



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 3, 2023 - 1:00 PM

City Offices (Building 18, Legacy Plaza) - Large Conference Room
403 W 4th St N, Suite 501
Newton, IA 50208

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 6, 2023
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law
- V. Selection of Officers
- VI. Items from City Staff
 - 1. Commissioner Vacancy- Candidate Requirements
- VII. Items from Commission
- VIII. Items from Citizens
- IX. Communications from the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the Department of Cultural Affairs
- X. Adjourn

Chair: Larry Hurto; **Vice Chair:** Vacancy; **Members:** Tanya Michener, Mike Sell, Rita Reinheimer



**Minutes of Meeting
Newton Historic Preservation Commission
Community Development/Community Services/Public Works
Large Conference Room
403 West 4th Street North, Suite 501
Newton, IA 50208**

March 6, 2023

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hurto, Reinheimer, Michener

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Chambers, Community Development Director
Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street Executive Director

Chair Hurto called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Chambers took roll.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Chair Larry Hurto questioned if there was anyone present that may require special assistance in being able to participate in this public meeting. There was no response.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Michener, **seconded** by Reinheimer to approve agenda for the current meeting. Voice Vote: 3-0, approved.

Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law: Chambers confirms.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023. Motion by Reinheimer, **seconded** by Michener. Voice Vote: 3-0, approved.

Selection of Officers. Michener nominated Hurto as chair. Seconded by Reinheimer. Michener stated she was willing to serve as vice chair but has a conflict with her work occasionally, consensus to wait on vice chair until April meeting.

Items from City Staff.

1. CLG 2022 Annual Report. Submitted. Chambers passed around hard copy of final report and stated this submittal keeps commission in good CLG standing.
2. Commissioner Vacancy. Discussed residency requirements of the 50208 zip code. Mrs. Schwaller, a downtown property owner, was mentioned.
3. Historic Properties Redevelopment Update. Chambers gave update on the Lederman Building and its D.T. Grant; Legacy Plaza's Buildings 1, 2, 16; listing of The Least of Saints for sale; and the opening of April's Diner and Sned and Wilma's.

Items from Commission

- Individual Commissioner Reports.
 1. Hurto.
 - i. Reported he delivered the Commission's Annual Report to the Newton City Council and received positive feedback;
 - ii. Reported Las Vegas couple to renovate historic Hotel Osceola and April's Diner owner Darin Leonard looking for historic photos and local photographers for décor.
 - iii. Hurto also reported that his article, "Charles Seeberger, Hardware Merchant," will be published in next issue of Jasper County Living magazine and Hurto will be publishing all articles since 2017 into book form.

- iv. Reminded that March is Iowa History Month and that Mary Bennett of SHSI retired last month. She has published multiple books on Iowa's history.
2. Reinheimer. Nothing to report.
3. Michener. Asked about contributing plaque project status. Hurto reported he has a couple in the works.

Items from Citizens.

- Erin Yeager.
 1. Reported Re/Max building sold and looking at rehab and trying to find new awning company.
 2. Reported the bands are selected for Bike Night.
 3. Updated the following events: Farmer's Market, Vendor Fair, Shop Hop to Downtown, Tour for Newton, deck of cards project and March 24th's National Main Street Conference.

Communication from State Historic Preservation Office and/or Department of Cultural Affairs.

- Chambers. Noted Preservation at its Best Nominations.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm. **Motioned** by Michener, **seconded** by Reinheimer, Approved 3-0.

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IAC announces quarterly grant recipients

A total of 17 Iowa artists and organizations were selected to receive a share of \$37,189 in grant funding awarded during the Iowa Arts Council's last quarterly grant round for fiscal year 2023. A few highlights from this latest round, which included the Artists Catalyst and Creative Places Project Grant programs, include:

- **Jorge Chávez Colorado of Malvern** will create a professional e-commerce website to better showcase and facilitate sales of his paintings;
- **Jami Milne of Des Moines** will upgrade equipment to accommodate making new ceramic artwork and conduct a youth artist workshop in the artist's studio.
- **The City of Grundy Center** will launch a Creative Art Through the Streets, or CATS, mural program to improve and beautify public spaces throughout the community while engaging residents of all ages and creating tourism opportunities.

Images: Left to right, Colorado works at his easel, Milne shows her pottery, and "Chalk the Walk" street art in Mount Vernon.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT ART GRANTS AND RECIPIENTS](#)

Grant applications due May 1

The next round of Iowa Arts Council grants is open for projects that will take place between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, and positively impact the vitality of the arts in the state.

Artists and filmmakers, arts organizations and communities are encouraged to review the



Wanted: Grant panel volunteers
Are you interested in helping support Iowa arts? **We want to hear from you.** Citizen advice from unique artistic and cultural viewpoints is

guidelines for these grant programs:

- [Art Project Grant](#)
- [Greenlight Grant](#)
- [Iowa Artist Fellowship](#)

Applicants may schedule one-on-one meetings with Iowa Arts Council staff to discuss their applications. Visit iowaculture.gov and click on each grant program to find more information.

Guidelines for these programs are subject to change. Changes will be clearly noted on each program page.

Application deadlines: May 1.

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Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to review recorded grant instructional videos.



Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit early-bird registration now open

Iowa's K-12 arts educators, teaching artists, nonprofit arts and cultural leaders, and other stakeholders are encouraged to register now for the 2023 Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit. The summit will feature a keynote address by Susan Riley, founder and CEO of [The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM](#), and more than two dozen sessions addressing topics related to the **Iowa Fine Arts Standards**. The Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit is co-presented by the Iowa Arts Council and [Iowa Alliance for Arts Education](#).

What: Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

Where: FFA Enrichment Center, Des Moines Area Community College campus, Des Moines, Iowa.

When: Tuesday, June 13, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts



Apply for funding to pursue a post-secondary education in the arts. The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts provides **support**

"A Sign of Life," Mikayla Lane.

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to Iowa high school seniors who excel and demonstrate a commitment to pursuing an arts-related major at an Iowa college or university.

Application deadline: April 3.

Meet the Artist series

The [five new Iowa Artist Fellows](#) are visiting communities across the state this year as part of our Meet the Artist series. The events will feature a pop-up exhibition and opportunities to learn more about the creative practices of this year's fellows.

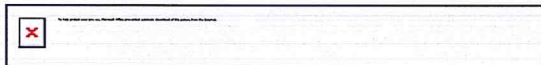


The first program in the series is scheduled for [4 p.m. April 10 at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center](#), following the Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting. Admission is complimentary with a reception at 4 p.m. and Iowa Artist Fellow presentations beginning at 4:30 p.m. You'll be able to enjoy artwork on display in the atrium and closed-captioning will be provided.

This year's fellows are **Jennifer Colville**, **T.J. Dedeaux-Norris** and **David James "DJ" Savarese**, all of Iowa City; **Tim Olson** of Dubuque; and **Joe Tuggle Lacina** of Grinnell.

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Grantee Spotlight: Masterpiece Manning Arts Festival

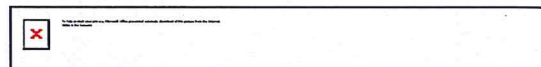


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The city of Manning and Main Street Manning are staging a new event, called "**Masterpiece Manning: Encounter with the Arts**," the first weekend of May. The community event features **live music, culinary arts, film, painting and visual arts**, including a community-based mural project supported in part by grant funding from the Iowa Arts Council and Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Grantee Spotlight: Abbie & the Sawyers

Celebrate women in Iowa folk music on April 8 at xBk in Des Moines with a triple billing of women-led Iowa folk bands. **Abbie & the Sawyers** and **The Night Lights** will each be releasing albums, and will be joined by **Awful Purdies** from Iowa



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City. This show is part of the **Mamas in Music tour**, supported in part by grant funding from the Iowa Arts Council and Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Arts Midwest announces arts, cultural economic impact results

The **National Endowment for the Arts** and the **U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis** have released

their annual update on the national and state-level contributions of the arts and cultural sector to the nation's gross domestic product. The data examines the strength of the creative sector in 2021, one year into the pandemic.

In Iowa, the research shows **nearly 40,000 lowans work in the arts, earning \$2.5 billion and producing \$4.5 billion, or 2.1 percent, of the state's economy.**

[See the report](#) for more information about the impact of the arts and cultural sector at the regional and national levels.

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Citizens' Institute on Rural Design

Rural communities are invited to submit applications for this long-standing program, which provides design support and technical assistance to selected rural communities interested in hosting a local design workshop or participating in a design cohort.

Application deadline: April 21

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Challenge America

Small organizations can apply for support for projects that **extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups and communities**. The Challenge America program features an abbreviated application, a robust structure of technical assistance, and **matching/in-kind grants of \$10,000**.

Application deadline: April 27.

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Grants for Arts Projects

This program is the National Endowment for the Arts' largest grant opportunity for organizations, providing comprehensive and expansive funding opportunities for communities – applicants may request **cost-share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000**. Designated local arts agencies eligible to sub-grant may request

from \$30,000 to \$150,000 for sub-granting programs in the Local Arts Agencies discipline.

Application deadline: July 6.

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State resources

Destination Iowa Announcement

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority

announced the last round of Destination Iowa grants this month. During the final round, **\$26.88 million was awarded to major cultural, quality of life and tourism projects** across the state, with an **additional \$15 million awarded to significant projects** in rural communities. Since the Destination Iowa program first opened last year with investment from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, a total of \$115 million has been invested in 46 projects across the state.

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Bringing Iowa's Stories to Life: Statewide Guide Training Workshop

Every Iowa community has a story to tell. Through a collaborative partnership among Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Central Iowa Tourism and the Iowa Arts Council, Iowans can become better trained to tell their local stories during a one-day workshop in Earlham on April 18. Those who lead guided programs at cultural attractions—including parks and conservation areas, museums, downtown walking tours and historic sites – are encouraged to attend.

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Pre-registration deadline: April 4

Coming up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunities](#) and we'll spread the word.

Due to scheduled website maintenance, event submissions for late February and early March may not have been visible on our Calendar of Arts Opportunities. Looking ahead, Arts Opportunities may be submitted using [this new form](#). Please contact us at ej.philbyburton@iowa.gov if you have any questions about your requested listing.



Ongoing: [Submissions to Iowa Film Festivals](#)

April 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

April 1: [Creative Escape Mentorship](#)

April 1: [Artist Residency Program at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center](#)

April 14: [Art Fluent Exhibition](#)

April 14: [Des Moines Arts Festival Community Outreach Program](#)

April 28: [Student Art Exhibition Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

May 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

May 1: [17th annual ARTapalooza at festival](#)

May 5: [Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square](#)

May 15: [Midwest Nice Art exhibition](#)

June 23: [Greenwood Parks & Recreation](#)

Sept. 1: [Lincoln Highway Arts Festival](#)

Dec. 31: [MuncieArts Prequalified Artist Pool](#)



April 4: [Ali Hval at the Art Center of Burlington](#)

April 10: [Meet the Artist: Marshalltown](#)

April 15: [Gross Domestic Product](#)

May 6: [Masterpiece Manning: Encounter with the Arts](#)

May 11: [Meet the Artist: Iowa City](#)

July 7-8: [80/35 Music Festival](#)



April 3: [Iowa Scholarship for the Arts](#)

May 7: [712 Film Festival in Manning: features local filmmakers and student filmmakers](#)



March 29: [Guillermo Galindo Lecture](#)

April 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

May 20: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

June 24: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

July 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Aug. 26: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Sept. 18-21: [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)

Sept. 30: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Oct. 28: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Nov. 25: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Dec. 16: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)



Deadline TBA: [Hancher Auditorium Production Manager](#)

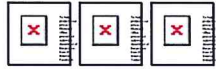
Deadline TBA: [Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center Director of Development](#)

Deadline TBA: [Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Executive Director](#)

Now-April 28: [Rauschenberg Dance
Emergency Grant](#)

April 18-May 9: [Rauschenberg Medical
Emergency Grant Cycle 18](#)

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2023 Preserve Iowa Summit set for June 1-3 in Sioux City

DES MOINES – Known for its iconic Prairie School architecture, it's easy to see why Sioux City, Iowa, has been twice named an All-America City by the National Civic League.

Iowans involved in historic preservation will get a close-up look at the Woodbury County Courthouse and other examples of Prairie School architecture when they gather June 1-3 in Sioux City for the 2023 Preserve Iowa Summit, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' premier statewide conference for historic preservation.

"The rich and colorful history of Sioux City is filled with stories about frontier exploration, riverboats and railroads, so this year's summit will be a real treat for Iowans," Deputy State Historic Preservation Office Heather Gibb said. "We strongly encourage Iowans and others to join us as we step into the past and present-day Sioux City."

Built on the theme "Sioux City Making Tracks," the summit is designed for historic property owners, historic preservation commission members, Main Street staff

and board members, developers and planners, government officials, community leaders, architects and students with three days of workshops, presentations and an awards ceremony.

The three-day program starts Thursday, June 1, with inspiration – an awards ceremony to honor the Preservation Projects of Merit, Excellence in Historic Preservation & Archaeology awards, and Preservation Iowa's "Preservation At Its Best" – and includes tours of the Sioux City Railroad Museum, the Fourth Street Historic District and the Woodbury County Courthouse, a National Landmark. It wraps up Saturday, June 3, 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.

The newly renovated **Warrior Hotel** will host the summit meetings, reception and overnight stay for attendees. Built in 1930 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, the Warrior Hotel in downtown Sioux City underwent a major renovation and reopened in 2020 in all its Art Deco splendor. The new owners took care to preserve many of the building's original features to celebrate the city's past and attract a new generation of visitors. [Watch the video.](#)

The summit is a coordinated effort of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' State Historic Preservation Office, the city of Sioux City and the Sioux City Historic Preservation Commission. It is funded in part with federal funds from the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. If you have any questions, please email historic.preservation@iowa.gov.

Preserve Iowa Summit

When: June 1-3

Where: The Warrior Hotel, 525 6th St., Sioux City

(The Warrior Hotel is **nominated** to the National Register of Historic Places.)

[Registration, hotel booking and more information](#)

Registration: \$200

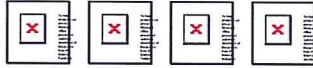
\$100 Discounted registration for Local History Network members, Certified Local Governments and Preservation Iowa members for the entire event (promo code needed).

Free Saturday admission for Local History Network members, Certified Local Governments and Preservation Iowa members. Registration is required.

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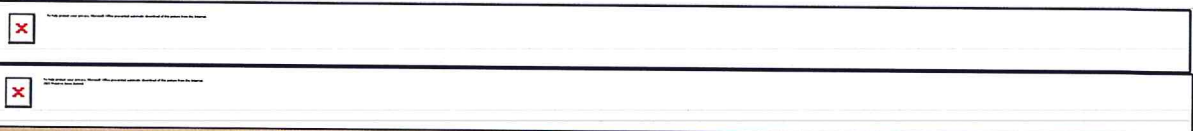
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Good Morning CLGs,

I hope everyone is doing well as we approach spring. Below is an email about the Preserve Iowa Summit. Registration is now [live](#) and all CLG members are eligible for the discounted rate using the code: **PreserveIowa23**. Please share this with others in your organization. We will also be offering scholarships, so if you are interested in learning more about scholarship opportunities please email Meg.Witt@iowa.gov to learn more. I also wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to the CLG Round Table which will be held on the first day of the Summit, June 1, 2023 from 9-11:30.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I am looking forward to seeing you in Sioux City.

Sincerely,
Allison



2023 Preserve Iowa Summit – June 1-3 "Sioux City Making Tracks"

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 virtual tours**, participants will learn new ways to preserve Iowa's past for the future.

Built on the theme, "**Sioux City Making Tracks**," the **2023 summit will take place June 1-3 at the Warrior Hotel in Sioux City**, where Iowa's rolling prairies meet the Great Plains. The city has a rich and colorful history as a hub for frontier exploration, riverboats, railroads and much more. It's home to the spectacular **Woodbury County Courthouse**, one of



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the world's finest examples of **Prairie School architecture**, as well as the **Sergeant Floyd Monument**, which honors a member of the **Lewis and Clark Expedition** and became the country's first National Historic Landmark in 1960.

celebrate the city's past and attract a new generation of visitors.

Registration/Details

Where: The Warrior Hotel, 525 6th St.,
Sioux City

When: June 1-3

Cost: \$200

(Local History Network members, Certified Local Governments and Preservation Iowa members can **receive a \$100 discount** off the registration fee by using **Promo Code "PreserveIowa23"** OR receive complimentary admission for Saturday's programs only.)



Interior of the Warrior Hotel Lobby bar.

More info: Online at iowaculture.gov

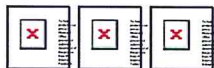
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Who should attend?

- Historic property owners
- Members of historic preservation commissions
- Historic preservation, planning, interior design and architecture students
- Main Street staff and board members
- Preservation professionals and consultants
- Developers and planning professionals
- Local government officials, community leaders and civic organizations
- Architects

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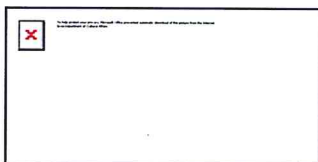
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Iowa Arts Council to host grant information sessions in Cedar Falls, Creston, Ottumwa and Storm Lake

DES MOINES – The Iowa Arts Council is encouraging all Iowans involved in building creative communities, including artists, filmmakers, and cultural organizations, to attend its grant information sessions this month.

Iowa Arts Council staff will make stops in Cedar Falls, Creston, Ottumwa and Storm Lake to visit with community members about current grant funding opportunities ahead of a May 1, 2023, application deadline for most programs.

During the one-hour workshops, staff will highlight important points and share tips on how to strengthen applications. Attendees are also encouraged to bring ideas to share and discuss with staff. There is no cost to attend, but [advanced registration](#) is highly encouraged.

The schedule for the grant workshops follows:

- March 21, Noon, Witter Art Gallery, 609 Cayuga St., Storm Lake
- March 22, 11 a.m., Bridge View Center, 102 Church St., Ottumwa
- March 23, 11 a.m., Creston Arts Center, 411 W Adams St., Creston

- March 28, 11 a.m., Hearst Center for the Arts, 304 W Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls

As a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, the Iowa Arts Council invests in projects that positively impact the vitality of the arts, demonstrate public value and excellence, and help Iowans across the state create cultural vibrancy in their communities for residents and visitors.

Funding for Iowa Arts Council grant programs is provided by appropriations from the Iowa Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, to the department.

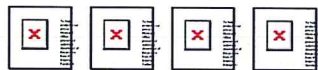
In addition to the workshops, the Iowa Arts Council has shared [informational grant webinars](#) on the department's [YouTube channel](#) and is offering applicants the opportunity to schedule a meeting with program managers before May 1.

More information is available at iowaculture.gov.

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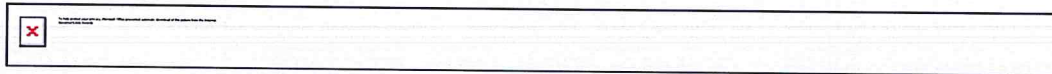
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Governor's Arts Awards announced

More than 180 Iowans came together last week to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Iowans in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Hampton, Iowa City, Marshalltown and Mason City who have left their mark on Iowa through the arts.

The Governor's Arts Awards are a longstanding Iowa Arts Council program that recognize and honor individuals, organizations and communities that have had a significant impact on the vitality of the arts in Iowa. A list of this year's Governor's Arts Award recipients by category is below.

Image: Governor's Arts Awards recipients with Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer, far right.

Emerging Arts Leader

A. Alanda Gregory of Dubuque has helped to elevate the arts and culture in Dubuque and ensure that diverse voices are heard and represented throughout the community. Gregory was one of 53 arts leaders chosen for a national fellowship program in 2022-23.

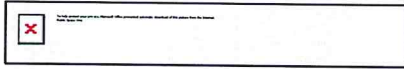


Amber Danielson of Marshalltown has transformed the Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance through major public art installations and grants for projects. She also launched a mural arts program and an Arts & Culture Master Plan to help

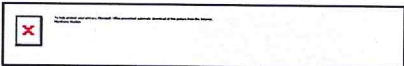


Marshalltown recover from natural disasters.

Arts Service



Public Space One of Iowa City emerged on Iowa City's arts scene more than 20 years ago as an incubator for local creative talent. Since then it has become an essential part of the community's social and cultural fabric as the home to several community arts organizations.



Mainframe Studios of Des Moines has elevated Greater Des Moines and Iowa as a hub for artists and creatives. Following a campaign that ended in 2022, Mainframe is now home to non-profit arts organizations and 180 studios, providing affordable workspace for artists and creatives.

Arts Learning

Leon Kuehner of Hampton has served the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education for 25 years following decades of service as a high school band director and president of the Iowa Bandmasters Association. An advocate for the arts and arts education, Leon launched a mentoring program and helped create the Iowa Fine Arts Standards.



Eastern Iowa Arts Academy of Cedar Rapids was founded in 2007 to serve after-school arts programs in Greater Cedar Rapids. Today, the organization serves students in grades K-12 through visual, performing and literary arts programs that build confidence, improve performance abilities, and enhance an appreciation of the arts.

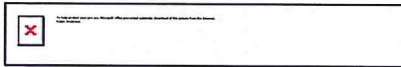


Arts Champion



Brucemore of Cedar Rapids has championed the arts and history since 1981. The derecho of 2020 caused

damages of more than \$3 million and the loss of 450 trees to its historic campus, but Bruce more resumed performances only two weeks after the storm, providing leadership during an unprecedented time.



Robin Anderson of Mason City has been a constant presence in the renaissance of Mason City. She led the preservation of Frank Lloyd Wright's Historic Park Inn, saved the historic Egloff House, and created murals and an annual sculpture walk that has earned Mason City national recognition as a creative community.

Arts Legacy

Jeff Fleming of Des Moines has shaped the Des Moines Art Center and Greater Des Moines for more than 25 years, most notably through a visionary public-private partnership that created the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park in 2009. Under Fleming's leadership, the Des Moines Art Center has opened its doors to diverse communities, presented thought-provoking exhibitions, and upgraded its facilities.



Penny Furgerson of Gateway Dance Theatre in Des Moines has been a trailblazer in multicultural arts education and performance for 50 years. After spending her childhood in Bombay, India, and training in classical Indian dance, she co-founded Gateway Dance Theatre in Des Moines in 1972. In 2022, Gateway Dance Theatre celebrated its 50th anniversary and legacy of artistic creativity, accessibility, and commitment to the community.



In addition, **17 other arts leaders and organizations** received special recognition for their contributions to the arts in Iowa:

Alan Greiner of Boone
Steve Carignan of Cedar Falls
Gabriella Torres of Clinton
Quad City Symphony Orchestra of Davenport
Shannon Durbin of Decorah
After School Arts Program of Des

Sue Riedel of Dubuque
Erin Bustin of Grinnell
Karen Chappell of Iowa City
Pragnya Bidarkere Prakash of Johnston
Steve Semken & Ice Cube Press of North Liberty
Cedar Summerstock Theatre of Saint

Moines
Ballet Des Moines of Des Moines
Momentum of Des Moines
Jenni Petersen-Brant of Dubuque

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Liz McNea of Spencer
Joan Liffiring-Zug Bourret in memoriam

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Lydia Newsome of Waterloo West High School wins Poetry Out Loud in Iowa contest

Lydia Newsome of Waterloo West High School took first place in this year's Poetry Out Loud in Iowa contest Sunday at the State Historical Building in Des Moines.



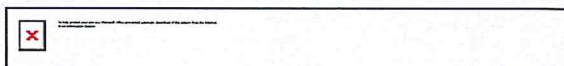
Newsome, second from right, won this year's contest with recitations of **"I, Too"** by **Langston Hughes**, **"I Am Trying To Break Your Heart"** by **Kevin Young** and **"When You Are Old"** by **William Butler Yeats**. Izaiah Wilder of Marshalltown High School took second place while Ella Hertz of Cedar Falls High School finished third.

With her victory, **Newsome earned a trip in May to Washington, D.C.**, where she'll compete for the national championship against students from all 50 states and several U.S. territories. Newsome will also receive a **\$200 cash prize** and **\$500 for Waterloo West High** to purchase poetry books, courtesy of the **Poetry Foundation**.

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Attend a grants workshop information session

Artists, filmmakers, cultural organizations, community leaders and others are invited to attend information sessions this March to **discuss a new round of grant opportunities**.



Each session will include a **one-hour grant workshop about Iowa Arts Council grants** that have application deadlines later this spring. Staff will share tips on how to **strengthen applications**, and attendees are encouraged to bring ideas to share and discuss. Each session will be led by Iowa Arts Council staff. **There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is encouraged.**

The schedule for the grant workshops follows:

March 21, Noon, Witter Art Gallery, 609 Cayuga St., Storm Lake
March 22, 11 a.m., Bridge View Center, 102 Church St., Ottumwa
March 23, 11 a.m., Creston Arts Center, 411 W Adams St., Creston
March 28, 11 a.m., Hearst Center for the Arts, 304 W Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls

REGISTER

Meet the Artist series

The [five new Iowa Artist Fellows](#) are visiting communities across the state this year as part of our Meet

the Artist series. The events will feature a pop-up exhibition and opportunities to learn more about the creative practices of this year's fellows.



The first program in the series is scheduled for [4 p.m. April 10 at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center](#), following the Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting. Admission is complimentary with a reception at 4 p.m. and Iowa Artist Fellow presentations beginning at 4:30 p.m. You'll be able to enjoy artwork on display in the atrium and closed-captioning will be provided.

This year's fellows are **Jennifer Colville**, **T.J. Dedeaux-Norris** and **David James "DJ" Savarese**, all of Iowa City; **Tim Olson** of Dubuque; and **Joe Tuggle Lacina** of Grinnell.

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New round of Iowa Arts Council grants

The new round of Iowa Arts Council grants is now open – all designed to help Iowans across the state create cultural vibrancy in their communities for residents, visitors and tourists.

Artists and arts organizations are encouraged to apply for the following grant programs:

- [Art Project Grant](#)
- [Greenlight Grant](#)
- [Iowa Artist Fellowship](#)

Guidelines for these programs are subject to change. Changes will be clearly noted on each program page.

Application deadlines: May 1.

NOTE: Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to review recorded grant instructional videos.

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Wanted: Grant panel volunteers

Are you interested in helping support Iowa arts? **We want to hear from you.** Citizen advice from unique artistic and cultural viewpoints is central to government support of the arts. Volunteer and share your expertise by participating in Iowa Arts Council review panels.

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SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Iowa Scholarship for the Arts



"A Sign of Life," Mikayla Lane.

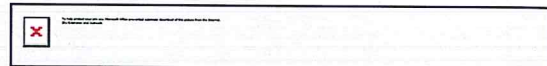
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The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts supports the **development of outstanding high school seniors** who excel in the arts and are enrolled in accredited educational programs leading to careers in the arts. **Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500** are awarded to support 2023-2024 academic year tuition expenses at Iowa colleges or universities.

Application deadline: April 3.

Grantee Spotlight: ISU workshop

Iowans can learn how to **better tell their local stories by attending a one-day workshop on April 18 in Earlham, Iowa.** The program is offered through a partnership among **Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Central Iowa Tourism** and the **Iowa Arts Council**. It is **designed for those who lead guided programs at diverse cultural attractions** – including parks and conservation areas, museums, downtown walking tours, historic sites, and more. To date, more than **300 Iowans have completed the training program** and are telling the stories of 72 Iowa communities.



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Pre-registration deadline: April 4.



2023 Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

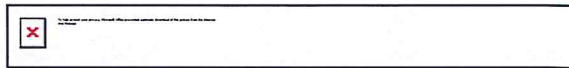
Save the date of June 13 for the next Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit. The biennial summit brings together **Iowa arts educators, teaching artists and others** to share ideas and discuss new ways to teach fine art disciplines within and beyond traditional K-12 classrooms. This year's summit will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the campus of Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. It is presented in partnership with the **Iowa Alliance for Arts Education**. This year's summit includes a track focused on arts integration and incorporating creativity and innovation through community collaborations.

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest's next application cycle for the GIG Fund is expected to open soon. The GIG (Grow, Invest, Gather)

Fund provides grants to Midwestern **non-profit organizations for performing and visual arts activities**. The goal is to invest in efforts that use creativity to connect people, ideas, and solutions to build more thriving and welcoming communities.



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Travel and Tourism

Travel Iowa

Be included in the Iowa Travel Guide and website by submitting and/or updating your listings and events to amber.rottinghaus@iowaeda.com, at the Iowa Tourism Office.

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Tourism Survey

Share your feedback and information about the tourism industry by taking [this survey](#). Your information will help the industry develop a vision for tourism in Iowa. **Deadline: March 10.**

TAKE THE SURVEY

Coming up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunities](#) and we'll spread the word.

Due to website maintenance, there may be errors on our website calendar events. We recommend consulting our newsletters during this time if you experience any problems.



Ongoing: [Submissions to Iowa Film Festivals](#)

March 7: [Carter Burden Gallery: Scribbles](#)

March 11: [Vestige Concept Gallery](#)

March 14: [Mount Vernon Area Arts Council \(MVAAC\) Artist-in-Residence](#)

March 20: [Midwest Nice Art: In Our Place Exhibition](#)



May 7: [712 Film Festival in Manning: features local filmmakers and student filmmakers](#)



March 25: [Supporting Women in the Film Industry Networking event](#)

March 25: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

April 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

April 14: [Art Fluent Exhibition](#)

May 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

May 1: [17th annual ARTapalooza at festival](#)

May 5: [Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square](#)

May 15: [Midwest Nice Art exhibition](#)

June 23: [Greenwood Parks & Recreation](#)

Sept. 1: [Lincoln Highway Arts Festival](#)

Dec. 31: [MuncieArts Prequalified Artist Pool](#)



Now-March 18: [Akwi Nji at CSPA Hall](#)

Now-March 26: [DJ Savarese: Lynx Project \(Virtual Classes\)](#)

March 22: [Visual Artists Association Online Art Cafe](#)

April 4: [Ali Hval at the Art Center of Burlington](#)

July 7-8: [Gross Domestic Product](#)



Now-March 17: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant](#)

March 21-April 28: [Rauschenberg Dance Emergency Grant](#)

March 23: [Innovate Artist Grant](#)

April 18-May 9: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant Cycle 18](#)

April 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

May 20: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

June 24: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

July 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Aug. 26: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Sept. 18-21: [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)

Sept. 30: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Oct. 28: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Nov. 25: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Dec. 16: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)



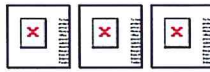
Deadline TBA: [Hancher Auditorium Production Manager](#)

March 10: [Grinnell College Studio Art Technical Assistant](#)

March 10: [City of Dubuque Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager](#)

March 15: [Development Director, UNI Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center](#)

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