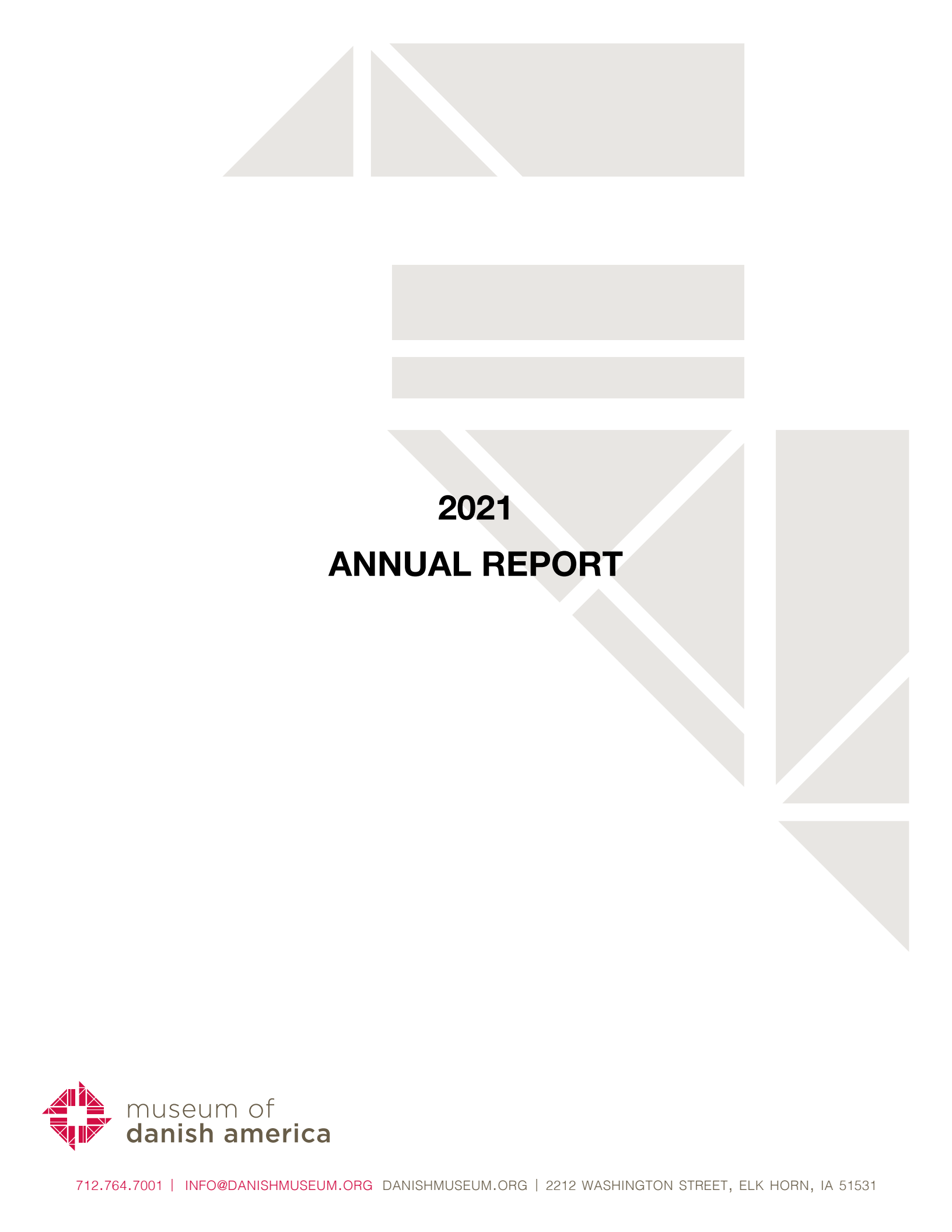




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a letter from the president

PETE WEST, DENVER, CO

I have been honored and humbled to serve as the Museum of Danish America's board president for another year. It will be no surprise that the year was one of challenges and change. It has also been one of accomplishment - which would not have been possible without the unflagging efforts of the staff and board.

The pandemic affected the museum along with all of us. The museum began the year closed to visitors, but it partially reopened in March and is now open almost daily. The staff continued to work, some at the museum and some remotely. Travel for outreach was almost non-existent at the beginning of the year but has picked up through the year. The Design Store continued a brisk online business and again has in-person visitors.

Despite the challenges, the museum is in a good financial position, thanks to your generous gifts and grants from the federal government and several agencies of the State of Iowa. And membership increased this year.

The inevitability of change is reflected in the museum's staff. It said goodbye to two long-time and valued staff members, Angela Stanford and Jennifer Winters. They will be missed.

On the other side of the coin, the easing of travel restrictions allowed two interns, one Danish and one American, to join the staff in the fall to bolster the collections and communications areas. Another Danish intern came in January 2022 to help with exhibits.

After meeting by Zoom for more than a year, the board assembled in person in Elk Horn for the annual meeting in October.

It was wonderful to see each other and the staff members again and have the individual and small-group conversations that are so difficult to have in a virtual setting.

The planned restoration of the wetlands in the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park was accomplished with a new water retention structure and a visitor overlook. In addition, the museum was again able to host an intern to help maintain and improve the park.

Another accomplishment is the completion of cataloging the Danish Sisterhood of America archives. The museum was designated as its official archive in 2016, and many boxes of files, membership registers, photographs, and photo albums were transferred to Elk Horn. The national organization, local chapters, and individual members donated funds to *more than* match a grant from the State of Iowa Historic Resource Development Program to organize, catalog, and develop a finding aid for the materials. Archival Collections Manager Cheyenne Jansdatter completed the multi-year project in September.

The board and staff, while ensuring the museum runs smoothly today, also have an eye on the future. So, many of the initiatives laid out in the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan have begun. They aim to discover the best programmatic approaches and opportunities for the museum to engage audiences and gain members. Progress is reviewed regularly.

While 2022 promises more challenges and changes, the museum continues to be in a good position, exploring the Danish-American experience of the past, present, and future while creating ways to remain relevant in a changing world. ■

board of directors

The 2021-2022 Board of Directors is a special group of men and women who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of Danish-American heritage and the mission of the museum. They join an elite group of individuals who, over the past 38 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, 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 heritage and culture with those Danish Americans who may not otherwise be able to link directly with the museum. Due to the continued Covid-19 crises in 2021, the board held its February meeting virtually and the June meeting virtually, with election of new board members. In October the board meeting was safely held in Elk Horn. The museum's annual meeting was also held in Elk Horn with new board members assuming their office; outgoing members present and participating.

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 Museum of Danish America.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Museum of Danish America explores the Danish-American experience, the historic and modern influences of Denmark on the United States, and the continuing story of how a nation of immigrants shape American identity.

VALUES

We are:

- **Inspirational:** We honor the contributions of Danish-Americans to the complex fabric of American history and culture.
- **Innovative:** We present visitors with experiences that challenge and enlighten. We experiment with new ways of engaging audiences locally, regionally, and nationally.
- **Authentic:** Using primary sources, we tell the story of Danish immigration in all its complexity, including success and failure, accomplishment and discouragement, longing for what was left behind and hope for a new life.
- **Visitor-centered:** We educate and entertain visitors of all backgrounds and engage them in a dialogue about American identity through the lens of the Danish immigrant experience and the influences of modern Danish society and culture.
- **Promoting tolerance and respect:** We build appreciation for the United States as a nation of immigrants, past and present.
- **Focused on preservation:** We collect and preserve artifacts, documents, and stories for current and future education and scholarship.
- **Stewardship:** We focus on responsible management of human, financial, and facility resources, sustaining the museum and its mission for future generations.

VISION

- To be the foremost Danish-American museum and cultural center in the nation.
- To be a model for ethnic heritage museums in how to remain relevant in a changing world.
- To be a showplace for Danish innovation and its importance to American progress.
- To be engaging and relevant to people both with and without Danish ancestry.
- To help visitors connect past Danish immigrants' experience with the experience of today's Danish and non-Danish immigrants to the United States. ■

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endowment

The Museum of Danish America's endowments provide the opportunity for members to perpetuate their contributions and, at the same time, help guarantee the museum's long-term financial stability. Current market value as of December 31, 2021, was \$6,375,948.39. ■

bequests

In 2021 the museum received \$79,053.42 in bequests which have been or are being used for operations, special projects, and programming. The Museum of Danish America gratefully acknowledges the following estates, trusts, and individuals:

Erik & Anna Andersen Trust, Parkville, MO

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a year in review: 2021

The Museum of Danish America started 2021 in a quiet mode, as we were closed to the public through the winter months. Over the course of the year we welcomed back visitors, volunteers, and events. None of us would call the year “back to normal,” but by the end of 2021 our museum routines looked much more familiar.

- The museum said farewell to two long-time staff members, Jennifer Winters (Bookkeeper) and Angela Stanford (Registrar and Curator of Collections). We were fortunate to welcome two very qualified individuals to step into their shoes: Philip Wernsmann (Accountant) and Julia Jessen (Registrar).
- The museum joined several other Danish-American organizations to launch the National Danish Book Club & Literary Event Series. This offers an online opportunity to explore Danish literature in English translations, both through online author interviews and conversations with literary scholars, as well as an online book club conversation.
- New exhibitions showcased the strength of our permanent collection and the larger global context of Danish traditions. An exhibition about Danish-American weddings featured generations of gowns, photographs, gifts, and documents, all found within the museum’s existing collections. The exhibition about the art of *Papirklip* borrowed examples from many countries and cultures to explore the similarities of papercutting art around the world.
- A two-year project to organize and catalog the national archive of the Danish Sisterhood wrapped up in September, supported by a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa and contributions from Danish Sisterhood members and lodges.
- The annual celebration of *Sankt Hans Aften* (Danish-style Midsummer) was presented in a hybrid format so that both onsite visitors and online audiences could participate.
- Many additional programs launched on the museum’s YouTube channels. The Virtual Brown Bag Lunch series continued with eight new programs shared online in 2021 including topics from Nordic-American artists to the Danish tax system. The Nordic Cuisine channel added 15 videos related to the *New Nordic Cuisine* traveling exhibition. The Genealogy Center produced a how-to video about using the Danish census for family history research; this is the first in a series of videos supported by the J. Brent Norlem Memorial Fund.
- Traveling exhibitions continued to bring the Museum of Danish America to communities across the country. *New Nordic Cuisine* appeared in Decorah, Iowa and Moorhead, Minnesota. *Art Nouveau Innovation* traveled to Ames, Iowa and Flint, Michigan. Other exhibitions appeared in Luck (Wisconsin), Cedar Falls (Iowa), Fredsville, IA; Greenville, MI; Edison, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Des Moines, IA.
- In the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, the northwest corner was restored with new embankments to control water levels in the wetland area. A new visitor overlook was also installed just north of the museum building to offer views of the prairie wildlife and blooms.
- Once the travel restrictions of COVID began to ease, the museum was able to again welcome interns from Denmark late in the year. This program supported by the Scan Design Foundation brings Danish university students to work in the museum’s communications, exhibitions, and genealogy departments.
- Looking ahead, the museum organized a 40th Anniversary Advisory Committee of current and former board members to help staff make plans for our milestone anniversary year in 2023. ■

The Museum of Danish America permanently recognizes two groups of friends and members who have distinguished themselves through outstanding support, both while living and in their estates plans. These groups are known as Lifetime Legacy Giving and Heritage Builders.

lifetime legacy giving

Recognition includes five categories of giving. In alphabetical order, this reflects cumulative giving of \$25,000 and more from individuals or their estates, foundations, trusts, and organizations. These names are inscribed on 152 plaques at the entrance of the museum.

During the calendar year of 2021, the Board of Directors were pleased to add the names of

Melinda Brown & Richard Inman, Littleton, CO (*Bronze*)

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Danish Sisterhood of America (*Bronze*)

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Randy and Margie Ruggaard, Hudson, OH (*Bronze*)

Bodil Sorensen Family Trust, Kirland, WA (*Bronze*)

And in addition, we acknowledge these donors having achieved a new level of lifetime giving:

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Shelby County State Bank, Harlan, IA
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Bodil Sorensen Family Trust, Kirland, WA
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heritage builders

Over the past 38 years, the Museum of Danish America has accomplished much because of special friends and members who have provided for the museum in their estate plans. During 2021 **three** new Heritage Builders plaques were added to the recognition board, and the names are indicated in bold. With their permission while living or with the permission of their estate's executor, the 123 names of **Heritage Builders** are permanently inscribed on the 96 plaques in the museum.

Anonymous (3)

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Ava Simonsen*, Audubon, IA

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collections

In 2021, the donors listed below contributed a huge variety of objects to the museum's collection. Among these unique artifacts are a model of a Danish warship, vintage Hoptimist figures, a Danish policeman's uniform, a Poul Henningsen *Snowball* lamp, and many other interesting items. Through these donations, the collection continues to grow, providing new ways to illustrate the Danish-American story and support the museum's mission.

We are honored to be entrusted with these objects, and we are grateful to our donors for their generosity and support, both in growing our collection and in helping to fund its ongoing care and preservation.

Keld Alstrup, Manchester, VT
Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA
Barbara Andersen, East Lansing, MI
Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA
Mary Ann Anderson, Audubon, IA
Joy Bengston, Melbourne, FL
James Boose, Urbandale, IA
Connie Christiansen, State College, PA
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Danish Home for the Aged, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
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Nancy Sand, Kimballton, IA
Barb Smith, Elk Horn, IA
David & Ellie Starbuck, Kansas City, MO
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Decorah, IA ■

exhibitions

In 2021, the Museum of Danish America continued to pursue a robust exhibitions program, reaching audiences both in Elk Horn and around the country even with the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. With the generosity and support of our sponsors and members, we opened four new exhibits this past year. In addition, our digital programs – from art classes to educational talks – reached people across the world.

This past year marked the 10th anniversary of the Victor Borge Legacy Award, which brings together the winners of three regional piano competitions for a recital at the museum, where they perform on the first piano Victor Borge ever owned. To celebrate the milestone and to highlight the recent acquisition of the Victor Borge Professional Archive, *The Victor Borge Legacy Award: Celebrating 10 Years of Music* opened in the multimedia room, featuring highlights from past competitions and selected materials from the new archival collection.

Tradition and Change: Weddings in Danish America was a glimpse at wedding traditions among Danish-Americans. Using materials drawn from the museum's permanent collection, it explored weddings, both past and present, and the ways in which customs have been preserved and adapted over time. The mannequins for the show were generously loaned by the Muscatine Art Center.

Showcasing a family's story, *Brushes and Lenses, Fabric and Steel: Two Generations of Art* featured works by Lissi Vange and Jens Vange. Lissi, a Danish immigrant, is an avid painter and her son, Jens, is a professional photographer. Their work showcased the way in which artistic inspiration is expressed across generations, albeit in different mediums and styles.

The final exhibit to open this year was *Papirklip: A Global and Timeless Art*. In Denmark, papercutting, or *papirklip*, is a longstanding tradition. This exhibit explores how the world of papirklip connects to the much larger story of papercutting around the world, from its beginnings in China to contemporary artists exploring new ways of using paper to tell stories. Support for the exhibit came from the family of Nadjeschda and Niels Overgaard. In addition, Renze Display in Omaha, NE was responsible for fabricating the title panel and the tactile reproductions.

Our traveling exhibition program reached audiences across the country, from New Jersey to Wisconsin. Through the generosity of the Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund, we were able to add a banner version of New Nordic Cuisine to our available traveling exhibits, giving the opportunity for more venues to share the incredible story of this contemporary movement.

Even after the museum reopened to the public, virtual programming continued to be an important way for us to engage with our audiences around the world. Our Brown Bag Lunch program continued to be primarily online, shifting to a hybrid model once it became possible to safely gather at the museum again. The March, April, and May Brown Bag Lunch speaker events were sponsored by the Danish Sisterhood Dronning Margrethe Lodge #15 in Milwaukee, WI. In addition, the Danish artist Susanne Thea provided two virtual programs to coincide with her exhibition, *Snapshots: Traveling with the Poet Hans Christian Andersen*, including an artist talk and a workshop where she walked participants through the process of creating a monotype. Support for her programs came from the Kofoed Family Foundation.

ON-SITE EXHIBITIONS

Art Nouveau Innovation: Danish Porcelain from an American Collector

October 2, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Migrant

February 21, 2020 – May 2, 2021

Snapshots: Traveling with the Poet Hans Christian Andersen: Works by Danish Artist Susanne Thea

June 2020 – June 12, 2021

The Victor Borge Legacy Award: Celebrating 10 Years of Music

February 6, 2021 – January 10, 2022

Weddings: Tradition and Change in Danish America

May 26, 2021 – January 12, 2022

Brushes and Lenses, Fabric and Steel: Two Generations of Art

June 26, 2021 – November 6, 2021

Papirklip: A Global and Timeless Art

November 26, 2021 – May 20, 2022

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

New Nordic Cuisine

Vesterheim: The National Norwegian-American Museum & Folk Art School, Decorah, IA
Hjemkomst Heritage Center, Moorhead, MN

Art Nouveau Innovation: Danish Porcelain from an American Collector

Iowa State Museums, Brunnier Art Gallery, Ames, IA

Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI

Dannebrog 800

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA

Happy Danes on the Plains

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA

Grand View University, Des Moines, IA

Fredsville Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA

Skål! Scandinavian Spirits

Danish Festival, Greenville, MI

Grand View University, Des Moines, IA

Sport for Sports' Sake
Danish Festival, Greenville, Michigan

Hygge
Danish Festival, Greenville, MI
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #175, Philadelphia, PA
Edison Danish Home, Edison, NJ

New Nordic Cuisine – Banner Version
Luck Historical Society, Luck, WI

SPECIAL DIGITAL EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch Series
January – *Danish Hygge: What is it, and how to?*, Tova Brandt, Executive Director
February – *Danes Explain Fastelavn*, Kris Bruun and Søren Juliussen
March – *African Americans in 20th Century Denmark*, Dr. Ethelene Whitmire, University of Wisconsin-Madison
April – *From Fairytale to Fantasy: Gustaf Tenggren*, Rachel Kiskaddon, American Swedish Historical Museum
May – *Louis Jensen's Square Stories*, Lise Kildegaard, Luther College
June – *As Certain as Danes and Taxes*, Ulrik Boesen, Tax Foundation
July – *The Story of Danebod*, Ricke and Jerry Bly
August – *Prairie Update*, Wren Klump, prairie intern
September – *The Simple Gift of Walnut Grove* film screening
October – *Art and Technology in 19th Century Denmark*, Dr. Thor Mednick, University of Toledo
November – *Iowa: 175 Years of Statehood*, Leo Landis, State Curator, State Historical Museum of Iowa
December – *Babette's Feast* film screening

Collecting 101: An Introduction to Collecting Danish Porcelain
January 13, 2021: Live Q&A with Dr. Todd Reiser

Artist Events with Susanne Thea
May 14, 2021: *Artist Talk*
July 23, 2021: *Make Your Own Monotype Workshop* ■

genealogy center

Though COVID-19 caused people to be more cautious about travelling, 2021 saw an increase of visitors to the Genealogy Center. We were open for Tivoli Fest and Julefest, so with decent attendance from both of those, we had a total of 211 visitors. This was up 139 from the previous year. Most people were from the Midwest, though we did have quite a few from the Southwest and Pacific Northwest regions.

During 2021, genealogy staff received 36 projects, up 12 from the previous year, and completed 25 research projects. We also had 15 translation projects received and 14 completed for the year.

The J. Brent Norlem Memorial Fund was created at the very end of 2020 and went into effect in 2021. Its purpose is to create and/or provide educational opportunities and activities with a focus on the Genealogy Center. With the support from this fund, *How to Search and Access the Danish Census*, the first video of the J. Brent Norlem Memorial Fund Series was created and shared. It can be found on the museum's YouTube page and on the museum's website.

In 2021 we received and/or processed donations from the following individuals and institutions:

Margaret Christensen, Kimballton, IA

Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

RB Christensen, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada

LaVerna Crooks, Daren, IL

Danish Federation, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Janis Fajen, Elk Horn, IA

Lowell Jacobsen, Fairway, KS

Hans Peter Jorgensen, Decorah, IA

Steen Metz, Barrington, IL

Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA

Genealogy Center volunteers have donated more than 1,284 hours to improve the center's resources, update files, and assist with projects. The updates to the immigrant files, which several volunteers were working on, has been completed. New projects for volunteers include scanning immigrant files, scanning county/township plat maps and books, and indexing obituaries from bound *Elk Horn-Kimballton Review* newspapers.

In 2021 we created a new service structure plan that focuses on "packages" rather than the "pay-by-the-hour" system. This was done for two reasons: 1) it will help streamline research processes and set flat fees to create more efficiency, raise productivity, and increase income, and 2) it's the industry trend and standard. The plan was introduced, revised, and approved at board meetings throughout the year and officially went into effect on January 1, 2022.

We continue to look forward to what 2022 will bring to our Genealogy Center. We know we couldn't do it without the generous support of patrons, donors, and volunteers.

Amy Nelson, Washington, DC

Alan Nielsen, Richfield, MN

Linda Peterson, Monrovia, CA

Margaret Schoewe, Fox Point, WI

Kristine K. Vasquez, Williams, AZ

Suzanne Wodka, Crest Hill, IL ■

archive

The museum's archival holdings amount to over 500 individual collections. Nearly 400 of those are "Family" collections, containing photos and documents relating to the stories of Danish immigrants and their families. In the remaining collections we hold documentary artifacts representing Danish-American organizations, institutions, businesses, festivals, religion, periodicals and geographical locations. The content of each collection can range in size from one document to 65 boxes of material, depending on the size of the donation.

This year, our 19 donors added items to each of the aforementioned types of collections. We are so grateful to our donors, who make preserving the past possible.

Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA

Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA

Linda Andersen, Urbandale, IA

Mary Ann Andersen, Audubon, IA

Nora M. Bogehegn, Elk Grove Village, IL

Deb Christensen Larsen, Harlan, IA

The Danish Home for the Aged c/o Erik Andersen, Croton-On-Hudson, NY

Janis & Larry Fajen, Elk Horn, IA

Peder Hansen, Omaha, NE

Marcia Jante, New Berlin, WI

Kent E. Jensen, Minneapolis, MN

Kristi Johnson, Rockville, MD

Nana LoCicero, Kenosha, WI

Carl Madsen, Buffalo, WY

Jerry & Janet Nelson, Urbandale, IA

Dorothy North, Woodside, CA

Barb Smith, Elk Horn, IA

Elliot Reiser, Lansing, MI

Kristine K. Vasquez, Williams, AZ ■

volunteers

While the Museum and Genealogy Center faced on-going challenges as we reopened to the public in March 2021, (attendance was approximately 40% less than previous years) I can report that we were very fortunate to have a steadfast group of volunteers. Hours donated in 2021 totaled 1,460, a slight increase over 2020.

Genealogy Center volunteers scanned immigrant files, county and township plat maps and books, indexed obituaries and did translations:

Virginia Conklin
June Haas
Inga & Ralf Hoifeldt
Jeanette Knudsen
Michele McNabb
Suzanne Rasmussen
Nancy Sand
Charlotte Sorensen
Gayle Stuart

Though our need for volunteer work has changed at the museum, we count the following as actively volunteering in 2021:

Annette Andersen
Rosa Clemesen
John Mark & Dawn Nielsen
Anna Redsand ■

documented volunteers from 1992-present

Following are the names of volunteers for whom we have documented hours of time, beginning in 1992 - two years *before* the museum even opened its doors! The staff and board of directors appreciate the time you have given to our Museum of Danish America. *Mange Tak!!*

Andy Andersen	Irene Boose	Herb Christensen	Jack Denne	Esther Gearhardt
Bertha Andersen	Marty Boose	Howard Christensen	Anne-Marie Douglas	Bill Gift
Delbert Andersen	Mel Boose	Joyce Christensen	Ellen Dreher	Marilyn Andersen Gift
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Diane Allen	Velma Boysen	Lois Jean Christensen	Clayton Ellingson	Evelyn Gross
Elenor Andersen	Mary Bro	Margaret Christensen	Dean Esbeck	Andrea Hansen
Harvey Andersen	Ronald Bro	Mary Ann Christensen	Jeanene Esbeck	Barb Hansen
Marilyn Andersen	Ruthe Bocker		Ray Esbeck	Betty Hansen
Mary Ann Andersen	Claire Bruce		Shirley Esbeck	Connie Hansen
Mildred Andersen	David Buellers	Oda Christensen	Verna Esbeck	Dallas Hansen
Milo Andersen	Roger Buhr	Orvie Christensen	Martha Eskov	Doris Hansen
Norma Andersen	David Burkett	Shirley Christensen	Millie Eskov	Eleanor Hansen
Ramona Andersen	Norma Burkett	Virgil Christensen	Kathleen Eyeberg	Fred "Fritz" Hansen
Richard Andersen	Frank Burnett	Alice Christiansen	William (Gene) Eyeberg	Harvey Hansen
Rosalie Andersen	Osa Nyby Burnett	Bud Clausen	Jan Fajen	Howard Hansen
Ruth Anderson	Ben Burns	Glen Clemson	Cloid Farley	Jacqueline Hansen
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Jack Bell	Colleen Campbell	Jim Cummings	Cindy Fredricksen	Libby Hansen
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Maxine Bladt	Bent Christensen	Eileen Denne		Marie Hansen
Connie Boose	Cliff Christensen			

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Priscilla Hansen	Nadine Jacobsen	Andy Kissel	Earl Madsen	Fern Nelson
Roland (Rollie) Hansen	Warren Jacobsen	Fern Kissel	Mabel Madsen	Fran Nelson
Rosie Hansen	Audrey Jensen	Clarence Klein	Signe Madsen	Frances Nelson
Tom Hansen	Barbara Jensen	Frances Klein	Darrell Mardensen	Linda Nelson
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Cecelia Haynes	Doris Jensen	Svend Koch	Leslie Marks	Shirley Nelson
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Esther Sand Henderson	H.M. Jensen	Ivar Kristoffersen	Dana McClain	Clayton Nielsen
Beverly Henningsen	Helga Jensen	Arlene Kroman	Martha McCord	Colleen Nichols
Dorothy Henriksen	Jackie Jensen	Evelyn Kuiken	Gladys McCrory	Dawn Nielsen
Sue Hjelle	Leland Jensen	Beverly Larsen	Wayne McFadden	Helen Nielsen
Calvin Hoegh	Leonard Jensen	Ed Larsen	Julie McKeever	Larry Nielsen
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Ken Hoegh	Bernice Johnson	Joan Larsen	Lavon Mikkelsen	Ruth Nielsen
Mary Lou Hoegh	Connie Johnson	Lyle Larsen	Merlin Mikkelsen	Virginia Nielsen
Monte Hoegh	Lillie Johnson	Reta Larsen	Sonya Mikkelsen	Evelyn Nissen
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Elsie Paulsen	Sheiree Planck	Kenneth Sand	Howard Sorensen	Dorothy (Dusty) Turner
Jane Paulsen	Evelyn Plumb	Judy Schroder	Jens Sorensen	Steve Turner
Mark Paulsen	Ann Podraza	Bertha Schroeter	Karma Sorensen	Jessie Vithem
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	Lisa Riggs	Kandy Snider		

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wall of honor

The purpose of our museum, among other things, is to tell the continuing story of the Danish immigrant experience and influence. As a way of paying tribute, the Wall of Honor was established, listing the name of the immigrant, year of entering the United States, and primary place of settlement. Their stories and family histories, if available, are part of a growing repository connected with the Museum of Danish America's Genealogy Center. Listed below are the names of the immigrants placed on the museum's Wall of Honor in the year 2021:

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