



## E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

### Next in the Brown Bag Lunch Series

**June 14:** William Tishler, "From Denmark to America: The Landscape Legacy of Jens Jensen"



Bill Tishler is professor emeritus of landscape architecture at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Bill has been involved in the planning and design of the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park at The Danish Immigrant Museum and is a historian of landscape architecture in the Midwest. Bill also serves as co-director of The Clearing Landscape Institute at the home and school of Jens Jensen, in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin. He has a new book due out in October, titled "Jens Jensen, Writings Inspired by Nature."



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:

**July 19** Cynthia McKeen, "A Designer's Perspective on Jens Jensen"

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

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

### Bedstemor's House – Now Open For Daily Tours



Step back in time at Bedstemor's House! The summer season has begun, which means daily opportunities to visit a Danish-American home restored to its original 1908 appearance.

Tours are free for members, and included in museum admission – otherwise, pay only \$1 to tour Bedstemor's House by itself! The house is located in Elk Horn on the corner of Union and College streets and open daily from 1 to 4pm.



## Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park Takes Shape!

This spring has seen a lot of changes in the museum grounds, as the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park becomes a reality! From bulldozers and excavators to the helping hands of dozens of volunteers, the landscape is transforming! Next time you visit the museum, take time to sit in the stone Council Ring, walk through tree-lined lanes, enjoy the blooming native flowers – and then plan to return again and again as the park develops and grows!



## Special Member Benefits at the Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa



All members of The Danish Immigrant Museum are invited to enjoy member discounts in the Creekside Shop at the Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids in 2012! The Museum and the Nature Center are collaborating on public programs this year, and are offering reciprocal benefits to each other's members. If you are in the Cedar Rapids area, please enjoy this opportunity!

## "The Danish Pioneer" Tours Nebraska

A new exhibition about "The Danish Pioneer" newspaper will be visiting communities throughout Nebraska in June. Founded in Omaha in 1872, *Den Danske Pioneer* (The Danish Pioneer) is the longest-running Danish-American newspaper still in publication. This exhibition was developed by the Museum in partnership with the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair, Nebraska, and funded through a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council.

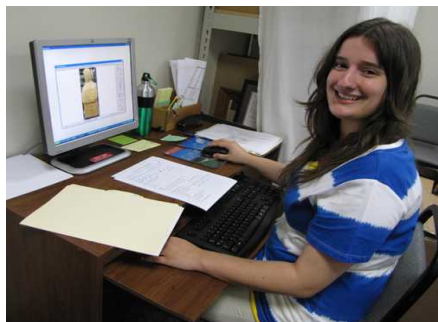
The exhibition will be on view in the following locations:

- June 2-3 Columbia Hall in Dannebrog, NE
- June 6-11 Howard County Historical Society in St. Paul, NE
- June 18-30 Minden Opera House in Minden, NE

If you would like to bring this exhibit – or other available exhibits – to your community, contact curator Tova Brandt at [dkcur@metc.net](mailto:dkcur@metc.net) or 712-764-7001.



## Summer Intern From Iowa



The Museum welcomes its newest intern, Madeline Mongar of Creston, Iowa. With museum internship and volunteer experience already on her resume, Madeline is ready for her task in the Collections Department. Using the written information generated by volunteers conducting a complete inventory of our artifact collection, Madeline is updating the museum's database with the descriptions, measurements, ownership history, and other information relating to each artifact. She also adds to the database all images that were taken of each piece. All of this information will ultimately be added to View Our Collection, available through the Museum's website. Madeline is excited to be in Elk Horn, and we are excited to have her this summer!

## 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](#).

## Family History & Genealogy Center: Danish Roots, American Branches

### “Long-term Lovers” Photo Display on View at the FHGC

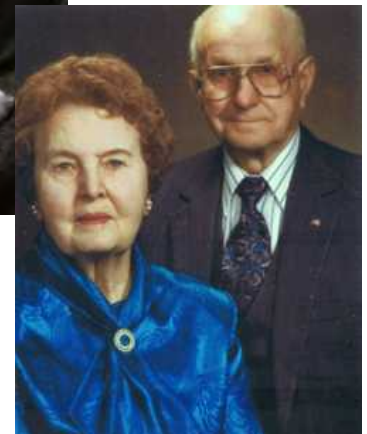
Stories and photographs of nearly 50 couples may now be viewed in the Family History & Genealogy Center lobby. The display, which will be up through the end of October, includes immigrant couples married between 50 and 65 years and descendants married for as long as 75 years. Accompanying materials include 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.



Commemorative shield celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Egil S. Povelsen and Lisbeth Heede of Decorah, Iowa.



Poul M. Larsen and Johanne Thomsen's wedding



Poul M. and Johanne Larsen's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Did You Know?

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## Museum Calendar, June - August

- June 13 Public presentation by William Tishler, "Shaping American Landscapes: Jens Jensen and the Prairie Spirit." Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa at 7:00 pm.
- June 14 Brown Bag Lunch: William Tishler, "From Denmark to America: The Landscape Legacy of Jens Jensen."
- June 15 Public presentation by William Tishler, "Shaping American Landscapes: Jens Jensen and the Prairie Spirit." Salisbury House and Gardens in Des Moines, Iowa at 7:00 pm.
- June 16 Public presentation by William Tishler, "Shaping American Landscapes: Jens Jensen and the Prairie Spirit." Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa at 1 pm.
- June 20 Sankt Hans Aften (Midsummer celebration)
- July 4 Independence Day – Museum open 12-5 pm.
- July 8 Final day for exhibition "Mia Furlong: Artist with a Danish Spirit"
- July 19 Brown Bag Lunch: Cynthia McKeen, "A Designer's Perspective on Jens Jensen"
- July 21 Opening day for Danish-American Artist exhibition featuring Neoma Thomas
- August 9 Brown Bag Lunch: Rich Patterson, "What Early Danish Settlers Found in Iowa"

## Other Danish-American and Danish Events Coming Soon:

- June 22-24 Danish Cultural Conference, Corbett, OR  
[www.northwestdanishfoundation.org/about-our-foundation/programs/danish-cultural-conference](http://www.northwestdanishfoundation.org/about-our-foundation/programs/danish-cultural-conference)
- June 24-30 Himmelbjerget Danish Camp, Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon  
[www.nwdanishcamp.com/](http://www.nwdanishcamp.com/)
- July 3 The Danish Emigration Archives 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Aalborg, Denmark  
Contact [emiarch@emiarch.dk](mailto:emiarch@emiarch.dk)
- July 4 The Rebild Festival, Rebild Hills, Denmark  
[www.rebildfesten.dk](http://www.rebildfesten.dk)
- June 24-30,  
July 8-14, and  
August 5-11 Summer Family Camps at Danebod, Tyler, MN  
[www.danebod.org](http://www.danebod.org)
- August 15-19 Danebod Folk Meeting, Tyler, MN  
Contact [r.bly@mchsi.com](mailto:r.bly@mchsi.com) or call 507-247-3000
- September 9 33rd Annual Scandinavian Day Festival, Vasa Park, South Elgin, IL  
[www.scandinaviandayil.com](http://www.scandinaviandayil.com)
- September 16-22 Danebo Folk School, Minneapolis, MN  
[www.danebofolkschool.org](http://www.danebofolkschool.org)