

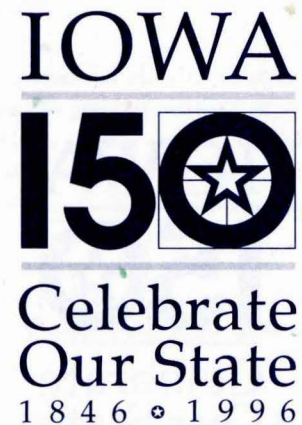
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THANKS IOWA!

*See you at the
Bicentennial
December 28, 2046!*



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FREE shuttle service is available between the Iowa Historical Building and the State Capitol from 11 am-5 pm. (See map for shuttle stop locations.) Shuttles will stop on Court Avenue from 11 am-2 pm for visitors who would like to eat lunch at one of the area's many restaurants. Lunch is also available in the Capitol Cafeteria and the Terrace Cafe in the Iowa Historical Building.



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friend:

As Governor of Iowa, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to our Statehood Day celebration.

Statehood Day is a spectacular close to an outstanding Sesquicentennial year. 1996 has been the greatest celebration in Iowa history. It has reached all ninety-nine counties and has touched Iowa communities large and small. The greatest legacy of our Sesquicentennial will undoubtedly be the renewed sense of pride that has been generated in the hearts and minds of Iowans.

I want to thank you for taking part in Statehood Day. This is a time for you to enjoy your state capital and learn more about this beautiful state and its people.

As 1996 draws to an end, we turn our attention to the future. The Sesquicentennial has helped us have a better understanding of our past and the challenge before us is to use what we've learned to build a bright future that embodies the spirit of Iowa.

Happy Birthday, Iowa!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor of Iowa

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MESSAGE FROM THE IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Our Sesquicentennial year has been a time of celebration and renewal for Iowa and its people.

Iowans have always recognized that our state is an irreplaceable jewel in America's landscape. In a world of ballyhoo and overnight sensations, we value Iowa's strong, quiet virtues: its gentle beauty, its "old fashioned" traditions of civility and hard work, its deeply rooted sense of community. We also take honest pride in our dynamic side: our pioneering spirit, our leadership in business, our achievements in research and education.

During our Sesquicentennial year, we have celebrated our state in thousands of ways: statewide festivals and backyard barbecues, symphonies and parades, historic preservation projects, films, books, videos and bike rides. Each celebration has given us another opportunity to learn more about the character and culture of our state -- about what makes us Iowans.

We on the Iowa Sesquicentennial Commission have enjoyed helping make this all happen. We thank the thousands of volunteers and the many others we have met and worked with during our four years of service and we look forward to the future with enthusiasm. In the hands of Iowans, our state is in very good hands, indeed.

Happy birthday Iowa!



Chairman



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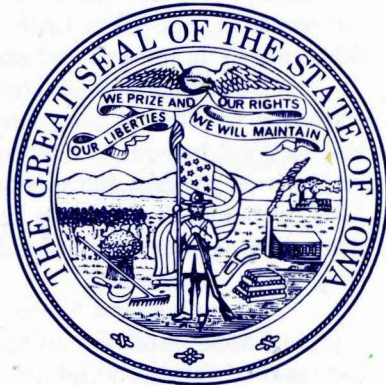
Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt of Knoxville, a member of the Iowa chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, designed Iowa's state flag in 1917. The flag was created in response to Iowa National Guardsmen who saw other states' banners flying along the Mexican border during World War I.



Photo Courtesy of Ty Smedes

The Iowa Legislature designated the Wild Rose as the official flower in 1897. It was chosen because it was one of the decorations used on the silver service which the state presented to the battleship USS Iowa that same year.

One of the official acts of the first Iowa Legislature was to create the Great Seal of the State of Iowa in 1847. The two-inch diameter seal pictures a citizen soldier standing in a wheat field surrounded by farming and industrial tools, with the Mississippi River in the background. An eagle is overhead, holding in its beak a scroll bearing the state motto, *Our liberties we prize, our rights we will maintain.*"



The Iowa Legislature designated the Eastern Goldfinch as the official state bird in 1933. It was chosen because it is commonly found in Iowa and often remains in the state through the winter.



Photo Courtesy of Ty Smedes

The Geode became the official state rock in 1967. Because Iowa is well known for the presence of Geode, it was chosen in an effort to promote tourism in the state.

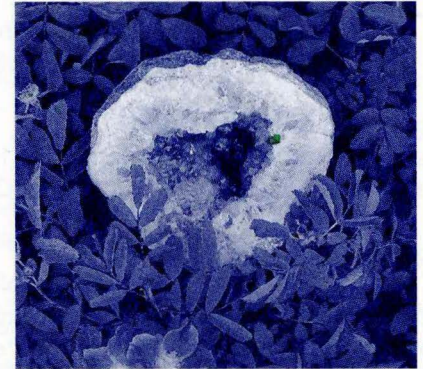


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The Oak was designated as the official state tree in 1961. The legislature chose the Oak because it is abundant in the state and serves as shelter, food and nesting cover for many animals and birds.

IOWA STATE CAPITOL

A CAPITOL EVENT! Friday, December 27, 6-9pm--Reception under the dome, historical ceremony in the House Chamber and elegant dinner in the Capitol Rotunda to benefit the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Main Level (1st Floor)

Past-Present-Future Vignettes:

11 am-5 pm Experience Iowa of the past, present and future in the offices of the governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor and the Iowa Supreme Court where dignitaries will perform short vignettes. State Mock Trial Winners Pocahontas High School and St. Pius X Junior High School of Cedar Rapids will put on trials of the future.

North Hallway Mini-Stage:

Magic Shows with Eric Anderson at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm.
Ventriloquist Mary Anderson & Suzi Q at 12 Noon, 2 pm and 4 pm.

Community Stage Entertainment:

11 am **Sweet Adelines, Golden Circle Showtime Chorus,** Central Iowa--This extraordinary women's a capella chorus performs "Iowa Sings," a special offering for the Sesquicentennial, which highlights 150 years of Iowa history.

11:30 am **J&J Community Gospel,** Des Moines, is dedicated to "ministering in music," spreading God's wonderful words through song.

12 noon **Village Voices,** DeWitt, is a volunteer vocal group of men and women. They perform an annual concert in April.

12:30 pm **The Chorale of Des Moines Children's Chorus** brings together the finest young vocal musicians from Central Iowa. Founded in 1981, it consists of eight choruses of 215 children from 8 counties. The Chorale tours the US and abroad.

1 pm **Celebration Singers,** Van Buren County--Seven singers and an accompanist will perform Iowa patriotic and show songs with choreography.

1:30 pm **Waukee High School's 7:30 Singers** perform music ranging from Big Band to contemporary jazz, and appear at school, community and church events and Midwest jazz competitions.

IOWA STATE CAPITOL (continued)

Community Stage Entertainment (continued):

2 pm **Sound Exchange Quartet,** Greater Des Moines--This energetic men's quartet sings four-part harmony in barbershop style. All are members of Pride of Iowa Chorus.

2:30 pm **Luren Singing Society,** Decorah--The largest, oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in the US is 128 years old. They have toured Norway 4 times and sung for the King of Norway 5 times.

3 pm **Armstrong-Ringsted School**--These 4th graders (now 5th) celebrated Iowa's Sesquicentennial all year long. Today's performance, their 7th, was written under the direction of Mrs. Lyle Bensen.

3:30 pm **Judi Brown & Kids Company,** Des Moines--Children's music plus Sesquicentennial songs written and sung by Iowa school children.

4 pm **The Warings' Bluegrass,** Jesup--A family of four playing traditional and new bluegrass music.

4:30 pm **The Songsters,** Audubon, was started in 1981 as pre-show entertainers for the Country Players Dinner Theater. They sing jazz, pop and Broadway tunes at service group and church events.

Special Activities:

Virtuality 2000--Try your hand at the most advanced virtual reality game system available today. (Room 116 on main level, SE corner)

Let's Go Fishing--Everyone dreams of catching the big one. Try your luck on this state-of-the-art simulator. (Room 116)

Einstein the Robot--A high-tech man-of-the-future will be roaming the halls of the Capitol all day.

Displays:

99 County Flags (Rotunda and east staircase)

Sesquicentennial Corporate Partner Displays (west hallway)

Iowa's First Lady Dolls--Learn from creators Judy Sutcliffe and Lorraine Larsen, Audubon. This Bicentennial project by former First Lady Billie Ray was dedicated Dec. 28, 1976. (south hallway)

Iowa Bell Chapter Display--Come ring sleigh bells, school bells, tire bells, cow bells, church chimes, and more. (room 118, NE corner)

"MOSES" Man Of Steel Enlisted Soldier--created by Donco Air Products, Albion. (SE corner of Rotunda)

Upper Level (2nd Floor)

Past-Future Vignettes:

11am-5 pm Step into the House of Representatives of the Past and the Senate of the Future to see reenactments of Iowa's proud past and speculation on our promising future.

Children's Activities:

11am-5pm Children's Make 'n Take art activities, created by Cindy Krauel, Carroll (2nd floor, top of main stairs)

Law Library Mini-Stage:

11-2 pm **Catron Grieves**, Iowa City, is an Oklahoma Cherokee and a published poet and short story writer exploring Iowa's heritage.

2-3 pm **Storytelling with Betty Husted**, West Des Moines--As Aunt Betty, Ms. Husted spins special tales for children.

3-4 pm **Dwight Lamb & Lloyd Snow**--Mr. Lamb, mayor of Onawa, has been fiddling for 40 years and comes from a family with many generations of fiddlers. Mr. Snow, a farmer from Castana, plays the guitar and mandolin, and sings old country songs and ballads.

4-5 pm **Storytelling with Betty Husted**

Displays:

Quilts: Linn-Marr Intermediate School 5th and 6th graders, Marion, created this quilt following their Sesquicentennial tour of Iowa.

Cornell School 4th graders, Des Moines, worked on this Sesquicentennial design with parents and community members.

Woodbine School Internet Project--Students share their community and Iowa with students across the state, the US and the world.

Lower Level (Basement)

Display:

PrISUM Cynergy, Iowa State University's Solar Car, is designed, built and raced by students gaining hands-on multidisciplinary learning experiences with this alternative form of energy for the future.

Women's Restroom	First Aid Station	Performer Check-In
Men's Restroom	Capitol Cafeteria	Volunteer Check-In

FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 5:15 PM AND CAN BE VIEWED FROM THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST SIDES OF THE CAPITOL!

Auditorium:

11 am **"Fighting for My Country: Joan of Arc,"** A History Day Play, by Heidi Johanningmeier, Nashua--This 9th grader portrays the 15th century French heroine who was burned at the stake for organizing a military resistance.

11:30 am **"Tell Me A Story of Iowa"**--The Des Moines Playhouse Actors on Tour presents Cynthia Mercati Prigge's captivating tale of Buffy, a 1990s Iowa teenager who finds herself among come-to-life characters in an Iowa museum.

1 pm **"Did Ya Know"**-- Spencer Community Children's Theater presents "Did Ya Know," an original musical written by Connie Goeken and Tim Frank. The Children's Theater is three years old and stages two to four productions per year involving children ages 9 to 15.

2:30 pm **"Help Me Levi,"** A History Day Performance, by Christopher Green, Long Grove--Portraying Levi Coffin, the so-called "president" of the Underground Railroad, 8th grader Christopher Green depicts Coffin's call to free slaves.

3 pm **"Grant Wood, An Iowa Rebel"**--The Des Moines Playhouse portrays Cynthia Mercati's biography of world-famous American painter, Iowan Grant Wood.

SE Atrium:

All day **Touring Arts Team Performances**--During 1996, the Iowa Arts Council's Sesquicentennial Touring Arts Teams traveled the state sharing diverse art forms while exploring the history and culture of each host community. Now, for the first time, the artists come together to interact with the public on Statehood Day. Activities will take place from 11 am-3 pm with a Grande Finale at 4 pm.

TAT Artists:

"Fax" John Faxon Gilbert, Jr., Fairfield	Dave Moore, Iowa City
Catron Grieves, Iowa City	Marck Nystrom, Boone
Lana Lyddon Hatten, Mitchellville	Cyndi Prigge, Waukee
Mike Haverkamp, Iowa City	Dr. Jacqueline Kay
Chris Langille, Malvern	Thompson, Ottumwa
Mary Mello, Mason City	

IOWA HISTORICAL BUILDING (continued)

Atrium Stairs:

- 11 am Touring Arts Team (TAT) Interactive Activities
12:30 pm "Help Me Levi," by Christopher Green, Long Grove
1 pm Touring Arts Team Interactive Activities
3:30 pm "Fighting for My Country: Joan of Arc," by Heidi Johanningmeier, Nashua
4 pm Touring Arts Team Grand Finale

Special Activities:

- Timeline Mural and Message-for-the-Future Activity (NW Atrium)
Giant Happy Birthday Card (SW Atrium)
Visual Arts Activities (NW Gallery)

3rd Floor Classroom:

- 11 am-1 pm Children's Games
1-3 pm KDSM Fox 17's Michele Brown and KC Fox present an Iowa Trivia Contest with exciting prizes
3-5 pm Children's Games

Displays:

- History Day Project Exhibits (SW Atrium): "Speaking for the Mad, Dorothea Dix: Taking a Stand for Lunacy," by Danielle Collins, Cedar Rapids; "Hazelton Amish Take a Stand on School Issue," by Kortney Herink, Gladbrook; and "Nonsubscription to Conscription: The Vietnam War," by Ben Oriatt, Urbandale
Iowa Sesquicentennial Quilt by the Iowa Quilters Guild (2nd Floor)
Governor's Sesquicentennial Timeline (NW Gallery)
Very Special Arts Iowa Statewide Call for Children's Art (NW Gallery)
History Day Videos (Resource Center): "United We Stand," by Josh Calhoun, Des Moines, and "Traces of the Mormon Trail," by Richard Goering, Agency

Curator's Tours of Permanent Exhibits:

- 11 am Pressed in Time
12 noon You Gotta Know the Territory
1 pm Flowers of the Iowa Sea
2 pm The Delicate Balance
3 pm We've Gotcha Covered
4 pm You Gotta Know the Territory

**BIRTHDAY CAKE WILL BE SERVED IN THE ATRIUM AT 4 PM!
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 5:15 PM!**

DES MOINES CONVENTION CENTER Iowa's 150th Birthday Party, 6-9 pm

MENU

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| Antipasto Trays of Sliced Salami and Cheeses, Artichoke Hearts and Marinated Mushrooms | Imported and Domestic Cheeses with Red Grapes |
| Cheesecakes of Blue Cheese, Onion and Bacon with Crackers | Red Potatoes Stuffed with Pesto |
| Corn Fritters with Bacon and Ham, flavored with Jalapeño | Vegetable Crudite with Dips |
| Buffalo Wings and Ranch Dressing | Pork Stuffed Mushrooms |
| Roast Rounds of Beef served with Horseradish and Spicy Mustard | Applesauce Meatballs |
| Roast Loin of Smoked Pork served with Peppercorn Sauce & Raisin Chutney | Three Pepper Pinwheels |
| Birthday Cake Squares, Lemon Bars, Pumpkin Squares, Double Fudge Brownies, Apple Crisps and Chocolate Chip Cookies | BBQ Pork Riblets |
| | Chicken Sesame & Mustard Sauce |
| | Cheese Stuffed Ravioli with Red Sauce |
| | Breast of Turkey served with BBQ Sauce and Mayonnaise |
| | Coca-Cola Products, Coffee, Wine and Beer |

See displays showcasing all 99 counties' Sesquicentennial projects!

ENTERTAINMENT

Toe-tapping and listening music on Lower Level:

- 5:15-6 pm Guy and Hannah Drollinger (Lobby Area)
6-6:45 pm The Des Moines Symphony Woodwind Quintet
7-8 pm Dave Moore (break at 7:30 pm)
8:15-9 pm The Matney Sisters

Dance music on Upper Level:

- 6-6:45 pm Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen
7-8 pm Pella High Jazz Combo (break at 7:30 pm)
8:15-9 pm "BF" Burt & the Instigators

FORMAL PROGRAM, 7:30 pm

- J. Scott Raecker, Iowa Sesquicentennial Commission
Hon. Joy Corning, Lt. Governor of Iowa
Hon. Terry E. Branstad, Governor of Iowa
Hon. Robert D. Ray, ISC Chairman and former Governor of Iowa
C.J. Niles, ISC Co-Chair and Carroll Chamber of Commerce

SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY IOWA," BIRTHDAY CAKE & BALLOONS!

MY STATEHOOD DAY PHOTOGRAPH:



MY STATEHOOD DAY MEMORIES!

I went to Statehood Day with:

I participated in these activities:

I was most impressed by:

The weather was:

About me/my family/my friends today:

What I want to share with my descendants:

Happy Birthday Iowa!



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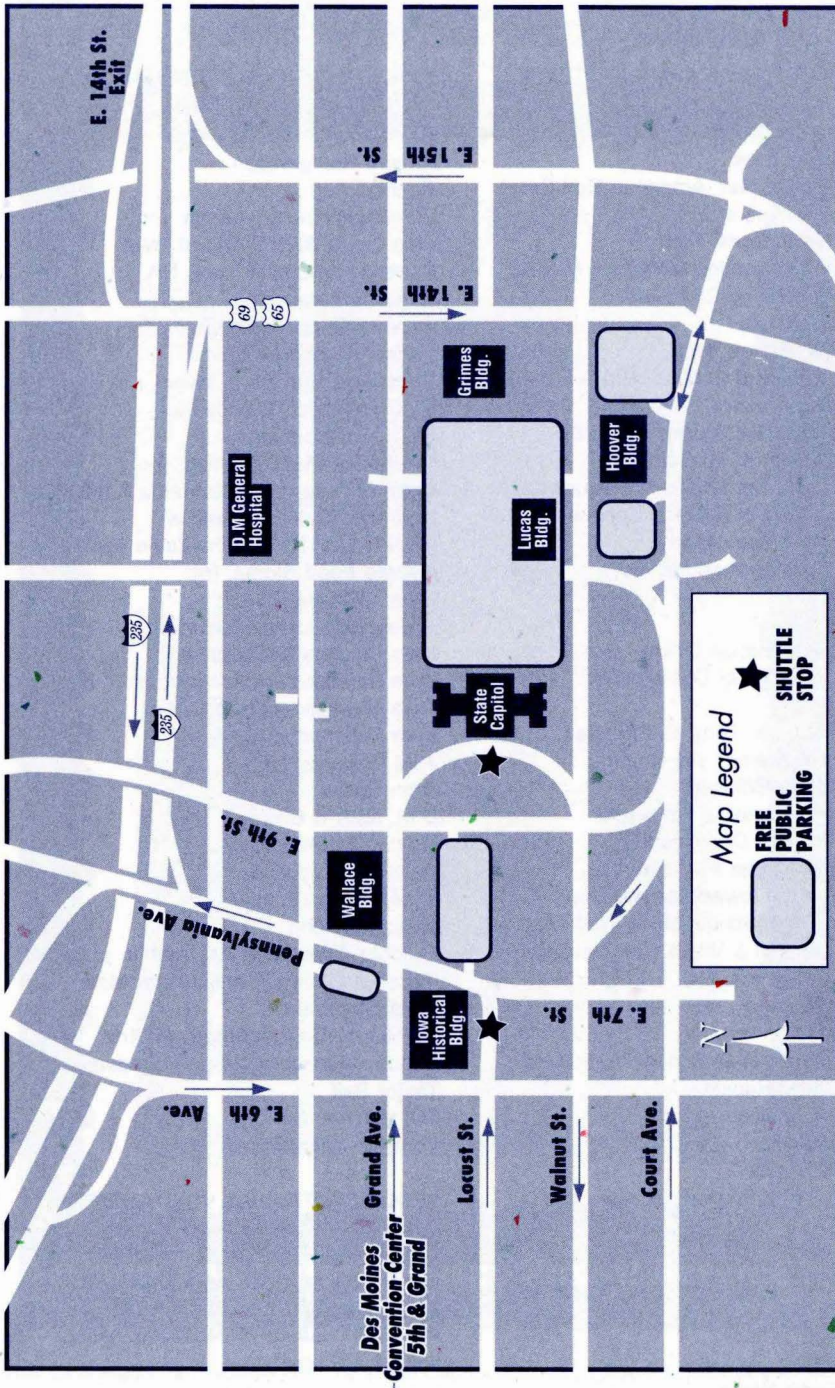
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The ISC extends a sincere thank you to every volunteer who has contributed time and energy to Iowa's celebration. This special year would not have been possible without thousands of dedicated, caring Iowans like you!



MESSAGE FROM J. SCOTT RAECKER, ISC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

Statehood Day greetings from the Sesquicentennial Administrative Team!

On behalf of the entire team, thank you. It has been a distinct honor and privilege for us to serve you while preparing for this grand celebration. We feel a sense of overwhelming pride in what has been accomplished and are honored to have played a role in celebrating Iowa with you.

This has truly been Iowan's celebration! Millions of people have been touched -- in every Iowa hometown to our Nation's Capital. We have experienced

Iowa as never before because individual Iowans -- like you -- have fulfilled a common mission of education, celebration and commemoration of Iowa's past, present and future.

Our greatest hope is that the enthusiasm, cooperation and friendships that have developed will be cultivated and enriched as Iowa's promising future unfolds.

Thank you, Iowa! You really know how to "Celebrate Our State!"

With gratitude,

SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM

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