



E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Family History & Genealogy Center: Danish Roots, American Branches

Church Research News

Digital and microfilmed images of Danish-American church books from various parts of the country form a growing part of the FHGC collection. Some of our most recent additions to the in-house research collection are digital images from several local area churches. Available for searching are records from the following Lutheran congregations in Iowa:

- Audubon, 1909-25
- Bethany, 1891-1950
- Kimballton, 1897-1998
- Oak Hill, 1877-1950
- Poplar, 1907-1926
- St. John's, 1890-1950

Records for many of these churches were kept in Danish until well into the 20th century. The digital and microfilmed records are not presently indexed so an approximate date for a baptism, confirmation, marriage or burial must be provided for a search to be done. Research request forms (which include a translation of each record) may be found under Library & Genealogy on the museum's website. A more complete listing of our church book holdings will appear shortly.

No.	Year	Person(s)	Other	Parish/Church
182	Jan 21, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	27	St. John's Lutheran Church
183	Feb 4, 1891	Anna Johansen	26	St. John's Lutheran Church
184	Feb 27, 1891	Anna Johansen	28	St. John's Lutheran Church
185	Mar 4, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	29	St. John's Lutheran Church
186	Mar 11, 1891	Anna Johansen	30	St. John's Lutheran Church
187	Mar 18, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	31	St. John's Lutheran Church
188	Mar 25, 1891	Anna Johansen	32	St. John's Lutheran Church
189	Apr 1, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	33	St. John's Lutheran Church
190	Apr 8, 1891	Anna Johansen	34	St. John's Lutheran Church
191	Apr 15, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	35	St. John's Lutheran Church
192	Apr 22, 1891	Anna Johansen	36	St. John's Lutheran Church
193	Apr 29, 1891	Peter B. Jørgensen	37	St. John's Lutheran Church
194	May 6, 1891	Anna Johansen	38	St. John's Lutheran Church

Also new to the collection are indexes to the records of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Oyens, Iowa (1898-1964), Elk Horn Lutheran Church (1875-2012), and a Danish Baptist congregation in Moody County, South Dakota.

New Theme for the 2013 FHGC Photo Exhibit



The theme for the 2013 FHGC photo exhibit will be "Coming of Age in Denmark and the US," featuring confirmation photographs of Danish immigrants and the first generation born in this country and materials relating to confirmation. Submission forms and further information will be found on our website by the end of January.

Remember, through the end of April the Family History & Genealogy Center is on winter hours: Tuesdays-Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Contact us (712-764-7008) during those hours to make appointments, ask questions, or check on weather conditions.

Houston and Danevang, Texas to Host Museum's Board of Directors

The Museum's Board of Directors is holding its annual Winter Meeting in Houston, Texas from February 7-9, 2013. We look forward to meeting our members and friends in the Houston area and invite you to join us for dinner on **Saturday, February 9th**. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Houston Near the Galleria. Cost is \$45 per person. Please call Terri Johnson at the Museum's toll-free number, 1-800-759-9192 or email her at dksec@metc.net by **Monday, January 28th** to make your reservation.

Guest speaker is Walter Hansen, a conservator working with the Holocaust Museum of Houston to restore the *Hanne Frank*, a 1940s-era Danish fishing boat in their permanent collection. Hansen will tell the uplifting and heroic story of a three-week period in 1943 when Danish fishermen risked their lives and freedom to ferry more than 7,200 Jews to safety in Sweden. The *Hanne Frank*, donated by a Danish family who participated in the rescue effort, was acquired by the Holocaust Museum in 2007, and has since begun to deteriorate in the Houston climate. In addition to explaining the history and significance of this rare artifact, Mr. Hansen will discuss the techniques that are being used to restore and preserve it. The *Hanne Frank*, which has received international media attention, is an icon that represents the importance of individual resistance to hate and oppression. The boat has been intentionally presented next to the Museum's Holocaust-era railcar, which was used to transport Jews to concentration camps. This display, which contrasts two modes of transportation – one to fear, misery and death, and the other to freedom – is used by the Holocaust Museum to help teach students and other visitors the continuing importance of each individual's responsibility to act when confronted with injustice.

Friday, February 8, Board committee meetings will be held in the community of Danevang and the Board members and attending Museum staff will be treated to a Texas barbeque luncheon. While in Danevang, Angela Stanford, Curator of Collections and Registrar at The Danish Immigrant Museum, will give a two hour workshop on collections care for board members of the Danish Heritage Museum of Danevang, as well as other invited local museum professionals

Museum Exhibits on View During "Danes in the Desert" Events in Arizona

This January and February an extraordinary confluence of all things Danish comes together in the Sonoran desert of Arizona. Two national Danish sports teams – in soccer and gymnastics – and a visit by Danish Ambassador Peter Taksoe-Jensen highlights a series of events, exhibits and lectures that is all about Danes! Locals and visitors alike will celebrate Danish-style while learning about Danish contributions and Danish-Arizona ties.



The museum's exhibit *Victor Borge: A Smile is the Shortest Distance* will be on view from January 22-27 at the Copenhagen Contemporary Furniture in Tucson, also the location of several speakers and public events. Another museum exhibit, *Danish Gymnastics in America*, will be on view at the many appearances by the National Danish Performance Team as they perform in the Tucson and Phoenix areas.

For a complete list of events, locations, and contact information, visit www.DanesInTheDesert.com

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](#).

ZOOM Tour – National Danish Performance Team

The National Danish Performance Team is proud to present the ZOOM world tour in the USA January-February 2013 in collaboration with Rebild National Park Society. The hugely popular performance team has made an impact on Sacramento and San Francisco, California. Next stop: Solvang, California and then on to Tucson, Phoenix and Sells, Arizona.



[www.ndpt.dk/nyheder/USA_Tour_2013_\[a36573\].aspx](http://www.ndpt.dk/nyheder/USA_Tour_2013_[a36573].aspx)

New York & Delaware Valley Chapters Host the 2013 Annual Rebild Membership Meeting

The Rebild National Park Society's US Annual Membership Meeting for 2013 will be hosted by the New York Metro Chapter and the Delaware Valley Chapter, April 23 – 28, 2013, in historic Morristown situated about an hour west of New York City. There will be tours, luncheons, meetings and a "Gala Dinner". Rebild is a Danish-American Friendship Organization. Rebild members and non-members are welcome to participate.

Click [HERE](#) for event Schedule

Odense Bys Museer | Odense City Museums Features E-Museum

Perhaps you are fascinated by the life and works of Hans Christian Andersen and you would love to visit his birthplace, Odense, Denmark, but just haven't crossed that off your "bucket list" yet. In the meantime, you can **virtually** visit the Hans Christian Andersen Museum and check out their collection. This E-Museum has twelve sections to choose from – each containing many, many photos and accompanying text – coming alive on your screen just by hovering your mouse over your selection.

Enjoy your E-visit (in Danish or English) to the Odense City Museums ... one museum specializing in various fields. <http://museum.odense.dk/e-museum-/hans-christian-andersen-collections.aspx>

Did You Know . . .

. . . that The Danish Immigrant Museum's Permanent Collection holds approximately 40,000 pieces? These include ... **Textiles:** almost 2500 pieces including wedding dresses, folk costumes, uniforms, performance outfits worn by Victor Borge, and much more; **Commemorative Plates:** 621 ranging from the annual Christmas plates produced by Royal Copenhagen and Bing & Grøndahl to plates documenting anniversaries of churches, schools, and communities; **Trunks and Suitcases:** almost 70 of many sizes and styles.



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Museum Calendar, January – April

- February 7-9 Museum's Board of Directors meets in Houston and Danevang, Texas
- March 3 Final day for *Jens Jensen: Celebrating the Native Prairie*
- March 10 Final day for *Meeting My Makers: Portraits by Neoma Thomas*
- March 31 Easter Sunday – Museum closed
- April 6 Exhibit opens – *Danish Modern: Design for Living*
- April 20 Museum Shop's Spring Open House
- April 21 Piano Recital by winners of the Victor Borge Legacy Award, 2pm

Other Danish-American and Danish Events Coming Soon:

- January 16 & 23 Danish Language School held at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, Yorba Linda, California. Contact Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen, agkroghn@aol.com
- January 19 Danish American Club in Orange County 2013 Kickoff Meeting and General Election held at the Danish Cultural Center in Yorba Linda, California
www.danishamericanclub.org
- January 22 – February 6 Danes in the Desert events in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona
www.DanesInTheDesert.com
- February 2 Danish Troubadour: Flemming Behrend plays Danish Traditional folk songs at the Lacey Ethnic Festival, Olympia, Washington at 12:30pm at St. Martin University.
www.ci.lacey.wa.us/city-government/city-departments/parks-and-recreation/special-park-events/ethnic-celebration
- February 22-24 28th Annual Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series in Solvang, California
www.hwy246.net/users/bethania/farstrup.htm
- February 24 Fastelavn Sunday at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, Yorba Linda, California and co-hosted with DAC. Contact Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen, agkroghn@aol.com
- April 23-28 2013 Rebild National Park Society's US Annual Membership Meeting
www.danishrebildsociety.com/rebildmeeting.2012.php