Jorgensen, Judy Jorgensen Keefer, Janice Jorgensen Hartman

Bench

Strandskoven
In memory of Lars & Ane Marie Strandskov
By the Strandskov Family

Bench

In honor of Cora E. Fagre
By Carl & Shirley Morck, Niel & Evelyn Morck

GENEALOGY CENTER

A plaque at the Genealogy Center recognizes:

Founding Mothers / Volunteers

Helen Stub, Minneapolis MN
Margaret Christensen, IA
Mae Petersen, Harlan IA
Norma Lange Nelson, Elk Horn IA

Fund-Raising Campaign

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