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## Nonprofit Workshops

Nonprofit Workshops in June!



### Statewide Summer Training in the Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence

Cultural organizations, take note!

Here's an opportunity for excellent training in nonprofit management, produced by the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center.

Remember that the Iowa Cultural Trust (a program of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs) will begin offering small grants to nurture stability in Iowa nonprofit cultural organizations late this fall. To be eligible for these and future Cultural Trust grants, organizations will need to show that they have taken steps to educate themselves about excellent nonprofit practices including strategic planning, board roles and responsibilities, and other topics.



These workshops offer a great opportunity to get that education for staff and board members. Sign up now!

**What:** Six-hour training sessions in the Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Excellence.

**When and where:**

June 4, Davenport  
June 23, Des Moines  
June 25, Sioux City.

**Presented by:** Willard L. (Sandy) Boyd, Jude West, and Richard Koontz of the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center

**Cost:** \$25

Register: [Download, complete, and send in the June Training Registration Form.](#)

## **No More Starving Artists II**

### **Are You Hungry for Art?**

No More Starving Artists II

Saturday, June 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Des Moines Social Club – 1408 Locust St., Des Moines

#### Workshops

Marketing for Artists

Pricing Your Work

Expanding your “Digital Footprint” with Social Media

Emergency Preparedness

#### Presenters

Springboard for the Arts

Lava Row

Craft Emergency Relief Fund

Sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council

Cost to attend is \$30 and includes lunch.

Register today at [lowatix.com](http://lowatix.com) or call 515.281.4657

## **Upcoming meetings**

**Region 10-** CHAT meeting at the Montgomery County History Center 6/11/09  
7:30 PM.

**Region 13 -** CHAT meeting at the State Historical Building, Des Moines 6/16/09  
3:00-5:00 PM.

Please let [deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov](mailto:deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov) know if you've scheduled your second quarter meeting. We'll help you advertise in the CHAT Weekly News!

## **Promotional opportunity—Note from Cyndi Pederson**

Dear CHAT Teams,

Would you like to promote your business and help a non profit at the same time?

Do you have a talent you would like to share?

The Iowa Historical Foundation is having a Silent Auction in conjunction with Yankee Doodle Pops event that we co-host with the Des Moines Symphony on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> here at the Historical Building.

The proceeds from the auction will benefit the many educational and exhibit opportunities we offer here at the Historical Museum.

Anything large or small would be great, dinner for two from a local restaurant, movie or theater tickets, hair salon services, offering to cook a dinner for a party of 4 or 6, weekend getaways, ski vacation, gourmet gift basket, antiques, books, baseball jacket of your favorite team, skybox at a cubs game, computer lessons, quilting or sewing lessons, offer to teach something, give a tour of someplace, jewelry, Museum passes, art work. etc. etc .etc.....

Please contact Deirdre ([deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov](mailto:deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov)) if you have an item or two to donate.

If you have never been to Yankee Doodle Pops it is really a MUST SEE event!

July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 PM  
Historical Building  
Grand Terrace  
600 E Locust  
Des Moines  
\$50 per person, proceeds benefit the Des Moines Symphony  
More information available at <http://www.dmsymphony.org/>

Cyndi Pederson  
Department Director  
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

## Grant Deadlines

See [www.culturalaffairs.org](http://www.culturalaffairs.org), [www.iowahistory.org](http://www.iowahistory.org) or [www.iowaartscouncil.org](http://www.iowaartscouncil.org) for more details and additional opportunities.

Iowa Arts Council Mini Grants	First business day of each month
Iowa Arts Council Major Grants	April 1
Big Yellow School Bus	Ongoing until funds are depleted
EZ 123 Grants	Ongoing until funds are depleted
Iowa Community Cultural Grant	May 1
Small Operating Support Grants	July 25
Iowa Scholarship for the Arts	February 15
Teaching Artist Roster Application	April 1

Performing Artist Roster Application      April 1

Historic Resource Development Program Grants  
Historic Sites Preservation Grants

May 17, 2010  
September 14, 2009

## **Calendars**

CHAT Captains, please remember to update your CHAT Calendar at [www.google.com/calendar](http://www.google.com/calendar). If you need instructions, please contact [deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov](mailto:deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov).

## **Survey**

CHAT Captains and County Ambassadors, please continue to add information to our survey. The survey link can be found at <http://www.culturalaffairs.org/dcachat/index.htm> on the right hand side of the page. We have a volunteer working with this information, but we have not seen an entry from you folks out in the state since March 10! We know that there have been more than 127 events in Iowa this year.

## **Upgraded website**

Keep watching <http://www.culturalaffairs.org/dcachat/index.htm>. We are currently upgrading this page and hope to go live with the changes by the end of the week. The beautiful header at the top of this page provides a sneak peak ☺

## **Feedback**

As you all know, CHAT is a really new program. Our motto is, "We can't fix it until you tell us it's broken," so let us know what's working and what's not. [deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov](mailto:deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov).