



Celebrate Native American Heritage Month

The State Historical Society of Iowa is celebrating **Native American Heritage Month** with a new exhibit at the research center in Iowa City that features items from the collection, including an **1836 territorial map**, an **Acknowledgment of Land Sovereignty**, a **Meskwaki and Sauk Migration map** and other items. Be sure to see the display during your next visit.

The research centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are now **open by appointment** 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Iowa Stories: Coming Back: Food Sovereignty and Healing Trauma

Nov. 18, Noon

Tune in for a discussion with **Meskwaki and Ho-Chunk descendant Stephanie Bad Soldier Snow** about Native American cultural traditions, residual impacts of social injustices, and subsequent steps toward healing.



REGISTER



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

6-7 p.m. VIP Reception

7-11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala

Historic Scottish Rite Consistory

519 Park Street, Des Moines



BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

—\$250—

6 p.m. VIP Reception with exclusive entertainment and cuisine
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,

visit iowaculture.gov/gala or mail your check to:

Iowa Historical Foundation

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

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Induction

Congratulations to **Mary Elizabeth Young Bear**, **Cornelia Clarke** and **Donna Reed**, who were inducted into the **Iowa Women's Hall of Fame** during a virtual ceremony Nov. 6 on the **Iowa Department of Human Rights' Facebook page**.

Born with the Meskwaki name of Bo na bi go, **Mary Elizabeth Young Bear's** contributions as an artist and art conservator, educator, cultural historian, civic leader, political activist, humanitarian, community leader and mentor inspire, empower and motivate all those around her. As the Meskwaki Cultural Center and Museum art conservator and curator, she has helped curate the largest collection of Meskwaki cultural objects in the world. Her own artwork has been recognized by museums and art organizations across the country.



Cornelia Clarke (1884-1936) of Grinnell was among the first Iowa women to investigate the natural world and photograph Iowa's native plant life. More than 1,200 of her photographs were published in magazines, encyclopedias, books and newspapers.

Curious? You can see some of her photos in the State Historical Society of Iowa's **"Cornelia Clarke Botanical Negatives"** collection.

Donna Reed (1921-1986) was born in Denison and is best known for her role in "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) and her Oscar-winning performance in "From Here to Eternity" (1953). She also wrote, directed, produced and starred in "The Donna Reed Show" (1958-1966) at a time when Hollywood reserved most of those jobs for men.

As we round out the **100th anniversary celebration** of Donna Reed's birth, we want to point out two highlights from her career:

"The Donna Reed Show." We compiled a list of **10 iconic episodes** to re-introduce you to one of the most popular family sitcoms in TV history.

"It's a Wonderful Life." Tune in online at noon Dec. 9 for an Iowa History 101 webinar, **"Hollywood & Iowa: 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"** Curators **Christopher Wilson** from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and **Leo Landis** from the State Historical Museum of Iowa will discuss the historical context of this holiday classic 75 years after its debut.



LEARN MORE ABOUT 10
ICONIC EPISODES

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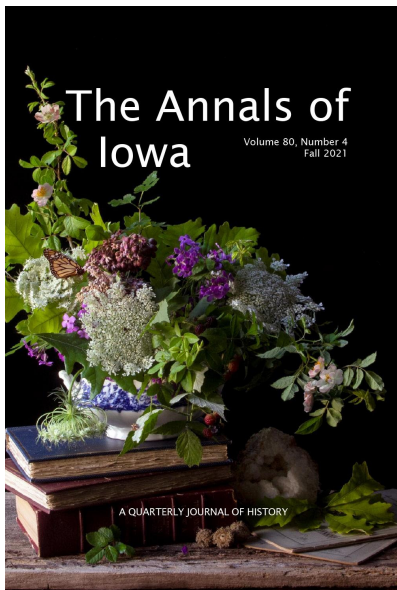
A banner for "DAYS OF LEARNING". At the top, the words "DAYS OF LEARNING" are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a black background. Below this, there is a horizontal strip of three images. The first image on the left shows two women, one in a light-colored button-down shirt and one in a dark jacket, looking at something together. The middle image shows a film set with people and equipment outdoors. The third image on the right is a newspaper clipping with the headline "IOWA STATE BYSTANDER" and a photograph of three young children. Below the images, the words "ART", "FILM", and "HISTORY" are written in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters in blue, purple, and gold respectively.

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' new **Days of Learning** online collection, called "Iowa 175," features a mix of authentic Iowa history, art and film, all curated by department staff and other experts from cultural organizations across the state.

The collection marks **Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary** and offers opportunities to **explore new resources**, including a virtual tour of Hoggatt School, built in 1861-1862; historical highlights from Iowa Film Festivals; access to Iowa's historic newspapers; activities for young historians, and much more.

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The current **Annals of Iowa** is a stunning volume of **thought-provoking** essays by leading historians and **Iowa-inspired art** by artists from across the state – all of which commemorate **Iowa's 175th anniversary of statehood.**

Order a copy or subscribe to read insightful, "big picture" features plus a variety of other topics and points of view on subjects ranging from agriculture and immigration to gender, race, religion and politics.

[SEE BEHIND-THE-SCENES VIDEO](#)

Coming Up Online

Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime

Nov. 17

"**Because of an Acorn**" by Lola Schaefer and Adam Schaefer is up next in the Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime program. **On Nov. 17** learn about the story and how to make colorful paper oak leaves and acorns. (Recommended for children ages 3-7.)

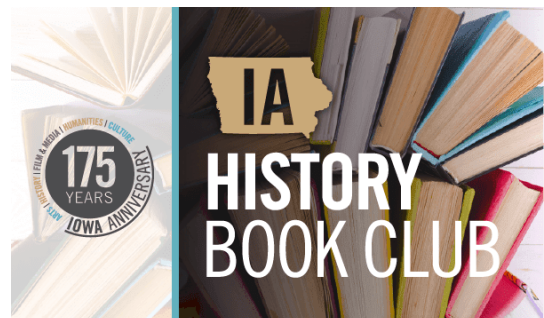


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Iowa History Book Club: 'On Behalf of the Family Farm'

Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

As technology, depopulation and rapid economic changes altered rural life over the last 80 years, Midwestern women met those 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



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[WATCH THE RECENT WEBINAR](#)

History 101 webinar Barker-Devine recently presented on the same subject.

RE IMAGINE
RE ENGAGE
RE CONNECT

IOWA ARTS & CULTURE

RENEW YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC, PERFORMANCES AND ALL THE ARTS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES CULTURALLY VIBRANT.

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Learn more

As the holidays approach, be sure to tap into the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' **"Re-Imagine, Re-Engage and Reconnect" campaign toolkit**. to promote your programs, events and activities. It includes:

- Key messages
- Images for websites, digital newsletters, social media & email signatures
- Sample posts & tweets for social media
- Co-branded advertising templates
- Email signature template
- Press release template

Remember to **tag us on @iowahistory and @iowamuseum** so we can retweet and share your posts.

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We're Hiring

Please spread the word: The State Historical Society of Iowa is **looking for a new coordinator for National History Day in Iowa**. The new coordinator will manage the popular program for Iowa students in grades 6-12 and serve as the state's main point of contact for the National History Day National Office as well as students, teachers, parents and guardians across the state. **Applications are due Dec. 5.**

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Spirit of the Season: Toys for Tots



The State Historical Museum of Iowa invites you to donate to **Toys for Tots** this holiday season. Simply drop a new, unwrapped toy into the collection box at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines from Nov. 18 through Dec. 9. The gifts will be given to area children, from newborns up to 14.

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Call for Nominations: 2022 Most Endangered Properties

During the past 25 years, **Preservation Iowa** has designated more than 200 archaeological sites, churches and other buildings in 69 Iowa counties as endangered properties. If you know of an important building that is threatened, Preservation Iowa encourages you to **nominate it** as one of the 2022 Most Endangered Properties.

Nomination deadline: Dec. 7.



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Coming Up

Nov. 17: [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)

Nov. 18: [Iowa Stories: Coming Back: Food Sovereignty and Healing Trauma](#)

Nov. 24-27: [State Historical Society of Iowa Research Centers and Historic Sites Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday](#)

Nov. 25-27: [State Historical Museum of Iowa Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday](#)

Dec. 7: [Preservation Iowa 2022 Most Endangered Properties](#)

Dec. 9: [Iowa History 101: It's a Wonderful Life](#)

Dec. 9: [Iowa History Book Club: On Behalf of the Family Farm](#)

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

Dec. 15: [Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant](#)

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

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