



Resources for Iowa's Cultural Organizations

People rarely recognize a historic turning point when they're living through it. But it's safe to say that in the future, we'll look back on this spring as a season of historic change.

The State Historical Society of Iowa is already considering how to preserve the stories of this moment for the future while helping other Iowa cultural organizations navigate the here and now.

Please take advantage of our evolving [list of resources](#) related to the coronavirus outbreak and join us for a free webinar on Wednesday morning. Panelists from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa Workforce Development will discuss a number of financial assistance programs and grants, including the Historical Resource Development Program grants.

Webinar: "Special Resources Related to Covid-19 for Iowa's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries"

11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8

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Preserve Iowa Summit Moves Online



National History Day Goes Virtual

Iowa's premier statewide conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation is shifting online this year. Originally planned for June 4-6 in Dubuque, this year's summit will take place on the same dates with a mix of live and pre-recorded webinars. We'll post details about registration and schedules soon at lowaculture.gov.

Pictured: Dubuque's Jackson Park Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Extended Deadlines for Grants

Do you have an idea to save the past for the future? Good news: The State Historical Society of Iowa offers [several kinds of grants](#) to help Iowans preserve history and make it more accessible. We've extended the usual deadline to June 1 for most grants and to June 15 for the [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation programs.



Goldie at Home

Cooped up at home with the kids? We can help. We're bringing Goldie's Kids Club to you. Our new [Goldie at Home](#) program offers all kinds of interactive lessons to help families learn more about Iowa history, starting with a new activity posted every Wednesday. Recent activities focused on Iowa's early aviators and Civil War spies – complete with secret messages and a decoder.

This year's theme, "Breaking Barriers in History," applies to [National History Day](#) itself. The last seven of Iowa's 12 district contests shifted to an entirely virtual format, and both the state contest (May 4-8) and national contest (in June) will follow suit. We applaud all the students, parents, teachers and judges who are moving the program online.



Volunteer Spotlight: Frank Hanna

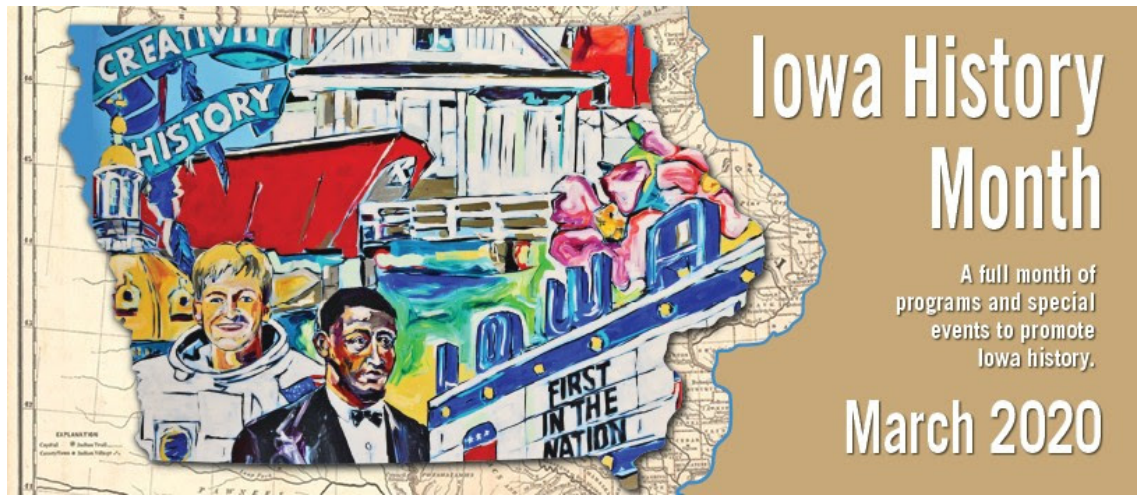
Like many other organizations, the State Historical Society of Iowa relies on the tireless work and diverse talents of volunteers. While the museum is closed, we've been missing our volunteer docent Frank Hanna, who regularly suits up in a Civil War uniform and welcomes visitors to the exhibit "Iowa and the Civil War." Check out this [video portrait](#).



#IowaCulture on Social Media

Check in at 9 a.m. every weekday on Facebook [@IowaCulture](#) to find an educational [#IowaCultureConnection](#), including links to articles, Primary Source Sets and activities for Goldie at Home. Check back at 3 p.m. every day for an [#IowaCultureCoffeeBreak](#), featuring virtual performances, museum tours and more from across the state.

Pictured: Iowa artist Zack Jones offered a virtual tour of Art Church, the old church he turned into an art studio in Malvern.



Recap: Iowa History Month 2020

This year's month-long celebration in March started with a proclamation from the governor, followed by an array of lectures, tours and special events organized by the State Historical Society of Iowa and other organizations across the state. Iowans hung posters in [businesses](#) and [libraries](#). The Des Moines shop Raygun sold [special-edition T-shirts](#) that said "Iowa: History Happens Here." And newspapers published a series of guest essays that looked back to the 1920s to spotlight [women's suffrage](#), [Latino immigration](#), the [Ku Klux Klan](#), [prohibition's ties to the #MeToo movement](#), and municipal [bans on dancing](#) to the racy new sounds of "jazz." Thanks for participating – and mark your calendars for March 2021!

Upcoming Events & Programs

Programs & Events

Please note: All public programs at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, Research Centers and state-owned Historic Sites are canceled, postponed or moved to a virtual format in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. For the latest updates about upcoming events – online and in person – please check our [online calendar](#).

Grants & Designations

- June 1: [Capacity Building Grants](#)
- June 1: [Country School Grants](#)
- June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grants](#)
- June 1: [Historical Resource Development Program Grants](#)
- June 15: [Iowa Great Places designation](#)
- June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District designation](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Ongoing: [Visitor Experience Volunteer](#)
- Ongoing: [Archives Special Projects Volunteer](#)
- Ongoing: [Museum Special Projects Volunteer](#)

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