

## BODTKER GRANTS AWARDED

The Danish American Heritage Society recently contacted several universities and organizations regarding the availability of Bodtker Grants. We want to help students continue their education with financial assistance from the DAHS. At the May board meeting, the DAHS board members selected two individuals to receive a Bodtker Grant. One grant was awarded to Ryan J. Gesme whose dissertation “Heimat or Hjemland: National Consciousness, Self-Determination, and the Great War in Schleswig-Holstein, 1897-1920” He plans to re-evaluate the construction of Danish and German nationalism, the role of the Great War in creating or disrupting national belonging in Europe, and the role of outside actors like President Woodrow Wilson in the creation of inter-war European states. The second Bodtker Grant was awarded to Dawn Jackman Murphy whose project title is “Connecting the Pieces: The Modern North American Folk School Movement and the Danish Folk High School Association.” Both have accepted the grants. A requirement on receiving a Bodtker Grant is to write an article for The Bridge. DAHS members will be able to read about these topics in the future.

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## DAHS CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE SAVE THE DATE

The next Danish American Heritage Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington on May 6-8, 2021 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study (SASS). More information regarding the conference will be available this fall, including the theme for the 2021 conference.



## DAHS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Kara McKeever has joined the DAHS board as a representative for the Museum of Danish America replacing Rasmus Thøgersen following his resignation. Kara joined the staff of MoDA as the Genealogy Center manager in 2016. She studied English and International Relations at Drake University and earned a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her great-grandparents were Danish immigrants who farmed near Elk Horn, Iowa; Kara grew up visiting the museum as well as family and friends in Denmark. She began teaching herself Danish at age 13 which today comes in handy in her research and translation work at the Genealogy Center. Kara presented at the DAHS Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois, as well as a number of other events for the museum.

## THE BRIDGE - WHAT TO EXPECT

The board heard about two upcoming issues of *The Bridge* for 2019. They will cover two diverse topics. Issue 41.2, which will be out by summer, will be a summary of the proceedings of the 2017 DAHS Conference held in Illinois. Its articles are from presenters at the conference. Issue 42.1, which should arrive later this year, will cover the topic of "Translations." Editor Julie Allen, currently teaching at Brigham Young University, is excited to offer these two issues to our DAHS membership, and is continually hoping for more material. Contact her at [julie\\_allen@byu.edu](mailto:julie_allen@byu.edu).



## DAHS - A FACILITATOR

The Danish American Heritage Society hopes to serve as a facilitator in a cooperative strategic planning event in August or September 2019. Working with board members from the Danish American Archive and Library (DAAL), Grand View University (GVU), and the Museum of Danish America (MoDA), representatives will meet at all three institutions over two days. As all institutions are involved in long range strategic planning, our hope is that we can help all three see their commonalities and overlaps which may allow any or all of them to streamline their offerings and work even more co-operatively than they already do.

## DAHS WEBSITE

Jennifer Thøgersen, who has been in charge of the remarkable upgrade and updating of DAHS website, is continuing in that role in spite of moving to Oslo and pursuing her Ph.D. Reached by conference call during the DAHS Board meeting in May, Jennifer assured us that she will continue to update and keep the website current. The DAHS is very fortunate to have someone of Jennifer's ability continuing to work on the website while studying in Oslo. This newsletter will be added to the website in the near future. Be sure to visit [www.danishheritage.org](http://www.danishheritage.org) frequently to see any new or pertinent information regarding the DAHS.

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## TRANSLATOR? DAHS AND OTHER DANISH ORGANIZATIONS NEED YOU

Translators are always needed to assist in translating any and all types of writings from Danish to English and vice versa. Translators of all types and abilities are always in demand. Perhaps you are available to translate such simple things as personal letters or postcards or birth announcements. Perhaps because of your work environment you could help translate business documents. Technology papers need translation too, and perhaps you have a good understanding of this specific language. Please inform the DAHS (via email to: [dahswc@gmail.com](mailto:dahswc@gmail.com)) if you would be willing to help. Include an explanation of the sorts of translations you feel most comfortable in sharing. DAHS would like to develop a list of translators and share this list with such entities as the Danish American Archive and Library, Grand View University, and the Museum of Danish America.

## DANEOD FOLK MEETING

The 73rd annual Danebod Folk Meeting will be held this year in Tyler, Minnesota, from August 21-25, 2019. Interested members are asked to "save the date." The Danebod Folk Meeting will have the new accessible housing building available this year for the first time. The six rooms in the new building will be assigned on a first come, first served basis at the time of registration for a fee. More information will be forthcoming prior to registration. You may visit their website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/danebodfolkmeeting>