

ANNUAL REPORT

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museum of
danish america

letter from the president of the board of directors

ERIK ANDERSEN, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NY

I often drive to the museum from New York rather than fly. Evocative of my matriculation at Indiana University, later working at grain elevators in Indiana and Illinois, the Merchants Exchange in St. Louis and the CBOT in Chicago, and not such a far throw from my birthplace in Lincoln, Nebraska, it is a much different trip than my Danish forebears made in the 1880s from Viborg, DK to Dannebrog, NE. Thank goodness they did, and that those tenuous, oft-neglected roots survived assimilation, distraction, geographic distance and the gradual shrinking of small rural agrarian Midwestern towns to even smaller towns, or I would never have discovered the charm of Elk Horn-Kimballton and the Museum of Danish America.

During my first museum (DIM then!) board experience in the earliest 2010s, I described the staff as “All-Stars with no bench.” Most had been at the museum for years and in many cases developed the protocols we still follow today. As of this writing almost half the staff has joined in the past year, stepping into well-defined roles and making them their own. Likewise, several past, present and future board presidents crossed paths in the Bro Room one evening this past summer, and it was clear how very different their individual leadership experiences had been, including COVID-19 and three Executive Directors. It is an era of remarkable and rapid technological and cultural change; from the way we communicate to where and how we work.

Today our board is realizing the benefits of the restructure of our committee system as we determinedly shift to governance from an operational orientation, a necessity in earlier days when board expertise augmented staff best efforts. Material improvements in the board recruiting and evaluation processes, an exciting board alumni initiative and improved investment returns all have roots in changes set in motion four or five years ago.

Perhaps most challenging, revealing and critical to determining the direction MoDA takes in coming years is the undertaking of a Master Plan. Initially envisioned to address the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape, then expanded to encompass all our assets including Bedstemor’s House, the Elim property and non-prairie elements of the main campus, the organizers of the Plan will be sourcing ideas and opinions from **all** stakeholders through the spring of 2025. Please make your voice heard!

There are two remarkable exhibits on the boards as we turn the calendar page. **Per Arnoldi Advertising Art**, accompanied by a thought-provoking brochure authored by Adam Bierstadt, our Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture, is a vibrant celebration of Arnoldi’s bold, minimalist graphic style.

Danish Ceramics: Beyond Blue and White’s 2024 opening is timed to coincide with the 250th anniversary of Royal Copenhagen and is the most ambitious exhibition undertaking by the museum since **New Nordic Cuisine** under the aegis of now-Executive Director Tova Brandt’s tenure as Ravenholt Curator. We have developed new relationships in the manufacturing, collecting and museum worlds, truly a maturing and meaningful extension of our vision and mission for this “little museum that could.”

Please note MoDA’s endowment has come dangerously close to \$7 million, a notable achievement in that we annually draw upon these investment returns to meet our day-to-day running expenses. Our collective financial support is truly critical to the museum’s health and operation. So, I ask you to support MoDA as well as you can and in the manner you are most comfortable; it takes all of us.

board of directors

The 2024-2025 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 41 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. The board held its February meeting in Houston, Texas, and the June meeting was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 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 board 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 2024

Erik Andersen, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

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Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE,

Executive Director Emeritus

Randy Ruggaard, Hudson, OH (Endowment)

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 Henry Olson 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 & 2007-2013, *Secretary*
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*
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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
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Lis Frederiksen, Washington, DC 2001-2003
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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
Peder Hansen, Omaha, NE 2017-2023
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
Glenn Henriksen, Armstrong, IA 2014-2020
Otto Hoiberg*, Lincoln, NE 1983-1987
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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Erna Jensen, Des Moines, IA 2003-2009
Harold R. Jensen*, St. Paul, MN 1983-1990,
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Lee Jensen, Pleasant Grove, UT 2000-2003
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Lis Jorgensen, Gilroy, CA 1990-1998
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Orville Juhler*, Harlan, IA 2002-2005
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Peder Kirkegaard*, Lake Geneva, WI 2006-2007
Karen Klop 1990-1993
Svend Koch*, Cedar Falls, IA 1993-1999
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Lowell Kramme, Des Moines, IA 1993-1999
Joseph Krentzel*, Fair Lawn, NJ 1991-1997
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 Lernø*, 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 &
2005-2009, *Treasurer, Vice President*
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 &
2000-2003
Karen Nielsen*, Overland Park, KS 2016-2022
Mette Nielsen, Elkhorn, NE 2022-2023
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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
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Leroy Pedersen*, Elk Horn, IA 1993-1999
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Marc Petersen, Omaha, NE 2003-2009, *President*
Peter Petersen*, Canyon, TX 1985-1993, *Secretary*
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Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, Springfield, IL 2010-2015
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Lisa Riggs, Elk Horn, IA 1983-1990, *Treasurer*

Norman Riis, Ames, IA 1986-1991
Eva Robinson, Butler, PA 2008-2010
Tom Rosen, Fairmont, MN 1998-2001
Randy Ruggard, Hudson, OH 2015-2021
Anders Sand, Kansas City, MO 2016-2022
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*
Ole Sønnichsen, Bjert, Denmark 2015-2018
Bob Sorensen* 1987-?
Howard Sorensen, Elk Horn, IA 1990-1996, *Treasurer*
Harriet Albertsen Spanel*, Bellingham, WA
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Carl Steffensen, Houston, TX 2015-2021
Chris Steffensen*, Hoffman Estates, IL 1986-1992

Linda Steffensen, Hoffman Estates, IL 2012-2018
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Halvor H. Strandskov*, Alexandria, VA
1995-2001, *President*
Mark Strandskov, Mt. Pleasant, MI 2009-2015
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Karen Suchomel, West Branch, IA
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2006-2012, *Vice President*
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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

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.

staff & interns

Executive Director

Tova Brandt, M.A.

Executive Director Emeritus

John Mark Nielsen, Ph.D.

Administrative Manager

Terri Johnson

Administrative & Visitor Services Manager

Henry Olson, PMPPMI-ACP

Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture

Adam Bierstedt, M.A.

Registrar

Delaney Schurer, M.A.

David Anderson, M.A.

Collections Assistant

David Anderson, M.A.

Archives Manager & Outreach Associate

Cheyenne Jansdatter, M.L.I.S.

Genealogy Center Manager & Project Archivist

Eric Mortensen, M.S.L.I.S.

Genealogy Center Manager

Wanda Sornson, M.S.

Youth and Community Educator

Alissa LaCanne

Anna Thomas

Development Manager

Deb Christensen Larsen

Communications Specialist

Amelia Juhl, B.A.

Design Store Manager

Nan Dreher

Accountant

Philip Wernsmann, B.S., B.A.D.

Facilities Manager

Tim Palmer

Building & Grounds Manager

Tim Fredericksen

Visitor Services

Terri Amaral, B.A.

Al Ashcraft

Sandy Ashcraft

Bedstemor's House Staff

Al Ashcraft

Danish Intern

Cecilie Ballegaard Thueland, University of Southern Denmark, Slagelse, Denmark (Genealogy & Education Center) Internships for Danes are funded through a generous grant from Scan|Design Foundation, Seattle, WA

American Interns

Parker Brock, Atlantic, IA (Digital Archives Assistant)

Maggie Buman, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA (Summer Programming)

Grace Cruise, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE (Ronald D. and Mary L. Bro Prairie Intern) Funded by the Robert W. and Susan T. Brown Family Foundation

Addison Marsengill, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL (Digital Archives Assistant)

THE MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

For Year Ended August 31, 2024
(With Summarized Totals for 2023)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2024 <u>Total</u>	2023 <u>Total</u>
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:				
Grants and Contributions	\$ 746,751	405,984	1,152,735	1,098,040
Noncash Contributions	--	25,181	25,181	120,031
Admissions	12,793	--	12,793	13,639
Design Store Gross Profit (Note 9)	39,983	--	39,983	48,195
Investment Income	303,143	809,654	1,112,797	478,874
Miscellaneous Income	43,231	--	43,231	72,637
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	449,595	(449,595)	--	--
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	<u>1,595,496</u>	<u>791,224</u>	<u>2,386,720</u>	<u>1,831,416</u>
Expenses				
Program Services				
Curatorial	561,315	--	561,315	507,273
Education, Outreach, and Genealogy	270,463	--	270,463	307,002
Design Store	136,056	--	136,056	155,274
Jens Jensen Landscape Park	49,967	--	49,967	61,649
Total Program Services	<u>1,017,801</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,017,801</u>	<u>1,031,198</u>
Supporting Services				
Management and General	434,787	--	434,787	410,654
Fundraising	260,731	--	260,731	327,279
Total Supporting Services	<u>695,518</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>695,518</u>	<u>737,933</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,713,319</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,713,319</u>	<u>1,769,131</u>
Change in Net Assets	(117,823)	791,224	673,401	62,285
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>6,008,807</u>	<u>4,825,671</u>	<u>10,834,478</u>	<u>10,772,193</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 5,890,984</u>	<u>5,616,895</u>	<u>11,507,879</u>	<u>10,834,478</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, 2024, was \$6,895,922.33.

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 **170** plaques at the entrance of the museum.

During the calendar year of 2024, the Board of Directors were pleased to add the names of

Anonymous (*Silver*)

Alice M. Jorgensen Estate, Royal Oak, MI (*Silver*)

Marcia Jante, West Berlin, WI (*Bronze*)

John Thorup Trust, Tucson, AZ (*Bronze*)

William E. Derrenbacher, Riverside, CA (*Bronze*)

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

Scan Design Foundation, Seattle, WA (*Platinum*)

Melinda Brown & Rich Inmann, Littleton, CO (*Gold*)

DIAMOND

over \$1,000,000

Wayne Alwill Estate, Manning, IA

Anonymous

William & Berniece Grewcock, Omaha, NE

Bruce R. Lauritzen Family, Omaha, NE

Albert Victor Ravenholt Fund, Seattle, WA

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

PLATINUM

over \$500,000

Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA

Gunnar Horn, Omaha, NE

Ingrid Kirkegaard Trust, Lake Geneva, WI

Scan Design Foundation, Seattle, WA

State of Iowa

GOLD

over \$250,000

Anonymous

Mervin Bro, Scottsdale, AZ

Melinda Brown & Rich Inmann, Littleton, CO

Marianne K. Festersen Trust, Omaha, NE

Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA

Roy & Patricia Hougen, Ames, IA

Clyde & Emma Johnson, Omaha, NE

Peter Kiewit Foundation, Omaha, NE

John & Audrey Kofoed, West Branch, IA

Lowell & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA

Roy J. & Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI

Erik Sorensen Trust, Knoxville, IA

SILVER

over \$100,000

Erik & Anna Andersen Trust, Parkville, MO

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

Anonymous (2)

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

Sally og Gordon Faber, Urbandale, IA

Asta Forrest, Fountain Hills, AZ

Gertrude Gronbech, 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

John & Elizabeth Lauritzen Foundation, Omaha, NE

Carl & Marilyn Mehr, San Diego, California

Alice M. Jorgensen Estate, Royal Oak, MI

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
The Ørum-Keller Family, Illinois
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 (5)
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
Beth Bro Roof, John Roof
Reed and Jamie Bro, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Robert W. and Susan T. Brown Family Foundation, Neenah, WI
Marie A. Budolfson Estate, Ames, IA
Cedar Valley Danes, Cedar Falls, IA area
Borge M. Christensen Trust, Rochester, MN
Jack & Barbara Christensen, Yankton, SD
Lamont & Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA
Glen & Rosa Clemesen, Exira, IA
Dolores G. Connelly Estate, Atlantic, IA
Country Landscapes, Inc., Ames, IA
Danish Brotherhood In America, Highlands Ranch, CO
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA
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
William E. Derrenbacher, Riverside, CA
Gordon, Mary Lou & Janice Esbeck, Tipton, 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
Marcia Jante, New Berlin, WI
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
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- Runes and Runic Inscriptions, Loraine Jensen, May 16, 2024
- *The Denmark - Russia - America Journey*, Annette Andersen, June 20, 2024
- From Seas to Glaciers to Prairies, Grace Cruise, July 18, 2024
- Windy Hill Compost, Craig Keiser, August 15, 2024
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- The History of the Danish Home, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, Erik Andersen, October 17, 2024
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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 2024:

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