



# museum of danish america

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## Free Museum Admission in January

We're waiving admission for all visitors January 6-31 while exhibits are in transition and construction continues on the curatorial center! Museum goers who visit during the free admission period will be able to view our permanent exhibit, *Across Oceans, Across Time*, Victor Borge kiosk, LEGO play area, Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, and Museum Shop. A peek out the window on the west side gives a great view of the construction site!



## Exhibits in Transition

*Danish Modern: Design for Living*, the popular 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit that occupied two floors of the museum in much of 2013 is headed to the [Goldstein Museum of Design](#) in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Goldstein will host the exhibit from February 1 to April 27. Interested parties who missed seeing the exhibit can purchase an [exhibit catalog](#).

Taking *Danish Modern's* place on the main floor will be *Søren Kierkegaard: The Global Dane* from February 1 to April 13. As a theologian, philosopher and author, Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) is hailed as one of the most influential figures of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This exhibition, prepared for the bicentennial of Kierkegaard's birth, explores his life and work. English-language text is by Kierkegaard scholar Joakim Garff.

Also opening in February is *Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German Border*, which will be open in the mezzanine gallery February 22 to September 1. The region of Schleswig-Holstein sits on the border between Denmark and Germany, and for centuries has had a mixed population of German-speaking and Danish-speaking communities. In 1864, 150 years ago, Denmark's military defeat by Germany transferred Schleswig-Holstein into German control. In 1920, some of that territory was returned to Denmark in a popular vote.

Many immigrants from the Schleswig-Holstein region, both Danish and German, settled in Iowa – in fact, there are two towns in Iowa called Schleswig and Holstein. The exhibit promises to teach visitors the history of this region and its impact on immigrant communities in the Midwest. The exhibit and its related programming was developed in collaboration with the German-American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa, with support from Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities.





## Best of 2013

- The museum turned 30 and threw a big white tent celebration including dignitaries Governor Terry Branstad and Ambassador Peter Taksøe-Jensen (pictured left)
- Our Executive Director Dr. John Mark Nielsen was awarded Knight of the Order of Dannebrog
- Our 30th anniversary exhibit *Danish Modern: Design for Living* was featured in full-color articles by the Des Moines Register and Omaha World Herald
- Many additions were made to the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park: Danish-designed outdoor fitness equipment, a pergola, interpretive signage, and a second council ring
- Construction began on the curatorial center, taking that important step to make caring for and working with our collection that much better
- We experienced the outpouring of love from Denmark to Elk Horn following the Danish TV documentary about Elk Horn, *Danmark på prærien*, and met many new friends
- One of our traveling exhibits was on view to over 90,000 Mount Rushmore visitors in September
- We adopted a new name and a new look
- We hosted a marriage proposal and a few weddings
- We launched the Digital Library of Danish-American Newspapers and Journals on our website
- The full inventory, cataloging, and digitization of the collection at Bedstemor's House was completed, thanks entirely to American intern Natalie Smith
- The Genealogy Center was gifted with large flat-screen monitors, a heavy-duty printer, and many books to aid in their work
- The Museum Shop added new lighting and new inventory storage shelving
- The museum acquired fine arts insurance, ensuring that coverage for our collection and those pieces loaned to us for exhibitions meets museum-industry standards
- We hired Nicky Christensen as the Development/Social Media Associate and recently added our long-time custodian Tim Fredericksen as a full-time staff member
- Deb helped turn nearly 30,000 æbleskiver within three days at the Orange International Street Fair in California, a fundraiser for the Danish American Club of Orange County, Southern California Rebild Society and The Danish Lutheran Church of Yorba Linda



## January Specials in the Museum Shop

In the month of January, take 25% off on the following items:

- Danish Design Brand Watches
- Nexo Denmark Watches
- Remaining Dansk Smykkekunst Fall-Winter Jewelry Collection
- Sea Glas Glassware from Sagaform (pictured)
- Remaining Rosendahl baking dishes and lids

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY. Please call the shop to check availability and place your order. 712.764.7001 or 800.759.9192

## Other Upcoming Danish-American and Danish Events

- Through January 18 *Danish Paintings from the Golden Age to the Modern Breakthrough: Selections from the Collection of Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr.* at Scandinavia House, New York City
- January 9 Cantate Domino: Sacred Baroque Concert. German and Danish contatas from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. 7:30 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran, 1650 W. Foster, Chicago. [Tickets](#)
- January 12 *Nytårsfrokost* at The Danish Seaman's Church in New York. [RSVP](#)
- January 13 Cantate Domino: Sacred Baroque Concert. German and Danish contatas from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. 7:30 pm at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington, Chicago. [Tickets](#)
- January 13 Lecture: Copenhagen and Vanguard Europe with co-curator Dr. Patricia G. Berman. 6:30 p.m, free at Scandinavia House in New York. [Details](#)
- January 18 Iowa [First LEGO League](#) Championship at Iowa State University
- January 18-25 Opera: Nielsen's Maskarade. Denmark's funny, fabulous national opera. Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble, Chicago. [Tickets](#)
- January 25 Midwest Danish Chamber of Commerce Kick off Luncheon at The Danish Home of Chicago, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave. Noon. [RSVP](#)
- January 25 Teen Party at the Danish American Center, Minneapolis. 6-10 p.m. [RSVP](#)
- January 28 Scandinavian Symphonic Sampler. International House, University of Chicago. [Tickets](#)
- January 30 The Silvered Heavens: Art Song Recital. An intimate recital of songs from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Ganz Hall, Roosevelt University, Chicago. [Tickets](#)

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