

Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary campaign receives national awards

The State Historical Society of Iowa's campaign to commemorate Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary has **received two of the country's highest awards** for excellence in state and local history.

State Curator **Leo Landis** accepted the awards from the **American Association for State and Local History** during its annual conference last week in Buffalo, New York. AASLH honored the society with two Awards of Excellence, one for the **overall anniversary campaign** and the second for a **special anniversary edition of *The Annals of Iowa***, the society's quarterly journal.

The **presentation** was part of the **AASLH Leadership in History Awards** program.



Iowa's State Curator Leo Landis, center, holds an American Association for State and Local History award presented to the State Historical Society of Iowa by AASLH President & CEO John Dichtl, left, and AASLH Council Member Norman Burns.

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More support for Iowa history programs

National History Day students, authors, conservationists and newspaper preservationists are getting a boost from a \$97,420 grant from the State Historical Society, Inc., of Iowa.



The nonprofit organization, created in 1983 to protect Iowa heritage, awarded the grant to the State Historical Society of Iowa to support:

- National History Day in Iowa
- The Annals of Iowa's Research Grant for Authors program
- The Conservation Lab in Iowa City
- The preservation of defunct newspapers from small Iowa communities

Pictured: National History Day state champions at the national contest near Washington, D.C.

Supporting civics education



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A current bill in Congress called the **Civics Secures Democracy Act** would create grants to support and expand access to U.S. history and civics to meet the needs of today's students and our constitutional democracy. To learn more about it, and a **related bill** Rep. **Ashley Hinson** introduced with bipartisan support, tune in to a **live conversation** she is hosting at **9:30 a.m. Friday** on her **Facebook page** with **DCA Director Chris Kramer**.

Take a survey about the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin

We're developing a new interpretive plan for the **Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin Historic Site** and could use your help. If you can suggest new ways to offer a better experience for visitors, please **take a brief survey**. Your time and input will help us share the stories of this important, state-owned historic site – and shape its future for years to come. Thank you!



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LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORIC SITE

Mobile Museum continues 99-county journey



Fresh off a highly successful 3-year run through Iowa's 99 counties, the State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum is making the rounds again with a new exhibit. Housed in a custom-built Winnebago, the museum on wheels presents "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places**," a 3,000-square-foot exhibit packed with artifacts and videos that explore **13,000 years of Iowa history**, from its earliest residents to those who call it home today. Iowans and others can take free, self-guided tours of the mobile museum at the following locations:

Kalona Historical Village

Sept. 23-24

Britt Public Library

Sept. 29 through Oct. 1

Dunkerton Public Library

Oct. 8

Iowans may **request a visit** from the mobile museum for schools, libraries, local museums, community festivals, county fairs and other places where people gather.

Visits and self-guided tours are complimentary.

More details are available at **iowaculture.gov**. Iowans can also follow the mobile museum's 99-county statewide journey on Facebook at **facebook.com/IowaHistory**.

The traveling exhibition presenting sponsor is **EMC Insurance Companies** with additional partnership support from **Casey's General Stores, Winnebago Industries, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach** and **Mike Wolfe**.

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Get your copy of the summer 2022 edition of The Annals of Iowa, with two new feature articles and artist **Raluca Iancu's** dynamic cover that captures the power of Iowa's weather.

In the first article, **Kelsey Ensign** focuses on former Iowa **Gov. Harold Hughes** and



Cover: "Tornadogenesis," 2020, by Raluca Iancu.

the politics of alcohol reform in the state and throughout the country. The second article, by **James R. Swensen**, looks at how photographer **Russell Lee's Depression-era work** drew inspiration from and directly challenged the bucolic Regionalist paintings by **Grant Wood**.

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Iowa History 101 programs

Emancipation Celebrations: The Historical Context for Juneteenth Noon Sept. 22

Join **Leo Landis**, state curator for the State Historical Society of Iowa, as he discusses the **history of Juneteenth**, which has been a state holiday in Iowa since 2002 and became a federal holiday in 2021. **Emancipation events in Iowa** took place prior to the Civil War in Muscatine, and communities of various sizes including **Clarinda, Corning, and Sioux City** have hosted events. The gatherings show that Iowans of many backgrounds have come together to celebrate freedom and equality.



Pictured: A banner marking the date when Juneteenth became a state holiday in Iowa.

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Perry Post Office, circa 1915.

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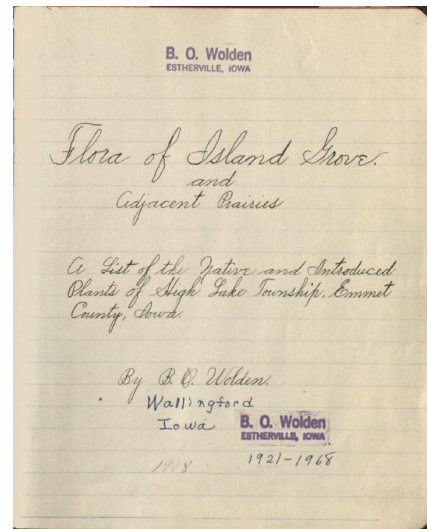
Rural Free Delivery, Parcel Post and Responses to Mail Order Commerce Noon Oct. 13

Join historian **Sarah Johnson** for a spirited debate on how the **U.S. Post Office** Department's extension of **Rural Free Delivery** in 1897 and **Parcel Post** in 1913 changed retail commerce in Iowa. We will examine advocates for "progress" and **resistance from local merchants and Commercial Clubs** across Iowa.

Iowa's Naturalists: B.O. Wolden and Conservation in the Aldo Leopold Era Noon Oct. 27

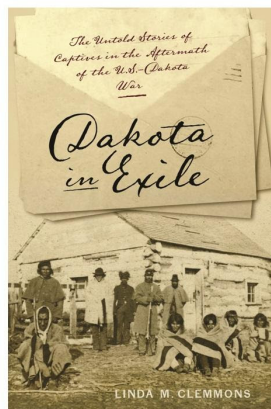
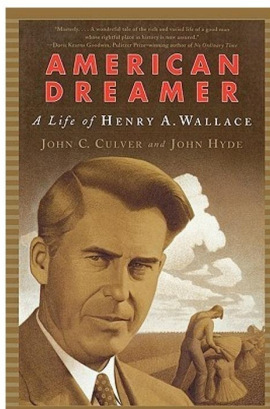
Join **Amie Adams** to learn about **B.O. Wolden** (1886-1968) and other early Iowa naturalists. Together, we will consider what those who experienced the radical alteration of the prairie bioregion during their lifetimes can teach us about **natural history** and the **beginnings of the conservation movement**.

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"Flora of Island Grove and Adjacent Prairies," by B.O. Wolden.

Iowa History Book Club



The Iowa History Book

Club continues on Sept. 22 with John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**," and on Dec. 1 with Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**." Each online discussion will be led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of **The Annals of Iowa**. Programs are recorded and posted online at iowaculture.gov.

REGISTER FOR "AMERICAN DREAMER"



Visit 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.

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Visit the Research Centers

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



Healthiest State Annual Walk set for Oct. 5

The Iowa Healthiest State Initiative is encouraging you to step up and join thousands of other Iowans for the [Healthiest State Annual Walk](#), on Oct. 5. **Workplaces, schools, organizations and cities** are encouraged to organize and register a walk, one of the most important physical activities people of all ages and abilities can do to **improve their physical, mental and social health**.

The State Historical Society of Iowa partnered with Iowa Healthiest State Initiative in August for the **annual Iowa State Fair Historical Walking Tour** of historic sites at the

state fairgrounds.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER YOUR WALK

National Trust for Historic Preservation's PastForward Online 2022

Celebrate the power of place, virtually, with thousands of preservationists and preservation lovers at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's online conference for those who work to **save, sustain, and interpret historic places**. PastForward Online 2022, Nov. 1-4, will offer a variety of new formats to complement the cutting-edge content presented by dynamic speakers starting in October.



Register by Sept. 26 for the best rates.

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