

IOWA HISTORIAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA



Visitor Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The American Gothic House Visitor Center will [celebrate its 10th anniversary](#) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on [Saturday, Aug. 12](#).

- Enjoy free refreshments, including the famous pie of Beth Howard, the American Gothic House pie lady.
- Live music.
- Caricature portraits.

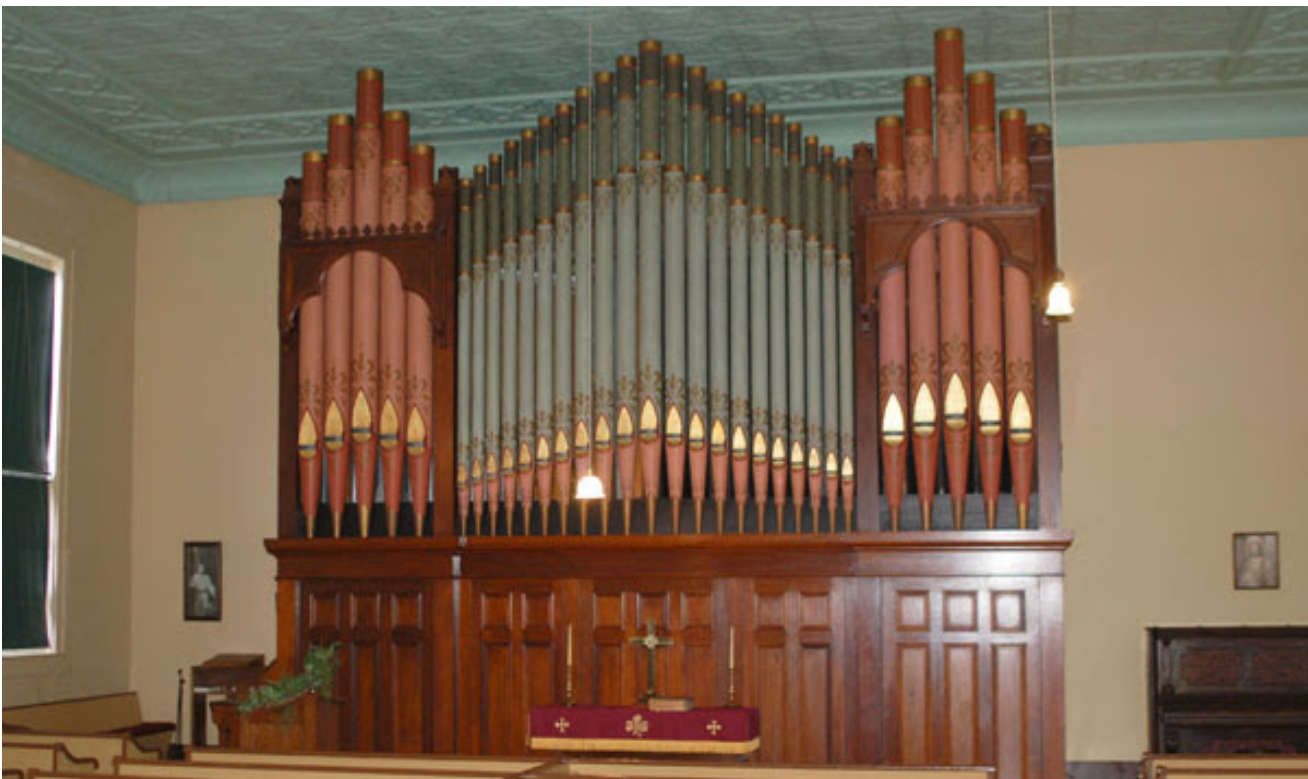
The State Historical Society of Iowa will host a workshop on miniatures, called "Lilies of the Alley," inspired by the found-object sculptures in the shape of potted flowers that Grant Wood created with whatever odds and ends he found in the alley behind his home in Cedar Rapids. Participants will have the chance to create their own Lilies of the Alley miniatures in the American Gothic House. This will be a come-and-go program where people can participate any time between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Supplies may be limited, so arrive early to ensure you have a chance to create your own lily. This workshop is sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council.

This event is a part of a series of programs to celebrate the [160th anniversary of the State Historical Society of Iowa](#), which has proudly preserved and promoted Iowa history almost as long as Iowa has been a state.



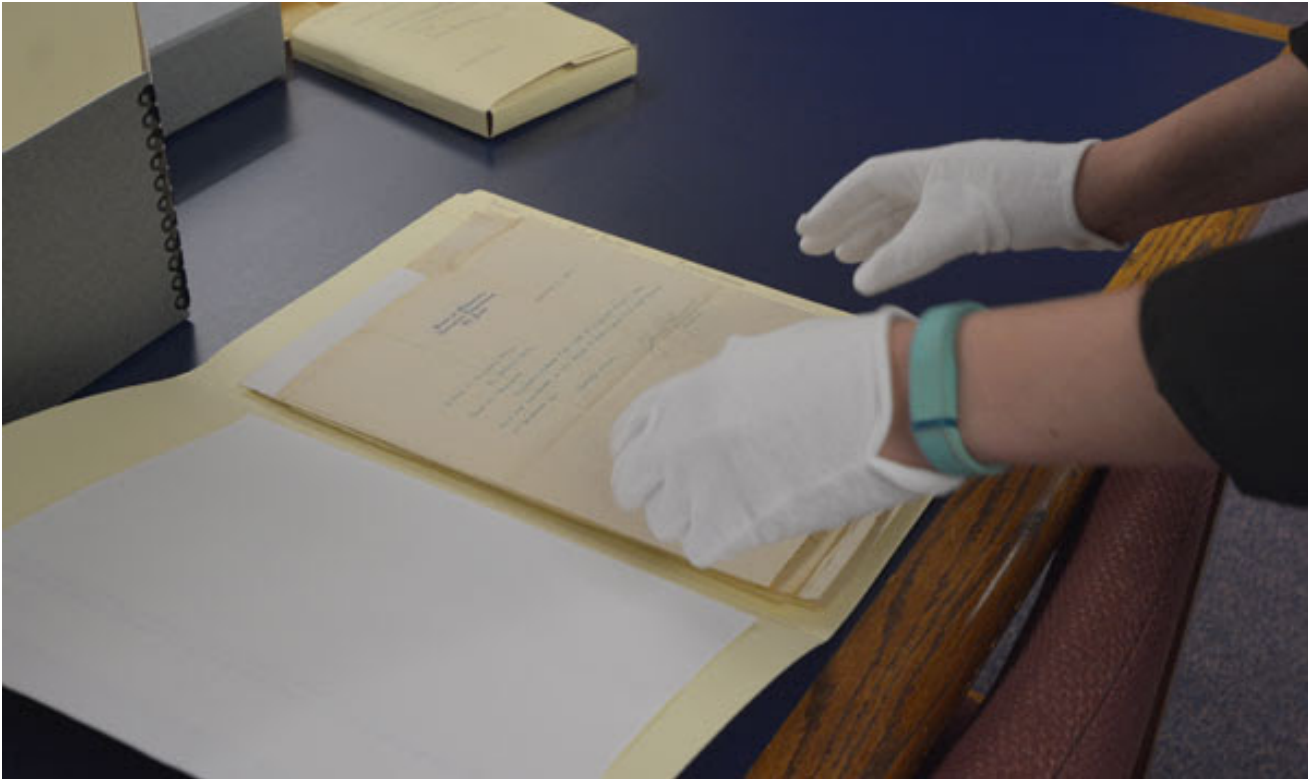
Step Into History at the Iowa State Fair

Come out and meet the State Historical Museum of Iowa team at the Iowa State Fair. Stop by the ["Iowa History 101" mobile museum](#) from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Aug. 15-18. Then, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 19 join us in the 4-H Building for some fun activities, including the [Step Into History Photo Booth](#).



Union Sunday School Concert Series

There's no telling what Steve Story will come up with next. The organist and retired history teacher whose recitals have been known to involve costumed actors and a live elephant will make his 25th appearance at the annual [Organ Recital Series](#) at the Union Sunday School in Clermont at 2:00 p.m. on August 27. If his past recitals are any indication, the audience is in for a treat.



Join Our Team

Are you interested in a career in museums, archives or historic preservation? An internship with the State Historical Society of Iowa is a great way to build your resume and gain real-world experience. The society is now accepting applications for the fall semester. [View the available opportunities](#) and apply by Aug. 21.



Iowa Museum Association Seeks Board Treasurer

The Iowa Museum Association seeks an individual to serve as [treasurer of the Board of Directors](#). The treasurer is charged with overseeing the financial management of the organization and reporting of the organization's finances. An understanding of and experience in financial accounting for nonprofit organizations is essential.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

"Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum

August 15-18 – [Iowa State Fair, Des Moines](#)
August 20 – [Parkersburg, Butler County](#)
August 25-27 – [Carlisle, Warren County](#)
August 29-September 4 – [Arnolds Park, Dickinson County](#)

[View all scheduled visits.](#)

Programs

August 10 – [Iowa State Fair Historical Walking Tour](#)
August 10 – [National History Day Student Workshop](#)
August 12 – [American Gothic House Visitor Center 10th Anniversary](#)
August 17 – [National History Day Student Workshop](#)
August 19 – [Step Into History Photo Booth at Iowa State Fair](#)
August 27 – [Union Sunday School Concert Series](#)
August 27 – [Master Gardeners Annual Tomato Taste](#)

Conferences

August 10 – [Consortium of Iowa Archivists](#)
September 6-9 – [American Association of State and Local History](#)

September 11-13 – [National Digital Newspaper Program](#)
October 18-20 – [Iowa Library Association Conference](#)
October 20-21 – [Iowa Genealogical Society Conference](#)
November 14-17 – [PastForward Preservation Conference](#)