

IOWA HISTORIAN

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Preserve Iowa Summit

[Registration is now open](#) for the Preserve Iowa Summit to be held June 8-10 in Fort Dodge. The summit is the statewide conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation, as well as many others with an interest in history. You will have opportunities to learn about a broad range of preservation topics, from historic tax credits to archaeology and more. On Saturday, two special workshops are planned on Iowa's agricultural history and gravestone preservation.

[View the lineup of sessions, speakers and workshops](#), and [register online](#) by May 11 to take advantage of the early-bird discount.



New Look, New Hours

The State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa recently reorganized its space in the State Historical Building in order to streamline its workflow and improve service. So whether you're a new or returning visitor, stop in sometime during our new visiting hours:

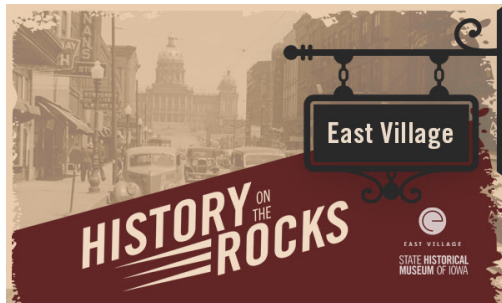


Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries

Whether large or small, well maintained or neglected, historic cemeteries are an important part of the cultural landscape. A [brief from the National Park Service](#) provides guidance in preserving and protecting grave markers and understanding risk factors that contribute to their decay.

Wednesday - Friday
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Or by appointment
historic.preservation@iowa.gov

A [grave marker preservation workshop](#) will be held on June 10 during this year's Preserve Iowa Summit in Fort Dodge.



History on the Rocks

Shady characters? Smoky bars? Long before the East Village filled with trendy shops and restaurants, the neighborhood at the foot of the State Capitol was one of the largest—and most lively—red-light districts in the city. Learn all about its seedy past at a [History on the Rocks program](#) on April 27.



"Iowa and the Great War" Exhibition

When the United States jumped into the First World War in 1917, hundreds of thousands of Iowans stepped up to support the cause, both in the trenches and at home. A century later, learn how their courage and innovation changed the course of history at a [new exhibition at the State Historical Museum of Iowa](#). In this week's history blog, learn about some of the names and faces of [The American Legion in Iowa](#).



Now Recruiting Judges and Volunteers

We are looking for [volunteer judges](#) to help evaluate student projects during the National History Day State Contest on May 8 in Des Moines. No prior experience is necessary, and online training will be provided.

If judging's not for you, consider volunteering your time as a [volunteer usher](#) during the state contest. You'll greet participants and serve as polite but firm "bouncers" during performances and presentations.



Historical Resource Development Program and Country School Grant Applications Due April 28

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is now accepting applications for numerous history-related grants programs. Grants are available for preservation, conservation, interpretation and public education regarding historical resources. Find a [list of grants](#), read the guidelines and apply online by April 28.



"Iowa History 101" is On the Move

If you can't make it to the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines, why not let it come to you? The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum, known as "Iowa History 101," travels the state's highways and back roads to share stories from the past with Iowans in every corner of the state. Artifacts from the State Historical Society's collection fill 300 square feet of a bright blue 38-foot Winnebago, custom-built at the factory in Forest City.

April 15 – [Urbandale](#), Living History Farms
May 10 – [Wheatland](#), Calamus-Wheatland Community School
May 26 – [Le Claire](#), Front Street
May 30 – [Davenport](#), Putnam Museum

View all [scheduled stops](#) for the next few months.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Deadlines

April 10-24 – [Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program Registration Period](#)

Grant Opportunities

April 15 – [Research Grant for Authors](#)
April 28 – [Historical Resource Development Program](#)
April 28 – [Country School Grant Program](#)
May 1 – [Capacity Building Grant](#)
May 1 – [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)
May 1 – [Cultural Trust Stability Grant](#)
May 1 – [Iowa Great Places](#)
May 1 – [National Fund for Sacred Places](#)

Special Programs

Now-May 1 – ["German Iowa and the Global Midwest" traveling exhibit](#)
April 30 – [American Experience Documentary: Annie Oakley](#)

Educational/Training Programs

May 8 – [National History Day in Iowa State Contest](#)
June 12-16 – [Young Writers Workshop](#)
June 26-27 – [National History Day Teachers Institute](#)

Conferences

April 28-29 – [Documentation Technologies Workshop](#)
May 7-10 – [American Alliance of Museums](#)
May 9 – [Preserving, Enhancing and Promoting Northeast Iowa's Historical Treasures](#)
June 8-10 – [Preserve Iowa Summit](#)
July 12-15 – [Iowa Museum Association and Association of Midwest Museums](#)
September 6-9 – [American Association of State and Local History](#)

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