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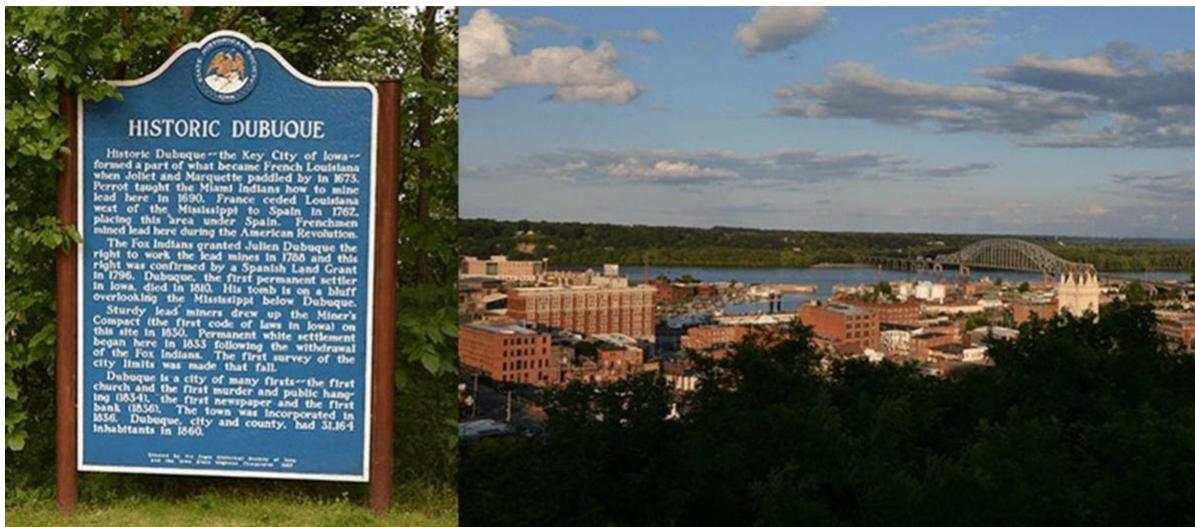
IOWA HISTORIAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

New Programs Commemorate Iowa's 175th Anniversary

History is everywhere, often hidden under the surface of everyday life. Here in Iowa, two new statewide initiatives will make it easier to recognize.

To commemorate Iowa's 175th Anniversary this year, the State Historical Society of Iowa is creating 15 permanent cast-aluminum historical markers, as well as 300 temporary pop-up displays. Both are available, by application, for installation in communities across Iowa. See the details below.



State Historical Markers Grant Program

In commemoration of Iowa's 175th anniversary of statehood, the State Historical Society of Iowa has established a grant program to encourage individuals and organizations to create and install their own **historical markers that tell the story of the people and places that have played a role in Iowa's past**. Historical markers raise awareness of Iowa's past and connect people to the ways the state has shaped the broad arc of American history.

With funding from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, **grants up to \$2,000 are available for the manufacture and shipment of a 2-by-3-foot cast aluminum historical marker**. The grant program is open to all time periods and geographic areas of the state, and priority will be given to markers that focus on historically underrepresented groups. The program is designed to enhance Iowans' understanding of the broad spectrum of people and places that have made the state unique.

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'Iowa's People & Places' Pop-Up Displays

This temporary display traces 13,000 years of Iowa history, from the first Native peoples to call this land home, through the Louisiana Purchase and the Civil War, and right on through the 20th century to today, when Iowans are increasingly connected to a global world.

Request a mail-order pop-up display that is free-standing, lightweight and easy to assemble. The finished display can be installed in **museums, historical societies, libraries, community centers or other public locations.**

The number of displays is limited, so only one will be sent to each participating organization, starting in early August. **Participating exhibitors will receive a digital toolkit to help plan and promote related programs** for adults, children and educators.



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Celebrate Moments & Culture

A new collection of online resources was unveiled as part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' ongoing **Days of Learning**, an initiative that connects educators, students, parents and lifelong learners with a **showcase of Iowa's arts, history, humanities, film and culture.** The multimedia collection, "**Celebrate Moments & Cultures**," features a few high points from Iowa's past and present – a mix of milestones, memorable stories and points of view – specially curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural and humanities organizations across the state.

Check out a video about the **BrewNost beer festival** at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library or the photo album from the **women's suffrage** movement or five great books about the **Iowa State Fair** . . . and so much more. Enjoy!

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On the Road Again

The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum hits the road again (after a 16-month pit stop during the pandemic) with a brand-new exhibition, "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places**" that explores **13,000 years of Iowa history with 56 artifacts** stuck into a custom-built Winnebago.

The mobile museum will visit **all 99 Iowa counties** between now and the end of 2023, similar to its first three-year tour but with a different exhibition. The first exhibition tour made 175 stops across all 99 counties from 2017 through 2019 and attracted nearly 65,000 visitors, including 11,400 students.

The new exhibition's presenting sponsor is EMC Insurance Companies with additional partnership support from Casey's General Stores, Winnebago Industries, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Mike Wolfe.

See it for yourself in **Columbus Junction** (July 27-31), **Britt** (Aug. 6-8), **Wilton** (Aug. 20-22), **Shenandoah** (Sept. 25) and **Lamoni** (Oct. 3).

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Coming Up Online



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Iowa History 101: Forever Free

July 22, Noon

Join **Gale Brubaker**, executive director of the West Des Moines Historical Society; **Ricki King**, a genealogist and mentor for Forever Free; and **Forever Free participants** who will share their recent research about the **Underground Railroad in central Iowa**.



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Iowa History 101: Annals of Iowa

Aug. 12, Noon

Join Annals of Iowa Editor Andrew Klumpp as he discusses how Iowa's longest-running history journal has chronicled the deeds, misdeeds and accomplishments of our predecessors. He'll also discuss the journal's 158-year history, some of its most popular and impactful articles, and how it is celebrating the 175th anniversary of Iowa's statehood.



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Iowa Stories: Grant Wood and the Iowa State Fair

Aug. 12, Noon

Artists identified as "Regionalists" received numerous awards while participating in Iowa State Fair competitions during the 1930s. This presentation deals with multiple Iowa artists of the era and examines a friendship Grant Wood had with Zenobia Ness and his connections to Iowa State University. The program will also discuss conflicts between Regionalist painters and more traditional painters of the era.



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Iowa History 101: Soldier Mob in Keokuk

Aug. 26, Noon

Join Stefan Lund as he discusses an 1863 mob attack by Union soldiers on a Keokuk newspaper. He will examine the context of similar Civil War Era violence against the press throughout the Midwest, how popular conceptions of loyalty and civic duty contributed to the violence, and its significance for the history of the First Amendment in war time.

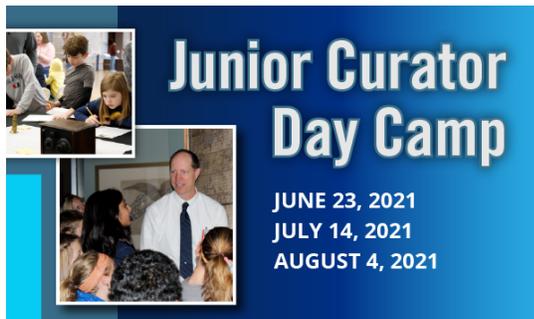
Disney Animator to Virtually Visit Goldie's Kids Club

Tune in online at 1 p.m. July 24 for a special Goldie's Kids Club program with **Kendra Vander Vliet, a layout artist at Walt Disney Animation Studios** who grew up in Sheldon, Iowa. Vander Vliet has worked on many Disney feature films

and shorts including: "Frozen," "Feast," "Big Hero 6," "Zootopia," "Moana," "Olaf's Frozen Adventure," "Ralph Breaks the Internet," "Frozen 2," and "Raya and the Last Dragon." She'll discuss her design inspiration, demonstrate character models and share some behind-the-scenes stories from her career. Registration is free but required and all ages are invited.



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Junior Curator Camp

Young historians entering grades 4-6 can learn about Iowa history with unique educational experiences only available at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Using the museum and exhibits as a unique classroom, Junior Curator Camp **participants will examine historical artifacts and explore career options** as curators, conservators and exhibit designers. A few spots still remain for the session on Aug. 4.

Tour the Capitol Grounds

Ever wonder about the monuments around the Iowa Capitol? Take a closer look during a **free guided tour** of the capitol grounds with Goldie's Kids Club on **Aug. 7**.