



# Dodge County Historical Society

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Reserve tickets by May 20

## Event Celebrates Ethnic Heritage



Posters from a 1900 advertising poster (shown above) for the Fremont Brewing Company will be available for sale at \$30.

### May Museum Fundraiser

Friday, June 2

6:30-9:30 p.m.

\$50/ticket

The major fundraiser of the year for the Museum will be held on Friday, June 2. From 6:30-9:30 p.m., it will be a time to celebrate.

Celebrate — the ethnic diversity of our early settlers featuring food and drink unique to Czechoslovakia (roast pork, dumplings, kolaches); Scandinavia (Swedish meatballs, aebleskiver); Germany (brats, sauerkraut, beer nuts and beer); the British Isles (Bangers & mash, scones); and more.

Celebrate — the completion of the roof rail project with the dedication at 7:30 p.m. “We are celebrating the generosity of the Dodge County community in supporting the Museum by sponsoring spindles and by supporting other aspects of the project.”

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## Director's Column

Jeff Kappeler



Recently, I mailed a grant application that required almost a full ream of paper. One of the questions asked concerned the involvement of our board members and volunteers. That was an easy response and I sang the praises of our wonderful May Museum board members and volunteers, individuals who bring a rich array of talents and gifts to our table.

It is complicated to know how to properly thank everyone, so please take note that each of you has been recognized formally and our gratitude also goes out to you daily!

Speaking of appreciation brings to mind an amazing work created a number of years ago. We have been reviewing Orleatha Gravel Kellogg's "Bloom on the Land, A Prairie Pioneer Experience," which was published in 1982. This monumental work is a rich collection of recorded memories gathered from numerous Dodge County residents who were pioneers or children of local pioneers. This work will continue to be appreciated for generations. Thank you so very much Orleatha.

Note that a Danish recipe from Orleatha's book is featured on p. 3.

### Calendar of Events

Fri., June 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Museum Fundraiser

Thurs., June 15, 7 p.m.  
Annual Meeting

Fri. & Sat., July 14-15  
John C. Fremont Days

# Memorials & Gifts

In Memory of Marilyn Boeche  
Marianne Simmons

In Memory of Jacci Hanson Dee  
Jack & Judy Ekeler  
Jeff Kappeler  
Jim & Patty Manhart  
Marianne Simmons

In Memory of Delmar Driver  
Jeff Kappeler  
Gary & Pam Pettitt

In Memory of Dave Havat  
Lloyd & Nancy Morris

In Memory of Loell Jorgensen  
Valerie, Bob & Carolyn Bluthardt  
Jack & Judy Ekeler  
Jeff Kappeler  
Marianne Simmons

In Memory of Alex Lamme  
Alice A. Nott

In Memory of Mary Munson  
Jeff Kappeler  
Richard & Cynthia Lauritsen  
Diane S. Paseka

In Memory of Michal Martin  
Lloyd & Nancy Morris

In Memory of Colleen Peterson  
Marianne Simmons

In Memory of Sandy Peterson  
Alice A. Nott

In Memory of Madelon Pollack  
Robert & Michele Missel

In Memory of Len Wilder  
Joanne Thietje

## Jorgensen Served as Museum Director

Loell Jorgensen, former director of the May Museum, died on March 27. He was appointed director in 1973 and served for almost 20 years, retiring in 1991.

Jeff Kappeler, May Museum director, said: "It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of this very exceptional individual. Loell's passion was historic preservation. He had a great love for architecture. During his years as director he really set the tone for the May Museum being what it is today."

When he retired, Loell said he was especially proud of the increase in volunteer interest.

"Without the continuing and increasing involvement of volunteer members, institutions like May Museum could not survive. I'm very satisfied that those people have discovered and found enjoyment in the celebration of their heritage."

In addition to the Museum, Loell committed time to the Fremont Opera House, Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad, Fremont Preservation Council, and Historic Highway No. 36 Association.

"We are indebted to Loell for his dedication as an avid historian and committed preservationist," Jeff said.

# Come Support Museum Major Fundraiser

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said Judy Ekeler, event chair. A book of recognition will be displayed with donor names.

Celebrate — the background of your heritage by looking up information on ancestry.com. Members of the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society (ENGS) will be available to offer assistance.

Attendees will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for baskets with items representative of Germany, Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia and the British Isles. Raffle tickets also will be sold for a basket of international beers and liquor.

The Fremont Brewing Company was in Fremont from 1892-1930. Available for purchase during the fundraiser is a 16x20 unframed poster that replicates a 1900 advertising poster for the brewery. Cost is \$30.

A variety of ethnic musical selections will be provided during the evening, including polka music and bagpipes.

Everyone also is encouraged to walk through the Museum and enjoy the current exhibit, “Transplanted: The Early Ethnic Settlers of Dodge County.”

Cost of admission for the fundraiser is \$50 per person.

Those interested in attending should call the May Museum at 402.721.4515. Deadline for

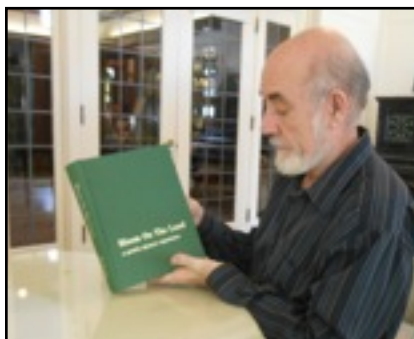
registration is Saturday, May 20. Tickets will not be issued, but name tags will be available upon arrival on June 2.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets will not be sold at the event because a precise count is necessary to

guarantee sufficient refreshments. This is the major fundraiser of the year for the Museum.

If you have another commitment for the evening of June 2, please consider making a donation to the May Museum.

## Kellogg Wrote Book on Becoming an American; interviewed early Dodge County immigrants



Jeff Kappeler refers to “Bloom on the Land” as a “monumental work.”

In her book, Orleatha Kellogg included many recipes that immigrants brought with them from their homeland.

Ada (Jensen) Sorensen submitted her recipe for aebleskiver. She wrote, “Of course every Dane knows how to make aebleskiver, a pancake ball made with yeast.”

For those who are not Danes, aebleskiver are a type of pancakes that are cooked in a special stovetop pan with half-spherical molds.

4 eggs	1 T sugar
2 cups flour	1 yeast cake
2 cups rich milk	1/2 t salt

Dissolve yeast in sugar and salt. Heat milk to lukewarm, then add to flour, add yeast, add eggs one at a time. Let rise about two hours. Bake in shortening in monk’s pan (Danish aebleskiver pan). Fill holes about 3/4 full of batter and bake. When half baked turn with sharp pointed fork, knitting needle or hat pin (I use a nut pick). Serve with jam or jelly.

Cardamon, nutmeg, or lemon may be used as flavoring. Currants or seedless raisins may be added to dough, or a small cube of apple may be dropped into each individual section before turning.

# Marketing Medicine to Immigrants



Dr. Peter Fahrney (“old Dr. Peter”) produced a patent medicine around 1780 that was a concoction of 14 percent alcohol and alpine herbs. Fahrney, a Swiss-American, was known as an herb-doctor who settled in the Antietam valley, Maryland.

Some of the herbs included as active ingredients were fennel, mountain mint, hyssop, sassafras and mandrake root.

Jacob, the son of “old Dr. Peter,” continued to prepare his father’s remedy, which was eventually sold under different names and languages. For example, it was known as Dr. Peter’s Kuriko in Swedish, Forni’s Allen Kräuter in German and Dra. Petra Hoboko in Czech.

Pictured above is a 1900 photo of Dr. Peter in the center and his four sons. The bottle is the German Forni’s Allen Kräuter. The crate is a typical packing box for shipping the medicine to pharmacies and general stores throughout the country.

Dr. Peter Fahrney, Jacob’s son, took a special course at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy that enabled him to prepare the medicine in fluid form. In 1869, he relocated to Chicago. In 1889, Dr. Peter Fahrney took his four sons into active partnership and the firm became Dr. Peter Fahrney & Sons.

A main purpose of the medicine was to be used as a laxative. The directions on the box state, “Medication should continue until more nearly normal elimination is produced.” The label also states the product would provide relief from nervousness, loss of sleep, foul breath and coated tongue. An 18-ounce bottle sold for \$1.50.



Pictured above (back, left to right) is the tonic packaged for the Swedish American market, the German American market, and the Czech American market. The two smaller bottles in front are liniment (healing oil) products.



The picture at left shows the medicine packaged for Swedish Americans. Package directions were to take one tablespoonful before or after breakfast and before retiring. “It is inadvisable to take laxatives where symptoms of appendicitis are present.”