

An E-Newsletter Exclusively for Friends of
The Danish Immigrant Museum



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NEWS FROM OUR MUSEUM SHOP

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Calling all artists AND wanna-be artists!!



Once again it is that time of year where we look ahead for next year's artist to design our 2009 annual museum Christmas card and ornament. Thanks to wonderful members in the past, we have had some spectacular designs. Typically the cards are 5" wide and 7" high with a Danish greeting on the inside. On the back of the card and ornament is a brief bio of the artist. Our ornaments are a white ceramic base with a scalloped border. You can submit your designs to me at giftshop@danishmuseum.org. Jpeg images work best.

We would like all entries submitted by March 1st.

Should you have any questions please contact me at the above address. Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Love watches?

I am pleased to announce that The Danish Immigrant Museum has added a new line of watches...



noon copenhagen

New to North America these watches are created by Danish award winning designer Henrik Sørig known for many innovative designs, and also known for his designs for Bang @ Olufsen.

Sørig has designed a very clean and contemporary timepiece.

The Danish Immigrant Museum was actually their first customer in the United States and a plaque stating this accompanied the first order of the watches!

You can catch a glimpse of a few of them in our winter catalog (if you haven't already!).

If interested please, contact me. I have photos of the watches that I can send to you for your viewing.



Look forward to hearing from

all you watch enthusiasts!



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NEWS from our Curator of Exhibitions
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VICTOR BORGE'S CENTENNIAL YEAR



(L-R) Jim & Janet Crowle,
Dr. John Mark Nielsen & Erin Harney



Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Janet Crowle, Dawn Nielsen
and Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer



Victor Borge's Exhibit (Kiosk)
in Ambassador Petersen's home

On January 10th, Danish Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen and his wife opened their Washington, D.C. home to the family and friends of Victor Borge launching the **Victor Borge Centennial Year** celebrations. The evening was dedicated to Borge's life and showcased by a custom built 'traveling' exhibit portraying his personal and professional life. The exhibit was designed by Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, and Erin Harney, Curator of Exhibitions at The Danish Immigrant Museum, Jim and Janet Crowle (daughter of Victor Borge), and Applied Art and Technology in Des Moines. For more details of this event and pictures, please visit the Royal Danish Embassy's website at <http://www.ambwashington.um.dk/en>

During 2009 a host of activities are planned to celebrate the life of this great and funny man who immigrated to the U.S. in 1938. Events include a centennial exhibition at **Scandinavia House in New York**, opening **January 24th through May 2nd** that will then move to the **The Danish Immigrant Museum** from **May 22, 2009 to March 10, 2010**. A "traveling kiosk" will also be on display at Danish-American communities across the country. *If you are interested in hosting this traveling exhibit, please call the museum for details.*



Removing 200 lb. plate



Norman A. Petersen, II RPT
of Mankato, MN



Borge's Hindsberg Piano



Piano covered in plastic

The museum is home to Borge's first piano, currently in the process of being restored. Restoration is made possible through generous donations from Consul Lowell M. and Marilyn Kramme of Des Moines, Iowa, and Jim and Janet Crowle. Victor Borge bought the piano in the late 1920's and donated it to the museum in 1994.