

museum of danish america

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order a *skål* tee by august 5

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN CLOSING SOON



We've had some requests for "Skål!" (Cheers!) t-shirts. Order yours today in olive green or charcoal heather. Ultra high quality, premium tees. **You must place your order through the link by August 5 or risk missing out.** Shirts will be delivered around August 20. E-News subscribers receive free shipping when you use this link: <http://teespring.com/skal?pr=VIKING>

tour and a tasting

AUG 21, SEPT 25, OCT 9 | 3 p.m.



Curator Tova Brandt will lead you around the "Skål! Scandinavian Spirits" exhibit giving you all the highlights, and then finish up the experience with a guided tasting of **five** different imported and domestic aquavit brands. \$10 for members | \$15 for non-members. Space is limited, reserve your spot ASAP: tova.brandt@danishmuseum.org or (712) 764-7001. Attendees must be ages 21+. **Note:** this opportunity can be arranged for groups by special request before the exhibit closes on October 25.

end of summer lawn party

AUG 21 | 4 to 7 p.m.



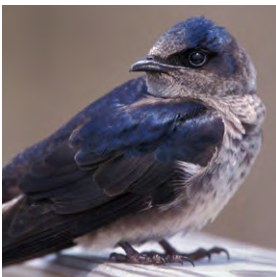
Enjoy family games and activities in the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park as we celebrate the end of summer and a new school year. Learn how to play Kubb (the "Viking game"), croquet, or blow some bubbles into the sky! In the event of rain, we'll just move the party inside! Picnic supper provided.

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!

AUG 20 | Warren Watson, Martin Watch

Learn about our winged neighbors right here at the museum. Purple martins may winter in Brazil, but they'll be back here in Elk Horn every spring!



SEPT 17 | John Mark Nielsen, Party in Valhalla

How do Norse gods, goddesses and heroes have a good time? John Mark will take us on an imaginative visit to their home in Valhalla.

OCT 22 | Lyle Feisl, Ørstad: The Other Hans Christian

Learn about the "magnetic" Danish scientist who discovered that electric currents create magnetic fields.

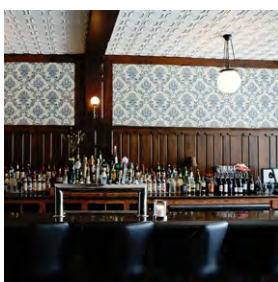


staff travels and news

Two new Danish interns will arrive to Elk Horn this month! We will have more about them in the September E-News, after we've gotten to know them a bit. Niels-Peter Gade and Ida Jensen will be with us throughout the winter at the Genealogy Center and in the Curatorial Department.

Executive Director John Mark Nielsen and wife, Dawn, will be attending the Danebod Folk Meeting in Tyler, Minnesota from **August 19 - 23**. John Mark will be giving two presentations, the first entitled "Party in Valhalla," a fun look at Nordic mythology, and the second with Julie Allen, the Paul and Renate Madsen Professor of Danish at the University of Wisconsin, entitled "The Way to Danish Culture is through the Stomach." John Mark's portion will focus on Karen Blixen's "Babette's Feast."

Development Manager Deb Christensen Larsen will be attending the [51st Danish Festival](#) in Greenville, Michigan from **August 20 - 23**. She will be bringing one of the museum's traveling exhibits, *Happy Danes on the Plains*, for festival-goers to enjoy.



an evening of nordic flavors to benefit the museum of danish america

Thursday, September 17 | 5-7 p.m.

Hosted by Pageturners Lounge | 5004 Dodge Street in Dundee Omaha

Featuring specialty Scandinavia-inspired cocktails, appetizers, music and mingling. \$50 individual ticket includes light appetizers and the signature cocktail of the evening. Enjoy the unique sunken bar and "library-esque" atmosphere of this lounge in historic Dundee. Advance ticket purchase required. [Tickets available online.](#)



spirits of the north

Wednesday, September 23 | 5-7 p.m.

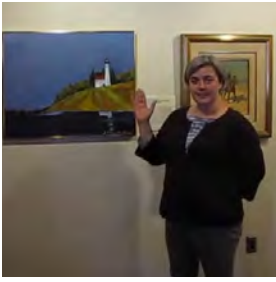
Des Moines Social Club | 900 Mulberry Street

Learn how to drink like a Viking and get a taste of Scandinavia during this event with guided tastings and pairings. Discover the drinking traditions of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark and how immigrants from those countries adapted the culture to their new homes in America. You will also receive instructions on how to infuse your own snaps! \$50 advance ticket purchase required. [Tickets available online.](#)



smörgåsbord nordic food festival WEST NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday, September 12, 11 am to 3 pm. This year's theme is "The Battle!" Local chefs will represent each of the five Nordic nations with dishes advised by local expat advisors and official cultural representatives. Enjoy a taste of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Iceland and vote for your favorite dish! Plus, tasting stations, Nordic vendors, and music and fun for all ages, including a kids' station and a Viking encampment, plus a live Viking battle reenactment after the winning Nordic dish is crowned! More info at <http://scandicenter.org/event/smorgasbord-nordic-food-festival-2/> Last year's event sold out a week in advance, so make sure you get your tickets early. Tickets go on sale **Friday, August 7** at 9am. Rain date is Sunday, 9/13/15.



new videos online

Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to take a virtual tour of one of this spring's exhibitions, view a time lapse video of our Sankt Hans Aften celebration, and see a two-minute "teaser" for the *Skål! Scandinavian Spirits* exhibit. These are just a sampling of some of the projects Danish Intern Johannes Kristoffersen worked on during his time at the museum. As you may notice, the sound and video quality isn't the best. We welcome your donations toward new A/V equipment, if you feel compelled to contribute in that way.



two new art exhibitions open

HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS

In the Main Floor gallery, the career of Danish immigrant Helle Scharling-Todd is represented by glass, mosaic, metalwork, and silkscreens. Born and raised in Denmark, Helle Scharling-Todd has lived in California since 1980. Her training and career has encompassed many countries, including Italy, Ecuador, Germany and Mexico. Scharling-Todd is best known for art in public spaces – libraries, parks, schools, churches, and other places where art becomes integrated into daily life. The works on display at the museum represent the range of her work in more portable formats, suitable for a gallery setting. This exhibit will be open until **September 30**.

In the lower level Multimedia Room, *Sense of Place* shares photographs of public places throughout Elk Horn and Kimballton. In November 2014, community members in the Danish Villages participated in an artist-in-residence project with Danish photographer Diana Velasco. Participants completed postcards that identified public spaces with significance in their lives. Velasco then created this set of photographs, based on the locations identified by community members. The written responses that inspired the photographs are displayed with the final photos. The *Sense of Place* project was funded in part by a grant from the Iowa Arts Council and will be open through **December**.



skål! scandinavian spirits

PRESENTED BY AALBORG & LINIE AQUAVITS

The new national traveling exhibition developed by our museum, *Skål! Scandinavian Spirits*, is open until **October 25**. The exhibit is an exploration of the history of beer and aquavit in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden and the drinking traditions of Scandinavian-American communities.

EXHIBITION CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE

The 92-page, full color exhibition catalog featuring exhibit content, essays, and recipes can be ordered for \$19.95 + shipping. Members receive a 10% discount. Call the Design Store to order: 800.759.9192 or [visit our new webstore!](#)



photo exhibit open at the genealogy center

When in Elk Horn, be sure to drop by to see the *Golden Danes* photo exhibit, a celebration of Danish immigrants who reached the age of 100 or more. It will be on display in the Genealogy Center lobby through October. And if you have a golden Dane (or a descendant) in your family, you can contribute [information about them here](#).

Through October the Genealogy Center will be open on Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm in addition to its year-round Tuesday - Friday schedule. Visit the [Genealogy Center's Tumblr page](#) for interesting family history-related tidbits.