



museum of danish america

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meet the newest interns



NICK KOFOD MOGENSEN | Exhibits Intern from Rødovre, Denmark

Nick is a graduate student in History at the University of Copenhagen. He has a special interest in Danish and American political history and can read Gothic Danish texts. Nick's Bachelor's thesis was about the rise of Evangelical Christians as a political factor in America from the 1970's and 1980's. He has been a writer and music critic for Danish music websites and for the non-profit organization Rapolitics.

Nick will be helping with the development of a 2015 exhibit currently titled *Skål: Scandinavian Spirits* that will travel to several other Scandinavian-American museums in the U.S, among other assignments.

MARIANNE FRØSIG SØRENSEN | Collections Intern from Fredericia, Denmark

Marianne is a graduate student in Cultural and Social History at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense. Her Bachelor's degree is in History from the University of Southern Denmark, with a minor in European Studies from Aarhus University. She has worked at the Museum of Fredericia and its archive. She is particularly interested in Danish immigration and the role of our museum in helping to preserve and document Danish culture.

Marianne will be working mainly on the organization of the museum's institutional archives. In coalition with museum staff, she will develop a cataloging system for this specific collection and also a finding aid to assist locating the contents of the collection, once the project is completed. The institutional archive includes records beginning with the museum's founding in 1983, board meeting minutes, promotional materials for programs and events, different types of correspondence and so on.

If you're keeping score, that makes a total of five interns presently at the museum. With an overwhelming workload due to the Curatorial Center's impending completion, the assistance of our interns is greatly valued.

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



Pictured, L-R: Madeline Mongar – Collections Assistant, Marianne Frøsig Sørensen – Collections Intern, Nick Kofod Mogensen – Exhibits Intern, Kate Ehrig-Page – Genealogy Center Library Intern, and Chelsea Jacobsen – Collections Assistant.



brown bag lunch programs

Programs begin at 12 noon in the Bro Dining Room and are FREE to the public. Bring your own lunch – we'll provide the coffee!

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

Freda Dammann 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 | *Hans Christian Andersen – from the early fairy tales to the life parables*

Tom Lundskær-Nielsen is a Senior Lecturer in Danish at the University College London. He'll discuss 'The Tinderbox', 'Little Claus and Big Claus', 'The Princess and the Pea', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier', and 'The Fir Tree'.

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.



dinner & a movie | MARIE KRØYER ON OCTOBER 4

On Saturday, October 4 we will be showing the Danish film *Marie Krøyer* and enjoying a meal at the Danish Countryside Vines & Wines facility just east of Elk Horn. A catered dinner will begin at 6 p.m, followed by the film at 7:15 p.m.

Reservations are required by October 1 to Tova Brandt via telephone (712.764.7001) or e-mail (curator@danishmuseum.org). Cost is \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members. *If space is available, you may attend the film only for a free-will donation.*

Marie Krøyer was married to the great Danish painter P.S. Krøyer. At the peak of their marriage, Krøyer's mental illness is getting more severe and their dream of sharing a life as artists is crumbling and turning to frustration and sorrow. For Marie, it is the frustration of being torn between her roles of wife, mother and artist; of not being able to express herself through her art, and the sorrow of seeing her beloved husband slowly changing and slipping further into insanity. **Rated R, running time 102 minutes.**



happy danes on the plains

AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVELING EXHIBITION

The Museum of Danish America is proud to present the American version of "Grundtvig på prærien – danske indvandremiljøer i USA," an exhibition organized by the Skanderborg Museum and currently touring Danish museums. This exhibit explores the history of Danish-American communities that were organized with the goal of preserving Danish heritage in America, inspired by Danish theologian N.F.S. Grundtvig. Now translated into English, the exhibit is traveling this country, especially visiting the communities that comprise its story.

Where can you see the exhibit?

- Pine County Historical Museum – Askov, MN Now thru Sept. 30, 2014
- Columbia Hall – Dannebrog, NE Oct. 15-Nov. 15, 2014
- Danish Lutheran Church – Yorba Linda, CA Nov. 30, 2014 – Jan. 25, 2015
- Elverhoj Museum – Solvang, CA February-March, 2015
- Racine Heritage Museum – Racine, WI June 2015
- Luck Historical Society - Luck, WI July 2015
- Museum of Danish America – Elk Horn, IA November 2015



in the galleries

NEW EXHIBIT OPENING SEPT 27

Danish Children Growing Up American will open in The Kramme Gallery (mezzanine level) on September 27 and runs until April 4, 2015. Organized by the [Danish American Archive & Library](#) in Blair, Nebraska, this exhibit presents photographs of Danish immigrant children at play, at school, and in all facets of early 20th century life. The photographs will be accompanied by children's toys, clothing, and furniture from our collection for a celebration of childhood.

Nude Vases, Cubist Faces: Modernism at Rookwood Pottery is open in the main floor gallery until November 9. This exhibit will be on view at the [Dubuque Museum of Art](#) from December 13, 2014 - March 1, 2015. [Museum members:](#) read an essay by the guest curator, Annemarie Sawkins, Ph.D, in the summer edition of the *America Letter*, beginning on page 28.

Across Oceans, Across Time, our permanent exhibition on the lower and main levels, shares the story of early Danish immigrants to the United States.

Veterans of '64 may be viewed in the Genealogy Center lobby through the end of October.



curatorial center closer to completion

The curatorial department is prepped and ready to move into our almost-finished Curatorial Center! The interior is nearly complete except for a few finishing details and the finalization of the alarm and sprinkler systems, expected yet this week. Rooms have been cleaned from the ceilings down, surfaces have been lined with foam to protect the artifacts that will rest on them, and shelves are labeled for recording locations. Soon, our staff will be busy carrying furniture, farm equipment, textiles, and more to their new homes!



danish immigrant wall of honor

Many of the more than 360,000 Danish immigrants who left their homeland for a new life in the United States are recognized on The Danish Immigrant Wall of Honor at the Museum of Danish America. Their stories contribute to the growing repository of family histories at the Museum of Danish America and its Genealogy Center.

The Danish Immigrant Wall of Honor provides families and friends with a means of preserving the memory of those who immigrated to America from Denmark. Over 4,250 immigrants are recognized on this memory wall to date. Their stories and the stories of their families are now preserved forever in the archives of the museum and the Genealogy Center.

An index of the immigrant names currently appearing on the Wall of Honor plaques is [available on our website](#). The list is updated through August 25, 2014. The immigrants' names are in alphabetical order.

You, too, can memorialize your name or an ancestor's by adding your name or their names to the Wall. To register names, please submit your contribution of \$250 per name and this [Wall of Honor form](#).



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visitor hours

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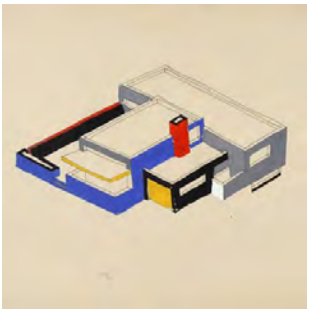
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May-October: Tuesday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm; Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm



upcoming museum events

- 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: *H.C. Andersen – early fairy tales to the life parables*
- October 4 Dinner & a Movie: *Marie Krøyer* at Danish Countryside Vines & Wines. *Reservations required by October 1 to Tova Brandt.*



other upcoming danish-american & danish events

- Thru Sept 30 *Happy Danes on the Plains* exhibit at the Pine County Historical Museum in Askov, MN.
- Thru Sept 30 [Knud Lonberg-Holm - The Invisible Architect](#) at Ubu Gallery in New York City.
- September 5-7 Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Heartland Convention, Des Moines, IA.
- September 7 [Scandinavian Day](#), South Elgin, IL.
- Sept 12-20 [NORTH Nordic Cuisine Festival](#) in New York City.
- Sept 19-21 Solvang, CA [Danish Days](#).
- September 20 [Smörgåsbord Nordic Food Festival](#) at the Scandinavian Living Center.
- September 21 [Danish Home of Chicago](#) Foundation Annual Benefit at Arlington National Racecourse.
- 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.