



## Nominations for Board and Statewide Awards

The past year has posed many challenges, but Iowans and others remained undaunted in the study and practice of our state's history. To honor their efforts, the State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking nominations to serve on its **12-person board of trustees**, as well as its **Excellence in Iowa History Awards**, which honor individuals, organizations and communities that made outstanding contributions to Iowa history in 2021. Awards recognize publications, local history initiatives and major achievements in Iowa history. **Nomination deadlines:** **Jan. 2** for the Shambaugh Award for books, **Feb. 1** for all other history awards, and **March 1** for the board nominations.

*Pictured: Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg with members of the Pella Historical Society and the Wallace Winkie Foundation during the Excellence in Iowa History Award ceremony in 2018.*

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RIVERA AND AYALA FAMILY MEMBERS explored north-central Iowa by Chevrolet automobile in the 1930s.

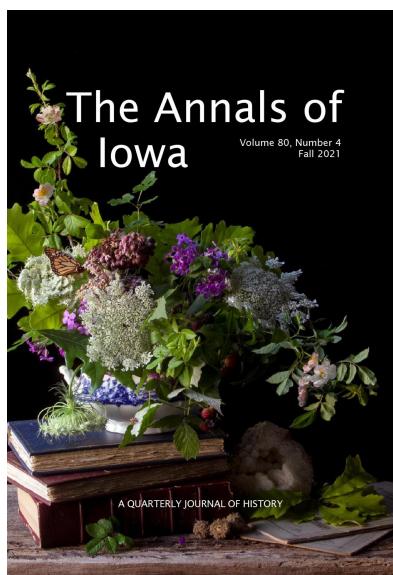
## Iowa's 175th Statehood Anniversary is Dec. 28

Iowa's big day is right around the corner, on Dec. 28, and the State Historical Society of Iowa offers several excellent opportunities to help you celebrate the occasion.

**Proclamation:** Gov. Kim Reynolds plans to issue a proclamation to mark the state's 175th anniversary on Dec. 28. Check our [YouTube channel](#) on Dec. 28 for a video of the signing.

**Guided Tours:** State Curator Leo Landis will lead two 45-minute tours, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 28 of the "[Iowa's People & Places](#)" exhibition at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Inspired by the 175th anniversary, the artifact-filled exhibition traces Iowa's history from its earliest settlements to more recent developments in the 21st century. The free tours are open to all ages, but [registration is required](#).

**Goldie's Kids Club: History Mystery:** Young historians can commemorate the 175th statehood anniversary with the next Goldie's Kids Club "[History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)" program. Museum staff will lead a virtual program that encourages children to examine artifacts and historic images to figure out how the objects were used and who might have used them. The program is free, but [registration is required](#). **10 a.m. Dec. 28 on Zoom.**



**The Annals of Iowa:** 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, and check out this [behind-the-scenes video](#) about the publication, too.

**More:** Be sure to peruse an array of online and in-person [175th anniversary programs](#), including webinars, a book club and activities for children.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY

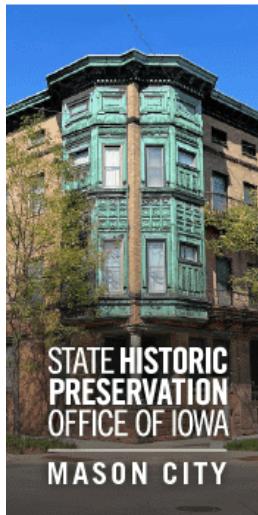
## Humanities Project Grants Awards Announced

A lecture and recital series that traces the **origins of various musical genres created by women**. An exhibition about the earliest **sketches and paintings of central and western Iowa** paired with contemporary photos of the same locations. An exhibition about **underrepresented communities in Iowa**.

These are three of the 31 projects that will receive nearly \$365,000 in **Humanities Project Grants**, which were announced last week by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The statewide grant program supports public humanities projects and educational programs that encourage contemplation, spark conversation and invite communities to explore the human experience.



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## Preserve Iowa Summit: June 2-4 in Mason City

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its State Historic Preservation Office, the city of Mason City, and the Mason City Historic Preservation invite you to the ninth annual **Preserve Iowa Summit June 2-4 in Mason City**.

The state's premier conference for historic preservation professionals and consultants will showcase some of Mason City's historic preservation projects, which have attracted national and international attention. Condé Nast Traveler recently listed Mason City among the **world's best cities for architecture lovers**, rich with Prairie School landmarks, including Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic hotel.

**Call for Presentations:** The planning team is looking for high-quality presentations that would appeal to historic preservation professionals and volunteers, including plenaries, breakout presentations and hands-on workshops, as well as local tours. If you'd like to attend at no cost, consider leading a session or workshop. **Proposals are due Jan. 14**, and presenters will be notified in February.

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Thank you to all who supported the **10th annual Celebrate Iowa Gala** through sponsorships, donations and ticket purchases. You helped raise **more than \$125,000** for State Historical Society of Iowa programs and exhibits offered throughout the state. If you were not able to attend but would like to make a donation, visit [iowaculture.gov/gala](http://iowaculture.gov/gala) or mail your check to: Iowa Historical Foundation, **600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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[Iowa History 101: 'Camping While Black'](#)

**Jan. 13, Noon**

Join **Sarah Eikleberry of St. Ambrose University** to explore the ways Black communities in the Midwest forged access to residential summer camps, a practice that evolved into a quintessential experience of American childhood during the early to mid-20th century. (*Pictured: Blue Triangle Girls at camp in Boone, Iowa.*)



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**Iowa History 101: American Indian Resistance to American Settler Colonialism in the Midwest**

**Jan. 27, Noon**

Join **Patrick J. Jung of the Milwaukee School of Engineering** as he discusses how American Indians in the Midwest resisted the United States and its project of settler colonialism in the 19th century.

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**Iowa History 101: Bread for My Enemies: The Friendship Train in Iowa**

**Feb. 10, Noon**

Join **David Mills, associate professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College** at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as he shares the story of the Friendship Train, which collected food for Europe following World War II.



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## **Re-Imagine, Re-Engage, Reconnect**

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' campaign to encourage Iowans to "[Re-Imagine, Re-Engage and Reconnect](#)" with local history, art and culture is catching on. Organizations can use the [campaign toolkit](#) to enhance their messages in print and online with images, sample social media posts, and templates for co-branded advertising, emails and

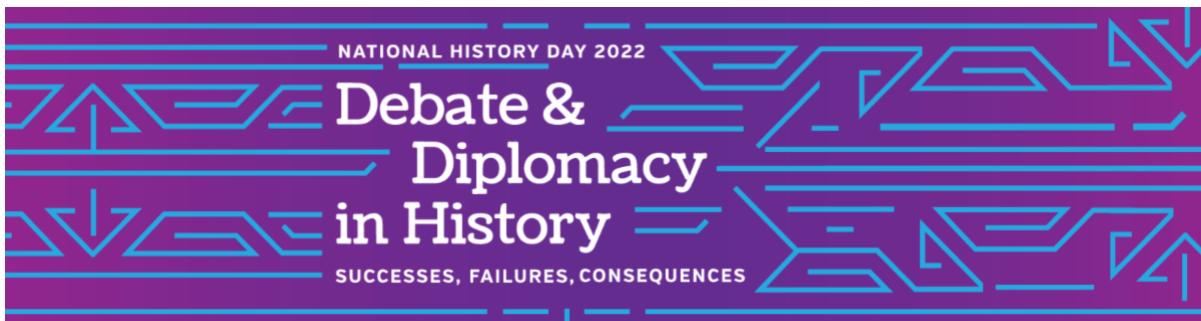
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press releases. (Tag us @IowaMuseum so we can share your posts!)

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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, videos, websites and more for **National History Day in Iowa**.

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.

To prepare, check out our 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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## Coming Up

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

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