

Radisson Plaza Hotel :: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Thursday, October 1 – Saturday, October 3, 2009

The Danish American Heritage Society
presents its third international conference.

INNOVATION—THE DANISH WAY



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The Danish American Archive & Library, Blair, Nebraska;
Danish American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota;
The Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa and
Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa

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History, Politics, Technology, Science, Art and Culture

TOPICS

Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen :: Jørgen Mads Clausen :: Marianna Grzymala-Lubanski Sager
:: Janet Borge Crowle :: T. Gunnar Harboe

NOTED SPEAKERS



INNOVATION THE DANISH WAY

THE DANISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY presents its third international conference. We will focus on understanding both contemporary and historical innovations characteristic of Danish and Danish-American society.

Innovation is a core concept to Denmark's vibrant and dynamic society. Most notably we see it in the focus on alternative energy, where Denmark today has one of the world's most ambitious national plans for production and use of renewable energy. This commitment will be on display in December 2009, as Copenhagen hosts the United Nations Climate Change Conference, where Denmark aims to put its mark on an agreement setting global standards for environmental protection.

In the realm of architecture and urban design Denmark is also attracting attention with an aesthetic of simplicity, a sensuous use of materials and a strong focus on usability. Danes are world design leaders of socially aware urban experiences. With a commitment to design processes centered on people and their basic needs - Denmark is at the forefront of making higher quality urban life a reality, at home and abroad.

All striking innovative ideas will find their place in history, and looking back in time there are many people and ideas rooted in Danish culture that have made their impression on the world. Renaissance astronomer Tycho Brahe and Niels Bohr, the 20th century scientist, are renowned for their discoveries and scientific breakthroughs. H.C. Andersen not only entertains with his fairytales, but feeds the alert reader with psychological and cultural truths. Piet Hein known for his quirky, funny and wise poems - known as Grooms - was a multifaceted mathematician, artist and designer set on changing people's everyday lives.

Discover an exciting mix of the past, present and future.

NOTED SPEAKERS

Denmark's Ambassador to the US, **Friis Arne Petersen**, with a long and distinguished career in the Danish Foreign Service, will give us a preview of the United Nations' COP15 conference on climate change. The upcoming conference, to be held in December in Copenhagen, is presently the highest political priority for the Government of Denmark.

Jørgen Mads Clausen, Chairman of the Board, Danfoss is a prominent innovator in business and industry. Clausen is known for his style of management valuing social and environmental responsibility.

Marianna Grzymala-Lubanski Sager, Executive Director of Innovation Center Denmark in Palo Alto, will talk about the political changes and innovations within the Danish business and industry sector.

Janet Borge Crowle, Victor Borge's daughter, will present a film shedding new light on the extraordinary life of her father.

T. Gunny Harboe, AIA Chicago, Illinois will share his perspective from his recent expedition to Denmark with over 50 American architects who observed first hand Denmark's trendsetting advancements in urban redevelopment and sustainability.

The program will focus on a range of topics covering history, politics, technology, science, art and culture, including a presentation on new research funded by DAHS scholarships.

We will also have a special session **"Building the Future"**, where all Danish organizations in America are invited to explore new ways of working together.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday, October 1

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Registration

Opening reception

Keynote Address

Keynote address by Jørgen Mads Clausen, Chairman of Board, Danfoss, Nordborg, Denmark. Danfoss is one of Denmark's largest industrial companies.

Friday, October 2

Singing

Glenn Henriksen, Armstrong, Iowa and

Rita Juhl, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Danish Innovation - A Highway to Global Success, Focus on Energy & Environment

Marianna Grzymala-Lubanski Sager, Director of Innovation Center Denmark, Palo Alto, California

Wind Energy – Technology and the Future

Peder Hansen, Senior Vice President Northstar Wind Towers, LLC, Blair Nebraska

Dan Juhl, Chairman and CEO of Juhl Wind Inc. & Woodstock Wind Farm, Woodstock, Minnesota

Arne Kildegaard, Associate Professor of Economics & Management, University of Minnesota Morris, Morris, Minnesota

Tradition and Innovation in Louis Jensen's Square Story Project

Lise Kildegaard, Associate Professor of English at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

"Victor Borge: World's Funniest Man"

Film screening and discussion with Victor Borge's daughter, Janet Borge Crowle, Talbot, Maryland

COP15 UN Conference on Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen & Luncheon

Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen, Danish Ambassador to the United States of America, Washington, DC

Lolland – Rural Development, Revitalization and Clean Technologies

Anders Riel Muller, Senior Advisor, Environmental Affairs, Baltic Sea Solutions, Palo Alto, California

Developing Technology – Changing Communities

Panel discussion led by

Marianna Grzymala-Lubanski Sager

Niels Bohr – Innovator in 20th Century Physics

Dr. Roger Hanson, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Niels Bohr's "Open World Concept" Was it a Failure? Is it Relevant Now?

Robert Jorgensen, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, Colorado

Danish Architecture & Design Today

T. Gunny Harboe, AIA, Chicago, Illinois

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Saturday, October 3

Singing

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The Danish Energy Example – Innovation, Politics and Economics:

Lars Juul Hansen, Trade Counselor Energy and
Environment, Royal Danish Embassy, Washington D.C.

American Solutions using Danish Ideas – Biomass Energy

Anders Rydaker, President of District Energy, Saint Paul and
its affiliate Evergreen Energy, Saint Paul, Minnesota

American Solutions using Danish Ideas – Coloplast

Jan Rolin Frederiksen, president of Coloplast in the United
States, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Happiness – the Sunny side of the Jante Law

Anne Ipsen, Author, Newton, Massachusetts

Hans Christian Andersen: Transformation, Imagination, the Quintessence of Danish Innovation and Ingenuity

Joy Ibsen, editor of Church & Life, Trout Creek, Michigan

Fairy Tales, Grooks, and Revues

Taru Rauha Spiegel, independent scholar and Kristi Planck
Johnson, Professor of Education at Marymount University,
Arlington, Virginia

Piet Hein, A 20th Century Renaissance Man

Inger Olsen, Instructor of Danish, Portland State University,
Portland, Oregon

The Nielsen Family and Me, Intern at the Harriman-Nielsen Heritage Farm

Nana Mikkelsen, Graduate Student in Dramaturgy,
University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark

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Ambassador Arne Friis Petersen, Danish Ambassador to
the United States of America, Washington, D.C.

The More, The Merrier - Heritage, Culture and Communication in Danish American Communities and Organizations

Freja Gry Børsting, Masters Degree of Arts in Modern
Culture and Cultural Communication, University of
Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

The Moving Earth, a documentary film on Danish Innovation in the Birth of Modern Science

John Robert Christianson, Research Professor of History at
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, will introduce the film and
moderate a discussion following the screening.

Open Forum: Working Together to Build Community, Connecting Danish Interest Organizations

John Mark Nielsen, Director Danish Immigrant Museum.
Elk Horn, Iowa and
Erik Bruun, Danish American Center, Minneapolis,
Minnesota will lead the discussion.

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Singing:	8:00 AM
Sessions	9 AM – 4:30 PM
Exhibits	10 AM – 6 PM

Saturday, October 3

Registration & Information	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Singing:	8:00 AM
Sessions	9 AM – 4:30 PM
Exhibits	10 AM – 3 PM
Reception (cash bar)	5 PM
Banquet	6 PM

Exhibits

In continuation of the conference topics, the highlights in our exhibition room will be

Victor Borge: A Centennial Celebration

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Victor Borge's birth, The Danish Immigrant Museum with the Borge family is presenting a traveling exhibition sharing video clips and photographs of Borge's private and professional life.

Danish Teak Classics

"Danish Modern" design, furniture and accessories from the mid-20th century featuring Hans J Wegner, Finn Juhl, Arne Jacobsen, and Borge Mogensen.

Related Events

Danish American Center Open House

Friday, October 2, 6 - 9 P.M.

Mindkirken Lutheran Church Service in Danish

Sunday, October 4, 11 AM

Hotel Accommodations

The conference hotel is the Radisson Plaza Hotel located at 35 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis Minnesota 55402. The conference rate is \$147 plus taxes.

Please make your reservations with the hotel directly; be sure to indicate that you are registering for the DAHS Conference and are given the Conference rates.

For room reservations register online at www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org Call: 1-800-395-7046 US/Canada Toll-free Telephone: (612) 339-4900 Fax: (612) 337-9766

Sponsorships

The conference welcomes donations and sponsors for events. Please contact Susan Jacobsen at 612-378-2694. Sponsorship opportunities are detailed on the conference web site.

For more information about the conference, please go to the conference web page at:
www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org



REGISTRATION FORM

Register by mail using this form or register on line at www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org.

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Conference Information

Registration fee includes Thursday evening opening reception, Friday luncheon, coffee breaks, & all conference sessions. Please register early, as Friday luncheon capacity is limited. No official conference events are planned for Friday evening. Entertainment and dining options will be available at the registration desk.

Registration Fees

Registrants booking a room for two or more nights at the Radisson Plaza Hotel qualify for the discounted registration fee.

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Friday Luncheon

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- I will attend the Luncheon and prefer a Vegetarian Option
- I will not attend the Luncheon

Saturday Banquet

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Notes

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