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museum of  
**danish america**

# who we are

## 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.

# board of directors

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors is a special group of 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 39 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 2022, the board held its February meeting virtually. The June meeting was held in Racine, Wisconsin, with election of new board members. In October the board meeting was 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.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVING IN 2022**

Erik Andersen, Croton-on-Hudson, NY  
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### *Ex-Officio*

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Dennis Larson, Decorah, IA  
Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE,  
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Randy Ruggaard, Hudson, OH

Tova Brandt, Decorah, IA, Executive Director

# former board members

City and state indicate where board members *resided at the time of their service*; the 13 original board members are in **bold print**; members that are deceased are indicated with asterisks\*. Every effort has been made to ensure that all the following information is accurate. Please contact Administrative Manager Terri Johnson with any questions or corrections.

Cindy Larsen Adams, Littleton, CO 2012-2018  
Birgit Andersen, Ithaca, NY 2002-2005  
Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA 1999-2002 &  
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Ed Andersen, Rochester, MN 1990-1996,  
*Vice President, President*  
Erik Andersen, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 2011-2014  
Herb Andersen\*, Council Bluffs, IA 1991-1992  
Judy Andersen\*, Los Angeles, CA 1986-1989  
Ragna Bak, Alexandria, VA 1997  
**Norman Bansen\***, Blair, NE 1983-1989  
Harold Berg\*, Ogden, IA 1996-2002  
**Signe Nielsen Betsinger**, Falcon Heights, MN  
1983-1990 & 1991-1996, *President*  
Egon Bodtker, Salem, OR 2000-2006, *President*  
Arvid Bollesen\*, Tustin, CA 1990-1996  
Jon Borgman, Harlan, IA 2010-2013  
Beth Bro-Roof, Cedar Rapids, IA 2014-2020,  
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Mervin Bro\*, Scottsdale, AZ 1996-1999,  
*Vice President*  
Ronald Bro, Cedar Falls, IA 2001-2007 & 2011-2017  
Timothy Burchill, Jamestown, ND 2012-2018,  
*Vice President, President*  
Jens Busch\*, Austin, TX 1990-1996  
Borge M. Christensen, Tucson, AZ 2003-2006  
Carlo Christensen, Glendale, CA 2004-2010  
Dan Christensen, West Des Moines, IA 2013-2015  
Jack Christensen\*, Yankton, SD 1991-1997, *Treasurer*  
Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA 2001-2007  
Lone Christensen, Brown Deer, WI 2007-2013  
Ross Christensen\*, Waterloo, IA 1992-1993  
Thomas Christensen\*, Bettendorf, IA 1999-2005  
**Victor Christensen\***, Washington, DC 1983-?  
Marie Meilandt Dahlman\*, Loma Rica, CA 1998-?  
Ane-Grethe Delaney, Wayzata, MN 2006-2012

Pam Doreau\* 1985-1989  
Anne-Marie Douglas, Chicago, IL 1999-2005  
**Diane Doyle**, Papillion, NE 1983-1985  
Jan Eakins, Des Moines, IA 2003-2004  
Bente Ellis, San Jose, CA 2013- 2019  
Nick Ericksen, Omaha, NE 1991-1997  
David Esbeck, San Diego, CA 2015-2021  
Gordon R. Esbeck, Tipton, IA 2001-2007  
Cora Fagre\*, Loveland, CO 1985-1991  
Dorothy Stadsvold Feisel, St. Michaels, MD  
2012-2018  
Charles Frederiksen\*, Ames, IA 1989-1995 &  
1997-1999, *President*  
Lis Frederiksen, Washington, DC 2001-2003  
Mark Frederiksen, Falcon, CO 2006-2012, *President*  
Marilyn Andersen Gift, Des Moines, IA 1995-2001,  
*Secretary*  
Karen Gray, Spring Grove, MN 1992-1995  
Kenneth Gregersen, Ankeny, IA 2006-2008  
Neel Halpern\*, Manhasset, NY 1991-1994  
Howard Hansen\* 1988-1988  
Ingrid Hansen\*, Lincoln, NE 1994-1998  
Janell Hansen, Elk Horn, IA 2007-2009  
Kurt Hansen, Rosemount, MN 2008-2014  
Mia Hansen, Tucson, AZ 2008-2010  
Stewart Hansen, West Des Moines, IA 2011-2013  
Thomas Hansen, Blair, NE 2003-2005  
**Thorvald Hansen\***, Des Moines, IA 1983-1988  
Connie Hanson, Glendora, CA 2018-2021  
Ernst Harboe\*, Northfield, IL 1991-1994  
David Hendee, Omaha, NE 2014-2020  
Gerry Henningsen, Monument, CO 2018-2021  
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Anna Thomsen Holliday, Houston, TX 2008-2010 &  
2012-2018  
**Gail G. Holmes**, Omaha, NE 1983-1987, *Secretary*  
William Holmquist, Long Lake, MN 2000-2003

Henrik Holmskov\*, Brookfield, WI 1993-1995  
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 Robert E. Ibsen, Kenosha, WI 1990-1991  
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 Kenneth Jacobsen, Seattle, WA 2011- 2013  
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 Bridget Jensen, Houston, TX 2005-2008  
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*Vice President*  
 Harold M. Jensen, Ames, IA 2002-2008  
 Lee Jensen, Pleasant Grove, UT 2000-2003  
 Nils Jensen, Portland, OR 2001-2004  
 Roland Jensen\*, Des Moines, IA 1985-1993  
 Tor Jensen, Willmette, IL 1992-1995  
 Torben Jeppesen, Odense, Denmark 1998-2003  
 Kristi Planck Johnson, Bethesda, MD 2009-2015  
 Margaret Johnson, Santa Clara, CA 2000-2003  
 Carol Jorgensen\*, Dike, IA 1996-2002  
 Julie Jorgensen, Wayzata, MN 2002-2007, *Secretary*  
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**Howard Juell\***, Kimballton, IA 1983-1987  
 Orville Juhler\*, Harlan, IA 2002-2005  
 Katrine Vange Keller, Wilmette, IL 1995-2001, *Secretary*  
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 Garey Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN 2012-2018,  
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 Hugh Larsen\*, Ontario, Canada 1985-1986  
 Kenneth Larsen, Calistoga, CA 2009-2015, *Treasurer*  
 Kurt Klarskov Larsen\*, Oneonta, AL 2006-2009  
 Carolyn Larson, St. Paul, MN 2013-2019, *Secretary*  
 Dennis Larson, Decorah, IA 1985, *Ex-officio*  
 Bent Lerno\*, Simi Valley, CA 1995-2001  
 Eivind Lillehoj\*, Kimballton, IA 1995-2000  
 Steven Lund, Yuma, AZ 2008-2011  
 Marion Marzolf, Ann Arbor, MI 1985-1987  
 Clark Mathisen\*, Omaha, NE 1999-2005 &  
 2009-2011, *Treasurer*

Cynthia McKeen, St. Paul, MN 2008-2014  
 Carol Mills, Dubuque, IA 2009-2012  
 Craig Molgaard, Little Rock, AR 2013-2019  
 John Molgaard\*, Atlantic, IA 1996-2002 &  
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 Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA 2002-2008 &  
 2012-2018, *Secretary, President*  
 Norma Lange Nelson\*, Elk Horn, IA 1996-2002  
 Clayton Nielsen\*, Racine, WI 1991-?  
**Hans T. Nielsen\***, Denver, CO 1983-1986  
**John Mark Nielsen**, Blair, NE 1983-1991 &  
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 Peter Nielsen, Naples, FL 2015-2016  
 Ruth Herman Nielsen\*, Omaha, NE 1992-1998,  
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 J. Brent Norlem\*, Monticello, MN 2013-2016  
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 Mark Nussle, Palos Park, IL 2005-2011, *Vice President*  
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 Erik Olsen\*, Mesa, AZ 1995-1999  
 Marian "Mittie" Ostergaard, Mission Viejo, CA  
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 Tom Paulsen\*, Bellevue, WA 1994-2000  
 Curt Pedersen, Tucson, AZ 2001-2005  
 Edwin Pedersen\*, Luck, WI 1993-1996  
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 Leroy Pedersen\*, Elk Horn, IA 1993-1999  
 H. Rand Petersen, Harlan, IA 1985-1991  
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 Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, Springfield, IL 2010-2015  
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 Eva Robinson, Butler, PA 2008-2010  
 Tom Rosen, Fairmont, MN 1998-2001  
 Randy Ruggard, Hudson, OH 2015-2021  
 Anelise Sawkins, Minneapolis, MN 2002-2008  
 Jerry Schrader, Elk Horn, IA 2011-2017  
 Rose Grindheim Sims\*, Ridge Manor, FL 1997-1999  
 Linda Sloth-Gibbs, Yuma, AZ 2003-2009

Flemming "Eric" Smitsdorff, Racine, WI 2010-2015,  
*Secretary*  
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Poul Steffensen\*, Omaha, NE 1986-?  
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*President*  
Mark Strandskov, Mt. Pleasant, MI 2009-2015

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Karen Suchomel, West Branch, IA 2014-2020,  
*Treasurer*  
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Svend Toftemark, Eugene, OR 1994-2000  
Robert J. Wallace\*, Kansas City, MO 1988-1992  
Daniel Warren, Fairmont, MN 2015-2016  
**Donald Watkins\***, Lawrence, KS 1983-1987  
Wilber Williamson\*, Des Moines, IA 1988-1995  
Lorraine Mattson Zembinski\*, Elm Grove, WI  
1993-1994

# staff & interns

## **Executive Director**

*Tova Brandt, M.A.*

## **Executive Director Emeritus**

*John Mark Nielsen, Ph.D.*

## **Administrative Manager**

*Terri Johnson*

## **Administrative Assistants**

*Terri Amaral, B.A.*

*Alan Ashcraft*

*Sandy Ashcraft*

*Cindy Pash*

## **Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture**

*Diya Nagaraj, M.Litt.*

## **Registrar**

*Julia Jessen, M.A.*

## **Archives Manager & Outreach Associate**

*Cheyenne Jansdatter, M.L.I.S.*

## **Genealogy Center Manager**

*Amanda Skellenger, M.A., M.L.I.S.*

## **Genealogy Researcher**

*Wanda Sornson, M.S.*

## **Development Manager**

*Deb Christensen Larsen*

## **Development Associate**

*Shelli Larson, B.S.*

## **Communications Specialist**

*Nicky Christensen, B.S.*

*Amelia Juhl, B.A.*

## **Design Store Manager**

*Nan Dreher*

## **Accountant**

*Philip Wernsmann*

## **Facilities Manager**

*Tim Palmer*

## **Building & Grounds Manager**

*Tim Fredericksen*

## **Weekend Visitor Services**

*Justice Doherty*

*April Weber*

## **Danish Interns\***

*Frederikke Lund Theodorsen, B.S., University of Southern Denmark, Slagelse, Denmark (Communications)*

*Sarah Nielsen, M.A., University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark (Curatorial)*

*Anders Tornso Jørgensen, B.A., Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark (Communications)*

\*Internships for Danes are funded through a generous grant from Scan Design Foundation, Seattle, WA

## **American Interns**

*Hannah Haack, B.A., University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Collections), Internship funded by The Danish Home, Croton on Hudson, NY*

*Kelsey Barnett, M.A., Texas Tech University, (Collections), Internship funded by the Danish Club, Tucson, AZ*

*Cooper Larsen, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park), Internship funded by the Robert W. and Susan T. Brown Family Foundation*

THE MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA

Condensed Financial Statements  
Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021

Condensed Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets		
Cash and Investments	6,428,782	7,141,807
Inventory	60,624	46,386
Employee Retention Credit Receivables (Allowance \$0)	39,705	120,377
Property and Equipment (Net)	<u>4,258,807</u>	<u>4,382,965</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>10,787,918</u>	<u>11,691,535</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	15,725	17,410
Notes Payable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	15,725	17,410
Net Assets	<u>10,772,193</u>	<u>11,674,125</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	<u>10,787,918</u>	<u>11,691,535</u>

Condensed Statement of Revenue and Support, Expenses,  
and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis for Years ended August 31,

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Support and Revenue		
Contributions and Support	1,307,807	723,970
Admissions and Program Fees	13,253	8,408
Gift Shop Revenue (Net)	57,249	57,947
Investment and Other Income	<u>(676,840)</u>	<u>1,726,319</u>
<u>Total Support and Revenue</u>	<u>701,469</u>	<u>2,516,644</u>
Expenses		
Program Services	974,989	968,760
Supporting Activities	<u>628,812</u>	<u>510,681</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>1,603,801</u>	<u>1,479,441</u>
Change in Net Assets Related to Collection Items not Capitalized:		
Proceeds from Sale of Collection Items	400	525
Collection Items Purchased	<u>0</u>	<u>-2000</u>
<u>Change in Net Assets Related to Collection Items not Capitalized</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>(1,475)</u>
<u>Change in Net Assets</u>	(901,932)	1,035,728
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>11,674,125</u>	<u>10,638,397</u>
<u>Net Assets - End of Year</u>	<u>10,772,193</u>	<u>11,674,125</u>

# 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, 2022, was \$5,480,294.13.

# bequests

In 2022 the museum received \$250,639.53 in bequests has been or is being used for operations, endowment, special projects and programming. The Museum of Danish America gratefully acknowledges the following estates, trusts and individuals:

Gordon Esbeck, Tipton, IA

Ramona Esbeck, Ames, IA

Rita Neergaard Hansen Charitable Trust, Kenosha, WI

Hugo Petersen, Aarhus, Denmark

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.

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## 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 155 plaques at the entrance of the museum.

**During the calendar year of 2022, the Board of Directors were pleased to add the names of:**

Anonymous (*Bronze*)

Marnie Jensen & Kenny Bogus, Nebraska City, NE (*Bronze*)

Hugo Petersen Estate, Aarhus, Denmark (*Bronze*)

Kirsten Nielsen Strnad, Faribault, MN (*Bronze*)

Carol Svendsen and Jay Mead, Denver, Colorado (*Bronze*)

Pete & Bonnie West, Denver, Colorado (*Bronze*)

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

Ramona L. Esbeck, Ames, Iowa (*Silver*)

Kurt & Lynette Skov Rasmussen, Johnston, Iowa (*Silver*)

## DIAMOND over \$1,000,000

Wayne Alwill Estate, Manning, IA

Anonymous

William & Berniece Grewcock, Omaha, NE

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Charles W. & Norma J. Wilson Foundation, Inc., Red Oak, IA

# PLATINUM

*over \$500,000*

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Gunnar Horn, Omaha, NE

Ingrid Kirkegaard Trust, Lake Geneva, WI

Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund, Seattle, WA

State of Iowa

# GOLD

*over \$250,000*

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Marianne K. Festersen Trust, Omaha, NE

Roy & Patricia Hougen, Ames, IA

Peter Kiewit Foundation, Omaha, NE

Clyde & Emma Johnson, Omaha, NE

John & Audrey Kofoed, West Branch, IA

Lowell & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA

Roy J. & Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI

Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA

scan l design foundation By Inger & Jens Bruun, Seattle, WA

Erik Sorensen Trust, Knoxville, IA

# SILVER

*over \$100,000*

Erik & Anna Andersen Trust, Parkville, MO

Erik & Eva Andersen, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Anonymous

Anton & Gunver M. Berg, DeKalb, IL

Esther "E.J." Carlson Estate, Columbus, OH

Carl Aage Christensen, Denver, CO

Edna M. Christensen, Atlantic, IA

Tom & Jan Christensen, Bettendorf, IA

R. James & Janet Borge Crowle, Saint Michaels, MD

Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn, IA

David W. & Helen A. Esbeck, San Diego, CA

Howard & Ruth Esbeck Trust, Elk Horn, IA

**Ramona L. Esbeck, Ames, Iowa**

Asta Forrest, Fountain Hills, AZ

Gertrude Gronbeck, Washington, D.C.

Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA

Humanities Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Iowa West Foundation, Council Bluffs, IA

James D. & Margery Iversen, Ames, IA

Martha Jorgensen, Audubon, IA

Reola Lerager, Wichita, KS

Lutheran Brotherhood, Minneapolis, MN

Herbert C. Madison, Washington, DC

Adelaide M. Madsen Estate, Cedar Rapids, IA

A.P. Møller and Chastine Mc-Kinney Møller Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark

Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust, Northbrook, IL

Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL

Folmer & Vera Nyby, Michigan City, IN  
Poul Olesen & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, Oregon  
Olga S. Olsen Estate, Watertown, SD  
Peter & Irma Ørum, Saint Charles, IL  
H. Rand & Mary Louise Petersen, Harlan, IA  
John I. Petersen, Waterloo, IA  
**Kurt & Lynette Skov Rasmussen, Johnston, Iowa**  
Harriet Albertsen Spanel, Bellingham, WA  
E. Irene Starrett, Audubon, IA  
Chrystal Hemmingsen Willis Wagner Estate, Seattle, WA  
Wilber Williamson, Des Moines, IA

## BRONZE

*over \$25,000*

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Cynthia Larsen Adams and Gary M. Adams, Littleton, Colorado  
The American-Scandinavian Foundation, New York, NY  
Richard Lee and Rosalie Larsen Andersen, Harlan, Iowa  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
**Anonymous**  
Norman C. Bansen Estate, Blair, NE  
Mogens & Cindy Bay, Omaha, Nebraska  
Elna N. Bellows, Edina, MN  
Harold W. & Lois M. Berg, Ogden, IA  
Egon & Diana Bodtker, Salem, OR  
Sanna and Victor Borge Memorial Fund, New York, NY  
Melinda Brown & Richard Inman, Littleton, CO

Marie A. Budolfson Estate, Ames, IA  
Cedar Valley Danes, Cedar Falls, IA Area  
Jack & Barbara Christensen, Yankton, SD  
Lamont & Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA  
Glen & Rosa Clemens, Exira, IA  
Dolores G. Connelly Estate, Atlantic, IA  
Country Landscapes, Inc., Ames, IA  
Danish Brotherhood In America, Highlands Ranch, CO  
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #227, Detroit, Michigan  
Danish Club of Tucson, Tucson, AZ  
Danish Mutual Insurance Association, Elk Horn, IA  
Danish Sisterhood of America  
Ane-Grethe Olesen & Rory A.M. Delaney, Wayzata, MN  
Gordon, Mary Lou & Janice Esbeck, Tipton, Iowa  
Sally og Gordon Faber, Urbandale, Iowa  
First Baptist Church of Elk Horn, IA  
Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA  
J. Emory & Edna Fredrickson Estate, Elk Horn, IA  
Margaret Louise Gee Estate, West Des Moines, IA  
Marilyn Andersen Gift & William Gift, Des Moines, Iowa  
Alf & Lili Gregerson, Ridgefield, WA  
Caroline L. Hansen, Harlan, IA  
Walter & Vesta Hansen, West Branch, Iowa  
Alma O. Hartvigsen Estate, Harlan, IA  
David & Polly Hendee, Omaha, NE  
Henningsen Construction, Inc., Atlantic, IA  
Anna Thomsen Holliday and Hal Holliday, Houston, TX  
Stanley & Helen Howe, Muscatine, IA  
Vern E. Hunter, Fargo, ND

Al & Bridget Jensen, Houston, TX  
Cornelius C.J. Jensen Estate, Edmonds, WA  
Erna C. Jensen, Des Moines, IA  
Irving & Elizabeth Jensen Foundation, Sioux City, IA  
**Marnie Jensen & Kenny Bogus, Nebraska City, NE**  
Nils & Kathleen Jensen, Portland, Oregon  
Roland & Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA  
Iver (Whitey) & Lis Jorgensen, Burnsville, Minnesota  
Garey and Sherry Knudsen, Hutchinson, Minnesota  
Robert S. Kroman Estate, Elk Horn, IA  
Kulturministeriet, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Kurt K. & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL  
Richard Ledet, Des Moines, IA  
Leonard K. & Lenora J. Madsen Estate, Kansas City, MO  
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co., Elk Horn, IA  
Carl & Marilyn Mehr, San Diego, California  
Marilyn J. (Nelson) Meyer, Everly, IA  
Inez M. Mortensen Estate, Omaha, NE  
Dagmar Muthamia, Long Beach, CA  
Einar Schultz Nielsen, Tustin, CA  
Hans Thyge & Valborg Nielsen, Denver, CO  
John Mark & Dawn Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska  
Peter & Faith Nielsen, Naples, FL  
Ruth Herman Nielsen Estate, Omaha, NE  
Irene A. Nissen Estate, Cedar Falls, IA  
Kay Esbeck North, Ames, IA  
Kai E. & Melody Starr Nyby, Laporte, IN  
Erik & Jackie Olsen, Glenbrook, NV  
Glenn & Mary Ellen Olsen, Atlantic, Iowa

The Ørum-Keller Family, Illinois

Ruth Lund Ostrom Estate, Seven Hills, OH

Eivind & Dorothy (Peterson) Pedersen Estate, Omaha, NE

**Hugo Petersen Estate, Aarhus, Denmark**

Marc & Carlene Petersen, Omaha, NE

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Randy and Margie Ruggaard, Hudson, OH

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Over the past 39 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. With their permission while living or with the permission of their estate's executor, the 125 names of **Heritage Builders** are permanently inscribed on the 97 plaques in the museum.

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# collections

In 2022, the Museum of Danish America added new stories and objects to the collection through the generosity of the donors listed below. These objects include a crocheted Queen Margrethe doll, wedding dresses from 3 generations of women in one family, an example of Dansk cookware, and a 1920s-era hat stand. This wide variety of objects reflects the varied Danish-American experiences we are able to share with our audiences.

We are grateful to our donors for entrusting us with these objects and for their continued generosity and support. It is thanks to our donors that we are able to grow the collection and fund its ongoing care and preservation.

## **Julia Jessen**

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# exhibitions

In 2022, the Museum of Danish America continued to pursue a robust exhibitions program, reaching audiences in Elk Horn and around the country through exhibits, educational programs, and more. These exhibits showcased different aspects of Danish and Danish-American history, culture, and art and would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our sponsors and members.

*In Search of Zion: The Danish American Mormon Movement* was curated by Danish intern Sarah Olivia Scott Nielsen, whose academic focus was religion among Danish-Americans. The exhibit explored the story of the Danes who converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. More commonly known as Mormons, they came to America for religious freedom and comprised the first major wave of Danish immigration, making their story important to share and understand.

*Tattoo: Identity Through Ink*, curated by Dr. Lars Krutak and on loan from Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, explored the global story of tattooing. The exhibit shared the Scandinavian story, and our institution added several additional elements to highlight Danish tattoo culture. Tattoo artist Frank Rosenkilde, who runs the Danish Tattoo Museum in Copenhagen, created a tattooed silicone arm for the exhibit that featured designs important in the history of Danish tattooing. Support for the exhibit was generously provided by Humanities Iowa and Marnie Jensen & Kenny Bogus.

*Roger Nielsen: Celebrating My Heritage* featured the work of Danish-American artist Roger Nielsen, based out of Wisconsin. Roger created around 40 works of art that share his family's story from Danish immigrants to Danish-Americans. From the immigration journeys of his maternal grandparents and his father to his siblings, who grew up in America and took varied paths in life, and his children, who are now

all adults themselves, the exhibit explored the idea of heritage and history through his lens (and brush).

*Joyce Tenneson's Great Danes* highlights a recent acquisition, twenty photographs by acclaimed American photographer Joyce Tenneson. The series was commissioned in 1990 by the U.S. State Department to highlight Danes from different walks of life. The photographs were taken on the Polaroid 20x24 camera, a unique camera, making each photograph one-of-a-kind. The exhibit also features an audio tour, available in the gallery and online.

*40 Years of Collecting: Highlights from the Permanent Collection* celebrates the museum's 40th anniversary through the lens of its collection. Over the past four decades, the museum has undergone many changes and the collection has grown immensely. The artifacts featured in the exhibit were selected by staff and community members who have been part of the collections' development process over the years. It not only showcases the diversity of stories that we share through our archival and object collections, but also the diversity of ways in which people connect to the artifacts in our care.

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 *Tradition and Change: Weddings in Danish America* to our available traveling exhibits, giving the opportunity for more venues to share the incredible story of this contemporary movement.

Particularly in conjunction with the *Tattoo: Identity Through Ink* exhibit, we featured a number of exciting programming opportunities. Our Brown Bag Lunch program has continued to be a hybrid model, featuring both in-person and digital lectures. Support for the Brown Bag Lunch program is generously provided by Dennis Andersen.

## ON-SITE EXHIBITIONS

*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

*Papirklip: A Global and Timeless Art*  
November 26, 2021 – May 30, 2022

*In Search of Zion: The Danish American Mormon Movement*  
February 1, 2022 – June 2, 2023

*Tattoo: Identity Through Ink*  
May 26, 2022 – September 5, 2022

*Roger Nielsen: Celebrating My Heritage*  
June 25, 2022 – November 6, 2022

*Joyce Tenneson's Great Danes*  
September 24, 2022 – June 2, 2023

*40 Years of Collecting: Highlights from the Permanent Collection*  
November 25, 2022 – October 31, 2023

## TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

*New Nordic Cuisine*  
Hjemkomst Heritage Center, Moorhead, Minnesota  
Swedish American Museum, Chicago, Illinois

*Art Nouveau Innovation: Danish Porcelain from an American Collector*  
Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA

*Happy Danes on the Plains*  
Living History Farms, Urbandale, IA

*Tradition and Change: Weddings in Danish America – Banner Version*  
Luck Historical Society, Luck, WI

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### *Brown Bag Lunch Series*

- February – *Sanjhi: Papercutting from India*, Diya Nagaraj, Museum of Danish America
- March – *Public Archaeology in St. Croix*, Dr. William White, University of California Los Angeles
- April – *150 Years of the Danish Pioneer Newspaper*, Dr. John Mark Nielsen
- May – *Tattoo History*, Dr. Lars Krutak, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, Tribal Affairs, FEMA
- June – *Roger Nielsen: Celebrating My Heritage* Gallery Talk, Roger Nielsen
- July – *The Danishness of Beowulf*, Dr. Lindsey Row-Heyveld, Luther College
- August – *Bedstemor's House Restoration Project*, David Lawrence, David Lawrence Paint Company
- September – *The Dane with the Golden Nose: Why I Wrote Two Books about Tycho Brahe*, Dr. John Christianson, Professor Emeritus, Luther College
- October – *Butter and Bacon: A Brief History of Danish Agriculture*, Diya Nagaraj, Museum of Danish America
- November – *Lykke Leonardsen and the Copenhagen Trilogy*, Lykke Leonardsen
- December – *Holiday Hygge* celebration

### *Tattoo: Identity Through Ink Programming*

- *A World History of Tattooing* – Dr. Lars Krutak, Exhibit Curator, June 5
- *Tattoos, Medievalism, and White Supremacy* – Dr. Lindsey Row-Heyveld, Luther College, July 14
- Tattoo Demonstration – Arron MacKeogh, INK's Tattoos Piercings & More, July 17
- Live Walk-In Tattooing in the Gallery – Jaime Craig, Rawhide Tattoo Studio, August 5
- *Marks of Humanity* documentary screening (virtual) – August 18

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

## *Mange tak,*

**Cheyenne Jansdatter, MLIS**

*Archives Manager & Outreach Associate*

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Thank you to our volunteers who continue to give their time at the Genealogy & Education Center, the Museum or remotely, and to those who have “retired” from volunteering. Maybe you once volunteered on a regular basis, or as needed or are still coming in weekly. All those hours you give and have given are important to us. To ALL our volunteers, you are valued and appreciated for all you have done to grow OUR museum together. ***Tusind tak!***

# memorials

my Aagaard & Larsen ancestors

Greta Algeo

Dr. Kenneth N Andersen, 1924-2015, whose parents came from Denmark at the turn of the 20th century and raised 10 children near Missouri Valley, IA

Martin & Else Andersen,

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Mary Louise Bro

Mary Louise Reed Bro

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Karl Christensen

Cecelia Petersen Clausen

Donald L. Clausen (1931-2017)

Christen Thompson Clausen, great great grandfather & wife Jensine Clausen

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Edith & Anker Eastergard, my parents

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Chris & Thora Eriksen, (my parents-emigrated 1903 & 1913)

Dr. Gordon Esbeck

Gordon Esbeck

Gordon Esbeck, who had a significant impact on my career as a veterinarian

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Willy Esbeck

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Mames R. Fisher, my husband

Asaph Fogdall, (1914-1984)

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Charles Frederiksen, museum board chair

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Evelyn 'Evie' Gregersen

Bent & Lydia Hansen

Cleo & Esther Hansen

Hans & Maren Jensen Hansen, my grandparents, who immigrated from Denmark to raise their large family in rural Cedar Falls, Iowa. They are on the wall of honor.

Cleo & Esther Hansen, my parents

Bent & Lydia Hansen, my parents

Annemarie Madsen Harbison

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Hans & Genevieve Hoiberg

Chester 'Chet' Holland,

Chet Holland, loved by his family, friends and anyone who met him

Martin & Evelyn Holst

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Jens Jacobsen, grandfather

Paula Jacobsen

Inge R. Jacobson

Elsie Caroline Foged Laursen Jante

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Elsie Jante, my mother

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Jens Aksel Jensen  
Jens P. & Johanne Jensen  
Paul & Grethe Jensen  
Paul Fritz Jensen  
Paul H. & Grethe H. Jensen  
Poul H. Jensen  
John Jensen, Red River Danes member  
Rose Marie (Hansen) Jensen  
Russell P. Jensen  
Sofus Bernard Jensen, born June 1, 1904 in Denmark  
Doris Johansen  
John Jones  
Gertie Laursen Johnson Jordahl, grandmother  
Iver 'Whitey' Jorgensen  
Nels Jorgensen  
Carl Jorgesen & Eleanor Jorgesen  
Howard & Kaja Juel  
Karen Kadgihn  
Min bedsteforældre i G.L. Brovst, DK (by Karen Karlsson)  
Tage Ketelsen  
Peter Kirkegaard, my immigrant grandpa  
Andy Kissel  
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David J. Knutson  
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Svend V. Koch  
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Eda Holmgaard Lambi  
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Kurt Klarskov Larsen  
Kurt Klarskov Larsen, my father  
Marius & Elise Larsen, my grandparents  
Paul & Johanne Larsen  
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Sena & Hans Larsen, Central City, NE  
Chris A. Laursen

Bent Lernø  
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Dale Mackenzie  
Marvin & Lydia Madsen  
Irma Marthinsen  
Irma Roge Marthinsen, my dear friend  
Clark G. Mathisen, my father  
Jean M. Matteson  
Carl A. Mehr  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Miller, grandparents  
Laina Molbak, my wife  
Merlyn Molgaard  
Franklin Mosdal  
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Evald George Nielsen  
John W. Nielsen  
Magnus & Cecelia Nielsen  
Marilyn & LeVern Nielsen, my parents  
Hans T. Nielsen, in my thoughts  
Walter (Valdemar) Nielsen, my far  
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Valborg Olesen  
Norman Oleson  
Edith Paulsen  
Jane Paulsen, my wife  
Dorothy Paulsen, Red River Danes member  
William H. Paulsen, my father  
Anna M. Pedersen  
David Pedersen  
Donald Bondo Pedersen, my dad, who passed away  
July 17  
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Leroy Pedersen  
Niels M. Pedersen  
Paul & Lilly Pedersen  
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Loretta Petersen  
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Merle Petersen

Jens Holm Petersen, my grandfather, from Løgster,  
Denmark; a farmer, father of 15, American citizen  
and patriot  
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John & Marge Quist  
Kevin Rasmussen  
Mrs. Sandra Jensen Rasmussen, DOD 12-20-22  
Peter & Anna Rattenborg  
Merna Christensen Rierson  
Leroy Sand  
Albert Martin Jensen Schjodt  
Aunt and uncle of Marian Sheldon, who made the  
trip from Denmark to the USA hoping for a better  
life for the family  
Father William 'Bill' Sherman  
Axel & Rose Skelbeck  
Axel Skelbeck, secretary/treasurer Emeritus of  
Danish Brotherhood of America

Alan Skouby  
Fred Sorensen  
Svend Erik Sorensen, deceased 19 June 2022  
Flemming Sørensen, Seattle, WA  
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Phyllis Andersen Vitamuas, Fremont, NE  
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Mitchell)  
Poul & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen  
Grace & Jim Tomson  
Amanda Skellenger, thanks for help

# 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 2022:

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ANDERS RASMUSSEN BUCK (1865) Kronborg, NE

CARL HEMMING CHRISTENSEN (1887) Albert Lea, MN

EBBA ELISABETH (JENSEN) CHRISTENSEN (1903) Albert Lea, MN

HAROLD JULIUS CLAUSEN (1908) Riceville, IA

INGEBORG JEPPESDATTER (1879) Dannebrog, NE

CHRIST JOHNSON (1906) Harrisburg, CO

MARIE C. JOHNSON (1918) Harrisburg, CO

CHRISTEN SØRENSEN JØRGENSEN JUUL (1903) Hutchinson, MN

JEPPE PETER NIELSEN LANG (1879) Farwell, NE

MIKKEL JENSEN NIELSEN LANG (1879) Farwell, NE

HANS LARSEN (1883) Dannebrog, NE

SIDSE MARIE LARSEN (1883) Farwell, NE

JOHANNE MARIE STAHR RASMUSSEN (1862) Brown County, MN

ANNA CECILIE RAUN (1880) Hutchinson, MN

METTE KIRSTINE SØRENSEN (1883) Dannebrog, NE

DORTHEA ANDREA TOFTDAHL (1916) Riceville, IA

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