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E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Next in the Brown Bag Lunch Series

August 9: Rich Patterson, "What Early Danish Settlers Found in Iowa"



What did the Elk Horn area look like when European settlers first arrived? What about the rest of Iowa? Rich Patterson, director of the Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will explore the history of the surrounding landscape and lead a walking tour of the museum's Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park.

A New Jersey native, Rich Patterson graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in fishery management. Following three years as a fishery biologist in Alaska he completed a year of graduate study in communications at the University of Northern Colorado. He has worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the U.S. Forest Service. He served as Director of the Dillon Nature Center and has been Director of the Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since 1978.

This year's Brown Bag Lunch Series features a special focus on Jens Jensen, the native landscape, and land development. All programs begin at 12 noon and are FREE to the public! Bring your own lunch – we'll provide the coffee!

Coming soon in the Brown Bag Lunch Series:

September 13 Denise O'Brian, "Farming Across Cultures – Iowa to Afghanistan"

October 25 Kristi Planck Johnson, "Secrets of H.C. Andersen"

Museum's *View Our Collection* Continues to Grow

The Danish Immigrant Museum is pleased to provide a searchable "online collection database" on its website – "[View Our Collection](#)". This is a membership benefit to those who are at or above the annual \$100 level. To date, the database includes 38,500 artifact records and nearly 69,000 viewable images. These numbers increase regularly as staff, interns, and volunteers process new acquisitions and expand records for existing collections. Your support has enabled us to share their work with you. Contact Deb Christensen Larsen in the [Development Office](#), if you are interested in obtaining your access code to this site.

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Museum Welcomes the Arrival of Two Danish Graduate Students



***Amel Rahba – Copenhagen University**

Amel Rahba is one of two new Danish interns at The Danish Immigrant Museum. Currently earning her Masters degree in Cross Cultural Studies from the University of Copenhagen, Amel will spend the next five months in the Collections department cataloging and digitizing the Annelise Clement Stoaks collection. This comprehensive set of materials documents a very unique immigration story involving travel from Denmark to Japan for work just prior to World War II, internment and house arrest during the War, and subsequent immigration to the United States. Amel's work will help make these materials available to museum members and researchers. We are excited to welcome her to the staff!

Kathrine Lia Winkler, who originally hails from Slagelse, is enrolled in a Masters program in International and Global History at Aarhus University following a B.A. degree in Anthropology and Ethnography with a minor in Religion, Politics and Society. She is especially interested in cultural relations between countries as well as how culture is promoted. In Aarhus she was instrumental in establishing an international bar and organizing cultural events for exchange students as well as Danish students. She has traveled in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei as well as the Philippines, and also has American cousins, descendants of a collateral relative who emigrated to the US. During her internship Kathrine will work on various projects for both the FHGC and the Exhibitions departments.



***Kathrine Lia Winkler – University of Aarhus**

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Family History & Genealogy Center: Danish Roots, American Branches

“Long-term Lovers” Photo Display at FHGC Through October

Stories and photographs of nearly 50 couples married between 50 and 65 years are on display in the FHGC lobby through the end of October. In addition to wedding and anniversary photos, accompanying materials include such varied items as a dress pattern used for a 1934 marriage, a royal license (*kongebrev*) from a 1904 marriage in Denmark, love poetry, and poems and songs written to celebrate couples' 'round' anniversaries.



Love poem written in 1907 by Carl Lyngø to his wife Anna.

A *kongebrev* or letter of dispensation, allowing Carl Lyngø to marry Anna Schjødt in 1904 without the normal waiting period. Carl was working in Siberia and had returned to Denmark to marry.

Danish Pride: Advertise Your Danish Roots With a Bumper Sticker!



These full-sized bumper stickers with the Family History & Genealogy Center logo are now available at the FHGC and the Museum Shop for \$4, including postage. Contact us at genealogy@danishmuseum.org to order or for further information.

FHGC's Collection Acquires New Acquisitions

New acquisitions to the FHGC collection this summer include an expansion of our microfilmed Danish Lutheran church record collections to include churches in Tyler, Diamond Lake and Pipestone County, Minnesota, as well as materials in print format: cemetery listings from Council Bluffs, Cerro Gordo and Hamilton County, Iowa; Black Hawk County, Iowa, death indexes, and probate indexes for Polk and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa.



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MUSEUM Calendar, August - October

- Daily** Bedstemor's House open for tours, 1 to 4pm
- August 9** Brown Bag Lunch: Rich Patterson, "What Early Danish Settlers Found in Iowa"
- September 3** Labor Day – Museum open 12-5
Final day for daily tours at Bedstemor's House
Special tours remain available by appointment
- September 13** Brown Bag Lunch: Denise O'Brian, "Farming Across Cultures – Iowa to Afghanistan"
- October 25** Brown Bag Lunch: Kristi Planck Johnson, "Secrets of H.C. Andersen"
- October 25-27** 29th Annual Meeting and 92nd Regular Meeting – Board of Directors

Other Danish-American and Danish Events Coming Soon:

- August 5-11 Summer Family Camps at Danebod, Tyler, MN
www.danebod.org
- August 15-19 Danebod Folk Meeting, Tyler, MN
Contact r.bly@mchsi.com or call 507-247-3000
- September 9 33rd Annual Scandinavian Day Festival, Vasa Park, South Elgin, IL
www.scandinaviandayil.com
- September 16-22 Danebo Folk School, Minneapolis, MN
www.danebofolkschool.org