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.

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.
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.
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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**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

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**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](http://museum.odense.dk/e-museum/-hans-christian-andersen-collections.aspx)

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**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)

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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


February 2  Danish Troubadour: Flemming Behrend plays Danish Traditional folk songs at the Lacy 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 24  Fastelavns 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