



Celebrate Iowa Museum Week, June 8-14

Most years, Iowa's museums attract 5 million visitors, support more than 6,000 jobs and generate an estimated \$384 million for the state's economy.

This year is different – some museums are just starting to reopen amid the coronavirus pandemic – but there is plenty to celebrate during [Iowa Museum Week](#), set for June 8-14.

As Gov. Kim Reynolds noted last month in her annual [proclamation](#), "Iowa's museums have risen to the challenging environment created by the Covid-19 virus and are serving communities in many ways, including providing digital resources and online educational activities."

The State Historical Society of Iowa proudly celebrates all the museums across the state, including our [Local History Network](#) members, which continue to serve Iowans and visitors even in these extraordinary times. We encourage you to visit an Iowa museum next week, in person or online, to show your support.



Preserve Iowa Summit



Summer With Goldie

Registration closes at 11 p.m. TODAY for the first-ever virtual [Preserve Iowa Summit](#), featuring a mix of online sessions and workshops about historic preservation, architecture, archaeology, music history and the state's oldest city, Dubuque, who is co-hosting the conference with our State Historic Preservation Office. With this year's reduced registration fee – just \$20 for an all-access pass – it's easy to pop in for whichever sessions catch your interest. [Check out the full lineup](#) and sign up today!



Iowa History 101 Online

Circle the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and tune in to one of the "[Iowa History 101](#)" webinars with State Curator Leo Landis. The first two lunch-hour sessions in the series explored Iowa's history of [baseball](#) and [corn](#), and there is plenty more to learn in the weeks ahead, about automobiles, prohibition, the movies and more.

This week Goldie the Goldfinch unveiled some terrific new online activities for Iowa families who are staying close to the nest. With fresh content posted each week, [Goldie's At-Home Summer Expeditions](#) explore a wide range of Iowa history topics, including our eight state-owned [historic sites](#). So go ahead: Download artifact videos, scavenger hunts, coloring sheets and other fascinating resources for all the young historians you know.



History in the Making: Covid-19

The State Historical Society of Iowa is collecting the stories of the Covid-19 pandemic to share with future generations, starting with digital materials (photos, emails, blog posts and more) and then physical artifacts related to health care, labor, education and everyday life. If you have something you'd like to offer, [please let us know](#).

Pictured: Hand sanitizer from the Foundry Distilling Co. in West Des Moines and a face mask a Polk County resident received as an Easter gift.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Programs & Events

Many public programs at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, Research Centers and state-owned Historic Sites have been canceled, postponed or moved online. For the latest updates about upcoming events please check our [online calendar](#).

- June 11: [Iowa History 101: Automobiles webinar](#)
- June 15-19: [Young Writers Workshop online](#)
- June 25: [Iowa History 101: Temperance & Prohibition webinar](#)
- June 30-Aug. 1: ["Toward a Universal Suffrage: African American Women at the Vote for All"](#)
- July 7: ["Toward a Universal Suffrage" webinar](#)
- July 8: [Junior Curator Day Camp](#)
- July 9: [Iowa History 101: The Movies webinar](#)
- July 15: [Storytime: "Mr. Ferris and His Wheels"](#)
- July 23: [Iowa History 101: Iowa State Fair](#)

State Designations

- June 15: [Iowa Great Places designation](#)
- June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District designation](#)

Other Grants

- June 10: [Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#), National Archives
- June 15: [Strong Communities Grants](#), Principal Financial Group
- June 10: [Archives Collaboratives: Implementation Grants](#), National Archives

June 12: [IMLS CARES Grants for Museums and Libraries](#), Institute of Museum and Library Services

Aug. 12: [Public Humanities Projects](#), National Endowment for the Humanities

Ongoing: [Barn Preservation Grants](#), Iowa Barn Foundation

Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing: [Visitor Experience Volunteer](#)

Ongoing: [Archives Special Projects Volunteer](#)

Ongoing: [Museum Special Projects Volunteer](#)