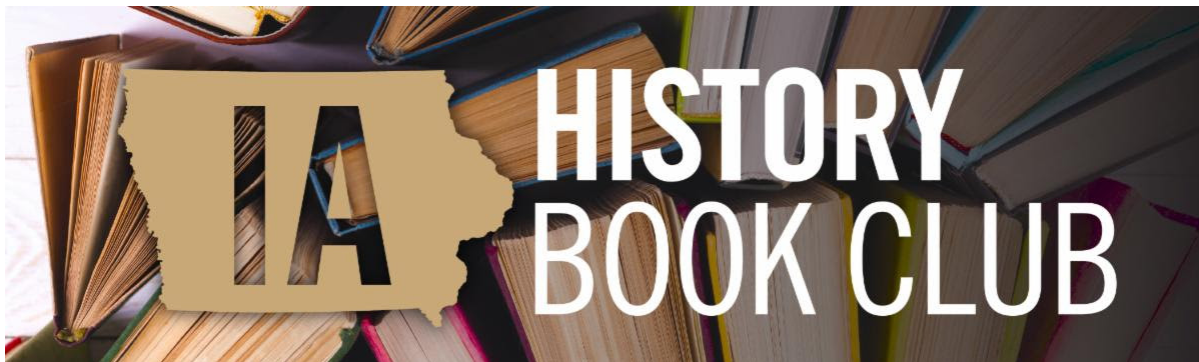


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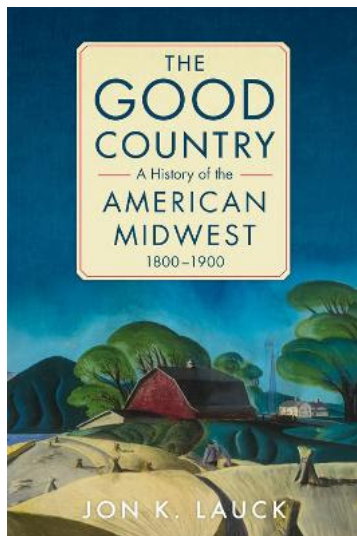
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2023 Iowa History Book Club programs announced

The State Historical Society of Iowa's 2023 Iowa History Book Club programs explore a number of books related to Iowa history, from the formative years of the **American Midwest** and an Iowan's ties to **Oscar Schindler** to **First Lady Lou Henry Hoover** and the **suffrage movement**.

During the programs, **Annals of Iowa Editor Andrew Klumpp** leads an hour-long online discussion with each book's author or an Iowa historian. **Listeners are encouraged to submit questions** when they register or during the meeting. The books can be found from online booksellers or libraries. Each program is recorded and made **available online**. Additional information about each book and program is below:



"The Good Country" by Jon Lauck

7 p.m. March 30

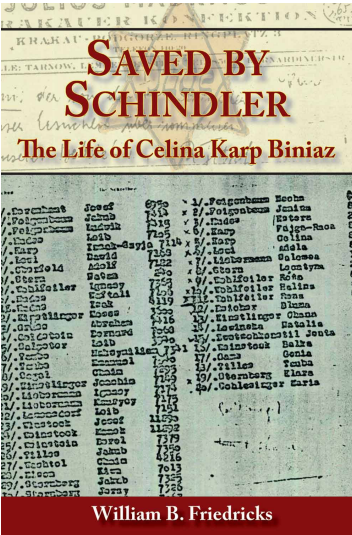
The first-ever chronicle of the Midwest's formative century, "The Good Country" describes a rich civic culture that prized education, literature, libraries, and the arts; developed a stable social order grounded in Victorian norms, republican virtues, and Christian teachings; and generally put democratic ideals into practice to a greater extent than any nation to date.

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"Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniarz" by William B. Friedrichs

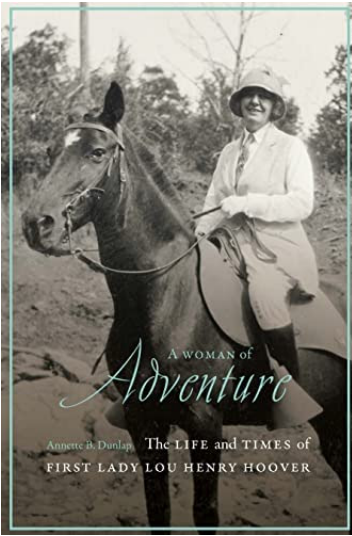
7 p.m. May 11

Celina Karp Biniarz was 8 years old when Germans invaded her homeland of Poland in 1939. She and her family were sent to a



concentration camp where she spent several terrifying weeks facing down the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Eventually, she landed on Schindler's list and made her way to Iowa along with her family.

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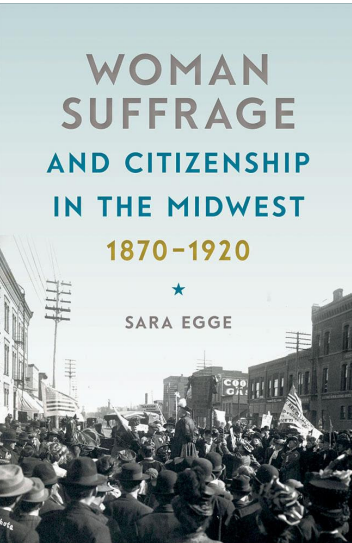


"A Woman of Adventure: The Life and Times of First Lady Lou Henry Hoover" by Annette Dunlap

7 p.m. Sept. 7

When World War I began, life changed for Iowa-native Lou Henry Hoover. Her husband, Herbert Hoover, began a political career that led to the White House while she devoted her time to supporting the Girl Scouts, Stanford University's music and physical therapy programs, athletics for women and education for countless students.

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"Woman Suffrage and Citizenship in the Midwest, 1870-1920" by Sara Egge

7 p.m. Nov. 30

Uncover the ways midwestern suffragists understood citizenship as an obligation. The suffragists – primarily Yankees from the Northeast – settled in the region and founded libraries, schools, churches and parks. The National American Women's Suffrage Association gained support only when local rural women claimed the right to vote.

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2023 Iowa History 101 series programs

We're pleased to announce our first **Iowa History 101 programs for 2023**. Learn more about the series and sign up for the programs slated for January through March. Each program is recorded and made **available online**.



Hopping Freights and Harvesting Grain with Hobos in Iowa, 1870s–1910s
Noon Jan. 12

Image: On the Freights. National Archives

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The Story Behind Frank Lloyd Wright's First Usonian House Built in Iowa: The Walter House in Cedar Rock
Noon Jan. 26

Image: Cedar Rock Garden Room. Friends of Cedar Rock

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Twilight Cluster: A Western Iowa Railroad Phenomenon
Noon Feb. 9

Image: Railroad map of Iowa, ca. 1881. Library of Congress

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"Protector of the Poor": Iowa's Poor Farms and Midwestern Social Welfare
Noon Feb. 23

Image: County Home near Vinton, Iowa. Benton County Historical Society

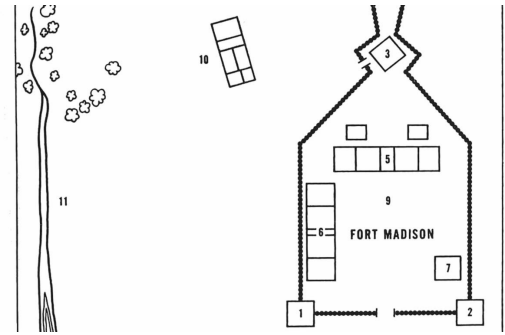
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Uncommon Ground: Grant Wood and Russell Lee's Divergent View of Iowa
Noon March 9

Image: Lee Mike Maloney and his wife on a farm near Denison, Iowa. Library of Congress.

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Fort Madison in Pre-Statehood Iowa: The U.S. Army as a Predecessor to Anglo-American Settlement
Noon March 23

Image: Ft. Madison, 1810. State Historical Society of Iowa

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SHSI calls for board and award nominations



SHSI Board of Trustees

The State Historical Society of Iowa is calling for nominations for members to serve on its **board of trustees**.

Nominations can be submitted by any person, but nominees must be **society members** and willing to attend five meetings per year and serve on various committees. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Nominations for SHSI's Board of Trustees are due March 1.

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Excellence in Iowa History Awards

The society is issuing a call for nominations for its **Excellence in Iowa History Awards**, which recognize outstanding publications, local history initiatives and major achievements in Iowa history.

Nominations are due Feb. 1.

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Become a member and support Iowa history



Become a member of SHSI

Make your mark on Iowa history by becoming a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa. Your membership **supports statewide projects and educational programs** as we continue to preserve and protect the places, people and points of pride that define our state. In return, you'll receive several benefits, including **invitations to members-only programs**, exhibit previews and other events; **voting rights for elections to the board of trustees; discounts for paid programs;** and more. Become a part of history by filling out your membership today.

Image: Young students have lunch outside at a country school in Grundy Center, Iowa. Library of Congress. 1939.

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Join Goldie's Kids Club

Sign up your young historians for Goldie's Kids Club and **introduce them to Iowa history** through a number of select programs and activities. Your **complimentary membership** includes a monthly newsletter, invitations to upcoming museum activities, a card from Goldie during your child's birthday month and other goodies and perks throughout the year.

They'll enjoy all kinds of programs and activities designed for their age group, including **History Mystery, Innovative Iowans, Storytime, School Break and special programs**, and complimentary downloadable activities to do at home.

Programs are designed for children 12 and younger.

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