

## More than \$2.5 million awarded statewide for marketing, jobs and programming

As Iowa's arts and culture sector continues to rebound from the challenges of the last year, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa Arts Council are pleased to announce major investments in Iowa's creative workforce and the humanities.

### American Rescue Plan Grants

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs [today announced](#) it has awarded **more than \$1.5 million in grants** to arts and humanities organizations and individual artists.

In all, **236 grantees** received grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$18,000 for artistic projects and humanities programs and for hiring and increasing hours for artistic personnel.



The grants were made possible by special appropriations from Arts Midwest, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, through the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**.

*Pictured: Muscatine Art Center*

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### Iowa Arts & Culture Marketing Grants

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs last week [announced](#) 118 arts and cultural groups in 47 Iowa communities will receive a total of **\$1 million in grants** to promote the safe return of arts and culture.

The [list of 118 recipients](#) includes local arts councils, theaters and historical attractions, as well as some of the state's largest museums, art centers and performing arts venues.

The grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$18,000 were created with federal **CARES Act funds** that Gov. Kim Reynolds allocated to the department.



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CULTURE ABOUNDS IN EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THE STATE. REVISIT YOUR FAVORITE IOWA MUSEUM TO RECONNECT WITH HISTORY, ART AND EACH OTHER.

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Want to help encourage Iowans to "[Re-imagine, Re-engage & Reconnect](#)" with local arts and culture? Help spread the word by using a special [campaign toolkit](#) the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs developed with input from creative leaders from across the state. It's full of print and digital marketing materials organizations can use to promote their events and programs now and into the new year. (Pro tip: Tag us [@IowaArtsCouncil](#) so we can retweet and share your posts!)

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## More Grants Awards: Iowa Great Places

A new art and civic center, a historic railroad depot, and a rural sculpture park were among **six projects that received a total of \$950,000 in grants** from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The awards were made through the department's **Iowa Great Places program**, which recognizes communities that have developed clear visions for the future that make the most of authentic local art, culture and history.



*Pictured: City of Clive Greenbelt*

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## Iowa Artist Fellow Spotlight: Paul Brooke



*Paul Brooke in the Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetlands, in southwestern Brazil.*

Paul Brooke, a new [Iowa Artist Fellow](#), teaches creative writing and literary theory at Grand View University and has combined his love of photography and poetry into a half-dozen books. He explores far and wide – and near and small – to understand and appreciate the world's surprising beauty and enormous scope. Read about his adventures to find inspiration from the natural world in Brazil's wetlands, Chile's deserts, Iceland's fjords and the woods around his home north of Ames.

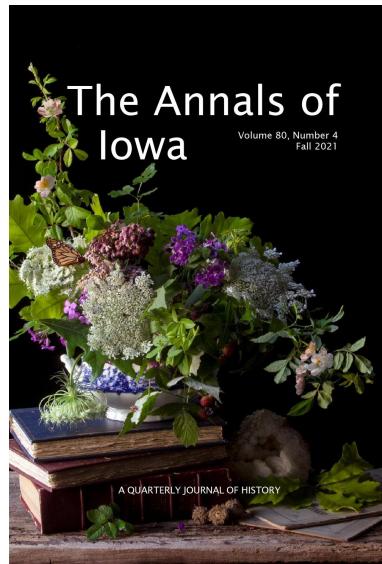
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## The Annals of Iowa Features 17 Iowa Artists

Sometimes art offers a new way to understand history. The latest edition of the State Historical Society of Iowa's quarterly journal, The Annals of Iowa, commemorates [Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary](#) with a range of essays by leading historians, plus original artwork the Iowa Arts Council gathered from 17 Iowa artists who drew inspiration from the state's colorful past and present.

[In this short video](#), hear seven of the contributing artists – **Sara Slee Brown, Jorge Chávez Colorado, Amee Ellis, Tonja Ihlenfeldt, Louise Kames, Akwi Njiand Yun Shin** – discuss the work they contributed to the Annals.

If you'd like a copy of the journal, you can[order one or subscribe online](#).



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*Cover art by Iowa Artist Fellow Molly Wood*

## Grantee Spotlight: New Century Art Guild

The **New Century Art Guild**, based in Elk Horn, is resuming its “Vet-X-Press” art workshops, which offer **veterans and their family members opportunities to express themselves** in an environment that promotes healing and relaxation. The guild also will continue its **Walls of Honor** exhibition, which features emerging and established veteran-artists, and continues to offer remote learning opportunities that it launched during the pandemic. Artists at all levels of experience are welcome for the in-person and virtual workshops that combine visual art, writing music and a



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## **Watch 'Storm Lake' on PBS**



Called "Fascinating! A Portrait of American Resilience and Unity" by The Hollywood Reporter, the Iowa-based film "**Storm Lake**" will be broadcast at 9 p.m. Nov. 15 on national PBS stations and the PBS Video app as part of the Independent Lens series.

The documentary takes viewers inside **The Storm Lake Times**, a family-run newspaper serving an Iowa town that has seen its fair share of changes. **Pulitzer Prize-winning editor Art Cullen** and his family dedicate themselves to keeping the paper alive in an era when local journalism is struggling.

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# State, Regional & Federal Resources

## APAP ArtsForward Grants

With support from the Mellon Foundation, the Association of Performing Arts Professionals' ArtsForward program supports **the safe and equitable return of the live performing and touring arts industry**. More than \$2 million in grants will be awarded to APAP presenter members to help artists and audiences reconnect and venues reopen. **Application deadline: Nov. 15.**



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## Strengthening Communities Grant

Strengthening Communities Grants support organizations that strengthen communities through **youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility** for costs associated with the renovation and maintenance of facility infrastructure at facilities located in cities smaller than 28,000 as determined by the 2010 federal census.

**Application deadline: Nov. 22.**



Burlington Area YMCA

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## Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative

The Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative have announced four new funding opportunities for Iowa communities with a population under 20,000.

- The **Rural Return Program** encourages innovative ideas and creative programming that can attract new residents.
- **Rural Innovation Grants** can be used for planning and project activities that develop local and cultural assets.

**Application deadline: Dec. 1.**



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## New Creative Forces Webinar and Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts launched the Creative Forces program nearly a decade ago to **help service members and their families** cope with the unique experiences and challenges of serving in the military.



- Join the **NEA's Military Healing Arts Network** for a free webinar about the role of creative arts programs serve in military communities. [Register today](#).
- The **Creative Forces Community Engagement Grant program** supports non-clinical arts engagement programs in healthcare, community or virtual settings. The grants will be awarded in two tiers, emerging and advanced. **Application deadline: Dec. 15.**

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## You're invited!

Please join us for a celebration of Iowa's history, arts, culture and film! The 10th annual Celebrate Iowa Gala features Iowa cuisine and entertainment from across our great state.

**Friday, December 10**

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7-11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala  
Historic Scottish Rite Consistory  
519 Park Street, Des Moines



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Admission to the Celebrate Iowa Gala with live music, foods, and beverages.

**-\$125-**

Admission to the Celebrate Iowa Gala with live music, foods, and beverages.

**-\$100-**

Young professional rate for guests aged 40 and younger.

**If you can't attend but would like to make a contribution,**

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Iowa Historical Foundation

600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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## Coming Up

### Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Nov. 15: [Institute of Museum and Library Services Grants](#)

Nov. 15: [APAP ArtsForward](#)

Nov. 22: [Strengthening Communities Grant](#)

Dec. 2: [Arts Midwest's Shakespeare in American Communities](#)

Dec. 15: [Creative Forces Community Engagement Project Grants](#)

Jan. 26: [NEA Big Read](#)

Jan. 28: [Music Education Partnership Grants, Chorus America](#)

### Professional Opportunities

Dec. 31: [Art-Train](#)

### Calls for Artists

Nov. 15: [2022-23 Urbandale Art Park Exhibition](#)

Nov. 30: [Arts Orange County/City of Newport Beach, CA](#)

Nov. 30: [Create! Magazine](#)

Dec. 3: [Polk City Community Visioning Committee](#)

Dec. 11: [Vestige Concept Gallery](#)

Jan. 14: [Omaha Summer Arts Festival](#)

Jan. 31: [Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery, Wartburg College](#)

### Student Opportunities

Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)