

RE IMAGINE
RE ENGAGE
RE CONNECT

IOWA ARTS & CULTURE RETURN.

RENEW YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC, PERFORMANCES
AND ALL THE ARTS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES
CULTURALLY VIBRANT.

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CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Jazzy Ash
Traditional African-American
Music for Kids
Free Performance
Thursday, October 28, 4:30 p.m.
1314 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, Iowa 52761
www.muscatineartcenter.org

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ARTS

MUSCATINE
ART
CENTER

A few weeks ago the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs launched a campaign to encourage Iowans to **RE-IMAGINE, RE-ENGAGE and RECONNECT** with Iowa arts and culture.

And now, we're pleased it's catching on, thanks to collaborative efforts from organizations like the **Muscatine Art Center** and **Quad City Arts**, which used the toolkit to create a graphic (above) to promote **Jazzy Ash's concert** at 4:30 p.m. today in Muscatine.

If you, too, would like to spread the word, feel free to use the toolkit to enhance your messages in print and online. The toolkit includes:

- Images for websites, digital newsletters, social media & email signatures
- Sample posts & tweets for social media
- Co-branded advertising templates
- Email template
- Press release template
- Key messages

Remember to tag us @IowaArtsCouncil so we can retweet and share your posts.

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Grant Deadlines Approaching



The Humanities Project Grant supports public humanities projects that **encourage contemplation, spark conversation and engage communities**. Eligible projects will use the humanities as the central resource to involve and benefit diverse groups of Iowans through educational programming that explore the human experience. Funding for the grants is made possible by an appropriation from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.
Application deadline: Nov. 1.

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Strengthening Communities Grants support organizations committed to strengthening communities through **youth development, healthy living and social responsibility**. The grants can help cover costs associated with the renovation and maintenance of facilities in cities with populations less than 28,000, as determined by the 2010 federal decennial census.
Application deadline: Nov. 22.

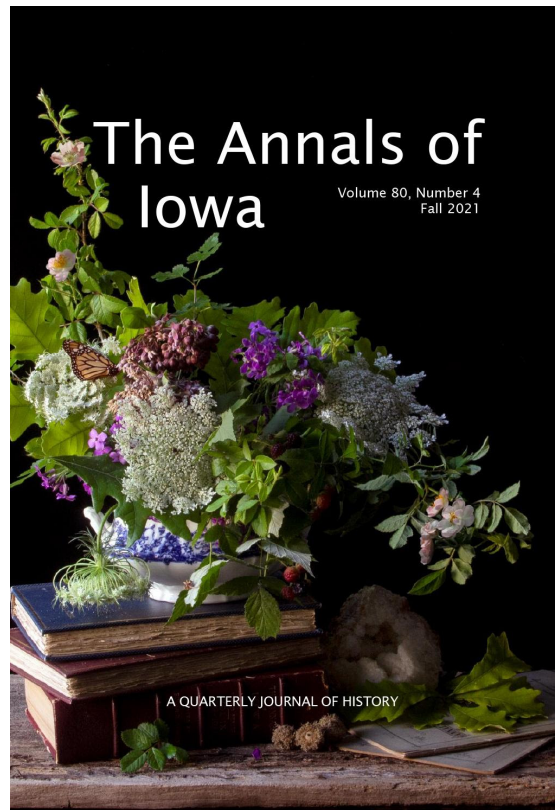
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Iowa Artists Featured in The Annals of Iowa

The new edition of the State Historical Society of Iowa's flagship journal, *The Annals of Iowa*, celebrates [Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary](#) with a mix of historical essays and 17 original works of art by:

Johnny Brian
Sara Slee Brown
Tiberiu Chelcea
Jorge Chávez Colorado
Jennifer Drinkwater
Amee Ellis
Julia Franklin
Tonja Ihlenfeldt
Louise Kames
Kathranne Knight
Akwi Nji
Nancy Purington
Catherine Reinhart
Yun Shin

Matthew Terry
Olivia Valentine
Molly Wood



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Molly Wood. Photo: Karla Conrad

[Iowa Artist Fellow Molly Wood](#)'s photo "Iowa Still Life" graces the cover of The Annals of Iowa and features some **quintessentially Iowan symbols**, such as the Prairie Rose (the state flower), Burr Oak leaves (the state tree), a Keokuk geode, and several issues of the Annals from more than a century ago.

Tune in at noon today!

Wood will discuss her work at noon today during an "Iowa History 101" webinar called "[The Poison Garden](#)." Tune in to learn how her **botanical photos serve as metaphors for the natural cycles of life, death, and rebirth**, as well as the complexity of experiences that can be both healing and toxic.

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WEBINAR

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Grantee Spotlight: Ellen Kleckner



"Juncture," by Ellen Kleckner

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"Juncture"

Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids
Through Nov. 27

Iowa Arts Council grantee **Ellen Kleckner** presents "Juncture," a solo exhibition of new work that mixes ceramics, wood, steel and reeds to draw **contrasts and connections between place, materiality, ideas, legacies and communities** to lead viewers into the unfamiliar; where materials embody ideas and form becomes a question. Take a [virtual walk](#) through the show and find more information [online](#).



State, Regional & Federal Resources

APAP ArtsForward Grant

Made possible with generous support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the APAP ArtsForward grants support **the presenting and touring field's safe and equitable reopening and recovery** as presenters, artists and audiences reconnect, tours resume and venues reopen.



More than \$2 million will be given through direct grants of **\$35,000 or \$50,000** to U.S.-based APAP presenter members working in partnership with individual artists/companies to support the performing arts field's transition toward reopening its venues and resuming live programming. **Application deadline: Nov. 15.**

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Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative

The Iowa Economic Development Authority has announced four new competitive funding opportunities, through the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative, available for Iowa communities with a population under 20,000. The **Rural Return Program** encourages innovative ideas and creative programming that can attract new residents, while **Rural Innovation Grants** can be used for planning and project activities that develop local and cultural assets.

Application deadline: Dec. 1.



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NEA Big Read

Fifteen books representing a **diverse range of contemporary themes, voices, and perspectives** are available for organizations interested in applying for a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant to hold a project between September 2022 and June 2023. An initiative of the NEA in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read supports programs held around the country, each designed around a single NEA Big Read book selection, with the goal of inspiring **meaningful conversations, artistic responses and new discoveries and connections** in each community.

Application deadline: Jan. 26, 2022.



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Telling the Full History Preservation Fund

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a public-interest organization dedicated to saving America's historic places, is launching Telling the Full History Preservation Fund, a one-time grant program to help **interpret and preserve historic places of importance to underrepresented communities** across the country. Made possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities' American Rescue Plan Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations, the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund grant application cycle opens in November. [Sign up for updates about this grant program.](#)



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Music Education Partnership Grants

Chorus America invites nonprofit organizations and schools to apply to the Music Education Partnership Grants program which, through a new funding partnership, will support **collaborations between community organizations and elementary, middle or junior high schools** during the 2022-23 school year.



The goals of the grant program are to support **increased access to singing-based music education** in elementary, middle and junior high schools; promote **cross-cultural learning and exchange** and uphold the principles of **access, diversity, equity, and inclusion**.

Grants will range from **\$15,000 to \$50,000** and require participation in a peer-learning cohort. More information on eligibility criteria, core values and the selection process and scoring rubric is available online. The application portal opens Nov. 15. **Application deadline: Jan. 28, 2022.**

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Shakespeare in American Communities

Are you part of a theater company that would like to **produce a Shakespeare play or adaptation for young audiences**? Or are you a theater practitioner of a nonprofit organization illuminating Shakespeare for youths in the justice system?

Arts Midwest invites applications for the [Shakespeare in American Communities](#) program. Organizations can access up to **\$25,000** to support Shakespeare educational programs for young people.



The [Intent to Apply](#) is due **Dec. 2**. This is required and nonbinding. **Application deadline: Feb. 2, 2022.**

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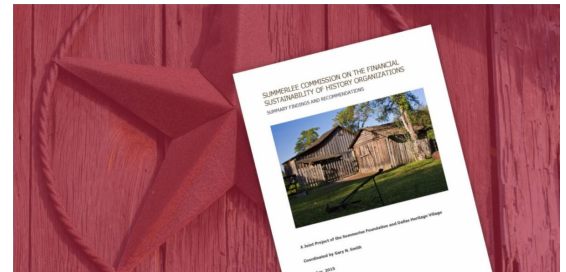
What We're Reading

A new report from the **American Academy of Arts & Sciences Commission on the Arts** addresses the challenges that individual artists and creative small businesses are currently facing. **"Art Is Work: Policies to Support Creative Workers"** highlights local programs that support, train, and sustain artists and culture bearers and their communities.

[READ THE REPORT](#)



The **Summerlee Foundation** published a report in 2015 that analyzes the difficulties history and all types of cultural organizations face in maintaining financial sustainability. The report includes a **self-assessment tool** that organizations can use to help determine whether or not they are sustainable.



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Coming Up

Grants

- Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)
- Nov. 1: [Humanities Project Grants](#)
- Nov. 15: [Institute of Museum and Library Services Grants](#)
- Nov. 15: [APAP ArtsForward](#)
- Nov. 22: [Strengthening Communities Grant](#)
- Dec. 2: [Arts Midwest's Shakespeare in American Communities](#)
- Dec. 15: [Creative Forces Community Engagement Project Grants](#)
- Jan. 26: [NEA Big Read](#)
- Jan. 28: [Music Education Partnership Grants, Chorus America](#)

Professional Opportunities

Calls for Artists

- Oct. 29: [2022 Art on Campus Exhibit](#)
- Oct. 30: [Create! Magazine](#)
- Oct. 30: [Contemporary Craft's 2022 Leap Award](#)
- Oct. 30: [Urbandale Art Gallery](#)
- Oct. 31: [Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University](#)
- Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)
- Oct. 31: [Rochester Contemporary Art Center](#)
- Nov. 8: [The Curator's Salon](#)
- Nov. 15: [2022-23 Urbandale Art Park Exhibition](#)
- Jan. 14: [Omaha Summer Arts Festival](#)

Student Opportunities

- Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)

Nov. 1-5: [Museums Evolving 2.0](#)

Nov. 10: [Greater Des Moines Partnership's 9th Annual Inclusion Summit](#)

Dec. 31: [Art-Train](#)