

### An E-Newsletter Exclusively for Friends of

## The Danish Immigrant Museum

An International Cultural Center

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### Danish American Artist Series Presents Paul Solevad exhibit (through January 2, 2011)

Paul Solevad is sharing his most recent series of oil paintings, inspired by current events and scientific exploration. Born in California in 1970, Paul lives and works in the Portland, Oregon area.



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**31**st Annual Scandinavian Day Festival – Vasa Park, South Elgin, Illinois – September 12th



If you are in the Chicago area come enjoy a late summer day with traditional food, crafts, gifts and entertainment representing the five Nordic Cultures. Visit the many craft and gift vendors for that special memory of the five Nordic countries. Bring the family for a full day of fun and enjoy the tradition of music, dance, food and a relaxed day in the park. The Danish Immigrant Museum will be there – be sure to stop by at the museum's booth to meet and greet its most recent Scan Design interns from Denmark, Lisa Hansen and Lonnie Nielsen, and visit with Bruce Bro and Debra Christensen Larsen.

## **Brown Bag Lunch at the Museum**

Brown Bag Lunch Series: W is for Windmill
Thursday, September 9, 12 noon, Museum's Bro Dining Room

Lisa Riggs of Elk Horn's Danish Windmill will take us on a "virtual tour" of windmills around the world. This program is free to the public. Bring your lunch, we'll provide the coffee!



## The Countdown Has Begun!



The National Danish Performance Team, an elite group of 28 Danish gymnasts, will be traveling across the United States as part of their 2010 world tour. Their show combines gymnastics with dance, cheer, vaulting, drama, comedy, advanced tumbling and acrobatics.

The National Danish Performance Team travels every second year on a 10-month world tour. The 2010 tour will be in the United States for three months from October through December, beginning in New York and Washington D.C. and crossing the country to Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles, California. Included in the tour will be visits and performances in the Danish American communities of Tyler, Minnesota; Junction City, Oregon; and Elk Horn, Iowa. Continue to check the museum's website for updates and shows in your area.

## **Genealogy Workshops Held In Denmark**

The museum's Family History & Genealogy Center will have a presence in Denmark for nearly two weeks.

Michele McNabb will be holding a series of workshops in Denmark on the theme of Danish Roots, American Branches – with focus on an overview of US record



sources, especially those accessible to Danish genealogists over the web. The following information can also be found on our website:

- **September 25**, 10am-5pm: Genealogy Society of Greater Copenhagen workshop. Mormonkirken, Ballerup Centret. Further information at http://genealogi-kbh.dk/aktiviteter/foredrag.htm.
- September 28, 4:30pm-10pm: Workshop, The Public Archive of Bornholm. Pingels Allé 1, Rønne
- October 2: Workshop, Danish Emigration Archive, Aalborg. Details TBA
- October 4, 1pm: Aalborg University Department of History, Fibigerstræde 5 (room 37)
- October 5, 7:30pm: Viborg Area Genealogical Society. Viborg Centralbibliotekets foredragssal, Vesterbrogade 15 (kælderen). Further information at http://www.viborgslaegt.dk/.
- October 6, 9am-4pm: Workshop, Provincial Archive for Northern Jutland, Viborg
- October 7, 1:30pm: Erhvervsarkivet, Århus; Vester Allé 12, Århus C.
- October 30, 9am-4pm: Danish Heritage workshop, Brookings Area Genealogical Society, Brookings, South Dakota, USA.

# Introducing Museum's Fall/Winter 2010 Scan | Design Interns from Denmark

Lisa Hansen is the new Danish intern working with the museum's Development Department for the next three months. She is a master student from Aalborg University where she is part of the Culture, Communication & Globalization program.



Lonnie Nielsen



Lisa Hansen

Lonnie Nielsen is a master student in the communication, culture and globalization program at Aalborg University in Denmark. She will be spending the first three weeks of her internship at The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn and the remainder of her three month internship at The Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington.

## Esben Langkniv's concert tour - "Under the Sign of the Ant"

Danish singer, songwriter and storyteller Esben Langkniv will visit the Midwest in the fall of 2010. He visited MN in spring 2008 to do a concert tour and for research purposes. He sang in Danish, but had no trouble getting across to an American audience, with his wonderful sense of humor and spellbinding storytelling. He returns this time to present the fruits of his research, with a show entitled "Under The Sign Of The Ant".

In music, song and storytelling, Esben follows a Dane, from his birth in Denmark in late 1800, through his life as sailor and peat digger, to his emigration to America. He makes his way to fellow countrymen in Minnesota, where the story ends.... or perhaps a new story begins.



Langkniv's intimate concert will take place at the museum on Thursday evening Oct. 7 at 7pm.

### Christmas 2010 – Museum Shop



2010 Porcelain Keepsake Ornament - \$12.95

To purchase this year's museum collector's Keepsake Ornament and Christmas Card, contact Museum Shop Manager, Joni Soe-Butts, or order online!



2010 Christmas card \$10.00/pkg of 10 Individual card/envelope - \$1.25

## **Temporary Storage of Dana College's Artifacts**



Registrar and Curator of Collections,

Angela Stanford & intern Brittany Deeds

take inventory of artifacts

Following action by Dana's Board of Regents, the museum has taken temporary custody of historical artifacts that belonged to the college until such time as final ownership is resolved. Among these is the entire Lauritz Melchior Collection (the world famous heroic tenor), numerous paintings, and other artifacts that were displayed in the college's Heritage Room and around the campus.

This emergency presents two challenges for The Danish Immigrant Museum. Storage space at the museum is at capacity without even taking on this responsibility, requiring the museum to expand into existing gallery space in the Lower Level. In October the Lower Level is scheduled to premiere the revised and relocated Core Exhibit.

#### **News from Denmark**

In Denmark they have two main National channels called DR (Danish Radio) and TV2. These both have websites where you can follow what goes on in Denmark. Furthermore, Regional channels can be found through the TV2 site and they also have their own websites. In order for you to view the sites in English you will need a translation bar. Help can be found at <a href="https://www.translate.google.com">www.translate.google.com</a>

#### The Regional sites:

www.tv2east.dk www.tv2lorry.dk www.tv2bornholm.dk www.tv2nord.dk www.tvmidtvest.dk www.tv2oj.dk www.tvsyd.dk www.tvfyn.dk



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www.dr.dk www.tv2.dk





### **View our Collection**

The Danish Immigrant Museum's "View Our Collection" is a membership benefit allowing access to our online searchable artifact (collection) database. Subscribers must be current museum members at the \$100 membership level. "VOC" now includes nearly 34,000 artifact records and almost 46,000 viewable images. Every day these numbers increase as the Museum's Registrar / Curator of Collections, Family History & Genealogy / Library staff and Danish and American interns process additions to our artifact and library holdings, and archival and special collections.

The museum's professional staff has worked hard to fully document and photograph the artifacts entrusted to the Museum over the past twenty-seven years. Your support has enabled us to share their work with you. We thank you! Here are a few artifact records and photos new to "View Our Collection" – a 1950 Nimbus motorcycle, a pair of clogs made in Kimballton, Iowa by a company called *Dania Sko*, and a 1746 edition (book) of works by Martin Luther published in Copenhagen and Aalborg.







### **Social Media**

Are you on **facebook**? Are you one of the museum's 1,140 fans? If not, meet us there. 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. We also have a channel on Youtube!