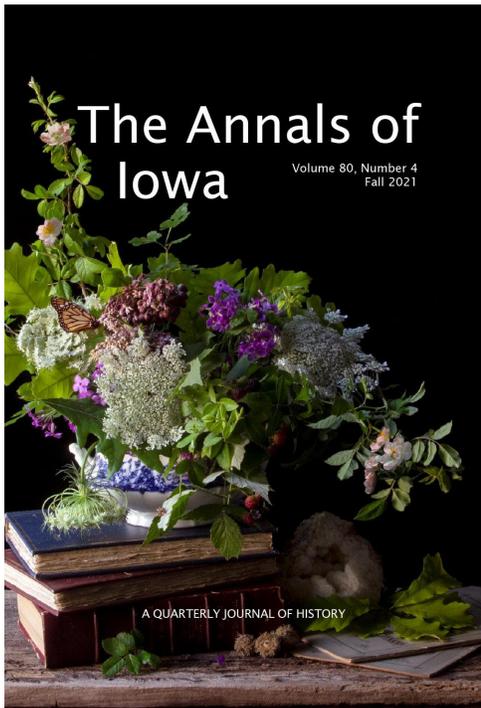


New Annals Edition Offers 'Extra! Extra!'



The Annals of Iowa has been around a long time — since 1863, to be exact — but no previous edition looks quite like the one that rolled off the press this month. The new issue commemorates **Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary** with a mix of thought-provoking essays by leading historians, plus Iowa-inspired art by artists from across the state.

“We’re taking this moment, this 175th anniversary, as a milestone moment to take a breath and see where we’ve gone and to chart a course for the future,” **Annals editor Andrew Klumpp** said after a **behind-the-scenes visit** to the Julin Printing Co. in Monticello.

Curious? **Order a copy or subscribe** to read insightful, "big picture" features by **Rebecca Conard** and **Pamela Riney-Kehrberg**, plus a variety of other topics and points of view:

J.L. Anderson on agriculture

Jeff Bremer on immigration

Megan Card on education

Dwain Coleman on the Civil War

Sara Egge on gender

Ashley Howard on race

Patrick Jung on pre-statehood

Andrew Klumpp on religion

Tim Walch on politics

The special edition also features 17 original works of art by **Johnny Brian, Sara Slee Brown, Tiberiu Chelcea, Jorge Chávez Colorado, Jennifer Drinkwater, Ameer Ellis, Julia Franklin, Tonja Ihlenfeldt, Louise Kames, Kathranne Knight, Akwi Nji, Nancy Purington, Catherine Reinhart, Matthew Terry, Olivia Valentine, Yun Shin** and **Molly Wood**.

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DAYS OF LEARNING



This week the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs unveiled a new **Days of Learning** online collection. Like The Annals of Iowa, the collection marks Iowa's 175th anniversary with a mix of authentically Iowan art, film and history — all curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural organizations across the state.

Explore the new resources and you'll find a 360-degree virtual tour of the **oldest school in Ames**, a video about **railroad history in Council Bluffs**, images of **sod houses in Pella**, a webinar about the **Underground Railroad**, award-winning National History Day videos about the **Meskwaki Nation** and the **Babel Proclamation of 1918**, a mix of **activities for young historians** — and so much more.

DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

Leading the Way with National History Day

Congratulations are in order for **Caleb Sinnwell**, a freshman at Nashua-Plainfield High School, who received a **U.S. Army Certificate of Achievement** during a ceremony last week at his school. The award was presented by **Maj. Ashley Holzmann**, commander of psychological operations at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Additionally, **U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley** and **State Rep. Sandy Salmon** were on hand to offer their congratulations.

Caleb's website "**Ghost Army: Deceptive Communication and the Power of Illusion**" **won first place** in its category at the 2021 National History Day Contest in June. Since then, he has teamed up with the documentary filmmaker **Rick Beyer** to lobby Congress to pass the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act to honor Ghost Army veterans.



LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

More History Moves Online



Earlier this month we unveiled a new **Iowa History Collections Catalog** that combines more than **200 million pieces of history** into a unified, user-friendly database. Other Iowa museums and archives, including those at Iowa State University and Luther College (pictured) are moving in the same direction, as you can read in our latest blog.

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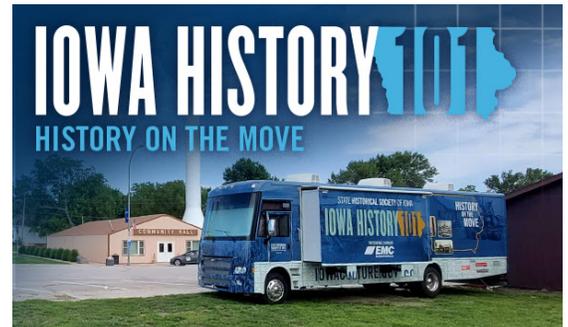
Research Centers Extend Hours

Starting this week, the State Historical Society of Iowa Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are adding Wednesdays to their regular visiting hours. Both locations are now open, by appointment, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

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Mobile Museum to Visit Wapello & Poweshiek Counties

Packed with 56 artifacts and videos that explore 13,000 years of Iowa history, our mobile museum is back on the road with a new exhibition called "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places.**" Iowans of all ages can take a complimentary self-guided tour at the following locations:



Eldon (Wapello County)

American Gothic House Center
Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m.

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Malcom (Poweshiek County)

Sunset Hills Bison Ranch
Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Coming Up Online

[**Iowa History 101: The Poison Garden**](#)

Oct. 28, Noon

Join Iowa Artist Fellow **Molly Wood**, a Des Moines photographer and artist whose work is featured on the cover of 175th statehood anniversary issue of The Annals of Iowa, as she discusses her **botanical photographs that serve as metaphors for the natural cycles of life**, death, and rebirth, as well as the complexity of life experiences that can be part healing and part toxic.

Iowa History 101: We Came Home Together

Nov. 4, Noon

Join **Dwain Coleman**, University of Iowa Ph.D. candidate and co-director of the Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project, as he discusses how **Black Civil War Veterans** of the 1st Iowa Regiment of African Descent (60th U.S. Colored Infantry) and their families used the goodwill obtained through their service to **fight for equal rights and social space in Iowa's communities**.

Iowa History 101: It's a Wonderful Life

Dec. 9, Noon

Join **Leo Landis**, state curator at the State Historical Society of Iowa, and **Christopher Wilson**, director of Experience Design at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, as they discuss how the movie "**It's a Wonderful Life**" has become a holiday tradition and a feel-good Hollywood tale of redemption. Now that 75 years have passed since its premiere, the movie also offers a glimpse into history, at a turbulent era when Americans confronted many challenges that are still unsettled today.

Iowa Book Club: 'On Behalf of the Family Farm'

Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

When technology, depopulation, and rapid economic changes dramatically altered rural life over the last 80



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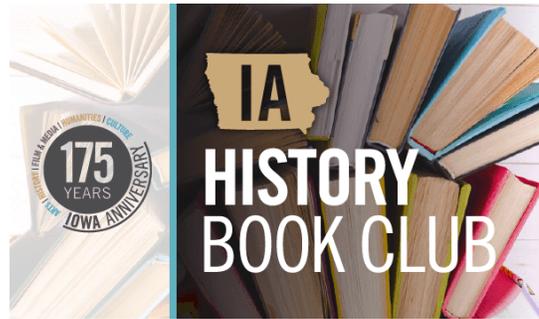


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years, Midwestern women met these challenges with their own feminine vision of farm life. Join *Annals of Iowa* editor **Andrew Klumpp** and author **Jenny Barker-Devine** for a discussion that will focus on an agrarian strain of feminism that offered an alternative to broader themes of second-wave feminism across the country. Feel free to watch a recording of the Iowa History 101 webinar Barker-Devine recently presented on the same subject.



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Humanities Project Grants

A new annual cycle of grants is available through a National Endowment for the Humanities award to the department, as Iowa's interim state humanities council partner. **Deadline: Nov. 1.**

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Dec. 10: [Celebrate Iowa Gala](#)

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.