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What happened to the Norwegians, Danes and Swedes in America?

At last there is a comprehensive look at the three Scandinavian groups that have now lived in the United States for several generations. *Scandinavian Descendants in the United States* answers a lot of questions and gives you a perspective on the ten million Scandinavian descendants, and how the groups differ - in a very readable way. It is a both interesting and, at times, surprising analysis, about the degree of integration/assimilation: residence, social and economic status, mixed marriages, religion, political and value-related attitudes - and the interest in one's own ethnic origins. If you have Norwegian, Danish or Swedish roots this is a book about, and for, you!

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Written by the Director of the Odense City Museums, Torben Grøngaard Jeppesen, the hard-cover book, with a protective book jacket, is approx. 8"x10" (20 x 25 cm), with 208 pages and lots of full color photos, illustrations, maps and charts.

Price is only \$35 excluding shipping and handling. To order simply send a check or your Visa or Mastercard number and expiration date to:
The Danish Immigrant Museum, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn, IA 51531.
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Museum Holiday Hours

Closed December 24 at noon through December 26, 2010 and December 31 - January 2, 2011.

Visitor Finds His Button



Following Thanksgiving, Carl and Marilyn Mehr of San Diego, California, visited the Museum and took the time to meet with Executive Director John Mark Nielsen and Curator of Collections Angela Stanford. In 2006, Carl and Marilyn donated a political button referencing Carl's campaign for governor of California. They enjoyed being reunited with this artifact, now part of the Museum's permanent collection.

Danish Christmas Service in Chicago

The seventeenth annual and last Danish Christmas Service to be held at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 6740 W North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is Saturday, December 4, at 2:30 pm. Special guests will be Pastor Julie Sløk from The Danish Seamen's Church in New York and Pastor Karen Knutson of St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Blue Island. If you are interested in attending this service and have questions, please contact Linda Steffensen at Den Danske Pioneer, dpioneer@aol.com.

Annual Multimedia Internet Advent Calendar 2010 Begins December 1

www.julen.nu Count down the days to Christmas with the online Danish Advent Calendar 2010, created by Peter Wendelboe of Aalborg.

This year is Wendelboe's Multimedia Advent Calendar # 50 and #15 on the internet.

The 2010 Advent Calendar's theme is *Danish Inventions that moved the world*. You may be surprised to learn of the many inventions that Danish inventors were behind.



Digging Up the Body of Tycho Brahe (again)

<http://www.boingboing.net/2010/11/16/digging-up-the-body.html>



Tycho Brahe's skull beside picture of skull from 1901.

The death of 16th century Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, has been attributed to mysterious circumstances, which people often point to as murder. 1901's exhumation of Brahe was considered "fast and dirty", but reportedly found elevated levels of mercury in Brahe's glorious mustache. So on November 15, 2010, Tycho Brahe's tomb was once again opened and he was re-buried four days later. What did they discover? Visit the above website and all links therein to learn how archaeologists dedicated themselves to finding out more about Brahe's life.



DECEMBER 2010

Victor Borge Exhibition Opens in Seattle's Nordic Heritage Museum



Opening December 3, the Nordic Heritage Museum will host the exhibition *Victor Borge: A Smile is the Shortest Distance*, on loan from The Danish Immigrant Museum. This celebration of Borge's life and laughter includes original costumes and artifacts as well as excerpts from his memorable performances. The exhibition will remain on view through February 6, 2011. Visit www.nordicmuseum.org for more information.

Closing Soon: Paul Solevad, Featured Danish-American Artist



December is the final month to enjoy the art of Paul Solevad in the museum galleries. This body of work was specifically created for this installation at the museum, which is evident in the common themes, colors, and images throughout the individual pieces. The exhibition will remain on view through January 2, 2011. Thanks to Lemman USA for their support in bringing this exhibition to Elk Horn.

Brown Bag Lunch at the Museum

Brown Bag Lunch Series: C is for Christmas

Thursday, December 9, 12 noon, Museum's Bro Dining Room

Enjoy Danish Christmas traditions with carols sung by Pastor Keith Menter - aided by Victor Borge's piano! This program is free to the public. Bring your lunch, we'll provide the coffee.



Notable Grant Received



The museum has received a grant of \$7,000 from Humanities Iowa, a state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in support of next year's exhibition, "Church Basements and Children's Homes: Danish-American Missions Here and Abroad." The exhibition will be on view in the museum's galleries from April 16 through October 31, 2011. Thanks to this grant award, the museum will also create a traveling version of this exhibition that may be borrowed by museums, libraries, churches, and other organizations. If you are interested in bringing this exhibition to your community, contact Tova Brandt, curator of exhibitions (curator@danishmuseum.org).