# IOWA ARTS COUNCIL



## Iowa's newest Great Places announced

This year's newly designated Iowa Great Places range from the Missouri to the Mississippi. Council Bluffs' Haymarket area, Ames' historic downtown district and Burlington's downtown riverfront have been named Iowa's three newest Great Places. Appanoose County and the Turkey River Recreational Corridor were re-designated as Great Paces.

The Iowa Great Places program partners with Iowans who cultivate the unique and authentic qualities of their communities and make them great places to live and work. Iowa's Great Places receive access to professional development, technical assistance, a network of vibrant communities and passionate leaders, and other state and local resources, including grant opportunities.

## NEA funding proposal advances

A U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee has approved funding for the National Endowment for the Arts at $145 million for fiscal year 2018, a $5 million reduction from its current level. This advances the proposal to possible action on the House floor in the coming weeks, with a proposal from the Senate still to come. Learn more from Americans for the Arts or the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.



## Meet the Artist: Jennifer Drinkwater

One of our five new Iowa Artist Fellows, Jennifer Drinkwater teaches at Iowa State and creates artwork that invites viewers to become active participants in the exchange of ideas. She finds cross-stitching to be meditative and painting to be challenging and honest and horrible and reflective" all at the same time. Read more about her work in our Q-and-A blog.

## Agriculture Art finalists announced

The 2017 Celebration of Iowa: [Agriculture Art Exhibition](#) showcases [10 artists](#)in adult and youth divisions who will win cash prizes Aug. 17 at the [Iowa State Fair](#). See their work Aug. 1 through Oct. 30 at Café Baratta's at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.
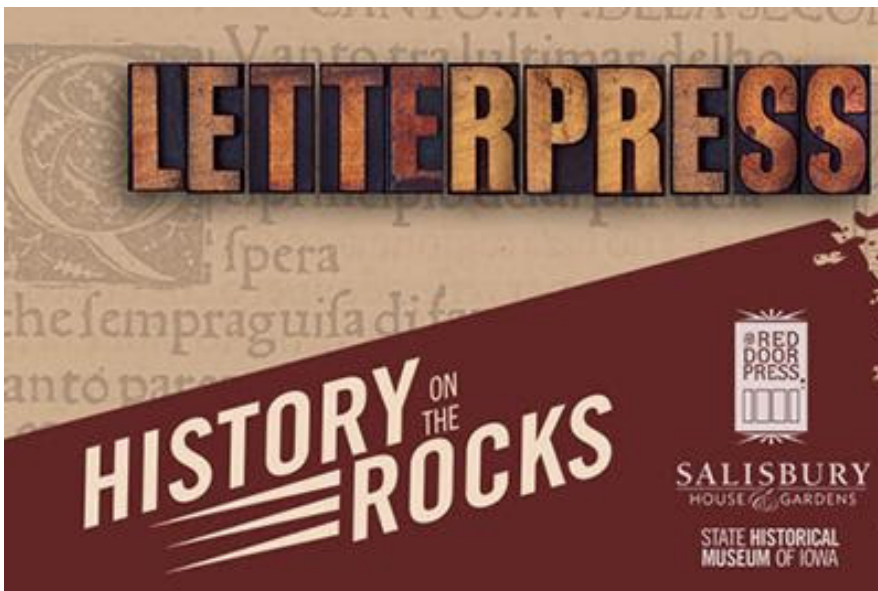


## Van Buren County public art dedication

Van Buren County celebrated its agricultural heritage at a dedication ceremony for the "Family Farm Art Tribute," a public art piece that honors area farmers. The sculpture aims to restore local pride and encourages the public to learn more about agriculture. Learn more about [the artwork](#) and [project](#), which received support from the Iowa Arts Council.

## New art shows at the State Capitol

[Three female Iowa artists](#) who use art to confront personal challenges are featured in the Iowa Women's Art Exhibit in Gov. Kim Reynolds' office, and Naomi Friend's "[Restless Tenants](#)" is on display now through August at the State Law Library.



## The history of letterpress printing

Join us for the next [History on the Rocks](#) program July 27 to learn about the history of letterpress printing. You'll discover how movable type influenced the creation of books and mass communication in the late 1400s, view pre- and post-Gutenberg examples from the Salisbury House & Gardens' library and see how Red Door Press is revitalizing the art form.

# Upcoming Deadlines

## Calls for Artists

July 31: [City of Anamosa Public Art](#)
August 1: [Woodfest](#)
August 1: [Art in the Park – Vinton](#)
August 1: [Art Under the Oaks](#)
August 15: [Woodbine Downtown Outdoor Sculpture Gallery](#)
August 18: [Walk on Art Street](#)
August 18: [Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art Juried Exhibit](#)
August 31: [The Matador Review](#)

## Arts & Culture Jobs

July 31: [Programming Director, Hancher Auditorium](#)
Aug. 11: [Cultural Programs Supervisor, Hearst Center](#)

## Arts Funding

August 1: [Scandinavian Folk Arts and Cultures Grants](#)

## Iowa Arts Council Events

July 27: [History on the Rocks: History of Letterpress](#)
Now-July 29: [Art at the Café: Permanent Divide by Christopher Chiavetta](#)
Aug. 1: [Art at the Café: Agriculture Art Exhibition](#)
Aug. 17: [Agriculture Art Exhibition Awards Ceremony](#)
Now-August 31: [State Law Library Art Exhibit: Restless Tenants by Naomi Friend](#)

## Iowa Arts Council Grantee Events

Now through August 31: [Iowa Bird of Mouth](#)