



MAY 2011

News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Thursday, May 12 at 12 noon: **V is for Viking.**

Intern Julie Andersen will share her experience as a museum educator at Denmark's Viking Ship Museum. Learn what we REALLY know about Vikings, and what may be just good stories!

Bring your own lunch, the museum will provide the coffee. FREE admission for all.



2011 Tivoli Fest



"Excitement in the Air" is the theme for Tivoli Fest, May 28 & 29. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the town festival celebrating its Danish heritage.

Activities begin on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the Danish Windmill with the opening ceremony and flag-raising, followed by the Mill to Mermaid Fun Run/Walk between Elk Horn and Kimballton. The fun continues through the weekend with a craft fair, quilt show, live entertainment, activities for the kids, parade at 11:00, fireworks at dusk and food, food and more food!

"Heady Stuff" and "Images of Denmark" will be on display at the Family History and Genealogy Center. Our newest exhibit, "Church Basements and Children's Homes: Danish-American Missions Here and Abroad" is on view in the mezzanine gallery. The museum will host crafters from noon – 3:00 on Saturday and will serve cookies, coffee and lemonade throughout the day (cookies for both Tivoli Fest and Julefest are provided by long-time supporters, Atlantic Friends of the Museum). Bedstemor's House will also welcome visitors from 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday.

The highlight of the festival is a hot air balloon ride, taking off from the museum grounds at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, weather permitting.

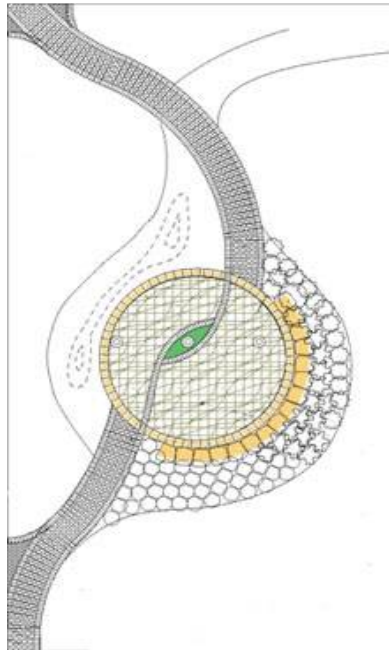
The official Tivoli Fest schedule is currently in production and will be available shortly. Once it's been printed there will be a link to it on our website so keep checking back! In the meantime, if you have questions about activities during the weekend, please call Terri Johnson at the museum, 712-764-7001 or email her at info@danishmuseum.org.

Reminder of Book Sale During Tivoli

Don't forget to stop by the Bro Room in the Museum to peruse our section of hundreds of used titles in both Danish and English, fiction and non-fiction. These books have been given to the Museum since it began in 1983, and have been determined to be duplicates or titles that do not fit the needs of the Museum or the Family History and Genealogy Center. Join us for the Tivoli festivities and go home with "new" reading material!



"Jens Jensen Heritage Path" - Breaking Ground During Tivoli Fest



The museum is excited to announce that ground breaking will take place on Phase 1 of the "Jens Jensen Heritage Path" on Saturday, May 28 at 3:00 p.m. The initial site for construction is in front of the museum. The design is in harmony with the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape style. The pathway features commemorative bricks, a seating area of local stone and three flag poles. They are surrounded by native Iowa prairie plantings.

When you place a brick on the path, you pay tribute to a special person or occasion and support the creation of a distinctive landscape at the museum.

Don't miss this opportunity! Visit our [website](#) for details. You can now electronically fill out and send the order form to the museum.

Bedstemor's House: Another Season to Visit the Past

Bedstemor's House will open for another summer season during Tivoli Fest and be open daily from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. through Labor Day.

Enjoy a step back in time to 1908 as you pay a visit to Bedstemor's "Grandmother's" parlor and kitchen. Watch the museum's website for special activities through the summer.



FHGC: Danish Roots, American Branches

Danish Cemeteries

Springwell Cemetery was laid out outside of Omaha's city limits in 1889 to provide a final resting place for that city's growing Danish population. It still serves that purpose today, although it is now firmly embedded within the City of Omaha.



What Danish cemeteries are near you? We'd like to know about them!

Genealogy Workshops on the Road – in Denver!

Workshops on 5 different topics relating to Danish genealogy, including the popular "Cyber Genealogy – Danish Style," will be held at the Sheraton Denver West hotel in Lakewood on June 9, 10 and 11 in conjunction with the Museum Board meeting.



Workshop details and registration information may be found on the webpage under Library & Genealogy / Workshops & Talks or may be obtained by emailing Michele McNabb at librarian@danishmuseum.org. A limited number of private research consultations are also available. Registration deadline is Saturday, June 4.

Jens Jensen in Bloom



Here on Sunset Road the beauty of his vision of using native plants and natural features to create restful settings can be seen and enjoyed.

Danish-American landscape designer Jens Jensen is well-known for his contributions to the Chicago park system, but he also designed landscapes for private individuals. Laid out in the 1920s, one of these gems of natural beauty is tucked away in a residential neighborhood of Bloomington, Illinois.



Initial Site Survey Completed

Work has begun to develop the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park. On May 3 and 4, Bill Tishler, retired landscape professor from the University of Wisconsin, and Jens Jensen, an ecological restoration coordinator based in Madison, Wisconsin and the great-great grandson of Jens Jensen, visited the museum to complete their initial site survey.



Tishler and Jensen

The Danish Immigrant Museum has contracted with Cardno/JFNew, an environmental firm for whom Jensen works specializing in habitat restoration, to prepare plans and options for developing the park. Jensen and Tishler plan to present their report at the Board's next meeting in Denver on June 9-11.

Museum Shop – Give the Gift of Time!

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To order or inquire about these items, call the Museum Shop at 800-759-9192.

Returned Mail From Museum? No Post Office Box!

Over a year ago, The Danish Immigrant Museum dropped our Post Office Box. We did so to avoid the time and cost of an employee driving to the post office each day and to take advantage of delivery to the door.



When we dropped the post office box, we were assured by staff at the Elk Horn Post Office that they would continue to forward all mail to us. What they didn't count on, nor did we, was that the mail sorting is done optically at the Omaha Nebraska Postal Center, and after a six month period, the mail forwarding service ended.

Since we no longer have a post office box, the optical scanner in Omaha, Nebraska does not recognize the Elk Horn post office box address and returns the letter or package to the sender. For those who have inadvertently used old envelopes and have had their correspondence returned, we apologize. We also want to make clear that it's not the fault of the staff at the local post office who are VERY cooperative and helpful. Unfortunately, this is an example of where technology has replaced the human touch and service.

So, we no longer have no post office box. Please send your correspondence to:
The Danish Immigrant Museum, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn, IA 51531

Mark Your Calendar: 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.



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



June 20-July 16, July 4-9, July 4-16 *Concordia Language Villages*, Moorhead, Minnesota. Celebrating thirty years this summer, *Skovsøen* has helped hundreds of American youth understand their Danish heritage and the bright future of the Danish people in the current global arena. Please contact Alissa Maier at amaier@cord.edu If you would like further information or brochures. Online Registration for Summer 2011:
www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.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. **In mid-May the museum will email the 2011 registration form with an August 1 deadline.**