



Volunteer for National History Day

The **National History Day in Iowa** state contest is set for Monday, April 25, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, and we hope you'll **volunteer as a judge**. If you'd like to help but have never done it before, don't worry: You'll receive training, 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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Johnston's Sue Cline nominated for NHD Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award

Johnston High School teacher **Sue Cline** is Iowa's nominee for the **National History Day Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award**. Nominees demonstrate a commitment to engaging students in historical learning through the innovative

use of primary sources, implementation of active learning strategies to foster historical thinking skills, and participation in the **National History Day Contest**. All nominees receive \$500 as a result of their nominations. Cline has taught history for most of her 32 years with the Johnston schools. **Congratulations, Sue!**



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Register for the Preserve Iowa Summit

Registration is now open for the **Preserve Iowa Summit**, the state's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation. Through expert presentations, workshops and tours, participants will learn new ways to save Iowa's past for the future.

The 2022 summit will take place in **Mason City**, which **Conde Nast Traveler** has listed **among the world's 20 best cities for architecture lovers**, right up there with Miami, Paris and Dubai. Locals are justly proud of their Prairie School landmarks, including Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic hotel, and encourage visitors to explore everything the city has to offer.

The three-day program starts Thursday with some inspiration – an awards ceremony to honor **Preservation Projects of Merit**, plus awards for **Excellence in Historic Preservation & Archaeology** and **Preservation Iowa's "Preservation At Its Best"** – and wraps up Saturday with a round of how-to sessions specially designed for Iowans who work or volunteer at local historical societies and history museums across the state.

Where: Mason City

Cost: \$200 early bird registration through May 1

More info: Online at iowaculture.gov

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Gov. Kim Reynolds recently announced a \$100 million investment in Iowa's quality of life and tourism through a new grant program called [Destination Iowa](#). The funding will support visionary projects in four key areas: economic development, outdoor recreation, tourism, and creative placemaking.

The program **accelerates ongoing momentum for creative placemaking** across the state, generated by business, government, education and cultural leaders. It also recognizes the role you and others play in **creating places where people want to visit, live and work** – from our smallest towns to biggest cities.

Guidelines

Review the [Destination Iowa guidelines](#) on the Iowa Economic Development Authority website.

The application window opens **May 9** for projects that must be completed by June 30, 2026. Funding is made available through the federal **American Rescue Plan Act**.

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Application Deadline for History Grants is May 2

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:

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.

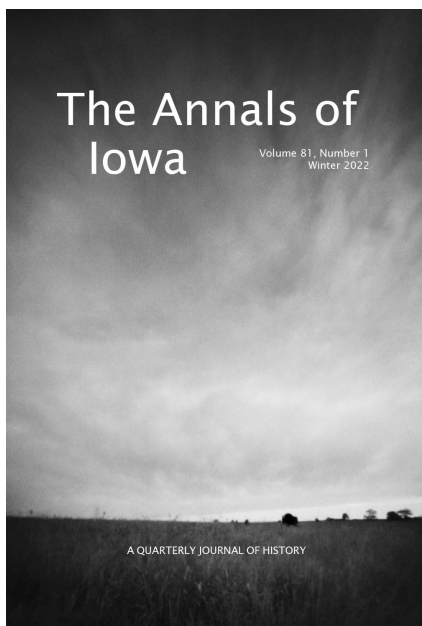
Historical Resource Development Program Grants

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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The Annals of Iowa Surpasses 2 Million Downloads



Hot off the press: We're excited and proud to announce **The Annals of Iowa has surpassed 2 million downloads!** Thank you to everyone who has perused and pored over our back issues as part of your research into Iowa history.

Of course, you can subscribe now to receive the most current issue, which features "**American Indian Resistance to Settler Colonialism**" by Patrick J. Jung and "**The Welsh in Mahaska County**" by Robert Lewellyn Tyler, plus more than 20 reviews of new books about Iowa and Midwestern history.

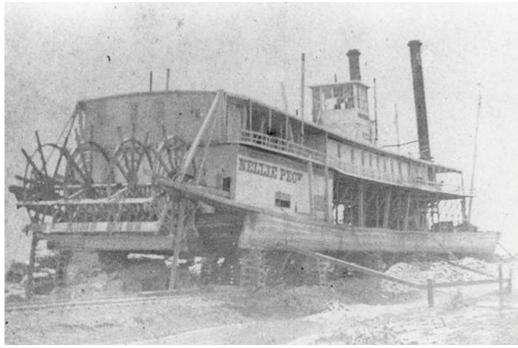
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Iowa History 101 Programs

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. All programs are recorded and posted at lowaculture.gov. **See past programs.**





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."

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.



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Other Events

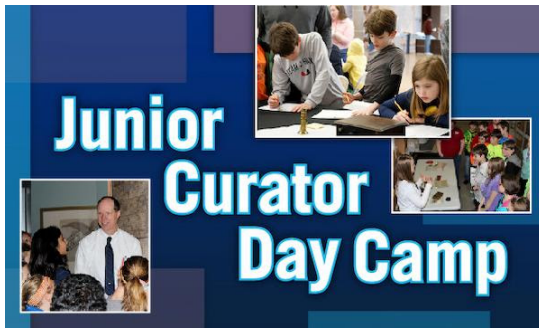


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Young Writers' Workshop

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 activities and sharpen their writing skills in a creative environment.



Register for **June 22**, **July 13**, or **Aug. 3** camp. The activities are the same, so choose the best one for you.

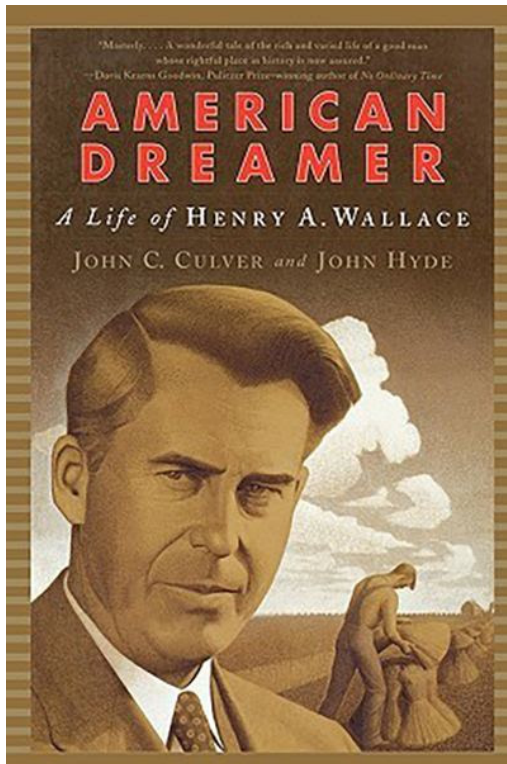
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Junior Curator Day Camp

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.

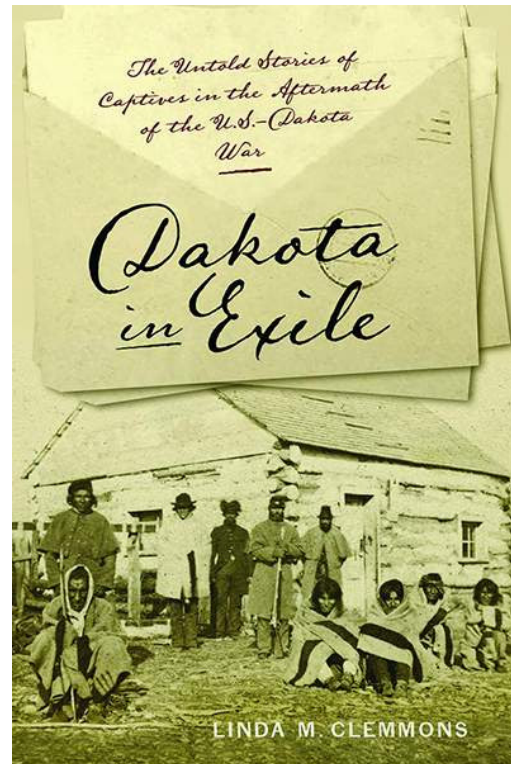
The popular **Iowa History Book Club** continues with John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" on Sept. 22, and Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**" on Dec. 1. All programs are recorded and posted online at iowaculture.gov. **See past programs.**



American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace

Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

A trailblazing politician, agriculturalist, economist, author and



Dakota in Exile

Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Robert Hopkins was a man caught between two worlds. As a member of

businessman, **Henry Wallace** was loved and reviled, and finally revealed in this first full biography. Join Annals of Iowa editor **Andrew Klumpp** and **Tim Walch**, director emeritus of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, for a look at "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**," written by former U.S. Sen. John C. Culver and journalist John Hyde.

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the **Dakota Nation**, he was accused of taking up arms against U.S. soldiers when war broke out with the Dakota in 1862. As a Christian convert and preacher, his allegiance was often questioned by his fellow Dakota. Illinois State University professor of history Linda Clemmons joins Annals of Iowa editor Andrew Klumpp for a discussion about this difficult time in U.S. history.

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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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Fleur, 3, Poweshiek County



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.

AMM-WFM Conference July 20-23

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.

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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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