

# museum of danish america

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## tour and a tasting

THIS FRIDAY, JULY 10 | 3 p.m.

Explore the flavors of Scandinavia with the curator of the national traveling exhibition “Skål! Scandinavian Spirits.” Tova Brandt will lead guests around the exhibit and then finish up the experience with a guided tasting of products from five different import and domestic aquavit producers. Cost is \$10 for Museum of Danish America members and \$15 for non-members. Price includes light food pairings.

Space is limited, and reservations are required to [tova.brandt@danishmuseum.org](mailto:tova.brandt@danishmuseum.org) or (712) 764-7001. Attendees must be ages 21+. Additional dates for this event include: August 21, September 25, and October 9. **Note:** this opportunity can be arranged for groups by special request.

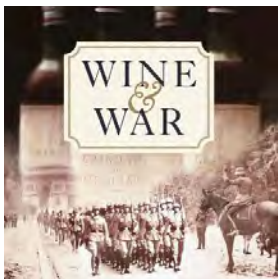


## dinner and a movie

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | 6 p.m. | COTTONWOOD BARN IN KIMBALLTON

Enjoy Danish film and a meal at the Cottonwood Barn! Menu includes roast beef in red wine and sour cream sauce, chicken breast, party potatoes, corn, lettuce salad, dinner roll, and carrot cake. A cash wine bar will be available from Danish Countryside Vines and Wines. The featured Danish film is “The Shooter,” a modern-day political suspense/thriller. Advance payment is required for this event. Refunds will be made until 24 hours prior to the event. Price is \$20 for Museum of Danish America members and \$25 for non-members.

**Film synopsis:** Denmark is in turmoil as it becomes known that the government has broken a crucial election promise not to extract oil in the beautiful and vulnerable Arctic. The potential consequences are incalculable and journalist Julie takes up the battle through a debate with those responsible. But Rasmus, a geophysicist who has just returned from the Arctic, feels a need to resort to extreme methods. Equipped with a gun, he not only takes the government hostage, but the whole of Copenhagen as well. His demand is that the drilling must stop or he will start killing people. 90 minutes.

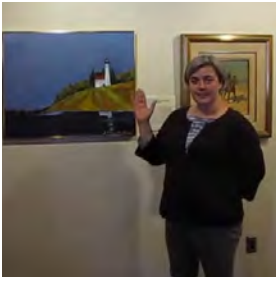


## brown bag lunch programs

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!

### JULY 30: WINE & WAR

Don and Petie Kladstrup, museum members from Paris and Normandy, will speak about their book that explores the French wine industry during the Nazi occupation. The Kladstrups are former journalists who have written extensively about wine and France for numerous publications. Don, a winner of three Emmys and numerous other awards, was a foreign correspondent for ABC and CBS television news. Petie, an Overseas Press Club winner, was a newspaper journalist and more recently protocol officer for the U.S. ambassador to UNESCO.



## “curator’s choice” video tour

Take a virtual tour of this spring’s exhibition, “Curator’s Choice: Art from the Permanent Collection,” with this video by Danish Intern Johannes Kristoffersen: <https://youtu.be/hXn9aEZ8kk4>.

You can also see a time lapse video of our Sankt Hans Aften celebration here: <https://youtu.be/8FdCBknFGtE>.



## 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**.



## skåll! scandinavian spirits

### PRESENTED BY AALBORG & LINIE AQUAVITS

The new national traveling exhibition developed by our museum, *Skåll! 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

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](#).



## tour a historic immigrant home

Bedstemor's House in Elk Horn is open for the season! The home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is open each day until Labor Day from 1-4 pm. Bedstemor's House was built in 1908 by Jens Otto Christiansen, a Danish immigrant and Elk Horn businessman. According to local stories, he built the house as an engagement gift for a young woman, who sadly turned down his marriage proposal.

## new indexes at the genealogy center

Recently added to the in-house database collection are indexes to wedding, wedding anniversary and birthday notices published in the Audubon County Journal between 1897 and 1975, and an index to individuals mentioned in the Rorbeck, Iowa local columns in the Kimballton-Elk Horn Record, 1916-1919.



## genealogy center hours

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. If you are planning a visit for research assistance, we recommend that you call in advance to reserve time with Genealogy Center staff to get the most out of your visit.

## ballard seafood fest in seattle

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[SeafoodFest](#) began in 1974 as a community celebration of Ballard's historic connection to the fishing industry and the neighborhood's Nordic roots. Today, this free two-day festival attracts over 65,000 people who come to enjoy the traditional salmon barbecue and much more: local music, arts and crafts, family entertainment, a beer garden, a skate event, and yes – more seafood!



## danish canadian conference at the inn of the quay

The 34th Danish Canadian Conference was held at the Inn of the Quay, New Westminster, from May 21 to 24, 2015. The host was the Danish House Society, who had chosen the theme Keeping Traditions Alive.

The Conference started Thursday evening with a Meet and Greet Reception, where Ed Kuhlman, the president of the Danish House Society, bid welcome. Friday was Museum Day, devoted to the Danish Canadian National Museum in Dickson, Alberta. Luncheon speaker was MLA Judy Darcy. In the evening the program 'Step into the Saga' consisted of presentations and information about the Museum, silent and live auctions as well as a raffle.

Saturday morning the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada held its Annual General Meeting. Luncheon speaker was Pastor Birgitte Saltorp who spoke about women getting the vote in Denmark in 1915. Kjeld Christensen then spoke about the new Dania Home, followed by Scott Larsen who recounted the fate of the Danes aboard the Titanic. The day concluded with a festive banquet in the Hyack Ballroom.

Sunday morning breakfast was offered in the Danish Lutheran Church, followed by Church Service. A bus then took the delegates from across Canada to the Scandinavian Centre for lunch. The successful conference ended with a bus tour of Vancouver.



## danish heritage seminar held in british columbia

The theme of the Danish Heritage Seminar at Harrison Hot Springs was ‘Danish entrepreneurs through 150 years’. The Seminar was held from May 25 to 29, 2015. The theme was chosen by Vancouver Pastor Birgitte Saltorp, who as headmaster carried the heavy load. The lectures covered a wide variety of topics, from the industrial awaking to individuals who had made a significant difference, to how Denmark is coping with globalization. As well, Johanne Olsen spoke about being an entrepreneur in Vancouver, and Rolf Christensen recounted the rise of A.P. Møller and his son Mærsk.



## high school group exchange opportunity

Interested in a High School Group Exchange? English teachers at Frederiksborg Gymnasium & HF in Hillerød, Denmark (north of Copenhagen) are interested in finding a high school for the purpose of exchanging small (15 or so) groups of students between Denmark and the US. If there's a school in your area that might be interested, you can contact teacher Lotte Jensen (lotte.jensen@skolekom.dk) for further details or visit the [school's webpage](#).



## time travelers

### ADDITIONAL BENEFIT FOR OUR MEMBERS

We are now a member of “Time Travelers,” a free reciprocal membership network for historical museums, sites, and societies throughout the United States. The Missouri History Museum created the program in 1998 so that members of historical institutions could receive exclusive benefits and privileges at museums and historical sites nationwide. Currently, the Time Travelers program includes over 300 organizations in more than 40 states across the country. Members of these organizations can receive a variety of exclusive benefits and privileges, such as free admission, gift shop discounts, and more.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the program must be a member of one of the museums [listed on the website](#). We hope our museum members will take advantage of this new benefit! Not a member? [Join today for just \\$30 a year](#).



## college opportunity

To celebrate the connection between our two countries, Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College/California International Business University is offering its 2015 fall program at a discount to a limited number of students. The first 20 American students to enroll will receive half-off their tuition for the coming year. To be eligible, students must 1) either be an American citizen or have a valid Green Card, and 2) have completed their first two years toward a bachelor's degree. CIBU is fully accredited. The curriculum blends the best of two worlds: a practical American approach with the European style of teaching, founded on the Scandinavian methodology of collaborative learning. Courses focus on promoting critical thinking skills, and the blending of hands-on experiences with in-class instruction. Students who go on to enroll at the CIBU campus are able to continue their progress toward a Bachelor of Science at any of their campuses worldwide, without interruption. For more information, contact [saralloyd@cibu.edu](mailto:saralloyd@cibu.edu).

**JUST FOR FUN:** PBS NewsHour reported on the Danish concept of “hygge.” <https://youtu.be/k43EUCcu0g4>