

## Present a Session at the Preserve Iowa Summit

The annual **Preserve Iowa Summit** is set for **June 2-4 in Mason City** and the planning team is looking for high-quality presentations that would appeal to historic preservation professionals and volunteers. Proposals could include plenaries, breakout presentations and hands-on workshops, as well as local tours and other ideas. If you'd like to attend the summit at no cost, consider leading a session or workshop. **Proposals are due Jan. 14**, and presenters will be notified in February.

In 2022, 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.

The summit is presented by Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its State Historic Preservation Office, the city of Mason City, and the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission.

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## Nominations for the Board and Statewide Awards

The State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking nominations to serve on its **12-member 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. The awards recognize publications, local history initiatives and major achievements in Iowa history.

**Nomination deadlines:**

**Feb. 1** for history awards.

**March 1** for the board nominations.



*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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## Portraits of Iowans Photo Album

To help commemorate Iowa's recent **175th statehood anniversary**, we asked Iowans like you to create and submit self-portraits to celebrate the people who shape the state today. And you responded in big numbers! You can [see the collection](#) online.

[SEE THE COLLECTION](#)

There's still time to [submit a self-portrait](#), and if you belong to an organization that would like to request 25 or more self-portrait postcards, just [let us know](#) and we'll send you a stack in a single envelope.

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*Blue Triangle Girls at a camp in Boone.*



*A traditional Meskwaki home.*

**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.

**REGISTER**

**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.

**REGISTER**

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

**Feb. 10, Noon**



The Friendship Train.

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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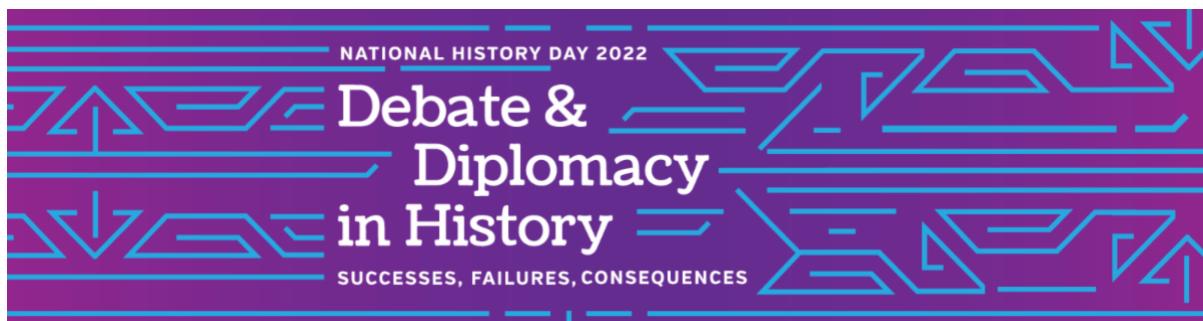
RECONNECT WITH THE PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS THAT MAKE OUR STATE UNIQUE. REDISCOVER HISTORY, CULTURE AND EVERYTHING THAT ENLIVENS OUR WORLD!

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

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**Volunteer to be a National History Day Judge**

Students across the state are conducting historical research and preparing exhibits, papers, videos, websites, presentations and for **National History Day in Iowa**.

They could use your help: Consider volunteering to be a judge at the upcoming district and state contests, and you'll receive online training – and our thanks.

## VOLUNTEER



## Welcome the New Year with Goldie's Kids Club

Kick off the new year with Goldie's Kids Club and a number of fun ways to learn about Iowa's past.

For starters, join the [\*\*History Mystery\*\*](#) virtual program at 10 a.m. on [\*\*Jan. 8\*\*](#). The virtual program will take place on Zoom, but spots are limited so [\*\*sign up\*\*](#) early.

A new [\*\*Innovative Iowans\*\*](#) activity will be posted online on Jan. 8. If you've ever wondered what your neighborhood looked like 100 years ago, you'll enjoy this activity that invites young historians to explore and examine Sanborn Insurance Maps to understand the evolution of a Des Moines neighborhood between 1884 and 1920.

Plus, a new [\*\*Storytime\*\*](#) activity will be posted online on Jan. 19. It features "The Keeping Quilt," by Patricia Polacco, with instructions to make your very own friendship quilt.

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## Coming Up

[\*\*Jan. 8: Goldie's Kids Club: History Mystery\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Jan. 14: Deadline for Preserve Iowa Summit presentation proposals\*\*](#)

[\*\*Jan. 19: Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime\*\*](#)

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**March 1: Deadline for Board of Trustees nominations**

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

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