



museum of danish america

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meet the newest interns



KATE EHRIG-PAGE

"I am the library intern at the museum's Genealogy Center, where I will be until the end of January 2015. During that time I will help to accession material into the library and special collections, whilst also learning about other aspects of the museum through such things as attending outreach events. My educational background for the job starts with an MA Archives and Records Management from University College Dublin in Ireland; a BA American Studies, obtained from the University of Hull in England; a Public History certificate from the University of Northern Iowa and completion of a Genealogy course with the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. In addition to this, I have nearly 4 years practical experience working with archives/ special collections.

I come from northeast England but now live in Atlantic, Iowa, and have recently married someone from Iowa. In my spare time I like to read, bake, eat and play my cello, which I am very bad at but have fun with anyway."



CHELSEA JACOBSEN

"I grew up here in the Danish Villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton, and it is very good to be back living and working in my home community. I recently graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology, a History Minor, and a Museum Studies certificate. I have done previous internships at the Museum of Natural History in Iowa City, IA and at the Golden Hinde Trust in London, England. I spent a year and a half working at the Old Capitol Museum in Iowa City as a docent and student supervisor.

While at the museum I will be assisting with the move of large portions of the collection into the new curatorial center. While waiting for the completion of the building, I have been working on cataloging new accessions and, of course, preparing for the move! In my free time you can usually find me reading or doing something outdoors, or both!"

Read about what the interns are up to on their [Tumblr blog](#), and check in with the [museum](#), too. Find photos, links to interesting things in the Danish-American world, and more on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

america letter



From our recent survey to members, we know that our *America Letter* newsletter publication is highly regarded by those who receive it. The newsletter is a benefit of membership to the museum. To become a member or to give the gift of membership to someone so that they too may enjoy the in-depth articles, please visit our website at <http://bit.ly/becomeamodamember>. Look for the summer edition soon!



brown bag lunch programs

August 14 | *Was Peter Lassen America's Most Famous Dane? And Why?*

Kenneth Johnston previously worked as a park ranger at Lassen Volcanic National Park, where he developed a living history program on Peter Lassen. Lassen has a National Park, a 10,454 foot volcano, a National Forest, a California County and many other things named in his honor. He pioneered the Lassen Trail, over which one third of the 1849 Gold Rush Argonauts traveled.

September 18 | *It Takes a Village to Raise a Hausbarn*

Freda Dammen is the director of the German Hausbarn, a 350-year-old building moved from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and now a museum in Manning, Iowa.

September 25 | *Fairy-Tale Language: Hans Christian Andersen*

Tom Lundskær-Nielsen is a Senior Lecturer in Danish at the University College London.

October 16 | *Dr. Panum and Measles on the Faroe Islands*

Craig Molgaard is a Professor and Chair of the School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana, as well as a member of the Museum of Danish America's board of directors. His interest in public health and epidemiology led him to learn about Dr. Panum, a 19th century Danish physician who pioneered methods of observation and documentation in the study of disease.



hoover's hometown days | AUGUST 1-2, 2014

Take some time with the family and come out to West Branch, Iowa on August 2 for a fun day of crafts, vendors, food and heritage. We are excited to again have a presence with staff and interns providing a visual taste of museum activities – including a LEGO play area. The festival's eastern Iowa location is held on the National Park grounds of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum, currently exhibiting "America's First Ladies."

Over a century ago, many Danish immigrants risked their lives and meager possessions to build new lives from this area's rich black soil. Today the West Branch area is still home to their brave descendents; many of whom are members of the Museum of Danish America. We look forward to welcoming everyone!



danebod fall folk meeting | AUGUST 20-24, 2014

This month eager participants (many are museum members) from across the United States and world will again trek their way to the quaint and friendly Danish town of Tyler, Minnesota. It will be 68 years this month that folk meetings pioneered by N.F.S. Grundtvig have been held at the Danebod Folk School, Gym Hall and Church Complex. A typical folk meeting day includes waking up in the dormitory, delicious communal meals, singing, morning devotions, more singing, coffee, lectures, dancing, and oh, did I mention singing?

It's a time when friendships are made or renewed. The museum's Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture Tova Brandt will open the lecture series by discussing the museum's "Happy Danes on the Plains" traveling exhibit on display at this year's folk meeting. After hosting Saturday morning's kringler and coffee, Museum of Danish America Executive Director John Mark Nielsen and museum member/volunteer Annette Andersen will lead a discussion of the film "Nadjeschda, the Danish-Russian American" (an emigration tale of Andersen's mother). Development Manager Deb Christensen Larsen will represent the museum during her five day attendance.



destination orange | AUGUST 29-31, 2014

Museum of Danish America will be joining the celebration of international food and culture held in the fair's 15 ethnic streets of Orange, California – the [Orange International Street Fair](#). Under the red & white tent and in the beer booth, three southern California Danish American organizations come together to provide a taste of Denmark's traditional food and drink – æbleskiver and Carlsberg beer. Members of the Danish American Club in Orange County, Rebuild National Park Society-Southern California Chapter and Yorba Linda's Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center tirelessly volunteer their time to work the Danish booths.

These three active organizations are also members of the museum. Museum's Deb Christensen Larsen will be there all three days – working at both booths. There is a popular tradition with many of the thousands of attendees to begin and end their day of fair-going by watching æbleskiver being made and then eating the fresh hot 'pancake balls' and then topped off with a refreshing cold Carlsberg! Stop by for some *HYGGE*.



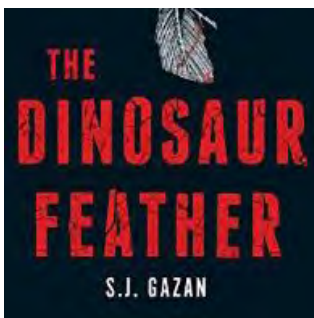
genealogy on the road

On Aug. 10th Genealogy Center librarian Michele McNabb spent a morning judging a wide variety of genealogy and heritage entries at the Shelby County Fair in Harlan, Iowa

Michele also spoke at the Larsen-Petersen family reunion held in Hastings, NE the weekend of July 19-20. A few pictures are on our [Facebook page](#).

obituaries from audubon county, iowa available

A newly updated database at the Genealogy Center is now available to visiting patrons. One of several obituary databases, it indexes all obituaries in the Audubon County Journal (published in Exira, IA) from 1897 through 1995. Contact us for information about searching the index and obtaining copies of the obituaries.



danish crime novel of the decade

Selected by NPR's Maureen Corrigan as her favorite mystery of 2013 and one of the top ten mysteries of the year by The Wall Street Journal's Tom Nolan, S.J. Gazan's debut novel *The Dinosaur Feather* is a classic of Scandinavian noir. With keenly observed and deeply flawed characters, this scintillating thriller uniquely employs one of the most controversial and fascinating areas of contemporary dinosaur and avian research in its diabolical twists. The Dinosaur Feather has been published in more than a dozen countries and won the Danish Crime Novel of the Decade Award. The Financial Times called it "a top-flight thriller--smart and outrageously entertaining."

[Hardcover: 448 pages](#)

[Publisher: Quercus \(November 5, 2013\)](#)

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in the galleries

Nude Vases, Cubist Faces: Modernism at Rookwood Pottery is open on the main floor gallery until October 19. This exhibit will be on view at the [Dubuque Museum of Art](#) from December 13, 2014 - March 1, 2015.

Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border is open in The Kramme Gallery (mezzanine level) until September 1. This exhibit will be on view at the [German American Heritage Center](#) from September 27 - December 31.

Across Oceans, Across Time, our permanent exhibition, shares the story of early Danish immigrants to the United States.

genealogy center exhibit

The Genealogy Center photo exhibit showcasing Veterans of '64 may be viewed in the Genealogy Center lobby through the end of October. In addition to photographs and stories the display contains panels listing the nearly 1,400 Danish immigrants who fought in the 1864 war who were still living at the time of the 50th anniversary of the event. A [form](#) to add your veteran immigrant to our files may be found under Library & Genealogy > Photo Gallery.



50th danish festival in greenville, mi

AUGUST 14-17, 2014

The first Danish Festival in Greenville, MI was held on August 18, 1965. Today they have a 23 member Board of Directors, a staff of one, over 35 committees and hundreds of other volunteers who are responsible for developing and presenting the festival, which draws crowds of over 80,000.

Concerts, fairs, food, storytelling, tours, kids games, fireworks and more – this festival has it all, and all with a Danish flair.

Find the 2014 event schedule and more at danishfestival.org.



visitor hours

Monday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm; Saturday 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday Noon – 5 pm

GENEALOGY CENTER | 4210 Main Street, PO Box 249

May-October: Tuesday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm; Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm

BEDSTEMOR'S HOUSE | 2105 College Street

Open daily Memorial Day – Labor Day: 1 pm – 4 pm



upcoming museum events

- August 14 Brown Bag Lunch: *Was Peter Lassen America's Most Famous Dane? And Why?* Noon, free to the public.
- September 1 Last day to see *Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border* at the Museum of Danish America.
- September 18 Brown Bag Lunch: *It Takes a Village to Raise a Hausbarn.*
- September 25 Brown Bag Lunch: *Fairy-Tale Language: Hans Christian Andersen.*



other upcoming danish-american & danish events

- Thru Aug 21 *Happy Danes on the Plains* exhibit at the Danebod Folk School, Tyler, MN.
- Thru Sept 1 [BIG Maze](#) at the National Building Museum, Washinton D.C.
- August 2 Museum of Danish America booth at [Hoover's Hometown Days](#) in West Branch, Iowa.
- August 8 Concordia Language Villages [International Day](#).
- August 9 Museum of Danish America booth at [AtlanticFest](#), Atlantic, Iowa.
- August 14-17 50th Annual [Danish Festival](#) in Greenville, MI.
- August 20-24 Danebod [Fall Folk Meeting](#), Tyler, MN.
- August 21-24 Danish films *Antboy* and *Marie Krøyer* at the [Landlocked Film Festival](#), Iowa City, IA.
- August 29-31 [Orange International Street Fair](#), Orange, CA.
- September 5-7 Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Heartland Convention, Des Moines, IA.
- September 7 [Scandinavian Day](#), South Elgin, IL.
- October 12 Genealogy Workshop: "Schleswig-Holstein, The Danish Angle" at the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa. Register by October 8 to kelly.lao@gahc.org.