



February 2011

News from the Danish Immigrant Museum's Staff

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 10-12, 2011
Chandler, Arizona**



The board of directors 2010/11

"At A Glance" Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, February 9th

- ▶ Strategic Planning Committee meetings

Thursday, February 10th

- ▶ Executive committee meeting

Friday, February 11th

- ▶ Various museum committee meetings

Saturday, February 12th

- ▶ Board Meeting
- ▶ John Mark, Bruce and Deb will lunch with Scandinavian Club (sun city west) and Janet Crowle
- ▶ Dinner with Danish Club of Phoenix

Don't Forget About Our Workshops in Arizona!



A last-minute reminder that those of you living in Arizona have an opportunity to sign up for one of 4 different workshops on Danish genealogy being held at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Chandler from Feb. 10-12th.

Registration forms and workshop information can be found on the Library & Genealogy section of the museum webpage.



Head-y Stuff!

Did your immigrant ancestors wear scarves or fancy hats? Or did they don military caps or bowler hats? If you have an interesting photograph of an immigrant in your family wearing a hat or other headwear please share it with the FHGC for our upcoming summer photograph exhibit. Photos should be copies or digital images and be accompanied by identifying information (who, where, when).



Information sheets and Permission to Display forms will be available at the FHGC after February 15th.



A Lost Dane

Do you know this man??

In the summer of 1955 Danish immigrant Hans Larsen (born 1879) visited Denmark with his American- or Scottish-born wife, possibly named Margaret.



Pictured here on the right in his brother's garden in Copenhagen, the couple stayed at the Hotel d'Angleterre, so presumably they were fairly well-off. Unfortunately, the Danish family lost contact with Hans and our research has not been able to locate him definitively in US records. Possibly he was a friend of the parents of someone in our museum community. If you think you recognize this man, please contact us by phone or email!

Victor Borge Exhibition Opens in Minneapolis!



The American Swedish Institute will host *Victor Borge: Life and Laughs of a Scandinavian Humorist* from February 19 through May 1.

Affectionately known as the "Great Dane," Victor Borge became one of the most popular performers of the twentieth century. The exhibition celebrates his life, music and comedy.

A smile is the shortest distance between two people.

Victor Borge

Welcome to Our New Danish Interns!

Julie Andersen

Julie is a history and museology student at Copenhagen University, she will be working in the museum's Collections Department and in the Family History Genealogy Center until the end of July 2011.



Bjoerg Rasmussen

Bjoerg is an Art History master's degree student at Copenhagen University. Her internship at The Danish Immigrant Museum will primarily be in the Exhibitions Department. Bjoerg will be with us until the end of June 2011.

Sara Sjolín

Sara is a graduate student of English and Translation Studies at Copenhagen University and will be doing her internship at The Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle.



Grant Received

Iowa Cultural Trust Endowment Challenge Grant: The museum is one of the first institutions to receive this grant award, in the amount of \$28,000.

Judges were impressed that the museum has over 3,000 members, a budget of over \$1 million and more than 130,000 visiting or participating annually in museum programs and traveling exhibits. "It is a feather in Iowa's cap to have the national Danish museum in our state," wrote one grant reviewer.



"We are honored to receive this grant from the Iowa Cultural Trust, especially as it is the first year they have been awarded. It is an acknowledgement of the contributions and work of many since the museum's founding in 1983," said the museum's executive director, Dr. John Mark Nielsen. "I am also grateful as it supports the primary effort of our comprehensive campaign, which is to increase our endowment."

Valentine's Day Is Coming Up!

**We've got great Danish treats
for your sweetie!**

Call the Museum or shop online!

Don't forget your Sweetheart!
Lots of affordable fun things for your home & kitchen from Denmark in the Museum Shop.

Hearts
a gift of love



Salt & Pepper Shaker, Bowls, Strainers, Silicone Trivets; Ekelund Towels
Joyful, innovative gifts for the kitchen and the set table. Indoors and outdoors. To order or inquire about these items, call the gift shop at 800-759-9192.

Live and Learn in Scenic Environs

The Danish Immigrant Museum invites and encourages you to attend one or all of these cultural enrichment opportunities in the coming year. Each offers opportunities for intellectual, cultural and spiritual growth in the best tradition of the Danish folk high schools.



February 25-27, 2011 *Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures* at Bethania Lutheran Church in Solvang, California, focusing on “Grundtvig and Secularism.” Full program and registration forms are available at www.hwy246.net/users/bethania/home. Click on the “Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures” on the left margin of the home page.



June 24-26, 2011 *Danish Cultural Conference* at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge near Corbett, Oregon. A full conference schedule for 2011 will be available soon at the website of the Northwest Danish Association: www.northwestdanishfoundation.org



August 17-21, 2011 *Fall Folk Meeting at Danebod* in Tyler, Minnesota. A sample of the programming from 2010 gives one an idea of what is being planned for this year. It’s available at www.danebodlutheran.org. Click on the “Fall Folk Meeting” under the banner.