



More than \$2 million in grants awarded for Iowa history & culture

Cue the trumpets: The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently announced [more than \\$2 million in 176 grants](#) for cultural organizations and projects across the state, funded by the Iowa Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This year's list includes more than \$500,000 in 32 grants the State Historical Society of Iowa awarded through the Historical Resource Development Program, funded through the state's Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program, plus a dozen grants for individual research projects.

The funded projects run the gamut. This year's grants will help Iowans:

- Continue repairs at the historic Madison County Courthouse (pictured above).
- Preserve and digitize Bix Beiderbecke's printed materials and jazz recordings in Davenport.
- Learn more about Iowa's Black military veterans and the communities they built after their service.
- Digitize interviews with Amana Colony members who recounted memories of communal living.
- Preserve approximately 170,000 historic specimens of plants and fungi at Iowa State University.
- And so much more.

Learn all about the [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs grants](#) on our website and mark your calendars for next year's application deadline, which will likely land on May 1, 2021.

SEE the FUNDED PROJECTS



History On a Stick*

Sure, the Iowa State Fair is canceled the year, but you can still learn about its fascinating history during the next "[Iowa History 101](#)" webinar, set for noon Thursday. State Curator Leo Landis will share a few stories from the best state fair in our state – so don't miss it. Don't even be late! (If you do, don't worry: You can find it in our ever-growing [archive](#).) Stay tuned for sessions about [women's suffrage](#) (Aug. 13) and [World War II](#) (Aug. 27).

*Stick not included.

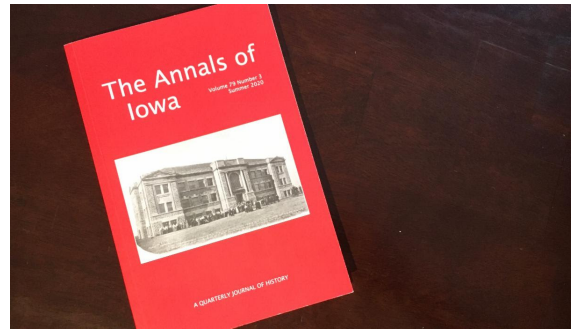
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History in the Making: Covid-19

The State Historical Society of Iowa is collecting artifacts – physical and digital – to help future generations understand how the pandemic has affected health care, labor, education and everyday life in Iowa. Please let us know if you have something you'd like to offer, including sanitizer and masks (pictured) and more.

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Hot Off the Press

[New editor Andrew Klumpp](#)'s first edition of the venerable Annals of Iowa rolled off the press this month, with featured articles on the short-lived Memorial University, founded in the early 1900s in Mason City, and a county attorney who chose to prosecute or quietly ignore all kinds of activity in Buena Vista County during the roaring '20s.

Only subscribers can read the current issue, but anyone can browse [the digital archive](#), with articles dating back to 1863.

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Programs & Events

Through July 31: ["Toward a Universal Suffrage: African American Women at the Vote for All"](#)
July 23: [Iowa History 101: Iowa State Fair](#)

Aug. 13: [Iowa History 101: Women's Suffrage](#)

Aug. 27: [Iowa History 101: World War II](#)

Grants

Aug. 1: [American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants](#)

Aug. 12: [Public Humanities Projects](#), National Endowment for the Humanities

Ongoing: [Barn Preservation Grants](#), Iowa Barn Foundation

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