

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 30th 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 19th century. This exhibition, prepared for the bicentennial of Kierkegaard's birth, explores his life and work. English-language text is by Kierkegaard scholar loakim 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.

"The Museum of Danish America celebrates Danish roots and American dreams." Your membership support makes possible the museum's many activities. Help us continue our 30-year legacy of excellence by becoming a member for as little as \$30 per year. Many other giving opportunities are available; please visit us online to learn more about how to be a part of the preservation of Danish and American cultural experience.



Concordia Language Villages Scholarship Opportunities

Concordia Language Villages has announced that scholarships are available for their 2014 summer youth immersion programs (ages 7-18). The Language Villages has been a leader in immersion language and culture education for over 50 years and offers 1, 2 and 4 week residential immersion summer camps in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Swedish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Korean, Japanese, Finnish, Norwegian, Russian, English, and Portuguese. Information on the scholarships here.



New Genealogy Resources Available on our Website

Many new genealogy links have just been added to the Library & Genealogy section of the museum webpage. Of particular interest are databases of participants in the Danish resistance movement in WWII, certified ships' captains and first mates and the ships they sailed on from 1707-1839, a chronological listing of Copenhagen parishes, and Danish vagrants and outlaws. Take a look and bookmark those sites of interest to you!



Museum Now Listed on Cyndislist.com

The Museum of Danish America Genealogy Center and our <u>Digital Library of Danish American Newspapers and Journals</u> now are listed on <u>Cyndislist.com</u>, where researchers can find over 200 other websites related to Danish genealogy and history.

Curatorial Center Progress

Despite cold temperatures and a few light snowfalls, progress continues on the curatorial center addition. The concrete foundation footings were poured in late November, and over the past several weeks, the support posts and exterior walls have begun to take shape. Below are a few snapshots of the building as it evolves.











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: Danishdesigned 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 th century. 7:30 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran, 1650 W. Foster, Chicago. <u>Tickets</u>
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 th century. 7:30 pm at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington, Chicago. <u>Tickets</u>
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. <u>Details</u>
January 18	Iowa <u>First LEGO League</u> Championship at Iowa State University
January 18-25	Opera: Nielsen's Maskarade. Denmark's funny, fabulous national opera. Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble, Chicago. <u>Tickets</u>
January 25	Midwest Danish Chamber of Commerce Kick off Luncheon at The Danish Home of Chicago, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave. Noon. <u>RSVP</u>
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. <u>Tickets</u>
January 30	The Silvered Heavens: Art Song Recital. An intimate recital of songs from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Ganz Hall, Roosevelt University, Chicago. <u>Tickets</u>

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