



IOWA ARTS SUMMIT

2020 Iowa Arts Summit: Save the Date

Save the date for the biennial [Iowa Arts Summit](#), the state's leading professional development and networking event for Iowa artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders. Join your colleagues Aug. 7 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny for dynamic breakout sessions, workshops and case studies presented by innovative state and national voices in the arts.

Nominate Iowa artists, artist teams, nonprofit organizations, cities and counties that have made a difference in the arts in Iowa for the Governor's Arts Awards. [Submit nominations](#) by May 1. Awards are presented at the Iowa Arts Summit.



Apply for Arts & Culture Funding

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has opened a new round of [grants and opportunities](#). Application deadlines begin March 1 and run through June 1, including college scholarships, creative project grants, Iowa Artist Fellowships and community designation programs. Learn more about grant programs through informational webinars or attend a free information session in the following communities:



Community Mural Toolkit

A free guide written by Iowa Artist Fellow Jennifer Drinkwater and published by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explains the nuts and bolts of community mural-making.

The [Community Mural Toolkit](#) includes community benefits of public art; material, site and space needs; community

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engagement strategies; a sample budget; potential funding strategies; and more. The toolkit shows that the process of creating community art can build bridges between diverse groups and build stronger communities.

Pictured: "El Puente: The Bridge" mural in Perry by Jennifer Drinkwater.



Creating Healthy Communities

"[Creating Healthy Communities through Cross-sector Collaboration](#)" reports some interesting news about the value of arts and culture and their ties to health and well-being. The report provides examples of successful cross-sector collaborations that use arts and culture to address five public-health issues: collective trauma, racism, social isolation and exclusion, mental health and chronic disease.

Benefits of Historic Preservation

PlaceEconomics has released [24 reasons historic preservation is good for your community](#), that run the gamut from jobs to tourism to the environment. Peruse the list and be sure to apply for a new round of [Historical Resource Development Program](#) grants. Applications are due May 1.

Pictured: The Dubuque County Historical Society was awarded an HRDP grant to replace the roof on the hurricane deck of the National Historic Landmark dredgeboat William M. Black.



Arts and Community Building

Check out "[The Importance of the Arts](#)" by Jay H. Dick of the Americans for the Arts. In the article, he describes the transformational role arts and cultural assets play in driving neighborhood revitalization and increasing economic sustainability of communities.

Pictured: Marion's Uptown Artway inspired the Uptown Marion Plaza Project, which won a 2019 Iowa Great Places grant.

Creative Placemaking Challenge

When public funds stretch thin, counties must search for new strategies to improve their communities and make healthier, more equitable places for residents to live, work and play. The [Creative Counties Placemaking Challenge](#) invites counties with populations less than 150,000 to compete in a challenge to identify and strengthen ways to use the arts to solve local challenges. Apply by March 13.

Grants

Mar. 6: [Art & History Grant Information Session in Davenport](#)
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Mar. 11: [Art & History Grant Information Session in Keosauqua](#)
Mar. 15: [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#)
Mar. 30: [Build with Bags Grant](#)
Apr. 9: [Challenge America Grant](#), National Endowment for the Arts
May 1: [Art Project Grant](#)
May 1: [Capacity Building Grants](#)
May 1: [Country School Grants](#)
May 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)
May 1: [Historical Resource Development Program Grant](#)
May 1: [School Arts Experience Grant](#)

Recognition

Mar. 3: [Iowa Great Places Designation & Re-Designation Webinar](#)
Mar. 17: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts Webinar](#)
May 1: [Governor's Arts Awards Nominations](#)
May 1: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts Designation](#)
May 1: [Iowa Great Places Designation & Re-Designation](#)

Professional Development

Mar. 2-4: [Iowa Tourism Conference](#), Des Moines
Mar. 6: [Tomorrow Plan Speaker Series: Americans for the Arts](#), Des Moines
Mar. 13: [Creative Counties Placemaking Challenge](#)
Mar. 25: [ArtUps: RFQ How-To](#)
Mar. 30-31: [National Arts Action Summit](#), Washington D.C.
Apr. 22: [ArtUps: Creating an Internship Program for the Modern Student](#)

Upcoming Events

Now-Apr. 18: [36th Annual School Art Exhibition: Kid Creations!](#), Mason City
Mar. 7: [Taste of LeClaire](#)
Mar. 21-22: [37th Annual Maple Syrup Festival](#), Indian Creek Nature Center

[Submit upcoming community events](#)