



ART MUSEUMS OF SKAGEN

ARTISTS' LUNCHEON AT BRØNDUM'S HOTEL

AN IMAGE OF COMMUNITY

The painting is a central work in Brøndum's dining room today, and is considered to be one of P.S. Krøyer's masterpieces. In the picture are some of the Norwegian and Swedish artists that were a part of the colony in 1883, with Michael Ancher in the background, and hotel proprietor, Degn Brøndum sitting at the table but without Krøyer himself in the picture. Krøyer has depicted the artists in one of the situations that they have described in their own anecdotes: Conversations around the table. There were no official rules for the members of the artist colony and artists were not gathered because they were a part of an artist association or group of artists, but because they chose to be a part of an informal community. The picture was probably painted in the room that was lined in 1884 with stained wood panels and has subsequently become known as Brøndum's dining room.