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HAPPY NEW YEAR From The Danish Immigrant Museum's Staff



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Tova Brandt – on Christmas vacation in England



Julefrokost - Dawn Nielsen (seated) prepared the open-faced sandwiches and decorated the tables

New Exhibition

Danish-American Artist Series presents Grete Schioler

Grete Schioler is a weaver and fiber artist living in Dayton, Ohio. Born and raised in Denmark, she and her husband settled in Ohio in the early 1950s. She studied fashion design in Denmark, but in the United States began to study weaving and other textile techniques. Her works can be seen in many public buildings and private collections.

The Danish Immigrant Museum is proud to present a retrospective exhibition of Grete Schioler's work from January 15 through July 10, 2011. The pieces on view encompass a wide range of Schioler's art, including tapestry, silk painting, quilting, appliqué and knitting. Some express her experience as a Danish immigrant, such as a silk painting that incorporates the lyrics of a Danish folk song. Others works reflect Schioler's interest in color, texture, and contours of both the man-made and natural environment.



Brown Bag Lunch at the Museum

Winter Vacation for the Brown Bag Lunch Series. We'll take a couple of months off, and then resume the monthly programs in March.

Notable New Acquisition

Recently, the Museum added this daguerreotype to the collection. The young woman shown is Emelia Elvstad, a Norwegian immigrant to Minnesota. A few years after arriving, she met and married Nels Fredrickson, a Danish immigrant to the same area. The couple had 18 children, 16 of which survived. Of those, 12 of the boys became known as the Fredrickson Brothers Baseball Team during the 1920s. They were wildly successful in the amateur league, and were very well known throughout their region. A number of artifacts and photographs relating to this family are part of the Museum's permanent collection.



"Danish Roots, American Branches"



Family History & Genealogy Center

Isn't this set of stamps just darling?! Four different denominations, but a kind donor put them all on his book package! The text above more or less says: The clumps of snow on her mittens made her remember playing out in the snow when she was little. Bet her childhood snowmen were a bit different!



The last donation received at the FHGC in 2010 was this autobiography of lifelong Elk Horn resident Warren Jacobsen. His Danish islander grandparents (3 from Møn and 1 from Als) settled in western Iowa -- about as far from water as one could get -- and woven out of their history is Warren's life story, which began in 1925. It is related through a wealth of family photographs and first-person narrative accounts and covers seven generations of his family, with the newest member of the family added in early December, 2010. Meant for distribution within the family, *My Life Story* is an excellent example of how an individual life history can be told in a way that appeals to readers and non-readers alike.

The Art of the Danish Open-Face Sandwich

Smørrebrød, which translates as "butter bread," includes countless open-face sandwich combinations, from minimal to lavish. Visit this NPR page to read about *smørrebrød* preparation and etiquette.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/01/04/132627711/the-art-of-the-danish-open-face-sandwich?sc=emaf>

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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.

Danish Genealogy Workshops at Chandler, Arizona

Crown Plaza Hotel, One San Marcos Place

February 10 - 12, 2011

Whether you're a beginning genealogist or an experienced researcher unfamiliar with Danish genealogy the following workshops may be for you!

Schedule:

February 10:

W1 (9:30-11:30am) Look Before You Cross (the Atlantic)! Danish-American Resources

3:30-5:00: half-hour individual research consultations (by advance appointment)

February 11:

W3 (2:00-4:00pm) Cyber Genealogy -- Danish Style

4:15-5:45: half-hour individual research consultations (by advance appointment)

February 12:

W4 (9:30-11:30am) Are They German or Danish? Researching Ancestors from Slesvig

W5 (1:00-3:00pm) Cyber Genealogy -- Danish Style

Session Descriptions:

Look Before You Cross (the Atlantic)! - A presentation of common pitfalls in Danish-American research, important US resources that should be checked for information, and some less-common ones that can be useful.

You've Gotten to Denmark—Now What? - An overview of the key Danish resource groups, the main research facilities in Denmark, and the kinds of information researchers will be able to find, even if they don't know Danish.

Cyber Genealogy -- Danish Style: A look at the most useful currently accessible online resources for Danish genealogy.

Are They German or Danish?: A closer look at problems and resources involving ancestors who resided in the Duchy of Slesvig (Schleswig).

Workshops are \$25 per session; individual research consultations are gratis on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration deadline is February 1st, 2011.

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

