



JULY 2012

E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Next in the Brown Bag Lunch Series

July 14: Cynthia McKeen, "A Designer's Perspective on Jens Jensen"



Cynthia McKeen is a native of Exira, Iowa, who currently makes her home in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a professional artist and designer, with experience in graphic design, paper cutting, and creating a labyrinth installation in a St. Paul public park. Drawing on her own insights into the creative process, Cynthia will discuss Jens Jensen's career as a mature designer of parks and gardens.

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:

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

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

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

Exhibit Opening: *Meeting My Makers – Portraits by Neoma Thomas*

Opening Reception and Artist Gallery Talk on Saturday, July 21 at 2pm

Exhibit on view July 21 through January 5, 2013

Neoma Thomas was raised in Audubon County, Iowa. She graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1966 with a BFA in graphic design and a minor in printmaking. She lived in Australia for seven years working as a graphic designer and teaching at the National Art School in Sydney. Upon returning to the States, she worked for a publishing company (Better Homes & Gardens) in Des Moines, Iowa, as a designer and associate art director for fifteen years. She and her husband Phillip currently split their time between Sun City, Arizona and Ames, Iowa where Neoma has her studio and spends as much time as possible on her pastels.



"Field Hands"

Meeting My Makers – Portraits by Neoma Thomas will feature several works that combine Neoma's interest in family history with her artistic interpretation of ancestors and days gone by. This exhibition is the latest in the Danish-American Artist Series at the museum.



"Long Road"

Museum Welcomes Its Newest California Native Intern



Bedstemor's House has a new resident of sorts! *Natalie Smith*, museum studies graduate from the masters program at New York University, will be spending the next year inventorying all contents of the house. As she works room by room, Natalie will record descriptions and take photos of every chair, plate, book, dress, and so on. She will add these records to the database and to our online collection (*View Our Collection*, accessible to members through our website). Natalie will help Museum staff evaluate use of the house, develop new and creative ways to interpret the story of the structure itself and how it contributes to the ongoing narrative of immigration and settlement. So, say hello next time you visit Bedstemor's House and find out more about the exciting progress on this wonderful part of the collection of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

Museum Internship Program Provides On-Site Education

On June 27, the Museum's interns went on a field trip to Des Moines, visiting the State Historical Society of Iowa in the morning and the Salisbury House and Gardens in the afternoon. While at the State museum, the interns toured the conservation lab and collections storage and spoke with members of the conservation and curatorial staff. Later, the curator and education director at Salisbury provided a behind the scenes tour of collections storage and of exhibition spaces. Field trips like these are an on-going part of the internship program here at the Museum and are designed to provide on-site education and to expand the professional networks of new professionals in the museum field.



Curator of Collections/Registrar Angela Stanford (left) pilots field trip with her department's interns Anna Mullen, Natalie Smith, Karen Brøcker, and Madeline Mongar.

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 helps care for our 35,000+ artifacts and makes possible the museum's many activities. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about membership [benefits](#).

Hip to Eat Old-Fashioned Danish Food

According to an article from “The New York Times” *Frugal Traveler*, it's now considered hip to eat traditional Danish food in Denmark. Correspondent Seth Kugel, the Frugal Traveler, seeks first-class living at steerable prices. Follow his column <http://frugaltraveler.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/06/12/eating-frugally-in-copenhagen/> as he wines, dines, slogs and blogs his way around Copenhagen.



Seth Kugel/The New York Times

A *kartoffelmad*, or traditional potato *smørrebrød* at local cafe Dyrehaven.

Week-Long Retreats at New Folk School Located in Minneapolis

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MUSEUM Calendar, July - September

Daily	Bedstemor's House open for tours, 1 to 4pm
July 4	Independence Day – Museum open 12-5
July 8	Final day for exhibition <i>Mia Furlong: Artist with a Danish Spirit</i>
July 19	Brown Bag Lunch: Cynthia McKeen, "A Designer's Perspective on Jens Jensen"
July 21	Opening day for Danish-American Artist exhibition, <i>Meeting My Makers – Portraits by Neoma Thomas</i>
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"

Other Danish-American and Danish Events Coming Soon:

July 3	The Danish Emigration Archives 80 th Anniversary, Aalborg, Denmark Contact emiarch@emiarch.dk
July 4	The Rebild Festival, Rebild Hills, Denmark www.rebildfesten.dk
June 24-30, July 8-14, and 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