



You're invited to join us as we celebrate Iowa history, art, culture and film!

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



The **10th annual Celebrate Iowa Gala** features some of the best cuisine and entertainment from across our great state. Here are just a few reasons to attend the gala, which raises funds to support the State Historical Society of Iowa's statewide programs and exhibits:

- Commemorate **Iowa's 175th anniversary of statehood**, coming up Dec. 28.
- Explore the historic **Scottish Rite Consistory**, where this year's gala will take place while the State Historical Building of Iowa is undergoing renovations.
- Feast on **Iowa specialties**, including Younkers Tea Room chicken salad sandwiches, Dutch letters from the Jaarsma Bakery, and kolaches from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Sip a special "**1846 Corn Lager**" from Court Avenue Brewing Co. or "**The 175**," a signature cocktail from the Mississippi River Distilling Co.
- Meet the artists who contributed artwork to the latest edition of **The Annals of Iowa**, watch Malvern artist **Jorge Chávez Colorado** paint an Iowa landscape during the gala, and sit for an original hand-drawn portrait by The Portrait Studio.

– Enjoy live music by the **Awful Purdies**, **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**, **Prairie Strings Quartet** and jazz pianist **Phineas Pope**.

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

–\$250–

Admission to the Celebrate Iowa Gala and the 6 p.m. VIP reception with exclusive entertainment, cuisine and more.

–\$125–

Admission to the Celebrate Iowa Gala at 7 p.m. with live performances, original Iowa-inspired beverages and specialties from Iowa's most popular restaurants.

–\$100–

Admission to the Celebrate Iowa Gala for young professionals, aged 40 and younger.

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

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

Iowa Historical Foundation

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

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'Iowa's People & Places' Guided Tour



Join State Curator **Leo Landis** for a guided tour of the museum's newest exhibition, "**Iowa's People & Places**," and learn about Iowa on the state's 175th statehood anniversary. The 45-minute tours will be offered at **11 a.m.** and **2 p.m.** Dec. 28 and are open to all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance **registration is required** and spots are limited.

Coming Up Online

Iowa History: 'It's a Wonderful Life'

Dec. 9, Noon

Join **Leo Landis**, state curator for 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 tale of redemption. Seventy-five years after its premiere, the movie also offers a historical glimpse at a turbulent era when Americans confronted challenges that remain unsettled today.



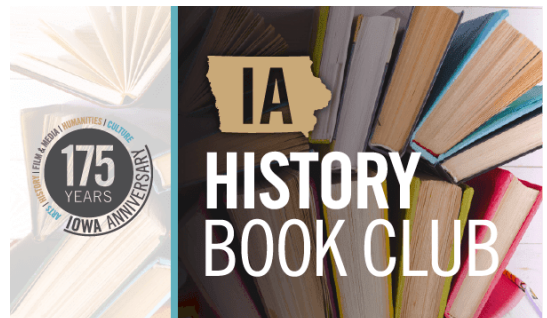
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Iowa History Book Club: 'On Behalf of the Family Farm'

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



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Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime

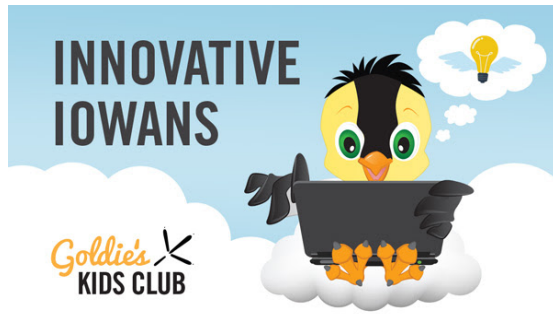
'Winter Days in the Big Woods'

Dec. 15

This new Storytime activity features "Winter Days in the Big Woods," **adapted from the Little House books** by **Laura Ingalls Wilder**. Enjoy the book and learn how to make your own butter when the program is digitally released Dec. 15.



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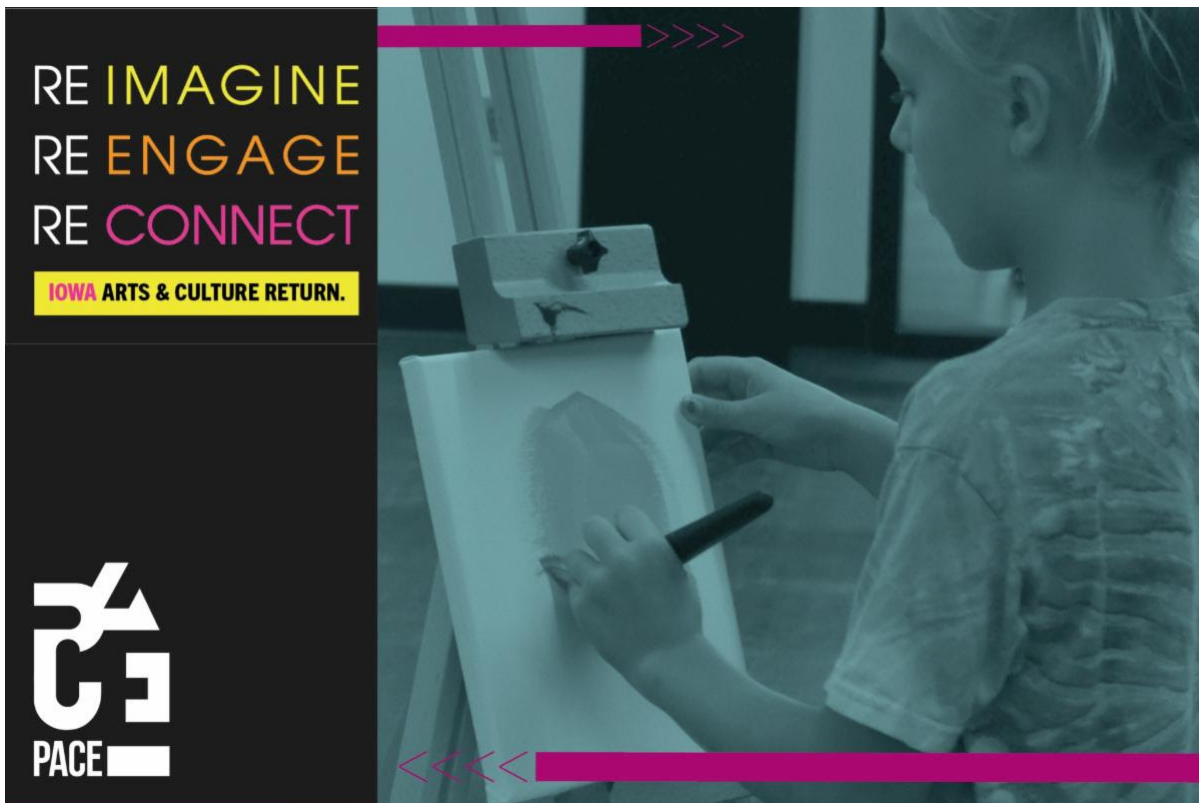


Goldie's Kids Club: Innovative Iowans

'Let It Snow'

Released on Dec. 4, this Innovative Iowans activity features legendary Iowa meteorologist **Russ Van Dyke**. Learn about his career at **KCCI-TV** and then make snowstorm in a jar.

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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' new campaign to encourage Iowans to "**Re-Imagine, Re-Engage & Reconnect**" with local art and history is catching on, thanks to organizations like Pottawattamie Arts, Culture and Entertainment in Council Bluffs. It used the campaign toolkit to make a graphic (above) to promote its activities.

Iowa history organizations can help spread the word, too, by using the toolkit to enhance messages in print and online with images, sample posts for social media, and templates for co-branded advertising, emails and press releases. (Remember to tag us @iowahistory and @iowamuseum so we can share your posts.

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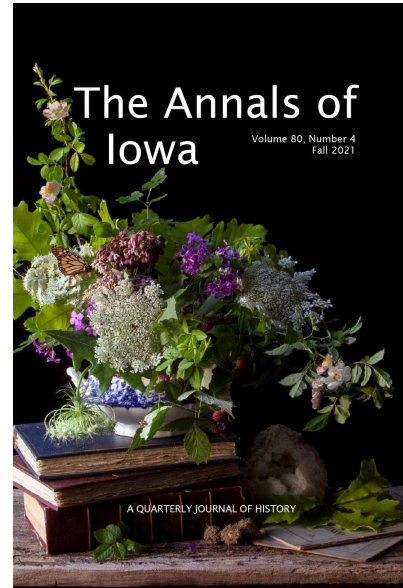
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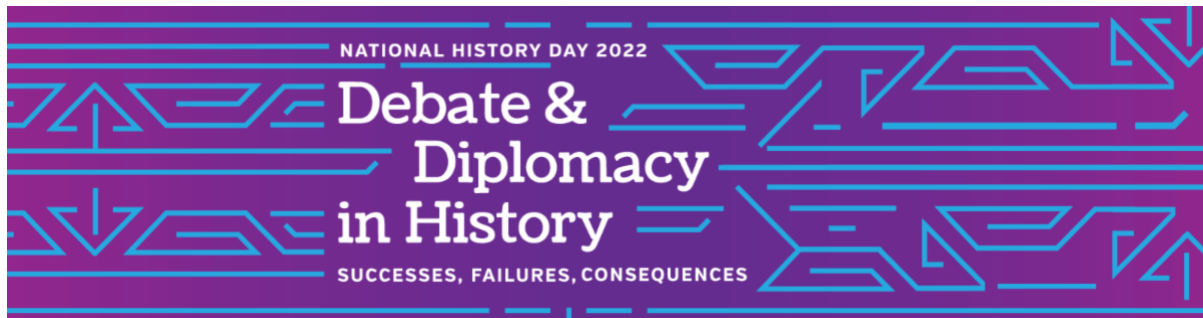
The latest edition is a stunning volume of **thought-provoking essays** by leading historians and **Iowa-inspired art** by artists from across the state, all focused on Iowa's 175th anniversary.

Order a copy or subscribe to read a variety of points of view on agriculture, immigration, gender, race, religion, politics and more.



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Volunteer to be a National History Day Judge

It's December, which means Iowa history students are busy doing research and preparing papers, websites and more for **National History Day in Iowa**. But they could use your help: Volunteer to be a judge at the upcoming district and state contests, and you'll receive online training – and our thanks.

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Research Centers Extend Hours

The State Historical Society of Iowa **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. Be sure to **check our holiday hours** this month before scheduling your visit.

Prepare for your visit by using our new unified, user-friendly **online catalog** to research the collections. The new system provides greater access to the state's collection of more than 200 million pieces of Iowa history, available to anyone with an internet connection, anywhere in the world.

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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**. Simply drop a new, unwrapped toy into the collection box at the State Historical Museum of Iowa through this Thursday, 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

Dec. 7: Nomination deadline: Preservation Iowa's 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: Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime: 'Winter Days in the Big Woods'

Dec. 15: Application deadline: Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant

Dec. 15: Museum Education Assistant Internship

Dec. 15: State Archives Internship

Dec. 28: Iowa People & Places Exhibition Tour

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

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