



Elk Horn's

# Danish Windmill

*"A piece of Denmark close to home."*



## Keep the Mill Turning

History has a way of circling back on itself. For example, if you hold on to those old clothes long enough, you just may see your grandkids paying good money for the same thing. Take a quick look at the landscape of southwest Iowa and other places around the country and you will see the same kind of cyclical return to the past in the resurgence of windmills. These modern windmills are much more technologically complex and efficient, however; they still have the same basic elements that are found in the Danish Windmill. They all still depend on the wind to turn the blades that then turn the gears. The Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa, is a reminder that sometimes technology looks back as much as it looks forward. Having our past and our future standing almost side by side is a lesson for all generations.

Whether old or new, all windmills require the wind to turn their massive blades. Windmill technology allows the mechanisms to take the unfocused wind power and convert it into focused and useful results. The wind blows, the massive blades turn, gears turn in synchronized harmony and great results are realized – water is pumped, grain is ground, marshes are drained, sawmills are turned and electricity is generated. One natural resource is utilized and many purposes are met and goals achieved!

In a very real sense, your generous monetary gift acts as the wind that allows the blades and gears of the Danish Windmill to turn and produce many wonderful and varied results. Every year you have many choices as to where you will send your year end charitable and tax deductible contributions. We are asking if you will consider donating a part of these contributions to help the Danish Windmill so we can continue to be a welcoming landmark to the Danish Villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton. Your support and partnership with the Danish Windmill will insure that the sails on the old Mill continue to turn for generations to come.

Another way to contribute to the Mill and actually have your money work for you is available by the establishment of the Danish Windmill Endowment Fund. This Fund is a tax deductible contribution and also gives the donor an additional 25% tax credit if you live in Iowa. Your gift will always be working to provide resources to keep the Mill in operation and provide a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

The Windmill's Staff and Board of Directors work daily to spotlight the Mill as a major tourist attraction in the Midwest. Travelers from every state in the U.S. and several countries have visited the Danish Windmill this past year and the Mill continues to be a topic of interest for travel writers from magazines including Trans Airline GO Magazine and The Iowan Magazine. The Iowa Division of Tourism has named the Mill as Attraction of the Year twice and regularly uses photos of the Mill in the Tourism Guide published yearly. Internationally, the Mill has been recognized with the appointment of Manager Lisa Steen Riggs as the North American representative on the International Mill Council made up of members from 29 countries.

However you choose to support the Danish Windmill is greatly appreciated whether it is an annual monetary gift, as a beneficiary in your estate planning or by making a purchase in the Gift Shop. The Mill staff invites you to visit often in the coming year to see how your contribution and involvement is making a difference. The Danish Windmill is truly a partnership of many, striving to keep the past alive and enriching the future. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

The Danish Windmill Museum Board of Directors:

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Your tax-deductible gift to the Danish Windmill Museum will help make Elk Horn a better place to live and play.

*Please complete the form below and return to:*

**Danish Windmill**

PO Box 245

Elk Horn, IA 51531

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Enclosed is my check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ :  Endowment  Annual Appeal

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**Please send us an automatic withdrawal form so that our donations can be set up electronically for monthly payments.**



*Checks can be made payable to: Danish Windmill*

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