

2022 Iowa History Book Club Kicks Off Feb. 3

Back by popular demand, the State Historical Society of Iowa's book club returns this year with a new lineup of entertaining and thought-provoking books and authors.

The Iowa History Book Club will kick off its second year in February when **Art Cullen**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editor and co-owner of the Storm Lake Times, will talk about his book "**Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland.**" The Cullen family and their paper are also the subjects of "**Storm Lake**," an award-winning documentary about their fight to save Iowa's small-town newspapers.



Later in 2022, the book club will feature Richard Bennett's "**Mormons at the Missouri**" in April, John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" in September, and Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**" in December.

Each online discussion will be led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of The Annals of Iowa, the quarterly history journal published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Photo: Art Cullen, by Tom Wallace

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Preserve Iowa Summit in Mason City June 2-4

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

The **state's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation** will showcase some of Mason City's extraordinary historic preservation projects, which have attracted national and even international attention. **Condé Nast Traveler** listed Mason City among the **world's 20 best cities for architecture lovers**, and locals are justly proud of their **Prairie School landmarks**, including **Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic hotel.**

Who should attend?

- Historic property owners
- Members of historic preservation commissions
- Students of historic preservation, planning, interior design and architecture
- Main Street staff and board members
- Preservation professionals and consultants
- Developers and planning professionals
- Local government officials, community leaders and civic organizations
- Architects
- Anyone interested in local history!

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Nominations for the Board and Statewide Awards

The State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking nominations for its **12-member board of trustees**, as well as



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.

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 board nominations.

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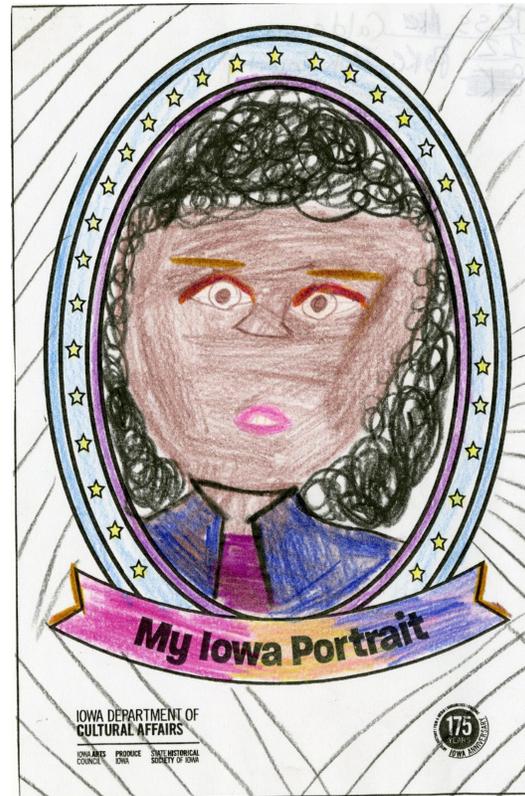
Portraits of Iowans Photo Album

To 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.

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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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A traditional Meskwaki home.

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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The Friendship Train.

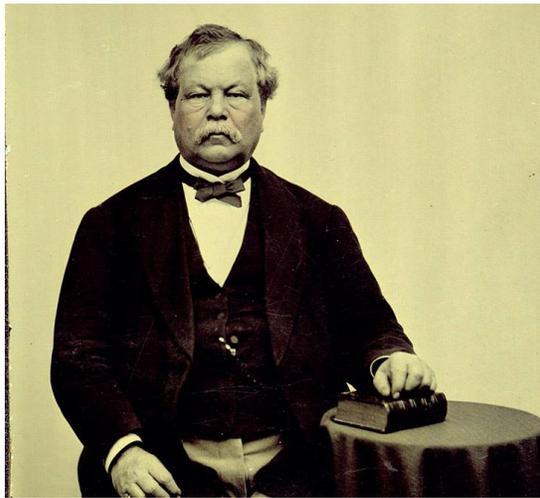
Iowa History 101: Bread for My Enemies: The Friendship Train in Iowa

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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Iowa History 101: David W. Kilbourne: The Creation of an Iowa Anti-Mormon



David W. Kilbourne

Feb. 24, Noon

Join **Brady Winslow**, secondary school history teacher, as he discusses the forces that created conflict between the Mormons who settled in Nauvoo and in southeastern Iowa and David W. Kilbourne, an early settler and land agent in the area.

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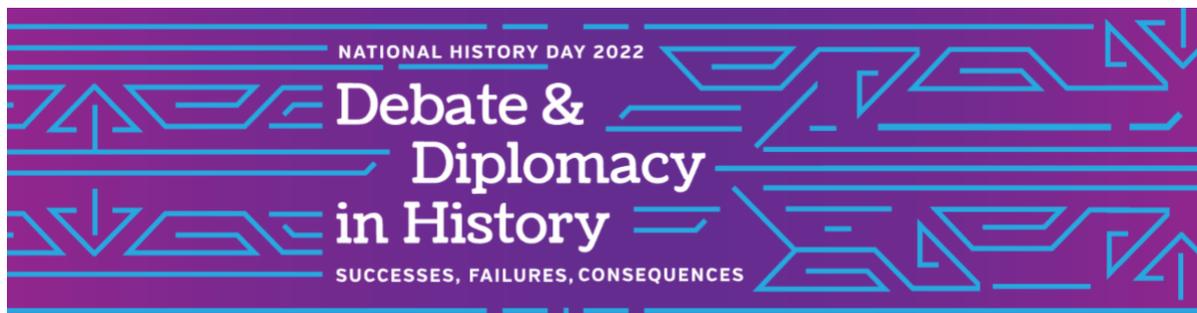
Re-Imagine, Re-Engage, Reconnect in Dubuque

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' campaign to encourage Iowans to **Re-Imagine, Re-Engage and Reconnect** with local history, art and culture continues to grow, thanks in part to the city of Dubuque. Leaders there used the **campaign toolkit** to encourage people to enjoy Dubuque's picturesque and pedestrian-friendly downtown with their furry companions, explore historic landmarks and see dozens of murals.

Image: Baxter Trixie

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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.

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Marshalltown teacher and student selected for National History Day's 'Sacrifice for Freedom' program

Congratulations to Marshalltown High School teacher **Susan Fritzell** and one of her students, **Leticia Herrera**, for being selected as one of 16 teacher-student teams in the country to participate in "**Sacrifice for Freedom: World War II in the Pacific Student & Teacher Institute**."



Fritzell and Herrera will spend the semester researching the life of a fallen military member from the Marshalltown area who is buried or memorialized at the **National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu**. In July, they will travel to Hawaii to learn more and deliver a eulogy for the fallen hero.

The program is coordinated by **National History Day** and sponsored by the **Pearl Harbor Historic Site Partners**, including Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, Pacific Historic Parks, USS Missouri Memorial Association, and Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum at Pearl Harbor.

Photo: Marshalltown Times-Republican

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Coming Up

Jan. 19: Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime

Jan. 27: Iowa History 101: American Indian Resistance to American Settler Colonialism in the Midwest

Feb. 1: Deadline for nominations for Excellence in History Awards

Feb. 3: [Iowa History Book Club: Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland](#)

Feb. 10: [Iowa History 101: Bread for My Enemies: The Friendship Train in Iowa](#)

Feb. 24: [Iowa History 101: David. W. Kilbourne: The Creation of an Iowa Anti-Mormon](#)

April 14: [Iowa History Book Club: Mormons at the Missouri](#)

Sept. 22: [Iowa History Book Club: American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace](#)

Dec. 1: [Iowa History Book Club: Dakota in Exile](#)

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

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