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E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Brown Bag Lunch Series

December 13 "Christmas *Hygge*" with museum staff

Join us to celebrate the stories and songs of the Christmas season. Learn about Danish holiday traditions past and present, and plan to join in as we sing through the museum.

We'll take a break from Brown Bag Lunch programs in January and February while the cold winds blow – but watch for a new year of programs with a special theme of Danish Design.

All Brown Bag Lunch programs begin at 12 noon and are FREE to the public. Bring your own lunch – we'll provide the coffee!

Exquisite Addition to Museum's Folk Costume Collections



Crown Prince Frederik and Princess Ingrid of Denmark visited Hastings, Nebraska on April 18, 1939. Marie Jensen Topp, while wearing a Danish folk costume including this bonnet, presented a bouquet of red and white carnations to the royal couple.

Marie was born April 4, 1878, and emigrated in 1907 from Silkeborg, Denmark. She traveled to join and wed Anton Christian Topp in Council Bluffs, Iowa who had immigrated two years earlier. Two sons were born to this union: Tage and Olfert.

Made of embroidered lace and metallic thread, the bonnet was a family heirloom from the late 1700's or early 1800's. Tage's daughter Mary inherited the bonnet from her father, who had earlier received it from his mother Marie. In October of this year, the bonnet was gifted to The Danish Immigrant Museum.

Member Celebrates 102nd Birthday at Museum



Museum's oldest member celebrates with her family, museum staff, and a Danish *lagkage* (layer cake).

Sylvia Poulsen Juhl was born **November 28, 1910**, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her parents immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1915 to establish a home, leaving little Sylvia in the care of her grandparents in Bornholm. In 1924 Sylvia's parents returned to Denmark to take her back to the States.

Many important events happened for Sylvia after coming to Omaha, NE. She married Chris Juhl in 1933 and had four children, including museum member Marilyn Juhl Mehr. She graduated as a licensed practical nurse in 1963, retired in 1976 at the age of 65 and still lives alone at her Omaha, NE condominium. She came to "her" museum to celebrate her special day!



Museum members Carl Mehr and Marilyn Juhl Mehr of California brought Sylvia to the museum.

Family History & Genealogy Center: Danish Roots, American Branches

***Glædelig Jul* in the FHGC!!**



FHGC assistant Wanda Sornson has outdone herself with an inviting holiday display showcasing the various elements -- stars, hearts, *nisser* and the like – that make a Danish Christmas so festive. If you're in town between now and New Year's, we hope you'll drop in to see our display and learn some Danish Christmas Vocabulary.

Can't Find the Right Gift for Your Family Genealogist?

The FHGC offers gift certificates for research and translations for both Christmas and other occasions. Contact us for further information.

Website News

The latest addition under the Library & Genealogy heading on the museum website is a listing of members of Copenhagen Lodge #318 of The Danish Brotherhood in America, many of whom had returned to Denmark after residing in the US for a number of years. If you have 'misplaced' a male immigrant or family member, you might want to look to see if your missing person is listed here. Click [here](#) for a direct link to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood webpage.

Winter Hours at FHGC

A reminder that the Family History & Genealogy Center is now on winter hours: Tuesdays-Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Contact us during those hours to make appointments or ask questions.

And wishes for a Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår from the FHGC staff and volunteers!!

An Invitation For You

"The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates Danish roots and American dreams." Celebrate with us as we pursue our dreams by becoming a member of the museum. Your membership support makes possible the museum's many activities. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about membership [benefits](#).

52nd Annual Danish Multimedia Advent Calendar Begins on 1st of December



www.julen.nu

Count down the days to Christmas online! The subject this year will be Danish books and E-books. Creator Peter Wendelboe of Aalborg, Denmark will present familiar books and some new E-books.

The books will be presented in a new style, invented by Wendelboe, and users can upload their own works for free as Word files or pdf. His system will transform them into an advanced flipping book style. You will receive a code. It will show an animated flipping book in snow and will change every day and link to the actual day's number.

For 52 years Wendelboe has created an annual multimedia calendar. For the past thirteen years, the Calendar has been available online. If you don't read Danish, that's okay! You won't miss out because there is an English translation button.

On Museum's YouTube Channel - Baking Christmas Cookies: *Klejner*

Museum's Danish intern Maria Beisheim (filmed December 2011) demonstrates how to make the traditional [Danish Christmas Cookie, Klejner](#). The thirteen minute instructional video guides you through each step.



VASE

Hand made from mouth-blown glass. The stainless steel sphere is available in mirror-polished or gloss black finishes.

Height 8.5 in, diameter 5.5 in

\$53.00

It's Never Too Early to Look Forward to Next Year's Garden!



BIRD FEEDER

Manufactured from recyclable plastic, It can be mounted on any smooth window pane, thanks to an innovative double-sided suction cup. The carefully selected materials can cope with extreme temperatures as well as UV rays. It is designed for small birds and features a drainage hole at the base of the bowl.

Diameter 4.5 inches

\$19.95



WATERING CAN

Made of stainless steel with a flexible silicone hose. The hose has a built-in magnet that allows it to be attached to the can's body when not in use. When watering your plants, simply hold the metal cylinder with one hand and the hose in the other. To start or stop the water flow, just move the metal cylinder up or down. Height 12 in, diameter 3 in, volume 6.25 cups

\$65.00

Museum Calendar, December - January

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| December 13 | Brown Bag Lunch, "Christmas <i>Hygge</i> " |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve – Museum closes early at 12 noon |
| December 25 | Christmas Day – Museum Closed |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve – Museum closes early at 12 noon |
| January 1 | New Year's Day – Museum Closed |

Watch this Space for Upcoming Danish-American and Danish Events

The Danish Immigrant Museum is happy to share information about Danish-American and Danish events.

To include your organization's event, send complete information – including a contact phone or email – to Deb Christensen Larsen at development@danishmuseum.org .
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