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### **Make your own “flying fish”!**

Evelyn Matthies, the current featured artist in the Danish-American Artist Series, will be at the museum on May 29 and 30. She will discuss her work in a gallery talk on May 29 at 3 pm, open to the public. On Sunday afternoon, May 30, she will teach a workshop to create “flying fish,” whimsical characters that literally turn recycling into an art form. Register now for this fun and creative afternoon! Tuition is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, and all are welcome from age 16 to 106. Contact Tova Brandt at [dkcur@metc.net](mailto:dkcur@metc.net) to reserve your place in the workshop.

Programs with Evelyn Matthies are supported in part by a grant from the Iowa Arts Council.

### **Next in the Brown Bag Lunch Series: “S is for Sustainability” Thursday, May 13, 12 noon**



How can the Elk Horn area partner with Danish businesses to become more sustainable and energy-independent? Three community members recently traveled to Denmark to explore that very question. Join us on Thursday, May 13, for this free lunchtime program as Mike Howard, Trevor Schroeter, and Lisa Riggs report on their travels and their ongoing conversations to bring Danish innovation to the area. Even the parking lot will be part of the program, showcasing Liberty Lab's "Solar Trailer"; this is a trailer installed with Solar PV Modules to provide all of the electrical power for onsite calibrations and to demonstrate both Grid Tie and Off Grid Solar Electrical Generation. Come see for yourself!

The program begins at 12 noon in the Bro Dining Room. All are welcome - and the museum will provide the coffee!

Coming up on Thursday, June 17: “M is for Midsummer”

### **The Museum has its own Channel!**

Want to take a video tour of the museum? Learn the history of Bedstemor’s House? Hear from our interns about what’s new at the museum? All of these are now available on YouTube.com, the internet site that allows you to watch short videos for free. The museum has its own channel, “DanishMuseum,” which you can subscribe to and receive notice of new content as soon as it is available. Or, simply search for DanishMuseum in the search tool and pick the video that most interests you. All of this is free and available to the public - a great new way to share the museum with the world!

## ☛ Are You on **facebook** ?

We Are! A direct link to the museum's Fan Page is on our website's homepage or to find us on facebook, use the search term: The Danish Immigrant Museum. Become a Fan and interact with our nearly 750 and rapidly increasing number of fans, view our posted photo albums, videos and keep informed of upcoming events.

## ☛ The Summer Begins at Bedstemor's House

Bedstemor's House opens for the summer season on May 15, and we've got a busy schedule planned! A new team of Bedstemor's Interns will be greeting visitors every day from 1 to 4 pm. A new video introduces visitors to the history of Bedstemor's House - come to the house to see it in person, or watch it on the museum's website or on YouTube before your visit. Weekend afternoons will feature special activities - for example, on Sunday afternoon, May 30, learn how to play *Kubb*, a "Viking lawn game" that is still popular in Scandinavia. Visit the events calendar on the website for current details.



All of these new activities are made possible by generous support from: Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company; Humanities Iowa; and the Shelby County Community Foundation.

## ☛ Danish Genealogy Workshops at the Danish Home in Chicago

**June 10, 11, and 12, 2010** Whether you're a beginning genealogist or an experienced researcher unfamiliar with Danish genealogy, the following workshops may be for you!

- June 10:** W1 (9:30-11:30 am) What to Know Before Crossing the Atlantic: Danish-American Resources  
W2 (1:00-3:00 pm) You've Gotten to Denmark--Now What?? Danish Resources for Genealogists  
(3:30-5:00 pm) half-hour individual research consultations (by advance appointment)
- June 11:** W3 (1:00-3:00 pm) Cyber Genealogy Danish Style  
(3:30-5:30 pm) half-hour individual research consultations (by advance appointment)
- June 12:** W4 (9:30-11:30 am) Are They German or Danish? Researching Ancestors from Slesvig-Holsten  
W5 (1:00-3:00 pm) Cyber Genealogy Danish Style

Workshops are \$25 per session; individual research consultations are gratis on a first-come, first serve basis. Lunch is optional at an additional charge. Registration deadline is June 1. Location: Danish Home, 5656 N Newcastle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

For further information or a registration form contact Michele McNabb at [librarian@danishmuseum.org](mailto:librarian@danishmuseum.org) / 712-764-7008. Registration forms may also be downloaded from the museum webpage ([www.DanishMuseum.org](http://www.DanishMuseum.org)) under Library & Genealogy / Workshops & Talks.

## ☀ Generations

The Family History & Genealogy Center is looking for 3- (or more!) generation photographs that include a Danish immigrant for its 2010 summer photo exhibit. If you have a photograph of this type that you'd like to share with us go to the Photo Gallery dropdown on the Library & Genealogy tab on the museum webpage for further information and a "permission to display" form. Deadline for submissions is May 7.

## ☀ Artists' Christmas Card Entries Sought

Once again we are calling all artists. It is time to design the museum's 2010 annual Christmas card and ornament. Please email your entries to [giftshop@danishmuseum.org](mailto:giftshop@danishmuseum.org). Entries accepted until June 15. If you have questions, please call Joni at 712-764-7001.

## ☀ New to the Gift Shop! Classic Danish Teak Furniture!

We have recently partnered with Steve Swanson, owner of Danish Teak Classics in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Steve travels to Denmark twice a year and brings back over 4000 pieces per year and refurbishes the furniture to its original beauty. Currently featured in the museum's gift shop:

- Arne Jacobsen Ant chair
- Tea Cart
- Modern hanging lamp believed to be manufactured by Louis Poulsen
- Teak/upholstered chair with a comfortable sit to it.

These pieces are from the 50s era. The furniture is of heirloom quality and a beautiful addition to any home! Actual products are shown in these photos.



For more information on these unique pieces, please contact Joni Soe-Butts, Museum Shop Manager, at 712-764-7001 or [giftshop@danishmuseum.org](mailto:giftshop@danishmuseum.org).