

Commemorate Iowa's 175th Anniversary

'Iowa's People & Places' Exhibition, Pop-Up Displays & Historical Markers

Commemorate **Iowa's 175th Anniversary** with a visit to the **State Historical Museum of Iowa's "Iowa's People & Places"** exhibition, which explores 13,000 years of Iowa history, from the first Indigenous settlements to 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.

Pictured from left: an **Iowa State University women's track club** uniform jacket worn in 1972 and 1973 by Jean Robinson of Melbourne, Iowa; the 1915 **charter for the Des Moines branch of the NAACP**; and a **judicial robe** worn by Justice Linda K. Neuman, who was the first woman appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court and served from 1986 to 2003.



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

You can request a complimentary mail-order **pop-up display that is free-standing, lightweight and easy to assemble** -- perfect for museums, historical societies, libraries, community centers and other public locations.

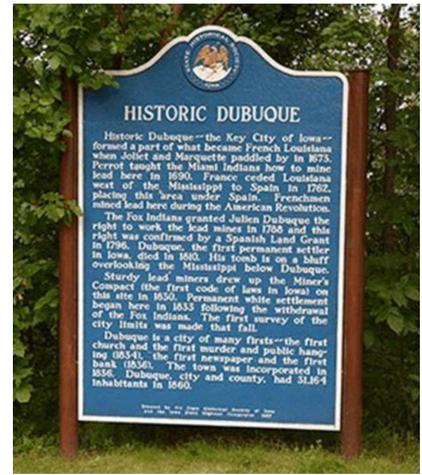
Exhibitors will receive a digital toolkit to help plan and promote related programs for adults, children and educators.

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State Historical Markers Grants

Grants are available to help communities create and install their own **historical markers to tell the stories of the people and places from Iowa's past**. With support 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 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.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)



Celebrate Moments & Culture

A new collection of online resources is now available as part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' ongoing **Days of Learning** initiative, which connects educators, students, parents and lifelong learners to a **showcase of Iowa's arts, history, humanities, film and culture**.

The new multimedia collection, "**Celebrate Moments & Cultures**," features a mix of milestones, memorable stories and points of view from Iowa past, specially curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural and humanities organizations across the state.

[BROWSE THE NEW COLLECTION](#)

History on the Move

The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum is on the road again with a brand-new exhibition, "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places**," which explores 13,000 years of Iowa history with 56 artifacts tucked 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 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 **Britt** (Aug. 6-8), **Wilton** (Aug. 20-22), **Shenandoah** (Sept. 25) and **Lamoni** (Oct. 3).



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Tour the Capitol Grounds

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



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Coming Up Online



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Iowa Stories: Grant Wood and the Iowa State Fair

NEW DATE: Aug. 11, Noon

Artists identified as "Regionalists" received numerous awards while participating in Iowa State Fair competitions during the 1930s. This presentation focuses on 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 also will explore conflicts between Regionalist painters and more traditional painters of the era.

Iowa History 101: Annals of Iowa
Aug. 12, Noon



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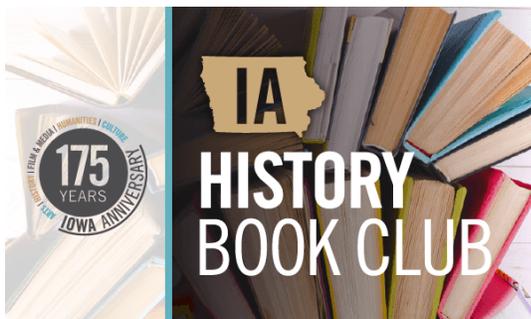
Join Annals of Iowa Editor Andrew Klumpp as he discusses how **Iowa's longest-running history journal has chronicled the deeds, misdeeds and accomplishments of our predecessors**. He'll also discuss the journal's 158-year history, some of its most popular and impactful articles, and how it is celebrating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



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Iowa 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.



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Iowa History Book Club: The Sacred Cause of Union

Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Tune in for the next virtual session of Iowa History Book Club, when **author Thomas Baker will discuss “The Sacred Cause of Union: Iowa and the Civil War,”** his Shambaugh Award-winning book examining the experience of Iowans during the American Civil War.

Visit the Research Centers

The State Historical Library & Archives Research Centers in Iowa City and Des Moines recently reopened for **in-person visits by appointment** only on Thursdays and Fridays. Schedule your next visit for **access to 209 million historic documents, photographs, newspapers and more** from our vast collections.



Midwestern History Association Roundtable



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Hosted for the seventh year by the Hauenstein Center in collaboration with the Midwestern History Association and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Library & Museum, the Midwestern History Conference assembled a broad array of historians, literary scholars, and cultural commentators – including **Annals of Iowa Editor Andrew Klumpp** – to discuss "Iowa at 175" and rebuilding the field of Midwestern studies. **Recorded on May 26, the video is now available online.**

Webinar: Preservation Project Planning Basics

Planning to tackle some major rehabilitation work on your historic building, but not sure where to start? This webinar on Aug. 17 will give an **overview of the process of architectural design and construction** practiced by architects, engineers, contractors, and preservationists, which provides the framework for most rehabilitation projects. Speakers include representatives from Partners for Sacred Places and grantees from the National Fund for Sacred Places.



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Coming Up

- Aug. 7: **State Capitol Grounds Tour**
- Aug. 11: **Iowa Stories: Grant Wood and the Iowa State Fair**
- Aug. 12: **Iowa History 101: Annals of Iowa**
- Aug. 17: **NTHP Webinar: Preservation Project Planning Basics**
- Aug. 26: **Iowa History 101: Soldier Mob in Keokuk**
- Sept. 9: **Iowa History Book Club: The Sacred Cause of Union**

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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