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February is Black History Month

Beginning with **George Washington Carver Day** on Feb. 1, we're commemorating February as Black History Month in Iowa and we're inviting you to join us.

Come to the State Historical Museum of Iowa to tour the "**Iowa and the Civil War**," or take a virtual tour of "**Iowa's People & Places**," which includes a Civil War Battle Flag for the **1st Colored Regiment of African Descent** (60th U.S. Color Infantry) and a medical bag used by **Dr. Edward Carter**, the first Black graduate from the University of Iowa medical college, and much more.



Flower Committee of the Central Association of Colored Women. Center Street neighborhood, Des Moines, Iowa. July 1938.

A few highlights of our Black History in Iowa resources are below:

Visit our website to learn about the **Underground Railroad in Iowa**, the **19th Amendment Centennial Celebration** and **Civil Rights** history in the state.

Peruse our **Primary Source Sets** educational materials for a wide range of topics including the Abolition Movement and John Brown; Buxton, Iowa; School desegregation; and much more.

Go to our **Flickr page** to see photos of the Center Street neighborhood in Des Moines, taken by the legendary Robert E. Patten.

Follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** throughout February, and all year, for daily posts and videos about the people, places and points of pride that have helped to shape and define our state for generations.

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Spring Break at the State Historical Museum of Iowa

Have you started to make **spring break** plans yet? The State Historical Museum of Iowa has a wide offering of programs and activities for all ages to learn about Iowa history during spring break, March 10-17, including a **Family Exhibit Tour**, **Family Museum Collection Tour**, **Goldie's Family Day Camp** and many more ways to engage with Iowa's past. Head online to explore the **full schedule** of programs and events.



Attendees of the Goldie's Family Day Camp on the move to take part in another activity at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

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Goldie's Family Day Camp



A group of children and adults engage with State Historical Museum of Iowa Education & Engagement Coordinator Matthew Beyer, checked shirt, during the Goldie's Family Day Camp.

Goldie's Family Day Camp returns on March 15 with a focus on art and portraits in the museum. Young historians, ages 6-10 years old, alongside their adults will explore the museum vault, investigate historic portraits, hear a fun story and create a hands-on craft while learning about Iowa's history. **Register** today to save your spot!

Advance registration is required. The program is intended for families with children ages 6-10 years old. Adults (1 adult is required for every 3 children) must be present and participate for the duration of the program.

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Summer Day Camp and Workshop registration open

Registration for the State Historical Museum of Iowa's summer day camps and workshop are now open! Young historians can attend a wide variety of programs this upcoming summer including:

Young Writers' Workshop

7-12th grade, June 12-16

Junior Curator Day Camp

4-6th grade, June 28

Innovative Iowans Day Camp

4-6th grade, July 12.

Explore and learn more about the programs, including how to register, [online](#).



Young historians attending a past summer day camp learn how artifacts are collected and preserved at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

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SHSI board nominations



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SHSI Board of Trustees

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

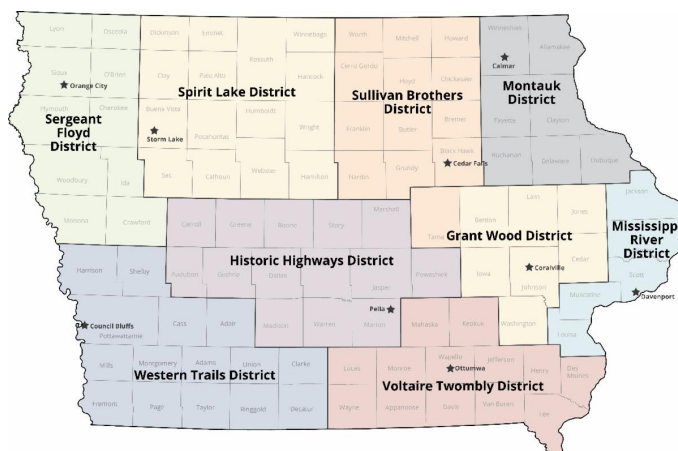
Nominations can be submitted by any person, but nominees must be **society members**.

Nominations due March 1.



National History Day in Iowa needs volunteer judges!

National History Day in Iowa challenges students to become historians as they investigate primary sources, craft historical arguments, and create projects about historical topics they're passionate about. In **March 2023**, **nine district contests** throughout Iowa are the students' first chance to present their projects for evaluation by judges in the hopes of advancing to the state contest – and that's where you come in.



As a judge, you'll **work as a team of two or three** to review projects and interview students, select the strongest projects to advance to the next level of competition, and provide written feedback about each project you see. It's a great opportunity to support young scholars in your community (and learn a thing or two along the way)!

Never judged before? Don't worry. You'll **receive training materials ahead of time** and attend an orientation on the day of the contest. Most events run 8 a.m.-3 p.m., and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you're interested, simply **select a contest** near you and sign up (here are **helpful directions**). We hope to see you March!

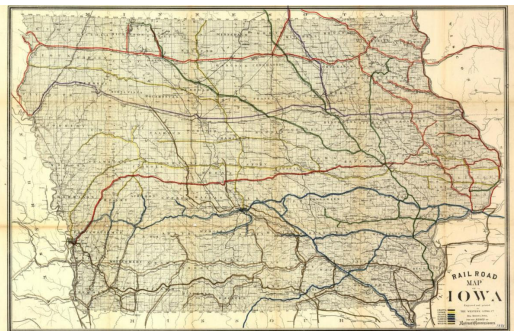
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2023 Iowa History 101 series programs

You can register in advance for any or all of the first group of 2023 **Iowa History 101 programs**. Each program is recorded and made **available online**.



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

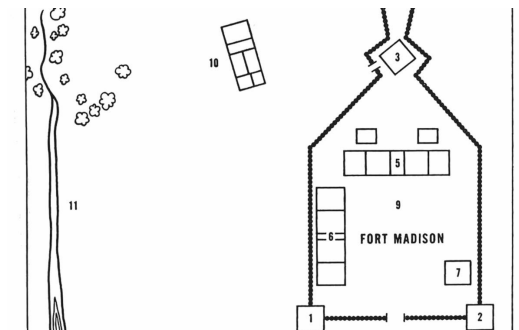
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Uncommon Ground: Grant Wood and Russell Lee's Divergent View of Iowa
Noon March 9

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

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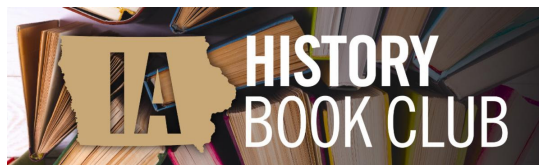
Fort Madison in Pre-Statehood Iowa: The U.S. Army as a Predecessor to Anglo-American Settlement
Noon March 23

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

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2023 Iowa History Book Club schedule 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**



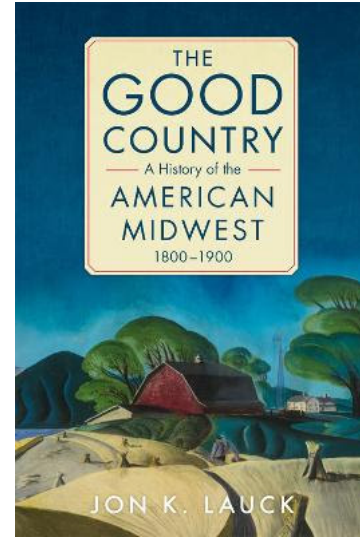
Midwest and an Iowan's ties to **Oskar Schindler** to **First Lady Lou Henry Hoover** and the **suffrage movement**.

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 at local booksellers, libraries or online. Each program is recorded and made **available online**. Additional information about each book and program is below:

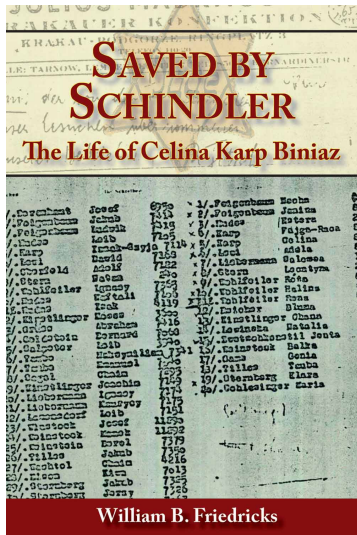
"The Good Country" by Jon Lauck

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.

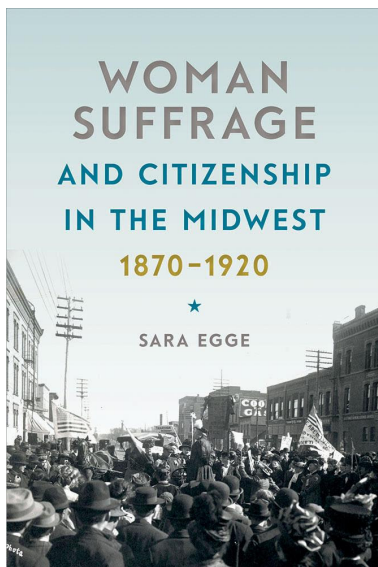
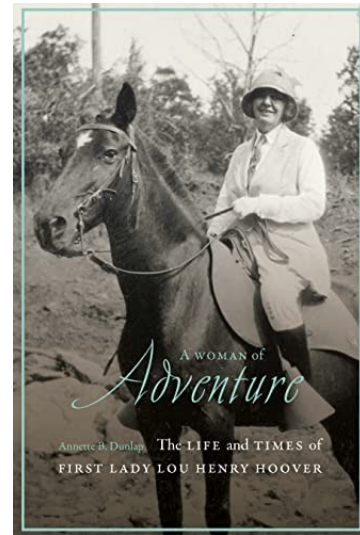
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"A Woman of Adventure: The Life and Times of First Lady Lou Henry Hoover" by Annette Dunlap

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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Bring the Mobile Museum to your county



The State Historical Society of Iowa is **looking to book visits for the mobile museum this year** in the following counties:

The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum is getting ready to hit the road this spring, **capping a second three-year tour to all 99 Iowa counties.**

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

Audubon, Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Crawford, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Emmet, Floyd, Fremont, Guthrie, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jefferson, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lyon, Mills, Monroe, Palo Alto, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Story, Taylor, Van Buren, Wayne, Webster, Worth and Wright.

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.**

videos that explore **13,000 years of Iowa history.**

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

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New Iowa Ag History Collections Now Available

The State Historical Society of Iowa's new collection of agricultural history is now **available online**. It brings together a deep and diverse array of resources that feature information from partners in every corner of the state, and highlights more than a century of writing, thinking, researching and collecting Iowa's agricultural heritage.

Explore our partners' collections from throughout the state, millions of resources held by the State Historical Society of Iowa, or read one of the hundreds of books and articles about Iowa's agricultural past.

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Take the AASLH national visitation survey

The 2023 American Association for State and Local History National Visitation Survey is now open! Your response to the survey will **help**



AASLH create the National

Visitation Report. This is the only

report that monitors and assesses nationwide visitation trends at history institutions of all types and sizes. Your response will help your organization and the field. Everyone will benefit from being able to compare their visitation with the survey results.

Survey deadline: March 15

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