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The Danish Immigrant Museum would like to update you on its many up-coming events and general news

• PROCLAMATION



On January 14, Museum member and State Senator Ken (Jake) Jacobsen introduced a resolution recognizing The Danish Immigrant Museum and the importance of Danish immigrants in the State of Washington. Jacobsen is originally from Dannebrog, Nebraska.

Photo in the State of Washington Senate Chambers: L-R Mark Schleck and Mary DeLorme of Scan | Design Foundation of Seattle, Museum Board President and former Washington State Senator Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Senator Ken Jacobsen, Washington Lt. Governor Brad Owen, Museum's Development Director Bruce Bro and Executive Director John Mark Nielsen.

• EVELYN MATTHIES EXHIBIT TO OPEN

Opening January 23, the newest exhibition in the Danish-American Artist Series features Evelyn Matthies of Brainerd, Minnesota. Dozens of examples of her work will be exhibited at the museum through July 11, 2010. Her art covers a wide range of subjects and techniques, from paintings of Denmark to wood cuts and fish prints on paper. The exhibition represents a retrospective of many influences and experiences in Matthies' life, including extensive travel, a passion for the natural world, and collaborations with writers and other artists.

Matthies has been a lifelong artist and teacher with an artistic career spanning five decades and a teaching career of 30 years. She states, "I not only enjoy doing my own art, but get an incredible 'natural high' from viewing other people's work, witnessing works in progress, and by being a part of the whole creative world of music, theatre, dance, literature, poetry, sculpture and photography." She has taught over 8,000 students ranging in age from five to eighty-five and believes that art is all encompassing.



Museum visitors can meet the artist in person on Saturday, May 29, when she offers a public gallery talk in conjunction with Elk Horn's Tivoli Fest activities. Matthies will also lead a hands-on workshop on Sunday afternoon, May 30. Please contact the The Danish Immigrant Museum for more information about these unique opportunities.

• GENEALOGY WORKSHOP – DEADLINE APPROACHES

Southern Californians: Don't forget the Danish genealogy workshops to be held at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center librarian and resident such as common pitfalls in Atlantic, popular internet Copenhagen and other is available each day for \$5. consultations are also 712.764.7008 or email contact the church at



in Yorba Linda on Jan. 28-30! Museum genealogist, Michele McNabb, will cover topics Danish research, sources on both sides of the sites, and researching in Slesvig-Holsten, regions. Each workshop is \$15; a light lunch A limited number of personal research available. For information or to register, call librarian@danishmuseum.org before Jan. 22nd; 714.993.6362 after that date.

- **RAISE THE FLAG BENEFIT LUNCHEON**



The Danish Lutheran Church of Southern California and The Danish Immigrant Museum will co-host a **Benefit Banquet** at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center in Yorba Linda, CA on Sunday, January 31st. Noon Social Hour, Danish Luncheon to follow, with John Mark Nielsen and Bruce Bro to give an update of the Museum's role in preserving and promoting Danish culture in America and discuss future plans at the Museum (as described in the recent *America Letter*); proceeds benefit both organizations, advance registration is required. For tickets and information call (714) 993-6362 or email reservations@danishchurchsocal.com

- **MUSEUM BOARD TO ASSEMBLE IN TUCSON, AZ**

The Museum's Board of Directors will hold its next meeting at the Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park February 12 -14. Members and guests in the area are invited to a social hour on Friday, February 13th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Javelina Cantina.

On Sunday, February 14th instead of the usual "gala" luncheon, the board meeting ends with members and guests invited to a *Fastelavn* event with the Tucson Danish Club at the hotel. After the *Fastelavn* celebration, guests will hear a presentation by Museum Executive Director John Mark Nielsen and Development Director Bruce Bro. Museum members in the Tucson area should be watching their mailboxes for their invitation to these upcoming events.



- **THE DANISH INTERNS ARE COMING ... FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY**



Communication and Danish Linguistics master student at University of Copenhagen; Østergård's internship to be shared between the Museum's Development Department and Family History & Genealogy Center

Malene Vitus Østergård



Graduate studies in Modern Culture and Cultural Dissemination at University of Copenhagen; Tofte's internship focus is with the Museum's Exhibitions Department

Morten Birkerød Tofte

- **GIFT SHOP THINKS SPRING!**

Be sure to continue to check out the gift shop website (or if you're lucky enough to be able to stop by and see us) as Joni is busy shopping for new spring items perfect for bridal showers, weddings, Mother's Day and graduation. Just to name a few:

New *Rosti* kitchen tools in fun, new spring colors



New colorful linens from *Ekelund*

- **BEDSTEMOR'S HOUSE projects in 2010**



Beginning in February 2010, Collections Intern Jennifer Fair will begin work on several projects for the Museum that will help illuminate the stories of the people who lived in and worked to restore *Bedstemor's House*. These projects will include a new three panel exhibit, a revised short video presentation on the history of the house, and an updated brochure. Fair's work will take place over the month of February and she will work closely with Tova Brandt, Curator of Exhibitions, to complete the proposed projects.