

Judges Needed for National History Day

Volunteer judges are needed for the **National History Day in Iowa State Contest** on **Monday, April 25**, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. If you'd like to help but have never done it before, don't worry: You'll receive training, plus complimentary parking, continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and a thank-you gift.

Judging is a rewarding experience. By volunteering your time, **you'll help create a memorable opportunity for hundreds of middle and high school students** to showcase and share their historical research and projects. So please consider helping – and spread the word!

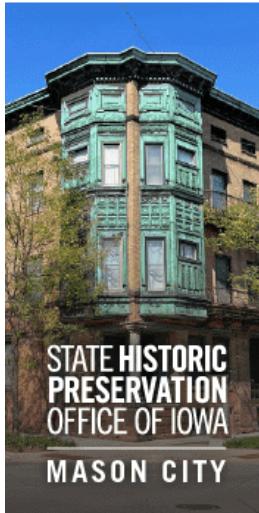
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NHD Student Successfully Lobbies Congress

Caleb Sinnwell, a 2021 National History Day national champion from **Nashua-Plainfield High School**, recently made some history of his own. After winning first place for his website, "**Ghost Army: Deceptive Communication and the Power of Illusion**," about American deception forces in World War II, Caleb lobbied Congress to pass the **Ghost Army Gold Medal Act**, which President Biden signed into law in February.



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Preserve Iowa Summit June 2-4 in Mason City

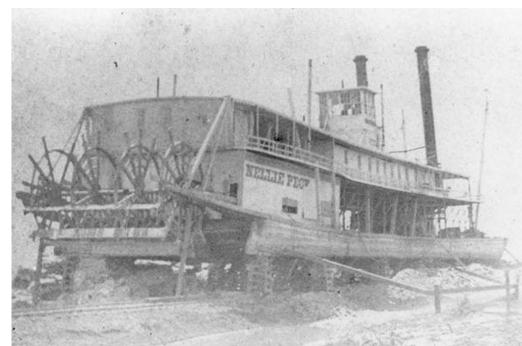
The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Mason City, and the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission are proud to present the ninth annual Preserve Iowa Summit. The **state's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic 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.

Program and registration details will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

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Iowa History 101 Programs

Tune in online at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for a new, engaging presentation in the **Iowa History 101** series, which examines history through a cultural lens. Register in advance for any or all of the programs listed below.



Muslims of the Heartland: How Syrian

Immigrants Made Iowa Their Home

Noon, April 14

Image: A Syrian immigrant stands beside a truck for Assey & Allbones, a business based in Urbana, Iowa. (Photo: National Museum of American History)



Meatpacking America: How Migration, Work, and Faith Unite and Divide the Heartland

Noon, May 26

Image: Kristy Nabhan-Warren, a professor at the University of Iowa, will share her historical and ethnographic research on meatpacking, migration and religious faith in Iowa.

Portrait of a Steamboat: Sioux City, 1868 to

1873

Noon, April 28

Image: In 1872, the steamboat Nellie Peck competed against the Far West in a 2,800-mile round-trip race from Sioux City to Fort Benton, Montana. The Far West won.

The Myth and Realities of Country Lawyers in Iowa and the Midwest

Noon, May 12

Image: A still photo of the quintessential country lawyer Paul Biegler (Jimmy Stewart), from the 1959 movie "Anatomy of a Murder."



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Other Events

Young Writers' Workshop

June 13-17

The Young Writers' Workshop is a week-long program for middle and high school students (in grades 7-12) offered each summer. Students will work with award-winning young adult author **Stephanie Hemphill** to participate in a variety of writing activities and sharpen their writing skills in a creative environment.

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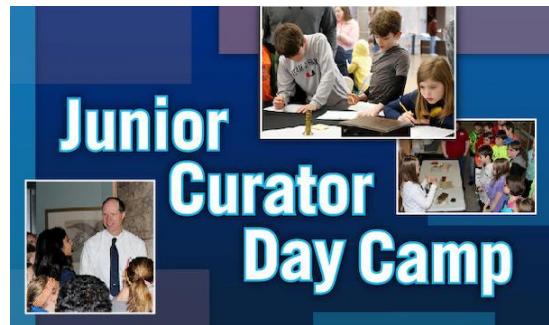


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Junior Curator Day Camp

June 22, July 13, Aug. 3

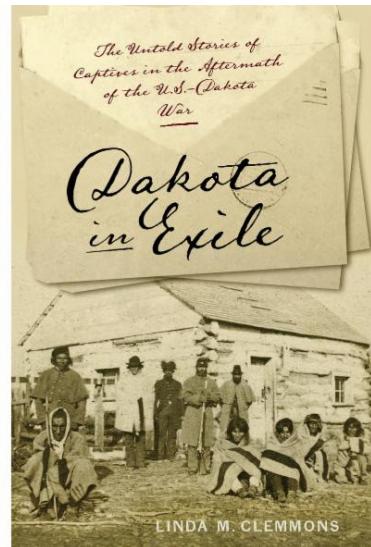
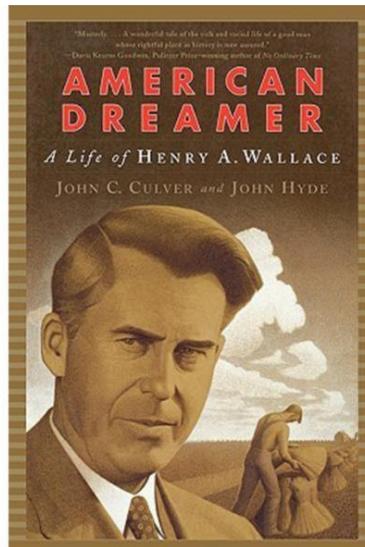
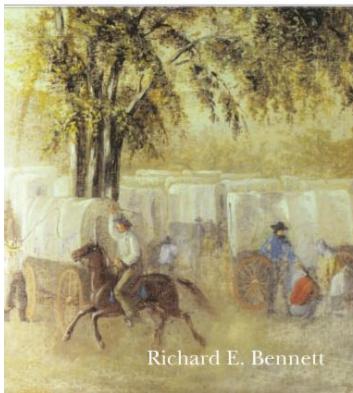
What does it take to create and run a museum? Young historians (entering grades 4-6) will explore the roles of curators, conservators and exhibit designers. Students will investigate **historic artifacts**, explore the **museum's collection vault** and learn about Iowa's exciting history with museum staff. Students also will **design their own exhibit** featuring objects from the State Historical Museum's collection.



Register for the camp on **June 22, July 13, or Aug. 3**. The activities are the same for each camp, so choose whichever date works best for you.

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Mormons AT THE Missouri Winter Quarters, 1846–1852



The popular **Iowa History Book Club** continues with Richard Bennett's "**Mormons at the Missouri**" on April 14, John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" on Sept. 22, and Linda Clemons' "**Dakota in Exile**" on Dec. 1.

Each online discussion is led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of The Annals of Iowa.

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New Round of History Grants Now Open

The State Historical Society of Iowa has opened a new round of grant opportunities that support the preservation of Iowa history. Iowans are encouraged to apply for the following programs:

Research Grants for Authors

Grants up to \$1,000 are available to support original research related to the history of Iowa, or Iowa and the Midwest. If you apply and receive a grant, you'll also produce an annotated manuscript to be considered for publication in *The Annals of Iowa*, our history journal.

Application deadline: April 15.



Country School Grants

Grants up to \$5,000 are available to help preserve or maintain one of Iowa's one- or two-room country schools or to provide historical interpretation or educational activities related to the school.

Application deadline: May 2.

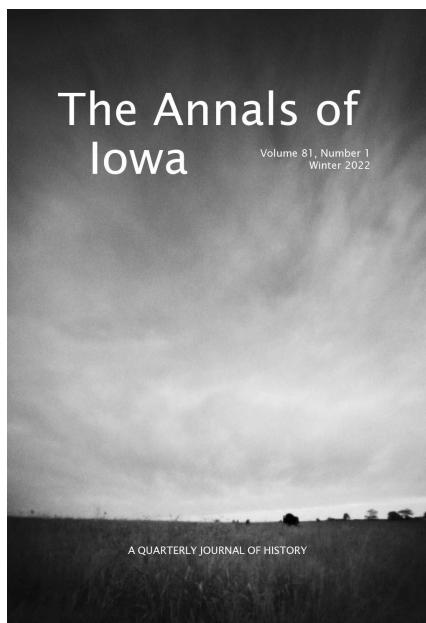
Historical Resource Development Program Grants

Grants up to \$50,000 are available to help preserve, conserve, interpret, enhance and educate the public about historic preservation, museum collections and documentary collections.

Application deadline: May 2.

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Portraits of Iowans Photo Album

To commemorate Iowa's recent **175th statehood anniversary**, Iowans of all ages drew self-portraits to

celebrate the people who shape the state today.

Check out the [online gallery!](#)

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There is still time to [submit a self-portrait](#). 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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The Society's Library & Archives Research Centers

The [Iowa History Collections Catalog](#) makes researching the state's collection of historic documents and artifacts, genealogical records, newspapers and images easier than ever. Available to anyone with an internet connection, the system allows users to search across all cataloged collections or just within the society's museum, libraries, archives and special collections. Staff are adding existing and new collection holdings to the catalog weekly.

[Visit the Research Center](#)

The Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are now open by appointment only, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Please [visit our website](#) for more information and to make an appointment.

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Nominate Iowa History Teacher of the Year



An Iowa City class in 1903.

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The Iowa Department of Education seeks nominations for **History Teacher of the Year**, an award given to K-12 teachers who have at least three years of classroom teaching experience and can demonstrate a commitment to teaching American history in creative ways. The state winner receives **\$1,000**, a **certificate of recognition**, a collection of **classroom resources** to be presented in their name to the school library, and an invitation to participate in a Gilder Lehrman Institute summer seminar.

Nomination deadline: April 30.

Hart Family Fund for Small Towns

Towns smaller than 10,000 can apply for up to **\$15,000** in funding for grants to stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain technical expertise, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. **Application deadline: May 2.**



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AMM-WFM Conference July 20-23



AMM-WFM 2022 Joint Conference
Virtual July 19 + In-Person July 20-23 | Milwaukee, WI

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Museum professionals are invited to the **Association of Midwest Museums** and **Wisconsin Federation of Museums** conference in Milwaukee.

This year's event starts with an **all-virtual program on July 19**, followed by a safe, welcoming **in-person experience July 20-23**. Both the virtual and in-person programs will feature opportunities for peer-to-peer exchange and to see several Milwaukee museums.

