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E-News from The Danish Immigrant Museum

Next in the Brown Bag Lunch Series

September 13 Denise O'Brian - "Farming Across Cultures – Iowa to Afghanistan". O'Brian is a full-time organic farmer near Atlantic, Iowa and has been farming with her husband, Larry Harris for thirty six years. Given her sense of adventure and good fortune of being healthy, she decided to strike out on a personal growth experience for one year. That adventure took her to Nangarhar Province in eastern Afghanistan where she worked as a USDA Agriculture Adviser.

This year's Brown Bag Lunch Series features a special focus on Jens Jensen, the native landscape, and land development. All programs begin at 12 noon and are FREE to the public! Bring your own lunch – we'll provide the coffee!

Coming soon in the Brown Bag Lunch Series:

October 25 Kristi Planck Johnson, Ph.D., "The Secrets of Hans Christian Andersen"

Phase I Begins – Little Mermaid Trail



The Little Mermaid Trail connecting Elk Horn and Kimballton was one of three projects approved when the Danish Villages was selected as an Iowa Great Place in 2010. Work on Phase I of the trail, hard surfacing of the "Friends Walk" (a .6 mile walk) connecting the museum and Bedstemor's House, began on August 30th and should be completed by September 5th. An additional 63' of hard surface trail will connect the trail to the council ring on the east lawn of the museum. We hope to see many more friends, neighbors and visitors using the recreational trail once it's completed!

This path was first made possible years ago by the financial contributions and volunteer efforts of the "Friends of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Atlantic Chapter", and the communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton.

To follow the progress of this project in photos, visit our [Facebook Fan Page](#).

Family History & Genealogy Center: Danish Roots, American Branches

Census Information

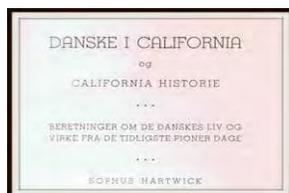


Thanks to the dedicated efforts of thousands of volunteers throughout the country since the 1940 federal US census was released on April 2nd, all 134,000,000 names have now been indexed – a good two months ahead of the anticipated schedule! Many fascinating details about individuals born before April 1, 1940 may be found in the census, which is viewable through www.Familysearch.org, www.Ancestry.com and similar portal websites.

Most Danish censuses through 1930 have been digitized and may be viewed and searched at www.arkivalieronline.dk. Click on 'Folketællinger' to see which census years are available. Not digitized at present are the 1885 census for all of Denmark or pre-1864 censuses for the counties of Haderslev, Sønderborg, Aabenraa or Tønder (censuses for 1921 on are available for these localities). Searchable transcriptions of many censuses are also available at <http://ddd.dda.dk>.

Webpage News

New on the Library & Genealogy section of the museum webpage is a section on Omaha's Springwell Danish Cemetery, one of the few urban cemeteries devoted to individuals of Danish descent. Burials of over 3,500 persons are listed alphabetically, with burial dates and plot information.



Also new to the webpage under Genealogical Resources is the first in a series of indexes to biographical sketches found in works in our collection. The index, which features individuals living in California and Nevada mentioned in Sophus Hartwick's *Danske i California*, lists information such as year and place of birth, place of settlement in California, and some personal notes. Whether there is an accompanying photograph is also noted, as well as information on how to order copies (with translation) of the sketches.

The listing of useful genealogical websites has also been updated and may be found at our website under [Library & Genealogy > Genealogy Links](#).

Donation Highlight



Linda Mohning donates book to FHGC

Each month the FHGC receives a number of books and other donations to add to our collection. One recent addition of particular merit is *Danes Buried in the Remsen Community Cemetery* [Plymouth County, Iowa] compiled by Linda and Dean Mohning. The work is a massive and detailed compilation of material about the various individuals buried in the cemetery, ranging from Iver Johnson Bergholt (1898-1901) to Margareta Thomsen (1872-1934), taken from a wide variety of sources. Many of the persons mentioned were members of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, later called Gethsemane Lutheran Church, in Fredonia Township. The book is an extremely valuable resource for anyone with Danish relatives who settled in Plymouth County.

Be Danish Proud: Advertise Your Danish Roots with a Bumper Sticker!



These full-sized bumper stickers with the Family History & Genealogy Center logo are now available at the FHGC for \$4, including postage. To order or for further information contact us at genealogy@danishmuseum.org.

Dana Treasures Auction to be held at Dana College Homecoming

Selected items from the “Dana Treasures” will be sold at both “silent” and “live” auctions at the 2012 Dana College Homecoming celebration in Blair, Nebraska on Saturday, October 6th. Items will be available for inspection and “silent” auction bidding from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and again from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Blair’s YMCA located at 1278 Wilbur Street. The “live” auction will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the same venue.

Items offered for auction are from the “Dana Treasures” purchased by the museum in November 2011 through contributions from major Dana College donors. **Only items that lack documentation or historic significance are being sold.** Following expenses, proceeds will be divided between the Museum and the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair and be used to support the care of collections.

A complete inventory of all items offered for auction as well as pictures of those items to be sold at the “live” auction is available at www.danishmuseum.org. Click on the “Special Events” drop down menu and follow the [Dana Treasures Auction](#) link.

Bidders must be present and make payment before receiving the items on which they have successfully bid. The museum reserves the right to set minimum bids and to withdraw items prior to the auction.

For further information, please contact either the Danish American Archive and Library (402.426.7910) or The Danish Immigrant Museum (712.764.7001).



Amistad figure



Painting – street scene



Royal Copenhagen vase

An Invitation For You

“The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates Danish roots and American dreams.” Celebrate with us as we pursue our dreams by becoming a member of the museum. Your membership support makes possible the museum's many activities. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about membership [benefits](#).

'Tis the Season for the Museum Shop



Wishing you a joyous Christmas
and a New Year filled
with happiness!

The Danish Immigrant
Museum's Annual
Christmas Card

INSIDE GREETING

Cards, #2225 • \$10.00/pkg of 10
Individual Card/Envelope, #2226 • \$1.25

The Danish Immigrant Museum's Annual Keepsake Ornament

Ornament, porcelain • \$14.50

Order early – limited quantities.

Presence at Scandinavian Day Festival – VISIT MUSEUM'S BOOTH



Sunday, September 9, 2012

The 33rd Annual Scandinavian Day Festival,

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Rain or Shine

2012 Theme: "Harvesting Scandinavian Traditions"

Come Celebrate Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden!

Enjoy Traditional Food, Crafts, Games, Gifts & Entertainment!

Featured 2012 Entertainment includes:

The Nordic Dancers, Prairie City Players,

Finnish Tango Quartet "Tango Pohjan Tähden" and Leikarringen Heimhug

Adults \$10.00 - Children 12 & Under Free, FREE PARKING

VASA PARK, Route 31 along the Fox River, SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS

7 miles South of 1-90 Northwest Tollway
and 5 Miles North of IL Route 64 North Avenue

Did You Know?



Jubii (www.jubii.dk) is Denmark's most popular Internet portal, has 2.3 million visitors. It offers viewers a search engine, free e-mail, online radio, shopping, an auction site, Web chat, and a host of other services. Founded in 1995, it is a subsidiary of Lycos Europe N.V., which is partially owned by Lycos U.S.A.

Museum Calendar, September - November

September 13	Brown Bag Lunch: Denise O'Brian, "Farming Across Cultures – Iowa to Afghanistan"
October 6	Auction of Dana College items in Blair, Nebraska, to benefit The Danish Immigrant Museum and the Danish American Archive and Library
October 25	Brown Bag Lunch: Kristi Planck Johnson, "The Secrets of Hans Christian Andersen"
October 25-27	29th Annual Meeting and 92nd Regular Meeting – Board of Directors
November 22	Thanksgiving Day – Museum Closed
November 23-25	<i>Julefest</i> at the Museum and throughout Elk Horn and Kimballton

Other Danish-American and Danish Events Coming Soon:

September 9	33rd Annual Scandinavian Day Festival, Vasa Park, South Elgin, IL www.scandinaviandayil.com
September 16-22	Danebo Folk School, Minneapolis, MN www.danebofolkschool.org

The Danish Immigrant Museum is happy to share information about Danish-American and Danish events.

To include your organization's event, send complete information – including a contact phone or email – to Deb Christensen Larsen at development@danishmuseum.org.
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