

The Danish Immigrant Museum



An International Cultural Center

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Protector



Annual Report 2006

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2007

Dear Friends and Supporters of The Danish Immigrant Museum,

In February 2002 I attended my first Board of Directors meeting as a newly elected board member. I remember experiencing immediately a spirit of enthusiasm and camaraderie among my fellow board members. Here were individuals who were genuinely interested in advancing the mission of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

I am now serving the last year of my second term. During my tenure as a board member, I have been privileged to work with many wonderful and dedicated individuals and to meet many of you, our members and supporters, across the country.

There is a danger in singling out individuals as others will feel that they are overlooked. That is not my intention. ***In recognizing a few, I want to celebrate all of the very dedicated people who support our museum.*** I am thankful for you who loyally renew your membership each year, just as I am grateful for you who can give larger donations endowing programs and supporting facilities.

I do want to recognize and thank my fellow board members. Before joining the board, I did not recognize or appreciate that these individuals receive no compensation, they attend board meetings at their own expense, and many provide services that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. In addition, their spouses are often engaged in the work of the museum as well and seldom receive recognition.

I think of Ron Bro, who for example has in addition to attending

board meetings, made many trips to Elk Horn to inspect and work on the buildings and to provide guidance on museum maintenance. During these trips his wife, Mary, has volunteered countless hours assisting the staff. This is true of other board members and spouses as well.

Or I think of Clark Mathisen. Clark served as treasurer during his term on the board. He worked countless evenings and nights to reorganize our financial record keeping and was instrumental in negotiating investments and overseeing our endowment. Our current treasurer, John Molgaard, continues Clark's work, assuring that we can account for the many gifts that are entrusted to the museum.

Another board member who has offered a different kind of support is Dagmar Muthamia. A human relations specialist who lives in Long Beach, California, Dagmar has offered valuable advice and oversight concerning personnel policy.

I believe I could mention contributions by every board member with whom I have worked. For this I am grateful, and I wanted to share this gratitude with you the membership as these individuals do work on our behalf.

I would be remiss if I didn't also mention my appreciation for the good people of Elk Horn and Kimballton. During 2003 when we were between executive directors, I served with two others in providing leadership to the staff. This required many visits to the two communities. I came to appreciate what wonderful supporters we have there and the many contributions they make. Though again I could mention many, I want to recognize Calvin and Phyllis Hoegh and Leroy and Clara Pedersen. Of course the museum is in their community, but these people too



Kai E. Nyby, President

offer so much support and recognize that the museum could not exist without the support from all of you throughout the country.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and thank the staff. For those of you who cannot visit regularly it's difficult to appreciate just how devoted and hard working this small group of individuals is. Serving a membership of almost 3,000 members, conserving over 30,000 artifacts, preparing numerous exhibits, and cultivating new members is challenging. These are special people for whom I am thankful.

This annual report once again demonstrates that we continue to make progress. It is because of you, our loyal members, and our Board of Directors and staff. ***I thank all of you for helping to make this success possible.*** I am grateful that I have been able to play a role in the development of our museum. I look forward to returning again and again and celebrating as together we continue to grow The Danish Immigrant Museum and share the rich legacy that is ours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kai E. Nyby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kai E. Nyby, President

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Museum Staff and Interns

Board of Directors and Staff

The 2006-2007 Board of Directors is a special group of twenty-four men and women who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of their Danish American heritage and the mission of the museum. They join an elite group of individuals who over the past twenty-three years have worked to build and maintain a museum of which all Danes, Danish Americans and the American public can be proud.

Participating at their own expense, the Board members come together three times a year to share their skills and experience in providing oversight to the administration of the museum and to develop ideas and plans that will contribute to its continuing vitality. It is the practice of the Board to meet each February and June in different locations around the United States so that they may share and celebrate Danish heritage with those Danish Americans who may not otherwise be able to link directly with the museum. In 2006, the Board held its February meeting in Tampa, Florida, and its June meeting was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In October the annual meeting was held in Elk Horn.

Without the dedication, energy, and support of a strong team-oriented Board of Directors, the museum staff would not be able to work effectively in managing the day-to-day operations of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

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Executive Director

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A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

1979 – The concept of establishing a museum devoted to the preservation of the rich traditions and culture brought to America by Danish immigrants and the stories of the Danish-American experience was born at Dana College. The vision was further defined by delegates of Danish descent to a Scandinavian Immigrant Conference meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

1980 – In response to endorsement of the concept by the Dana College Board of Regents, Arnold Bodtker, president of the Danish American Heritage Society, appointed a committee to explore the idea of creating a national museum.

1981-82 – During these years the committee met on several occasions to consider issues and study possible sites for location of a museum that would serve Danish Americans from the entire United States.

1983 – The committee met in Elk Horn, Iowa and, at the urging and support of local residents, chose the Danish villages of Iowa as the site for The Danish Immigrant Museum because of its geographically central location.

In May, the Museum was officially incorporated and the first meeting of the founding Board of Directors was held.

In July, the Elk Horn Lutheran Church donated twenty acres for the site of the Museum.

1984 – The first Annual Meeting of The Danish Immigrant Museum was held in Elk Horn.

1985-87 – The Museum was temporarily located on Main Street, Elk Horn, and, with the hiring of an executive director, accessioning of the collection began.

1988 – A Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at the future site of the Museum.

1990 – Construction of Phase I of the Museum began. The Elk Horn-Kimballton Arts Council presented *Bedstemor's Hus* to the Museum for its continuing preservation.

1991 – Members celebrated a *Rejsegilde* (raising the traditional Danish construction wreath).

1993 – 450 persons attended a festive dinner held in the completed Phase I building to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

1994 – The permanent exhibit, *Across Oceans, Across Time*, was completed in time for the Grand Opening of the Museum in June.

1994-96 – Interior construction of the building continued with the completion of the mezzanine and the installation of an elevator. With the hiring of a full-time curator, regularly changing exhibits were introduced. The Family History and Genealogy Center opened on the mezzanine under the guidance of an all-volunteer staff.

1998-99 – The Visual Storage Area on the lower level was constructed thus allowing visitors to view the vast collection of artifacts which has been accessioned by the Museum.

2000-01 – Recognizing the need to provide for the long-term viability of the Museum, the Board of Directors established The Holger Danske Endowment.

2002 – Plans were generated for establishing an off-site location for the Family History and Genealogy Center. A full-time librarian and manager for the proposed facility



Kindergarten students play game while viewing Hansen exhibit.

was hired. Additionally, the Board of Directors approved a plan for expanding the grounds of the Museum into a natural park following the tenets of famed landscaper Jens Jensen.

2003 – The 20th Anniversary of the Museum was celebrated with a year long series of special events that included the grand opening of the new Family History and Genealogy Center in its location on Elk Horn's Main Street during the annual Tivoli Fest in May. In October, the celebration culminated with open houses and a gala dinner.

2004 – Two Danish graduate students are the first interns, as the Museum initiates an internship program with Aalborg University, the Danmark-Amerika Fondet and The American-Scandinavian Foundation. The Museum partners with the National Museum of Denmark and the Nordic Heritage Museum of Seattle, Washington in mounting an exhibit on Danish folk costumes.

2005 – The Museum celebrates the bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen's birth, hosts the annual meeting of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada and co-sponsors the major conference, "Danish Culture, Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years".

The Holger Danske Endowment

Founded in 2001, The Holger Danske Endowment provides the opportunity for members to perpetuate their contributions and at the same time help guarantee the museum's long-term financial viability. Current market value as of December 31, 2006, was \$1,270,936.89.

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

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Museum quality lighting is installed in the mezzanine gallery, ultra- violet light filters are placed on all windows, and the Museum's roof is replaced with a new, red tile look.

2006 – The Museum celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Family History and Genealogy Center, initiates a Danish-American artists' series with new exhibits in the lower gallery every six months, unveils a redesigned website, and features "Fitness, Form and Rhythm in Motion: The Danish Gymnastic Tradition in the United States" as its major exhibit. Our first interns from American museum studies programs join the staff, and we continue hosting interns from Denmark. Outreach programming includes a long-term residency with the University of Iowa's Maia String Quartet and cooperation with the Tempe Historical Museum through its Petersen House Museum. "Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations," an on-going series spotlighting Danish-American families is begun in the *America Letter*. The Museum Shop is remodeled and the exterior of the museum is enhanced by treating exposed timbers and repainting. Local high school students assist in landscaping the Jens Jensen Heritage Park.

FINANCES

Condensed Financial Statements Years Ended August 31, 2006 and 2005

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition – August 31,

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$1,240,474	\$1,319,057
Contributions Receivable (Net)	375,386	0
Gift Shop Inventory	65,566	70,679
Property and Equipment (Net)	2,747,921	2,781,944
Other Assets	13,526	25,356
Total Assets	\$4,442,873	\$4,197,036
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 14,332	\$ 20,550
Line of Credit	50,000	50,000
Notes Payable	156,937	246,963
Total Liabilities	\$221,269	\$317,513
Net Assets	4,221,604	3,879,523
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,442,873	\$4,197,036

Condensed Statements of Activities – For Years Ended August 31,

	2006	2005
Support and Revenue		
Contributions and Support	\$1,045,857	\$731,522
Admissions and Program Fees	20,417	22,177
Gift Shop Revenue (Net)	0	0
Investment and Other Income	133,440	197,113
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,199,714	\$950,812
Expenses		
Program Services	\$290,462	\$280,083
Supporting Activities	595,460	467,706
Total Expenses	\$885,922	\$747,789
Change in Net Assets	\$313,792	\$203,023
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$3,879,523	\$3,645,842
Net Assets - End of Year	\$4,193,315	\$3,848,865

LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SOCIETY/HERITAGE BUILDERS

The Danish Immigrant Museum permanently recognizes two groups of friends and members who have distinguished themselves with their outstanding support, both while living and in their estate plans.

The Lifetime Leadership Society is made up of persons, organizations, and businesses that have individually contributed a total of \$25,000 and more. Their names are permanently inscribed on a plaque at the front entrance of the museum.

During 2006 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of Anton and Gunver M. Berg, Harold W. and Lois M. Berg, Tom and Jan Christensen, Roy J.* and Rita Neergaard Hansen, John and Audrey Kofoed, Hans Thyge* and Valborg Nielsen, Kai E. and Melody Starr Nyby, and Marc and Carlene Petersen.

Lifetime Leadership Society

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Erik & Lissi Vange, Wilmette, IL*

* Deceased



Over the past twenty-three years, The Danish Immigrant Museum has accomplished much because of special friends and members who have provided for the museum in their estate plans. With their permission while living or the permission of their executors, the names of **Heritage Builders** are permanently inscribed on a plaque in the museum stairwell.

Heritage Builders

Anne Bansen, Ferndale, CA*

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Bequests

The Danish Immigrant Museum is especially grateful for gifts received from the following estates, trusts and annuities in 2006:

Dolores Gregersen Connelly, Atlantic, IA

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Sandra Wunder, Cheyenne, WY

*Deceased

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on how you can become a member of The Lifetime Leadership Society or a Heritage Builder, John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, Thomas Hansen, Director of Development, or any member of the Board of Directors, will be pleased to work with you.

Please contact them by calling (712) 764-7001 or toll free (800) 759-9192; e-mail address: info@danishmuseum.org. Your inquiry will be treated confidentially.



One of several Edward Matwijkiw's paintings featured in Museum's temporary exhibit.

EXHIBITS

During the course of 2006, visitors to the Museum viewed the following exhibits prepared in-house:

Hans Hansen: A Study in Danish American Ingenuity
(May 20, 2005 – March 27, 2006)

Nadjeschda Overgaard, National Heritage Fellow, 1998
(Nov. 22, 2005 – June 5, 2006)

Americans at Work and at Play: Distillations of Danish Design
(Nov. 15, 2005 – May 19, 2006)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Clint Hansen
(Jan. 19, 2006 – July 5, 2006)

Fitness, Form and Rhythm in Motion: The Danish Gymnastic Tradition in the United States
(May, 2006 – March 6, 2007)

Paintings of Edward Matwijkiw
(June 1, 2006 – Nov. 8, 2006)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Rick Marzullo
(July 20, 2006 – Jan. 3, 2007)

The Magic of Christmas: A History of The Danish Immigrant Museum Christmas Card
(Nov. 21, 2006 – Jan. 10, 2007)

Collection Donors for 2005

In the year 2006, the museum was offered over 90 gift lots. Many of these gifts were accepted into either the permanent or in-use/research collection, and will assist us in telling the Danish-American story. The museum staff extends appreciation for the generous support offered each year, and would like to thank all of the donors listed below.

Rupert & Ragna Amann, Ft. Collins, CO
Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA
Judy Andersen, Los Angeles, CA
Muriel Bacon, Harlan, IA
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January 2007

Dear Museum Contributors,

We are, once again, at the start of a brand new year, and we here in the Collections Department have been working diligently to close 2006 so that we may begin 2007 on schedule.

We received a total of 91 artifact gifts in 2006. Some of those gifts consisted of only a book or a painting, and others included dozens of items. Our donors last year spanned the United States as well as Denmark, as is the case every year.

As I explained in last year's annual report, an artifact goes through a very lengthy process once it is offered to us. When it arrives, the donor must sign a Temporary Receipt which indicates that the item is being offered to us for our collection. At that time, the gift is assigned a temporary tracking number which stays with it until the gift is processed into our collection. Our Collections Review Committee evaluates all new donations based on their adherence to the museum's mission and to our Collections Policy. If a gift is accepted for the collection, a Deed of Gift is issued to the donor and that form transfers ownership to the museum, thereby closing the donation.

The process does not stop there, though. Once an artifact officially becomes our property, it is processed into our collection. This involves a very detailed and often lengthy description and measurement process, during which the artifact is assigned a permanent number, its condition is described in great detail, and it is photographed. The artifact is then part of our collection and is ready to be enjoyed in exhibits or in our Visual Storage.

If you have something you would like to donate to the museum, please contact us first. Because of our strict procedures, gifts that arrive unexpectedly are delayed in being processed. With standards and procedures that are recognized and endorsed by such organizations as the American Association of Museums, and with professionally trained staff in the Collections Department, donors can be sure their artifacts are handled and processed properly and promptly.

Thank you to all of our donors for your generosity and the trust you place in us to ensure the long-term preservation of your treasures.

Kind Regards, Angela Stanford

Collections Manager/Registrar, dkreg@metc.net

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Throughout 2006 The Danish Immigrant Museum awarded complimentary memberships or received contributions directed towards gift memberships for the following businesses/individuals.

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Museum and FHGC volunteers attending the April Volunteer Banquet are greeted by Michele McNabb.



Museum booth under Danebo's Danish Day "big tent" in Minneapolis.



The framed intricate papirklip (paperclippings) of Rick Marzullo line the walls of the Lower Level Gallery.



Descendants of Danish immigrant Niels Christian Bro gather at the Museum to meet for a Bro Family Reunion.



Tivoli Fest visitors attend the Clint Hansen book signing event held at the Museum.

The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2006 the following people were honored :

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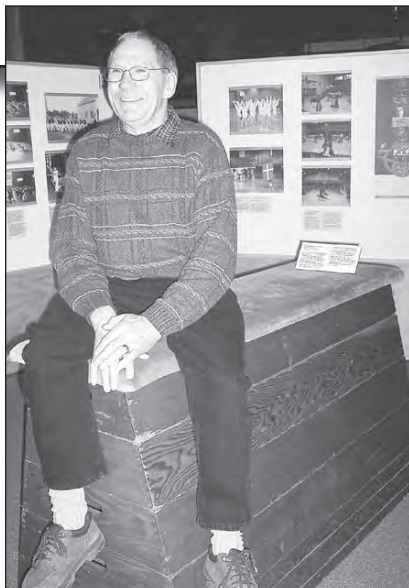
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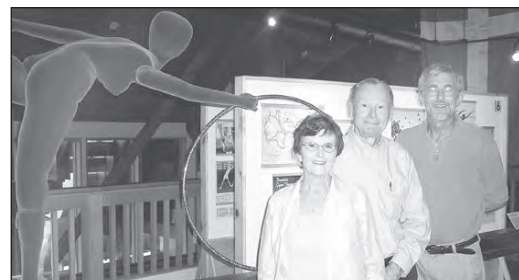
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