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Unusual &
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Upcoming 2008 Event Highlights

JUNE

11-15 Ice Cream Days, LeMars. Fun in the Ice Cream Capital of the World.

27-29 Des Moines Arts Festival, Des Moines. Top ranked downtown festival with a field of national artists and continuous live entertainment.

JULY

4-6 Iowa City Jazz Festival, Iowa City. The best jazz from around the world, in the heart of the city.

25-26 Iowa Storytelling Festival, Clear Lake. The Midwest's finest storytellers perform in the city park and aboard the Lady of the Lake "Ghost Boat."



AUGUST

7-10 Meskwaki Pow Wow, Tama. Tribal ceremonial dances, colorful native regalia, arts and crafts, food.

28- Sept 1 Old Threshers Reunion, Mt. Pleasant. Antique tractors and steam engines, farm traditions remembered.

SEPTEMBER

1-30 Children in the White House Exhibit: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, West Branch. Temporary exhibition featuring more than 70 dolls and puppets.

6-14 Clay County Fair, Spencer. "The World's Greatest County Fair," showcasing agriculture since 1917.

OCTOBER

4-5 Artisan Road Trip, Spirit Lake. Open studio tour of Northwest Iowa artists in several counties.

11-12 Madison County Covered Bridge Festival, Winterset. Go cross-country on a tour of bridges, or browse the square for food and crafts.

NOVEMBER

7-9 National Farm Toy Show, Dyersville. Buy, sell and trade in the farm toy capital of the world.

28-30 Julefest, Elk Horn/Kimballton. Christmas season opener with Danish flair, foods, unique gifts.

For more information on these or other events, please contact Jeff Spence at jeff.spence@iowalifechanging.com.

Notable destinations...

WESTERN IOWA

Glenn Miller Festival, Clarinda. On the second weekend in June (June 12-15 in 2008), visitors and entertainers from around the world will converge to celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller, American bandleader, composer and arranger who disappeared while directing the Glenn Miller AAF Band during World War II. Named an ABA Top 100 Event for 2008! www.glennmiller.org



Elk Horn. This Danish community features the Danish Windmill Museum, Danish Immigrant Museum and other one-of-a-kind small town shopping opportunities and eateries. Home of the Iowa Pork Producers' top breaded tenderloin for 2008. www.elkhorniowa.com



Heart of Iowa Wine Trail, Central Iowa. The newest of Iowa's five wine trails features 15 wineries running from Osceola to Iowa Falls. www.heartofiwawinetrail.com

EASTERN IOWA

Heartland Acres, Independence. This agritourism center highlights agriculture's past, present and future as well as its impact on everyone. The campus includes an 1869 one-room schoolhouse and a barn that boasts exhibits, native farm animals and farming machinery. www.heartlandacresusa.com



CENTRAL IOWA

Iowa State Fair, Des Moines. Traveling by motorcoach to the Iowa State Fair has its benefits. Groups receive free parking, games and trivia, a coupon book with over \$30 of savings, a personal greeter and welcome packets. Twice named an ABA Top 100 Event, more than 1,000,000 annual visitors agree, "U Gotta Love It!" August 7-17, 2008. www.iowastatefair.org



Museum of Religious Arts, Logan. Preserving and exhibiting religious art and artifacts through the ages, this 20,000 square foot facility features religious artifacts from Judeo-Christian denominations. www.mrarts.org

Celebration Belle, Mississippi River. An 800-passenger luxury non-gaming riverboat is now offering northbound Mississippi cruises departing from Dubuque or Guttenburg. www.celebrationbelle.com

Isle of Capri, Waterloo. Waterloo's newest hotel and casino is conveniently located right off Highway 20 and offers great lodging, dining or gaming packages for group tours. www.theislewaterloo.com



American Quilter's Society National Show, Des Moines. Thousands of quilters from around the world will vie for \$42,250 in awards – including \$10,000 for Best of Show – October 8-11, 2008. More than 800 quilts will be on display. www.SeeDesMoines.com or www.AmericanQuilter.com.



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