

The Bridge

Journal of the Danish American Heritage Society -

HOW YOU CAN HELP

An upcoming edition of *The Bridge* will feature Danish communities around the world that have sprung up, flourished, and often disappeared over the past two centuries. Some of our members may have grown up in or near one of them. We would like you to share your memories with the DAHS. *The Bridge* will be featuring short articles about as many Danish communities as possible. So please contact the editor, Julie Allen, at julie_allen@byu.edu (please note the underscore between Julie and Allen), if you have a story about a Danish immigrant community that you would like to help us tell.



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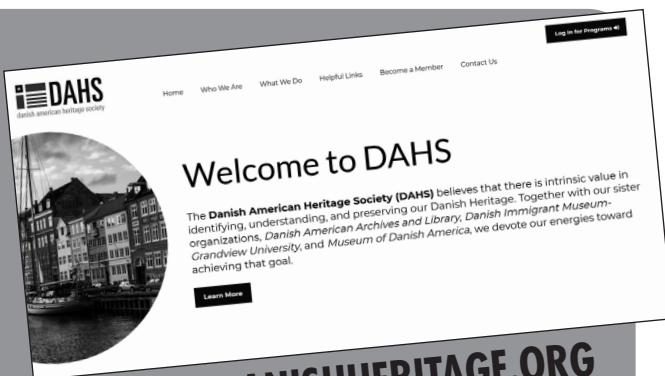


DAHS SPRING MEETING

The 2021 spring meeting of the Danish American Heritage Society was held via Zoom on April 19. The upcoming virtual conference, the Bodtker Grant, the website, and *The Bridge* were major topics of discussion. President Lynette Rasmussen conducted the meeting. Treasurer Joel Mortensen reported on the finances. Dan Mikel, endowment chair, reported that the endowment is performing well during the pandemic. It is hoped that the next board meeting in October will be in person in Minneapolis.

DAHS WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK

The Danish American Heritage Society website has a new and updated look. Working with Joy Duling at The Joy of Membership and Jennifer Thøgersen, DAHS website director in Oslo, Norway, the website has been redesigned. It is modern, reflects a Danish design look and, most importantly, has the capabilities of hosting content such as our June 5 online conference. If you have not had the opportunity to view the website (www.danishheritage.org) please do so. You will find information about the virtual conference, how to register for this conference, and how to pay your membership online — along with other interesting happenings.



WWW.DANISHHERITAGE.ORG

BODTKER GRANT AWARDED

At the April virtual DAHS board meeting, a Bodtker Grant was awarded to Cheyenne Jansdatter of Elk Horn, Iowa, to further the sizable task of archive sharing. The objective of Cheyenne's proposal is to create an online digital archive shared by three Danish-American organizations — Danish American Archive and Library (DAAL), Grand View University (GVU) and Museum of Danish America (MoDA). In addition, Cheyenne hopes to discover how this database can be created in collaboration or shared with archives in Denmark. Cheyenne will travel to Denmark to visit several archives and museums from October through December 2021. Much of Cheyenne's travels will be funded by the American Scandinavian Foundation. The Bodtker Grant will help with travel while in Denmark. Cheyenne is archives collections manager at MoDA and is on the board of DAAL.



TRADITIONS AND TRANSITIONS:

Ways of Being Danish

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE JUNE 5

The Danish American Heritage Society invites you to join its first ever online conference on Grundlovsdag (Constitution Day in Denmark) June 5, 2021. The theme is "Traditions and Transitions: Ways of Being Danish." The presentations, ranging from Danish language learning to war brides and Kierkegaard, will all be pre-recorded and available on the DAHS website (danishheritage.org) starting June 1, so conference participants may watch the presentations they are interested in prior to the first day of the event. Make a note of your questions as you watch because there will be live, online question-and-answer sessions with the presenters June 5.

On Saturday, June 5, live-streamed programming from 9:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. CDT, will begin with a welcome and then will proceed to our keynote speaker Katrine Frøkjær Baunvig, director of the Grundtvig Center in Copenhagen. She will speak about the Danish tradition of communal song (faellessang) and how it has changed in times of crisis. Following the keynote there will be four live question-and-answer sessions relating to the pre-recorded presentations. The cultural highlight of the conference will be a private evening concert with Danish violinist Mads Tolling.

We encourage those of you without computer or internet access to see if a friend might share theirs with you.

The conference is free with DAHS membership. Members may renew by going to the DAHS website or by mailing in their yearly membership as done previously. Please register for the conference at www.danishheritage.org.